



Covenant United Methodist Church

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**March/April
2021**

Regular Scheduled Activities (limited at this time)

Sunday

10:00 am Join us for worship!
Masks are required. Temperature checked upon entering.

Wednesday

4:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fourth Saturday of each month

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Community Luncheon - Drive-thru

Covenant Connection

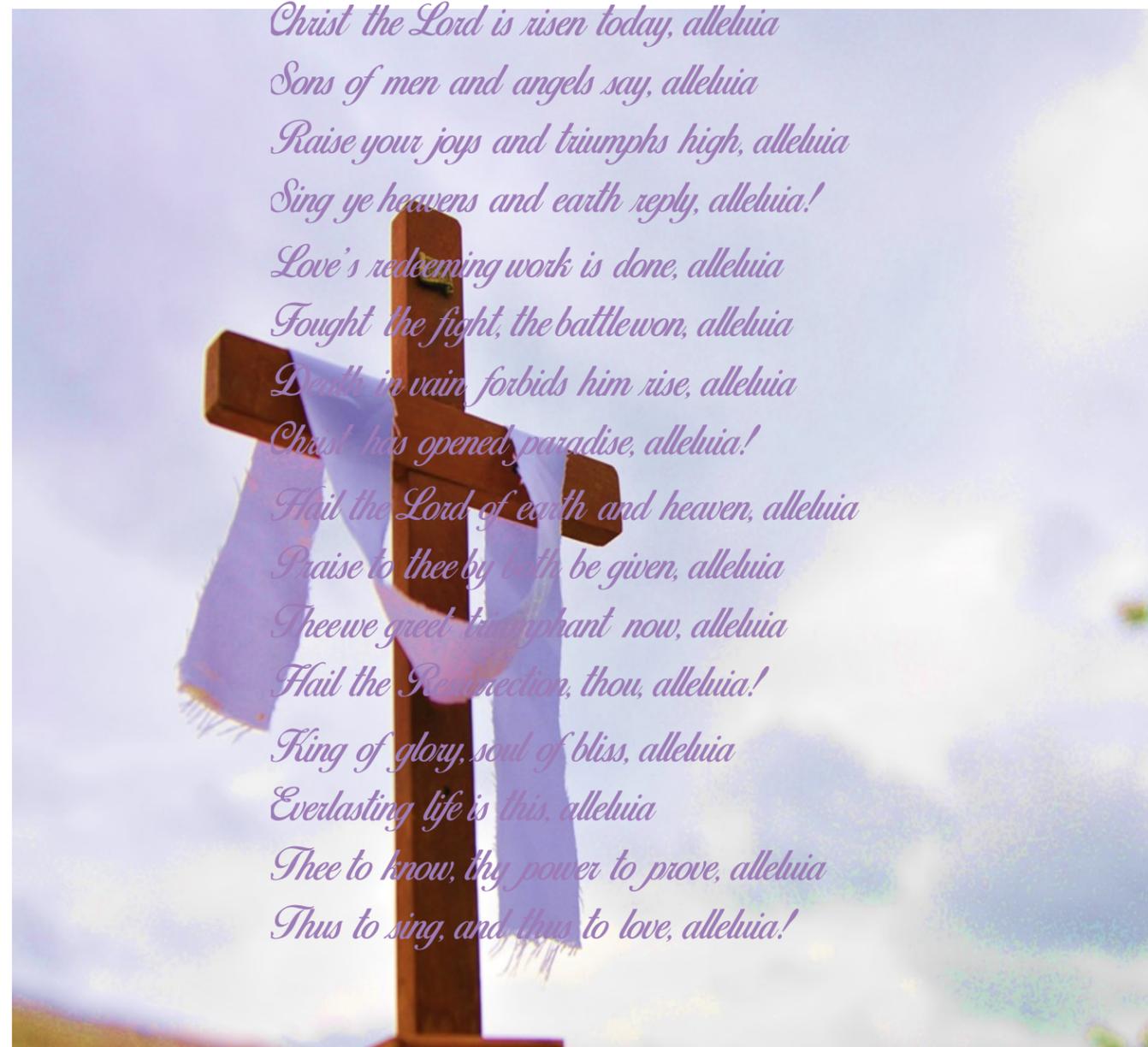
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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!
King of glory, soul of bliss, alleluia
Everlasting life is this, alleluia
Thee to know, thy power to prove, alleluia
Thus to sing, and thus to love, alleluia!*



Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

- 2 Corey Carr
- 4 Brooklynn Merritt
- 6 Mildred McElveen
- 16 Jim Mathews
- 21 Robert Kayler
- 24 Laura McDonald
- 26 Trinity Turner
- 31 Katie Cochran
- 31 Caleb Lowe



April Birthdays

- 1 Henry Raxter
- 3 Caitlin Ramsey
- 7 Claire Merritt
- 11 Emma Kayler
- 12 Sarah Bentley
- 12 Trish Bridges
- 15 Larry Taylor
- 17 Brittany Hodge
- 19 Holden Raxter
- 23 Tom Pilon
- 24 Declan Meek
- 25 Pat Culver
- 27 Jonathan Cole
- 30 Charlie Lowe
- 30 Suzanne Kayler
- 30 Stephanie Lowe

 *Happy Anniversary!*
 March 23 Mark & Melisa Armstrong

Happy Anniversary! 
 April 8 Tom & Helen Pilon



greeters

Being greeted with a Smile and a "Good Morning" is a great way to be welcomed as you walk in the door! We are looking for you to sign up for a Sunday to greet our members and visitors on Sunday mornings. Sign up sheet is at the front entrance.

Worship Attendance Tithes & Offerings

February 7	22	\$1,875
February 14	33	\$2,995
February 21	33	\$1,981
February 28	31	<u>\$3,570</u>
		\$10,421
March 7	25	\$ 855
March 14	25	\$2,630
March 21	22	\$3,275

\$2,483 is needed weekly to meet our 2021 budget.

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

As we begin to see signs of the arrival of spring, is it a coincidence that the flowers and trees are bursting out with beautiful blooms, as we can begin to freely move around more? The temperatures are climbing, and the virus case counts are descending as the vaccinations increase, we have hope that we will be able to enjoy a fuller experience in our faith community.

My hope for all of us is to be able to return to attending church services again. I hope that as we get out, we can be inspired to go to our neighbors, coworkers, family and friends and tell them of the great things God is doing. This is the perfect time to get back to church, the time to let those who need God know of the wonderful things that are happening during Easter.

Traditionally this is the time to reflect and meditate, to dig deeper, to sift through all that is going on around us and eventually to resurface more committed to our faith. So, I pray that we can get out and return to church, to be with our church families that I know you, just like me, have missed so much.

As I close, remember the message of Easter, the simple message that God loves us and Jesus proved it.

God bless you all and love you,

Pastor Larry

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



Upcoming Events

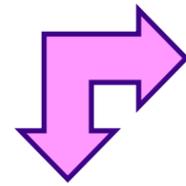
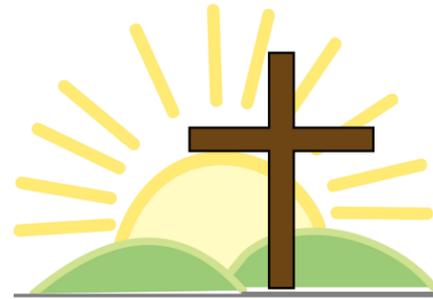
March 28 - Palm Sunday

April 4 - 7 am Sunrise Service

Breakfast following

10 am Easter Worship Service

April 11 - 2 pm Council Meeting



Covenant Prayer Corner

*Friends/family of members

Praise God!

Dean Atkinson - healing well from surgery!

Jeff & Lisa Casey* (Culvers daughter/husband) Jeff & Lisa were able to return to their own home! Pray for Lisa as she cares for Jeff and continuing healing for Jeff, he is walking with a cane, one arm is still weak and continues to struggle with his speech

Margie Martin - is getting stronger and at her home again! Praise God!

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Cecelia "CeCe" & Daughter* - CeCe is having side effects from her new medication, pray for safety and wisdom for her daughter

Libby Grose - needs prayer

Wayne & Ruth Houser - haven't been feeling well, in need of healing prayer

Laura McDonald - has COVID, pray for Harvey and Doris as well, that they will stay healthy during this time of Laura's quarantine

Elizabeth Smith* (Sharon Taylor's aunt) in need of healing prayer

Continued Prayer Concerns

Jay Raxter
Beverly Cole

Harvey McDonald
Dennis Dees

Ina Jones
Ann Lethco

B.A. & Carolyn Moore

Covenant Shut-Ins

Betty Lynch - Covenant Village, Room B116

B.A. Moore - Belaire, 2065 Lyon St, Gastonia 28052, Rm 53B, 704-874-3200

B.A. and I love our dear church family. We are simply grateful to have a church family like you. Your constant love and support haven't gone unnoticed. We have felt them all this time. Thank you for the love offering; it will certainly be put to good use where it is needed.

How beautiful was this unexpected show of love and kindness. These words are meant to express so much gratitude to each of you from each of us. Your continued support means so much. Thank you for everything you have done.

*With our prayers,
Love B.A. & Carolyn*

Just a note to let everyone know that I am finally almost well! I could never have gotten well if it had not been for all the prayers, cards, and calls from everyone. I have never felt so loved in all my life and love every one of you.

With love, Margie Martin



United Methodist Women will begin meeting in April.

UMW will have circle meetings on April 12th, meeting the 2nd week due to Easter. Both circles will meet at the church.

April 12 10 am Mission Keepers Circle

6 pm Hope Givers Circle

It's a Boy!

You are invited to join us for a baby shower

-- honoring --

Allison (Stutts) Smithers

Saturday
2 - 4 pm



April 25
2021

One small request that shouldn't be hard
Please bring a book in place of a card.
Whether Cat in the Hat or Winnie the Pooh
You can sign the inside with a note from you! ☺

Registry: amazon.com/baby-registry, enter Allison Stutts, June 2021
RSVP to Allison at 704-675-6878. Allison is the daughter of Sherri Poole and granddaughter of Harvey & Laura McDonald.