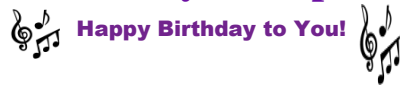




April 12, 2020



Birthdays In April



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| 1- Gregory Miller | 19- Joey Fussell |
| 8- Kristin Robison Cottle | 21- Mickey Wells |
| 9- Brian Burroughs | 24- Harper Ludlum |
| Kelli Norris | 25- Elizabeth Wells Merritt |
| Mary Laine Rouse | 26- Ginger Black |
| 10- John Bullard | 29- Vann Blake |
| 11- Mary Kellan Creech | 30- Eduardo Moreno |
| 17- Bruce Lyon | Sam Rose |
| Callie Jane Cottle | |
| Emily Ludlum | |



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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APRIL 2020

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All services will be
live-streamed and can be
watched on the
church website:
www.wallacepresbyterian.com



Palm Sunday, April 5
11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate
"virtual" communion



Good Friday, April 10
7:30 p.m.

"Symbols of Suffering
and Salvation"

We will use Christian
symbols, scripture
readings, and music
to remember the meaning
of Jesus' suffering for
our salvation.

We will celebrate
"virtual" communion.



Easter Sunday, April 12
11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate the resurrection
from the dead of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

*"He is not here; he has risen,
just as he said.
Come and see the place
where he lay."*

Matthew 28:6





Dear Friends,

In these strange and unprecedented days, as we cope with the necessary restrictions to fight the spread of the coronavirus Covid-19, it has been a challenge trying to figure out how to keep our church members connected when we have to be apart from one another for health reasons. I have seen some humorous posts on Facebook. One showed a picture of a carnival dunking booth with the caption, "Social Distancing Baptistry." A cartoon showed a priest tossing a wafer to an open-mouthed church member who was standing behind a red line and velvet rope. The caption read, "Coronavirus Communion." Someone wrote, "This is the Lentiest Lent I have ever Lented." In the same vein, someone else commented, "I never intended to give up this much for Lent."

Also, inaccurately, some people posted that the Pope had canceled Easter. A search of headlines shows that the Vatican had canceled public participation in Easter celebrations and that the Pope will not lead any public celebration for Easter. Unfortunately, we have had to

make the same decision about our Easter celebrations. Although we will not be able to gather in person, we will be able to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead through our live-streamed worship service. These changes, though necessary and disappointing, are a far cry from canceling Easter.

But what does it mean to celebrate the empty tomb in an empty sanctuary? I am reminded of what the young man, dressed in a white robe, said to the women at the tomb: "He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of them to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." (Mark 16:6-7)

Thom Shuman, a Presbyterian pastor and poet, posted this on Facebook. His message hit close to home as I try to figure out how to plan Easter worship in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. He wrote:

I imagine a lot of clergy, isolating at home, pacing back and forth, spending a lot of time online, wondering how in the world they might come up with the most important Easter sermon they have ever given in their lives, especially since it will all be online, no one with them, no one in front of them, no one to look at to see how they are doing. The pressure is on!! It will continue to mount . . . what shall we do? How about this?

The camera opens on the pastor, simply sitting in a chair, in a pew, on

the steps, on the floor. Nearby, is a pile of folded clothes.

As the camera pans in, the pastor looks up from the book they are reading, stares directly into the camera, and he says, "oh, it's you." then, pointing to the clothes, she says, "sorry, Jesus is not here; just like he told you."

then looking directly into the camera, they say, 'he's out there: with you, your family, your neighbors; he's out there: in the midst of this pandemic, in the middle of all the fears; he's out there: home-schooling kids, caring for folks in retirement communities and the vulnerable in residential settings; he's out there: making masks and ventilators, building field hospitals, working on a vaccine; he's out there: stocking the grocery stores, delivering packages, listening to folks on the hotlines; he is not here. he's out there, just like he told you;

why are you looking for him here, and not out there with him?"

And then they turn back to their books as the camera pulls back from them, and pans to a shot of the doors

leading into the world.

(c) 2020 Thom M. Shuman

Happy Easter, Wallace Presbyterian Church!

Be safe, and may God bless you, your loved ones, neighbors, and communities,

Phil





PRESIDENT TRUMP'S CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR AMERICA

SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, or have a serious underlying health condition, stay home and away from other people.

If someone in your household has **TESTED POSITIVE**, keep the entire household at home.

Work or study **FROM HOME** whenever possible.

AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS in groups of more than 10 people.

Avoid eating or drinking at bars and restaurants--**USE PICKUP OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL, shipping trips, and social visits.

DO NOT VISIT nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

ALWAYS PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- * *Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.*
- * *Avoid touching your face.*
- * *Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.*
- * *Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.*
- * *Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.*

For more information, please visit **CORONAVIRUS.GOV**

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, March 31, 2020 stated session meeting, the elders and minister met via Zoom teleconference call and:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Christy Johnson;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God's Word in Mark 4:35-41 and talked about how we heard the story of Jesus stilling the storm in light of the unusual circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic;
- * approved the minutes from the February 18, 2020 stated session meeting;
- * approved a request from Jennie Lee Wells and Gus Aretakis to use the sanctuary for their wedding on Friday, June 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.;
- * heard a report from Rev. Philip Gladden about the March 7, 2020 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
- * approved a recommendation from the Building & Grounds Ministry Team to repair three sets of sanctuary doors for a cost of \$3,300;
- * made the following plans for April in light of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic:
 - * continue to live stream worship services on Sunday morning and Good Friday, April 10
 - * celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper "virtually" on Sunday, April 5, 2020 and Friday, April 10, 2020. Dr. Phil will administer the sacrament with the invitation, words of institution, and prayers from the sanctuary. Viewers are asked to have bread and juice ready at home to participate.
 - * no church programs (except the Helping Hands Food Pantry) will be held in the building;
 - * church office hours will remain the same. Church Secretary Cheryl Brinkley will be in the church office;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Dan Robinson.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of George Hatch who died on March 24, 2020.



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during worship on Palm Sunday, April 5 and Good Friday, April 10.

Because of the extraordinary circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic, we will be celebrating the sacrament “virtually.” Dr. Phil will administer the Sacrament from the sanctuary with the invitation, words of institution, and prayers. Viewers are encouraged to have bread and juice ready at home to participate.

Although this is certainly a different way of having Communion, we are living and worshipping in extraordinary times. Let us use this opportunity to reaffirm our unity with our Lord and with one another, even as we are physically apart.



Early Easter Service Canceled

Due to the coronavirus restrictions and in compliance with the stay-at-home order, the Early Easter Service scheduled for April 12 at 7:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church has been canceled.



Online Good Friday Worship Service Friday, April 10 7:30 p.m.

“Symbols of Suffering and Salvation”

Join us online for a Good Friday worship service on Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. We will look at Christian symbols that remind us of Jesus’ suffering for our salvation. There will be scripture readings prayers, special music, and visual presentations of Christian symbols. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper “virtually.” Dr. Phil will administer the Sacrament from the sanctuary with the invitation, words of institution, and prayers. Viewers are encouraged to have bread and juice ready at home to participate.

To worship online, visit the church website www.wallacepresbyterian.com and you will find the live stream screen. If you cannot watch live on Friday, you can view the recorded service on our website. Go to “Watch Our Services” and click on “Past Services.”



To my Wallace Presbyterian Sisters in Christ,

Since we will not have our regular Circle meetings due to Coronavirus, here is a link to on-line commentary on our next PW lesson. I encourage you to read the lesson and the commentary.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2020/02/18/love-carved-in-stone-lesson-nine/>

Continue to pray for all of us, and continue to find strength in the power of prayer and the love of our God.

With Christian love,
Carol



Prayer “Meeting” Every Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m.

The session invites you to join a prayer “meeting” every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. During this time of social distancing and the stay-at-home order, you are asked to pause at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday nights and offer prayers for all of us affected by the coronavirus pandemic. In particular, you might pray for doctors, nurses, first responders, national/state/local leaders, and others who put themselves in harm’s way in order to serve their neighbors.

While we are physically separated from one another, this time of common prayer is one way we can be united as the people of God.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home)

Verlie Wells (Rosemary)
Bruce Lyon (Rosemary)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (Rosemary)



Andrea Casteen (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone’s brother), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells’ son-in-law), **Phil Gladden** (recovering from shoulder replacement surgery), **George Hatch** (Hospice care), **Karen Howard**, (pancreatic cancer, wife of David White-friends of Curt Simpson), **Hill Lanier**, **Maxine Lien**, (cancer, friend of Harvey Knowles), **Doug Kennedy** (cancer, friend of Harvey Knowles), **Frank Lettieri**, (cancer treatments), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), **Charles Register** (stroke, Vidant, friend of Harvey Knowles), **Judy Robinson**, **Rodney Rogerson** (Kidney Transplant, friend of Nell Sloan), **Joe Tillman**, (recovering from surgery), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Verlie Wells**-Rosemary, **Members and friends in the armed services:** **Jason Payne**. **William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew). (When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off).



Halleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!

*May this declaration
resound not only in these walls
but touch the lives
of all we meet
and forever be
the truth of which we speak.
Your love,
once sown within a garden,
tended for your own people,
neglected and rejected,
now spreads its sweet perfume
in this place
and wherever it is shown.*

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Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!



**Presbyterian Men will not meet
in April.**

April 2020

- Home
- WPC Calendar
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 5th Sunday in Lent Worship Stream Only	30	31	1 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	2 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship	6	7	8 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	9 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	10 7:00 PM Live Stream Good Friday Service	11
12 Easter 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship-Easter Sunday	13	14	15 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	16 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	17	18
19 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship	20	21 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom	22 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	23 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	24	25
26 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship	27	28	29 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	30 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	1	2