

April, 2021

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Bethesda Banner

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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In-person worship 10 am

Children meet in the
Fellowship Hall

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Do you know what determines when we celebrate Easter Sunday? Easter Sunday is held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox, the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator (the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator) from south to north. In other words, Easter Sunday is tied to the transitions of nature so that the date moves from year to year.

There are lots of reasons why it was set up this way. Here are two I like. First, Easter is connected to a change in the seasons. Something new is happening. The world is on the brink of change and will look different soon. Second, Easter doesn't have a specific date. That connects with the church's view that every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. It isn't just once a year that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Easter is the way we live our faith, ask our questions, offer our prayers, gather as the body of Christ, serve in and through our shared ministry, mature as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Bible never says celebrate Easter on one specific day. Instead, it encourages disciples to live Easter's good news of new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ everyday. The greatest way we can do that is to do what the first disciples did. They gave testimony to how they saw the Lord.

Jesus appeared in all kinds of places — in locked rooms, along the road, in the midst of fear and doubt, injustice and despair, to people who longed for meaning, purpose, wholeness and faith, and certainly in the joys of being found, healings, people being feed, the discovery of God's way and will.

Where do you see Jesus? How are you experiencing new life in this Easter season? The good news of Easter tells us that wherever we look, regardless of what day it is, Jesus is there, waiting to be seen, waiting for our eyes to open and see new life and new possibilities.

This Easter, I hope that your eyes will be opened to the wonderful ways God is working through us and calling you into new life and encouraging you to be a part of sharing it in your own life and in our life together. God's new life is at work in us and around us. And when you see that new life, how can you not say, "I have seen the Lord."

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
See you in church,
Doug

Easter Sunrise Service followed by a pancake breakfast (FLC) - 7:00 am

Easter Worship Service—10:00 am

Don't forget to bring flowers for the cross!



Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting
Annual Meeting of the Corporation

On Sunday April 11th, 2021 immediately following the worship service we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Corporation. During the annual meeting of the congregation, we will receive the 2020 report from the Session, and elect members to serve on the 2021 Congregational Nominating Committee. The Session has elected Linda Messer and Sarah Childers to serve as the elder representatives for this committee. The congregation will need to elect four additional members to represent the church. This committee is responsible for seeking nominees to serve as Elders for the class 2024. If you have members you would recommend to serve on this committee or if you would like to serve please contact Linda Messer or Sarah Childers by April 7th, 2021.

During the Annual Meeting of the Corporation members will hear a report on the corporation and be asked to vote on an amendment to allow the officers of the corporation to be elected from the body of the corporation and not to be elected exclusively from the board of trustees. Enclosed please find a copy of the motion with noted changes to the affected section of our By-Laws.

This Sunday is a collection day for PATH for non-perishable food and/or hygiene items

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites for April 2021

March 30: 1:00 pm- New Zion Baptist Church, 4789 Williamson Rd., Rock Hill

March 31 1:00 pm- Faith Presbyterian Church, 7520 Charlotte Hwy., Indian Land

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these pantries.

Questions? Call Catawba Area Agency on Aging. 803-329-9670.

Bethelwoods Camp (in York, SC) is currently hiring for summer jobs and would like your help finding excellent staff people. Bethelwoods staff members are imperfect but joyful, vulnerable, Christ-centered, hard-working, and kids-at-heart. If you know someone who wants to make a difference this summer while pursuing Jesus in an authentic community, this is the job for them. More information can be found at bethelwoods.org/job-opportunities

Any children ages 3 and above are invited to come to children's church during the regular worship time. We will meet in the fellowship hall where we can practice social distancing. During this time, we will have a worship service, a lesson, and some fun activities. When parents come to church, they can just leave their children at the fellowship hall. We do ask that the children wear masks during this time. We hope this will allow parents and children to fully enjoy their worship time.

The Benevolence Ministry provides assistance to those in the community in immediate need of emergency financial assistance. A burned our home, a loss of job, or a pending eviction, may all qualify depending upon what the background information may suggest. It caters to legitimate needs which may be ascertained with a combination of a benevolent heart and sound judgement. The Benevolence Team is made up of persons of good report, wisdom, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Funds are not given to those in need, but are paid to the billing party. **This Sunday, April 4**, in coordination with Communion, is designated as Benevolence Giving Sunday. Please be generous in replenishing our resources for those in desperate situations.

TGI Wednesdays has resumed on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Reservations will be required with a limit of 35 people in the Fellowship Hall. Masks should be worn at all times except at the table you are eating at. To make reservations or to order take out, call Steve at (803) 417-3571, by the end of the Monday before. If no answer, leave a message.



The Worship Committee is looking for people to sign up for the flower chart. The chart is located to the right of the narthex (front) of the sanctuary. Also, John Nettles is looking for people to be liturgist for the coming year.

This Sunday is Easter, a time to rejoice in God's great and perfect gift. Think about this statement: Know God: No God. Then memorize this week's verse.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God...

(continue to read verses 7-12).



April Birthdays



1	Emily Darby
6	Frank Allen
7	Immanuel Rowland
8	Margaret Moore
9	Alissa Sternagle
10	Sean Goodband
11	Bill Johnson
13	Don Faris, Eden Shannon
14	Asa Sternagle
17	Keith Dover, Cameron Walker
18	Justin Rowland
21	Pierce Dewey
22	Preston Darby
23	Daniel Blaikie
24	Doug Blaikie, Joe Forlines
25	Billy Johnston, Jr.
28	Todd Russell

March Attendance

	<u>Morning Worship</u>		<u>Bible Study</u>	
	In-person	On-line	In-person	On-line
3/7/21	No In-Person Worship	39		10
3/14/21	37	14	5	7
3/21/21	39	11	4	19
3/28/21	42	13	5	2

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Margaret Moore
Lou Anne Hildebrand (back pain)
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Bill Dover
Michelle Melton
Steve Rawdon
PNC Committee

Deaths

Paul Short (Lindy's father) 3/2/21
Roy Glover 3/16/21
Billie Ann Burton 3/2/21
Wayne Inabinett (Edie's cousin) 3/19/21

Homebound

Robert Jones

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

In the Community and Beyond

Ottis Wagner
Cathie Williams (Donna's sister-in-law) heart testing
Ashley, Caitlyn, Summer, Kylie (Donna's friends)
Heath, cancer (3 yr. old friend of Tara Rogers)
Ella Kingston (Lou Anne's 2 yr. old friend (genetic disorder)
Karen Starkey, cancer
Mary Parkman (friend of Walkers) stomach cancer
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
Ed Beam (Cecelia Alexander's brother-in-law)
Ellen Green
Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover's son-in-law)
Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother)
Kathy Gale (Debbie Simpson's friend)
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)
Amanda Hall (LaRayne's daughter)
Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven's mother) ALS
Mattie Thomas (granddaughter of Jim Percival's cousin)
Bryan Good (Debbie Darby's brother)
Casey Lane (Nancy Smith's nephew, dialysis)
Eddie Gregory (cancer)
Karen Blaikie (Doug's sister-in-law - cancer)
Gayle Russell Zeola (in intensive care - critical condition)
Jerry Knight
Jessie Mitchell (Childers' friend) cancer

**BABY
GIRL**

*Congratulations to
Chase and Jennifer Hope on the
birth of a baby girl, Maggie Hope,
on 3/25/21. Proud grandmother
is Carol Hope.*

Thank you!

Thank you all for the Beautiful Baby Afghan. I truly love it! I can't wait to wrap Adley in it. It will be cherished forever! Abby Costner

La Mision Update

March, 2021

Visiting schools in Puerto Barrios:

We thank God that in February and March, we had the opportunity to visit Sarita and Lampara Schools.

In Lampara, we did four days of Medical and Dental Clinics. There were a lot of sick people, especially children and babies; but thank God they were healed and felt better after taking medication or having a dental treatment.

In Sarita, we shared with the teachers, updated info from the students and doctors took measurements of size and weight to carry nutritional control.

During our visit in February we delivered 74 bags of nutritional supplements at Sarita School and 16 bags at Lampara School. Each contained 8 packages of Incaparin and 2 pounds of oats. We also prayed for every family after delivering these bags!

THANK YOU for continuing to hold La Mision with your prayers and donations, we bless your lives!

Isaiah 58: 7-8



April at Bethesda:

Sunday, 4/4: 7 am Sunrise Service & pancake breakfast, 10 am Easter Worship Service

Monday, 4/5: 6 pm Evening Circle, 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH) (church office and CDC closed)

Tuesday, 4/6: 7 pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 4/7: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 4/8: 4 pm (FH)

Friday, 4/9: 9 am Mobile Food Pantry—Weeping Mary

Sunday, 4/11: 10 am Worship followed by Annual Congregational Meeting, Choir practice, 6 pm Worship Com. (FH), 7 pm Admin .

Monday, 4/12: 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH)

Tuesday, 4/13: 7 pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 4/14: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 4/15: 4 pm Bible Study (FH), 7:30 pm Country Partner Dance (FH)

Sunday, 4/18: 10 am Worship, 6 pm Session (FH)

Monday, 4/19: 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH)

Tuesday, 4/20: 7 pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 4/21: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 4/22: 4 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm Country Partner Dance (FH)

Sunday, 4/25: 10 am Worship (PATH Sunday)

Monday, 4/26: 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH)

Tuesday, 4/27: 7 pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 4/28: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 4/29: 4 pm Bible Study (FH), 7:30 pm Country Partner Dance (FH)

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Irvin Jones

Linda Messer

Jim Percival

Stacy Russell

Debbie Simpson

Dorothy Williamson

*"I know that
my redeemer lives,
and that in the end
He will stand on the earth."
Job 19:25*

Our Mission

We celebrate the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ who is the head of the Church. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we are God's servants dedicated to the nurturing of all people in faith, service and fellowship; providing service to those in need; comforting the bereaved; ministering to the sick; offering solace to the troubled; and always seeking the lost.

We invite all believers in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to share the communion loaf and cup of communion as symbols of our unity and service to the Risen Lord.



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Bethesda Presbyterian Church Staff:

Secretary/Bookkeeper - Pat Jones

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