

## *Palm Sunday Congregational Breakfast*

On Palm Sunday, April 14th, at 9:00 am, a special event called Church Family Gathering will take place before Worship Service to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week. You and your family are invited! The Church Family Gathering will give us a chance for all ages and generations to come together for food, fellowship, and spiritual formation. Here are some important details centered around Palm Sunday morning:



9:00 am - on the lower level, the Church Family Gathering will feature a Lenten buffet breakfast (No Sunday School classes will be held.)

10:15 am - outside the Narthex on the circle drive, a Congregational Palm Processional will enter the church for Worship Service.

11:30 am - the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages birth-grade 5 will take place outside on the church's front lawn (weather permitting).

As you can imagine the Church Family Gathering event is a large project which involves many hands! For the Lenten breakfast buffet, we are calling for volunteers to make fruit salads or bake an egg casserole at home and bring to share with the New Hope Family. Foil pans with a suggested egg casserole recipe are available for folks wishing to help in this way. Please sign the casserole list in the Narthex and pick up your "egg" pan if you are planning to bring a casserole. Men's Fellowship will once again treat us with their delicious biscuits and gravy too! The church will be providing coffee, juice, donuts, Danish, and gluten free pastries. To assist the planning team, please return the enclosed Church Family Gathering RSVP card to the offering basket or church office by April 10th. Thank you!

## *New Hope's Earth Care Garden*



The New Hope's Earth Care Garden will be starting up soon. If you would like to share your gift of gardening this year, please contact Ruth Irvine (636-300-1573 or [ruth-irvine@gmail.com](mailto:ruth-irvine@gmail.com)). We harvested 221 pounds of vegetables for OASIS food pantry last year, so let's see if we can break that record this year. Many hands make light work!

## *A Note From Our Pastor*



None of us could know precisely what we were getting ourselves into when, in the fall of 2015, our Session elected to adopt and adapt the ancient church's practice of the catechumenate (kat-eh-KYOO-meh-net) as means of faith formation and spiritual renewal for our congregation. Before doing

so, and to get more information on what this is all about, the Session sent me and elders Linda Dencker and Ruth Irvine to a Catechumenate Training Institute, led by the North American Association for the Catechumenate (now known as the Journey to Baptismal Living), and hosted by the St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento, California. Over the course of three days, we were immersed in the catechumenate, experiencing the fullness of its practices through plenary addresses, small group meetings, and the rites of worship. Ruth, Linda, and I returned from Sacramento more convinced than we were before that New Hope needed to practice the catechumenate. We chose to call it The Journey, because people have a hard time saying "catechumenate," but also because it simply names what and who we are, travelers on the journey of faith together.

The catechumenate is a process of discipleship and faith formation that "fosters and guides conversion into a Christian way of life." It focuses on human relationships, "of speaking and hearing, telling and listening, conversation and reflection, as a model for teaching." This is not about mastering information. It's about bringing the whole of ourselves, all our questions and doubts, and whatever certainties we might think we have, into conversation with the Bible and others who are exploring Christianity as a way of life. None of us ever "masters" Christianity or becomes an "expert" Christian. We are all merely practioners of this way of life that is marked by following after the God we see revealed fully in Jesus of Nazareth. We are all and always in the process of becoming, continually pilgrims on the journey.

The Lutheran Church, the Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Church, seem to be those communions that practice the catechumenate the most. We are often asked, "How many other Presbyterian Churches have the catechumenate?" There may be

others, but we only know of one other for sure. The West Plano Presbyterian Church in Plano, Texas, is led by the Rev. Dr. David Batchelder, and we spoke with him extensively leading up to our decision to embrace it. However, Presbyterians are taking notice. I've had many in our Presbytery asking me questions and expressing interest.

Let me be clear. The catechumenate is not a church growth strategy. It is not an answer to that anxious question we sometimes hear, "How do we get more members?" The catechumenate is intentional at inviting people to bring their true selves, with all their questions, doubts, and uncertainties about faith, and then caring for them all with humility and honesty. The question the catechumenate is really meant to address is, "How do make disciples of Jesus Christ?" It's a slow process. It's an investment of time and energy and relationship. Some people begin and choose to step away. For them, maybe the time is not right. Maybe they're not quite ready. Some go through the process two or three times, because it's not about gaining information. It's about developing a relationship with God through the people of this community. It has been a blessing for me, personally, but also for our congregation. We come to believe what we've been told, which is the catechumenate is a gift of the church, for the church, and by the church. We simply make the opportunity available for any and all God is calling

Terry Martinez, who is a part of our congregation's Journey Leadership Team, is a member of the board of directors of the Journey to Baptismal Living, the national organization that provides education, training, and resources to other congregations interested in learning more. This is all prologue to let you know that the Journey to Baptismal Living, the national organization that led our training event in Sacramento, has asked New Hope to host a training event for other congregations who may be interested in learning about the catechumenate. Most training events are on one of the coasts and we're told they've never had one in the Midwest. Our Session eagerly agreed, so New Hope will host a nation-wide Catechumenate Training Institute, October 18-20, 2019. We expect to have other Presbyterians interested in learning more, along with Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, and others from around the Midwest, here at New Hope over the course of those

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three days to become immersed in the catechumenal process and begin to discern how they might adopt and adapt this process to within their own congregations.

We will need help. Our Journey Leadership Team, led by Ruth Irvine, has already begun planning and as the time draws closer we'll need others to be on hand to welcome our guests and provide help and hospitality to make this training event the success we know it can be.

Faithfully,



## *Holy Week Schedule*

Lent is the period of 40 days prior to Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at the Easter Vigil.

The word "lent" comes from the Latin word for "lengthen," because the days of Lent occur during the springtime of the year, when the daylight hours increase. The period consists of 40 days because the number 40 has special biblical significance: Moses and the people of Israel were in the wilderness for 40 years; Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days.

Since the days of the early church, in the decades and centuries after the death and Resurrection of Christ, Christians have regarded the period of Lent as a time for repentance and reflection. It is invariably marked by fasting (going without food and/or water for a period of time), by giving up something during Lent (sweets; the sports page), and by taking on such habits that will increase one's devotion to Christ.



Palm Sunday: April 14th - Congregational Gathering at 9:00 am  
Word and Sacrament at 10:15 am  
Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 am

Maundy Thursday: April 18th - Word and Sacrament at 7:00 pm

Good Friday: April 19th - Service of the Word at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil: April 20th - Service of Light, Word, Baptism and Eucharist at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday: April 21st - Word and Sacrament at 10:15 am

## *Holy Week at New Hope*

**Over the past few years at New Hope Presbyterian Church** we have been expanding the vocabulary of our faith to include the word Triduum (pronounced *TRIH-doo-um*) after the Latin, “Three Days.” This single word draws together the inseparable relationship between Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (with the Easter Vigil) and Easter morning which are celebrated as one extended liturgy. Though we come and go between our homes and church during this stretch of days, you might notice that the Triduum’s liturgies have no benediction until the end of the Easter Vigil.

### ***What does it mean?***

Each of our worship services during the Triduum (and the whole of Holy Week) give us all a pretty good spiritual “work out.” During these three days, we experience the climax of the church year. Not only do we come together *a lot*, there is a lot we *do together* in worship besides listening. The richness of meaning calls us to do a lot of praying, singing, moving, and processing, as we gather, pour water, tell again the story of our faith, and share bread and wine. The Triduum invites us to discover how each day is significant to the other. Each day of the Triduum—Thursday to Friday, Friday to Saturday, and Saturday to Sunday—brings something indispensable to the meaning of the whole event.

### ***Remembering by Doing***

One of the distinguishing features of Christianity is that it is an historical religion. The liturgical year that shapes our worship reflects God’s acting in history, especially Jesus’ arrest, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Together, this concentration of events creates an intensity of liturgical experience over a very short span of time. It is the very intensity of this experience, in fact, that has formed and renewed God’s people over hundreds of years. We remember what God has done for us in Jesus Christ by enacting it in our worship, locating ourselves within the larger story of God’s people, and living out God’s Word at the Font and at the Table. It is a very active sort of remembering. In giving our lives over to this week, we taste new life of the crucified and risen Lord.



This day in Holy Week is traditionally referred to as “Holy Thursday” or “Maundy Thursday.” The word “maundy” is derived from the Latin “mandatum” which means “command” and refers to the new commandment to love one another which Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, the night before his death (John 13:34). The congregation gathers this evening to remember that night so long ago when our Lord broke the bread and gave the cup and so instituted this holy supper which has been for more than 1900 years, the Church’s holiest occasion of communion and celebration. The mood of the service is not triumphant but somber and reflective as we recall the eve of Jesus’ passion and death. At the same time, there is also unmistakably present the note of faith and hope, even as there was on that first Maundy Thursday. So do we as the Church once more gather with our Lord to prepare for his suffering and death but also to anticipate the glory of his resurrection which we will celebrate on Easter.

Once again this year, we will observe the Liturgy of Footwashing as a part of our worship on this night. Just as ashes are a central symbol of the meaning of Ash Wednesday, so the act of footwashing is a central symbol of the meaning of Maundy Thursday. Footwashing is a powerfully symbolic response to Jesus’ own example and his command that his disciples love one another as he loves us.

Following the homily, worshipers will be invited to proceed to one of two stations to have their feet washed. Once a person’s feet are washed, he or she will turn and wash the next person’s feet. This is an intimate experience of servanthood that Jesus demonstrates for us. Many may choose not to participate because it asks us to be vulnerable. We don’t like to expose our feet in public. We hide them, cover them and dress them. But to have one’s feet washed, and to wash others, is to cross boundaries of intimacy. By doing so, however, we ritually embody the sort of servanthood Jesus asks us to show toward one another.

As in years past, this will be completely voluntary. No one will be compelled to participate. Like the

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whole of our liturgy, no one is ever forced to engage in particular acts of worship. Rather, the footwashing is a both a gift and a challenge that is meant to pull us out of our comfort zones. You may choose to participate or not. It is also on this night that we sing *This Is the Night* and *Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine*, powerful expressions of our faith that are meant for singing only on Maundy Thursday.

GOOD  
FRIDAY



“On Thursday, we dispersed in silence—no sending song, no blessing or dismissal, only the rustle of jackets, the sound of feet, freshly washed and covered again, moving into the night. Now, as if awaiting our return, the silence receives us and invites us more deeply into the empty room, the unfolding story, the widening hour, the mystery of faith.

“With boldness, we approach the throne of grace, the cross upon which Christ is lifted, to pray not only for the church and those preparing for baptism, but also for those of other faiths, those who do not believe in God, and everyone, everywhere, in any kind of need. As he promised, Jesus draws them—all people, named and unnamed, all things, seen and unseen—to himself and to the heart of God. There we rest, like grains of wheat buried in the earth awaiting the joyful harvest.”\*

The Good Friday service is a penitential service that allows for much contemplation and for the power of silence to speak for itself. The passion narrative from John’s Gospel will be read. This day’s worship invites the congregation into intercessory prayer that is as wide as the embrace of the cross. There may be no other worship in the church’s year in which the prayers extend so intentionally and fully to all of humanity and all of creation.



HOLY  
SATURDAY

The Great Vigil of Easter is “the brightest jewel of Christian liturgy.” It is one of the most ancient and revered celebrations of the church. In the ancient church, the Easter Vigil marked the time when the catechumens (pronounced *KAT-ě-coo-mens*)—those who had studied and prepared through all of Lent—were baptized just before dawn and then shared the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time with the gathered community.

Of all the services of worship throughout the year, the Easter Vigil is the one that tells the story of salvation history from creation through Christ’s resurrection. In retelling the stories, we locate ourselves amongst God’s people within the story.

The Great Vigil of Easter is a service of worship unlike any other throughout the year. The service begins outside around a fire, which represents the light of the risen Christ shining amidst the darkness of death. From there the service moves inside for retelling the story of salvation. This service serves as one of the “threshold” ritual experiences for Travelers along *The Journey*. After telling the story of salvation, we will gather with our Travelers at the waters of the font to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and to renew the promises of our baptismal covenant. Then, we will gather at the Lord’s Table to give thanks (eucharist) and share the meal of our faith. Easter officially begins at sundown on Easter Eve. Therefore, the Great Vigil of Easter serves as the first service of the season of Easter!

easter  
SUNDAY



On this holy day of days, we join together for the Festival of the Resurrection, Easter Day, at our 10:15 am worship service. Through word and sacrament, praise, prayer and joyful song, we will wonder anew at the new life made available to us in the resurrection of Christ. All are invited to bring fresh flowers to adorn the “living cross” as a sign of the glory of the risen Christ in our midst.

Through our Holy Week and Easter worship, may the Holy Spirit draw us all closer to the very heart and love of God made known in Christ.

\* *Worship Guidebook for Lent and the Three Days* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2009), 117.

## *2019 Vacation Bible School*



This year's Vacation Bible School, "To Mars and Beyond—Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!", is scheduled for June 24th—28th from 9:00 am until noon. Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God's love with boys and girls age 2 through fifth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Volunteer forms are available in the Information and Outreach area of the Narthex. We need your help to make this year's VBS a success. Please consider volunteering!

## *Going Flowerless for Lent*



At Easter, we celebrate the ultimate triumph of life. During Lent, we prepare for that and strive to empty ourselves of everything that gets in the way of living truly as God would have us live. The undeniable Christian confession is that there is no resurrection without death. Lent is the time to come face to face with the fact of our mortality. Penitence and repentance are "churchy" words often associated with Lent. Like Jesus in the wilderness, Lent is a time for us to travel the dry, dusty road to Jerusalem and experience the barrenness of our own particular wilderness that we might, too, know the joy of resurrection life at Easter.

To that end, we will do without our customary flowers in worship during the season of Lent that we might be all the more enlivened by their return on Easter morning. Rather, our Worship, Music & the Arts Committee has other adornments planned to help us observe Lent as a season of walking with Jesus through the wilderness to Jerusalem, the cross and beyond.

## *Emergency Warming Centers*

This past winter, several members of our congregation were a part of a tri-county effort to prevent death by weather. A number of congregations throughout St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties came together to house homeless persons on those nights when the temperature was forecast to reach 20-degrees or below. These Emergency Warming Centers were located in designated churches throughout the tri-county area and were staffed by church members and community volunteers. While we did not serve as a host facility, several New Hoppers served in those churches that are better equipped to house homeless persons overnight. They served by welcoming guests, serving dinner or breakfast, and doing laundry. In short, they helped save lives when the temperature outside would have made the homeless most susceptible to hypothermia.

New Hoppers did not just settle for preventing people from freezing, however. Those who are homeless cannot get a job when they do not have an address to give to a potential employer. At the initiative of Kelley Hurrell, our Deacons have purchased through its benevolence fund a P.O. Box for a homeless woman who is actively seeking employment.

Over the course of the winter, the Emergency Warming Centers were activated on 22 nights, and hosted a total of 134 guests (50 individuals).

Thank you to those members of New Hope who were commissioned to ministry to serve as a part of the Emergency Warming Centers: Stacey Bordes, Bob Dencker, Linda Dencker, Kirk Garten, Kelley Hurrell, Bill Irvine, Ruth Irvine, Barbara Lynn, Sylvia Bane Malta, Del Phillips, Mary Powers, Leigh Lindahl Truett, and Scott Truett.

## *Recommended Lenten Readings*

***Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels*** by Heidi Haverkamp (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017)

*This small book is full of devotions and reflections for each day of the season of Lent.*

***Station to Station: An Ignatian Journey through the Stations of the Cross*** by Gary Jansen (Chicago: Loyola Press, 2017)

*Most Protestants are unaccustomed to journeying through the Stations of the Cross, seeing it as something “those Catholics” do. However, this small devotional book leads us through the scriptural Stations of the Cross, focusing exclusively on events that are found in the Bible, which ought to be enough to soothe one’s Presbyterian sensibilities. Walking with Jesus the road to his death, we see the unique ways in which Jesus responded to suffering, and so are challenged to react similarly in our own struggles.*

***Learning to Walk in the Dark*** by Barbara Brown Taylor (New York: HarperCollins, 2014)

*By venturing into caves, underground night clubs, subterranean chapels, and unlit cabins in the woods on nights with no moons, Taylor leads us on a journey of how to find God, or rather how to let God find us, even when it is dark. She leads us to learn how the darkness can allow us to learn much about God, as well as ourselves.*

***The Rebirthing of God*** by John Philip Newell (Woodstock: Skylight Paths Publishing, 2014)

*As a scholar, peacemaker and spiritual leader, John Philip Newell invites us to be a part of a new holy birth of sacred living, exploring eight major features of a new birthing of Christianity for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

***Hoping for More: Having Cancer, Talking Faith, and Accepting Grace*** by Deanna A. Thompson (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2012)

*A story about one woman’s journey with breast cancer, from diagnosis through the fight, to emerging on the other side.*

***The Christian Life: A Geography of God*** by Michael L. Lindvall (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001)

*Part of the Foundations of Christian Faith series, this volume explores the Christian life as a journey of discovery.*

***This We Believe: Eight Truths Presbyterians Affirm*** by Stephen W. Plunkett (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2002)

*An introduction to the Christian faith that helps grapple with what it means to be a Christian in a world of conflicting ideologies and competing claims.*

***40 Days and 40 Nights*** by Gail Ramshaw (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2006)

*An insightful devotional booklet for each day of the Lenten season.*

***Called to Be Human: Letters to My Children on Living a Christian Life*** by Michael Jenkins (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2009)

*A wonderful compilation of letters written by a Presbyterian seminary professor to his grown children to address some of the “big questions” young adults are asking about life, love and vocation.*

***An Altar in the World*** by Barbara Brown Taylor (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2009)

*A series of rich reflections on ways to discover the sacred in the ordinariness of our everyday lives.*

***Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*** by Rowan Williams (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007)

*An exploration of the Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds that guides readers through the central elements of the*

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*Christian faith.*

***The Worshiping Life*** by Lisa Nichols Hickman (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005)  
*A series of short essays on the order of worship which offer insight and reflection on what exactly we Christians do when we gather on the Lord's Day.*

***Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation*** by Barbara Brown Taylor (Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 2000)  
*A good look at some of the most basic words of our faith—sin, repentance, forgiveness, salvation—and how they still have real meaning for us today.*

## Music Notes

William Walker (1809-1875) was a Baptist song leader, shape note “singing master” and a compiler of folk music. As a young man, he led singing in his home church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Later he collected and arranged folk tunes from southern Appalachia. He used shape note music notation, which for many years was used to teach music sight reading in rural America. Walker published a collection in 1840 called *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion* (second edition) in which we find the tune of “What Wondrous Love Is This?”



We often sing this beautiful hymn during Lent. “What wondrous love is this” is sung three times at the beginning of the hymn. “This repetition is not the sign of a weak poet who has a narrow range of expression, but a fellow traveler who has experienced profoundly the sacrificial love of Christ and can only express again and again - “What wondrous love is this.”... These are not the carefully crafted words of a theologian, but utterances directly from the heart, or even more profoundly, from the soul.”

(—C. Michael Hawn “History of Hymns” on [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org))

## Easter Egg Hunt



Join us Palm Sunday, April 14th, immediately following the worship service, for the annual Easter Egg hunt at New Hope! Children between the ages of 2 years old and 5th grade are invited and are asked to bring a basket to gather their eggs. Please meet in the Narthex and wait for permission to start hunting!

## Youth Fundraiser—Bake Sale & Car Wash

On Sunday, May 5th, the Youth Mission Trip participants will be sponsoring a bake sale and car wash. There will be lots of baked goodies for sale in the Narthex and cars will be washed between, during and after services. The rain date for the car wash will be May 19th. All profits from the car wash and bake sale will benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Raleigh, North Carolina. So bring your dirty cars and appetites to church on May 5th!





## *Electronics Recycling Event*



Fort Zumwalt School District in Partnership with Nilo-Tech E-cycling

### **Electronic Recycling Event**

**Saturday, March 30, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

(Rain or Shine)

**Fort Zumwalt DuBray Middle School**

**100 DuBray Drive, St. Peters MO 63376**



#### **Acceptable Items (working or not) ---**

#### **Basically anything that has a cord or battery ----**

Computers, Printers, Keyboards, Laptops, Hard Drives,  
Cell Phones, Pagers, Radios, Scanners, Speakers, VCR, DVD,  
Fax Machines, Answering Machines, Televisions\*, Stereos,  
Furnaces, Water Heaters, Air Conditioners\*, Power Tools,  
Lawn and Garden Equipment\*, Lead Acid Batteries, Li-Ion Batteries, Etc.



#### **FEES:**

- \*\$5 disposal fee for CRT Monitors
- \* TV disposal fees: \$30 for TVs up to 26", \$50 for TVs over 27", \$50 for any size rear-projection or console TVs, and \$5 LED/LCD/Plasma TVs.
- \*Lawn and Garden must have oil and fuel removed
- \*Air Conditioner units must have Freon drained

#### **Non-Acceptable Items:**

Paints/Stains/Thinners, Oils, Flammable Liquids, Freon, All Light Bulbs, Alkaline Batteries, Furniture, Kitchen Appliances, Wood, Tires/Rubber.

Nilo-Tech E-cycling is registered with the EPA, is Level 2 Certified with the Missouri Department of Natural Services. Nilo-Tech E-cycling has a zero landfill policy. This event is open to anyone... residents, non-residents, schools, churches, businesses, etc. For information, contact Nilo-Tech E-cycling @ 314-696-2367 or check us out online @ [www.nilotechcycling.com](http://www.nilotechcycling.com) Nilo-Tech E-cycling reserves the right to refuse service.

## *Easter Lilies*



You may order a live lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take it home with you after the worship service that day. You may also purchase a “virtual” lily, the cost of which will go to the Deacon’s Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or “virtual” lily is \$10.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by April 14th.

## *Autism Awareness*

Autism is a developmental disorder that affects 1 in 59 children. Please join PW on Sunday April 7th after service in the Sunshine room to learn more about Autism and how it affects families. There will be a speaker from Easter Seals as well as a parent of a child with autism. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please sign up in the Outreach and Information area of the narthex



**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 22nd.**

### *April Birthdays*

Sue White	04/01	Clark Hurrell	04/11
Benjamin Moore	04/02	Madison Larrew	04/11
Ruth Reilly	04/02	McKenzie Larrew	04/11
Deb Garten	04/03	Susan Phillips	04/13
John Moore	04/03	Amy Connor	04/15
John Dittmar	04/05	Katelyn Ward	04/17
Kelsey Etling	04/05	Eli Cox	04/24
Willie Hantack	04/05	Rick Etling	04/24
Caleb Calvin	04/06	Marion Hamilton	04/26
Elizabeth Rasche	04/06	Jacob Hurrell	04/26
Calvin Lippert	04/07	Philip Wahler	04/27
William Judd	04/08	Jennifer James	04/28
Andrew Langasek	04/09	Martha Lamey	04/28
Marcus Langasek	04/09	Jonathan Hamilton	04/29
Chris Truett	04/09		

### *April Anniversaries*

William & Linda Judd	04/09/1983
Jim & Jane Cox	04/17/1999
Earl & Juanita Bostic	04/19/2002
Brad & Katie Harmon	04/19/2008
Jerry & Rhonda Dyer	04/23/1983

## APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:00am Election Board 7:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Admin & Support Committee	3 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Covenant Class 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 1:00pm Agape Circle 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Joy Circle	5	6
7 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Worship 11:30am PW Autism Awareness Luncheon 11:30am <i>The Journey</i>	8 6:15pm MME Committee 7:00pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting	9	10 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Covenant Class 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 3:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts	12	13 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00am Church Family Gathering 15:15am Worship 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt 11:30am Harmony Faith Family 11:30am <i>The Journey</i>	15 5:00pm <i>The Journey</i> Leadership	16 7:00 Cub Scouts	17 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Worship	19 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00pm Worship	20 <i>Easter Vigil</i> 8:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:00pm Worship
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Worship	22 <i>Earth Day</i> Church Office Closed 7:00pm Formation for Discipleship Committee	23 7:00pm Metropolitan Congregations United 7:00pm Earth Care Team	24 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Covenant Class 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Boy Scouts	25 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26	27
28 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Worship 11:30am ABC Committee 11:30am PW Child Abuse Awareness Luncheon	29	30				

### FINANCIAL CORNER

**CONTRIBUTIONS**  
Budget  
To-date Actual

**To-Date March 2019**  
**34,227.59**  
**31,633.33**

**Year To Date 2018**  
**102,682.77**  
**95,983.99**

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