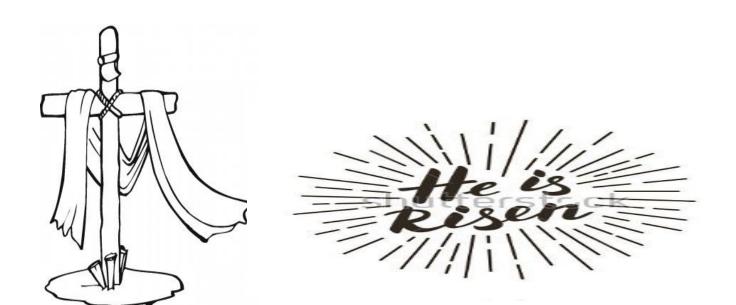
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COVENANT COVERAGE

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COVENANT PRAYER CONCERNS

OUR CHURCH & OUR LEADERS, THE LOST, AMERICA, USA LEADERS, WORLD LEADERS, THE WORLD Gayle Mull Winnia Elliott Jo Ann Murphy (Sister-in-law of Gayle Mull)

Gayle Mull Winnie Elliott Gloria Navy Katheryn Goodman Pat Hatley June Crane

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Judy Dotson Christine Sexton Katheryn Goodman

Glenn Monteith, Aldersgate Ret. Community Polly Wright, Brookdale Sr. Living Billie Hathcock, Ranson Ridge Assisted Living theryn Goodman

Virginia Townsend, The Haven Buford Nance, Williams Place

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST

From the Pastor's Desk!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As we head in to the month of April, we will find ourselves walking together through Holy Week. April 14th we will celebrate Palm Passion Sunday as we remember how Jesus went in to the city with joy and anticipation and then shortly found himself in the hands of those who wanted to do nothing but harm him. On Wednesday, April 17th, we will have a time of prayer and reflection at 11:00 a.m. as we think through the journey that Jesus took on our behalf. On Thursday, April 18th, we will gather with the cluster churches for a Maundy Thursday service at Garden Memorial Presbyterian at 6:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 21st, we will gather at 8:30 am as one body with our Montagnard brothers and sisters for breakfast. Your family and friends are invited to join with us for this special time. Then at 10:00 a.m, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb in our Worship Service. (No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.)

Over the course of Holy Week we will have many times where we will gather for the purpose of stopping, reflecting, and remembering how God redeemed us and provided a way out of sin with the gift of his own son. I pray that you will take some time to reflect and think through what Easter means to you. Please know that I am praying for each one of you and I look forward to celebrating the joy of Easter with all of you.

In His Love, Pastor Elise





APRIL SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Brothers and Sisters,

For the month of April, I am doing something a little bit different. The scripture readings for this month are small passages of scripture for us to use each day to think on and reflect with gratitude what God is doing in our daily lives. I would like to challenge us to think on memorizing these texts, or at least be willing to share these texts with someone new each day. May they be a gift of comfort and healing to all of us in these days.

| April 1 | Jeremiah 29:11 |
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| April 2 | Psalm 27:4 |
| April 3 | Psalm 34:8 |
| April 4 | Proverbs 17:17 |
| | Isaiah 40:28-31 |
| April 5 | |
| April 6 | John 15:13 Romans 8:28 |
| April 7 | |
| April 8 | Romans 8:31 |
| April 9 | Romans 15:13 |
| April 10 | Romans 8:38-39 |
| April 11 | 1 Corinthians 13:12 |
| April 12 | Lamentations 3:22-23 |
| April 13 | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 |
| April 14 | 1 Corinthians 16:13 |
| April 15 | Philippians 3:7-9 |
| April 16 | Ephesians 3:17-21 |
| April 17 | 1 John 3:22 |
| April 18 | 1 John 3:1-3 |
| April 19 | Hebrews 10:19-23 |
| April 20 | 1 Peter 2:9-11 |
| April 21 | James 1:2-4 |
| April 22 | Romans 1:17 |
| April 23 | Deuteronomy 31:6 |
| April 24 | Psalm 23:1 |
| April 25 | Joshua 1:7 |
| April 26 | 1 Corinthians 15:58 |
| April 27 | Hebrews 12:1-2 |
| April 28 | Genesis 1:1 |
| April 29 | Matthew 6:34 |
| April 30 | John 3:16 |

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

FLOOD BUCKET MINISTRY

Our items for our flood bucket ministry for April are as follows:

*6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellant *scrub brush with or without a handle *18 re-useable cleaning wipes (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels)

If you have an interest in making a complete flood bucket with your family or Sunday school class, see Jim Smeltzer or Pastor Elise for a list of all the items. Our goal is to have 15 flood buckets prepared again this year. You may also make a donation to the church and write in the memo line of your check "flood bucket ministry." The cost of preparing a full flood bucket is around \$50.00. Thank you for supporting this ministry. **PLACE ITEMS IN F. HALL NEAR PIANO**

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES

Everyone is invited to join us as we gather at our sister church,

THRIFT UMC,

for our Lenten Lunches series. WORSHIP 12 NOON LIGHT LUNCH 12:30 pm

(We will still have 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study @ Covenant)

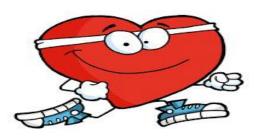
MARCH SPEAKERS WERE: March 13 Jim Humphries from Christ UMC March 20 Charles Dirico from Thrift UMC March 27 Elise Kennedy from Covenant UMC

TWO MORE SERVICES LEFT BEFORE PALM SUNDAY April 3 Rob Chambers from Garden Memorial Presb. April 10 Holly Evensen from Moores Chapel UMC

Worship is at 12 Noon and then we will share a meal together at 12:30. Please pray about these opportunities to join together for worship, fellowship and a meal.

May these sessions join us together and bring us peace as we head to the hope of EASTER.





BODY & SOUL SENIOR FITNESS

Body & Soul Exercise Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Monthly fees are \$25.00.

If you have Silver Sneakers as part of your insurance, there is no cost.

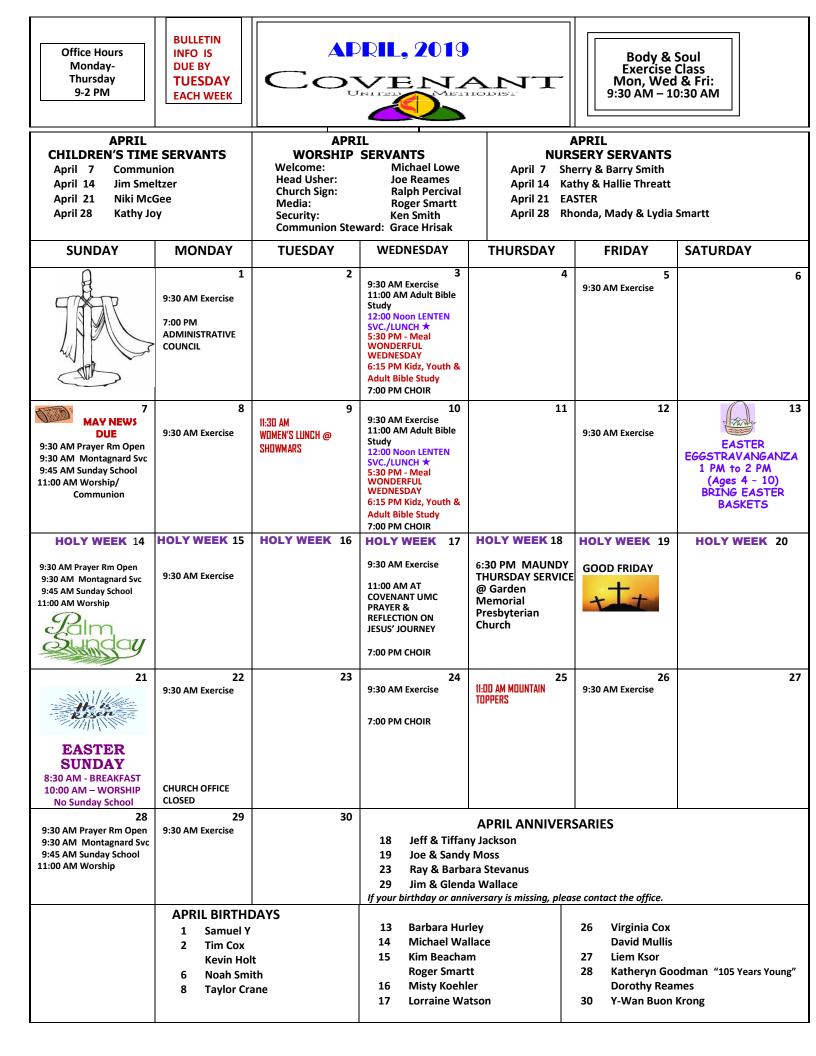
If you have questions, please call Kathy Joy at 704-277-3267

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who donated cookies for Kershaw Prison Ministry. KAIROS COOKIES are given to the inmates as the inmates are ministered to throughout the long weekend. Thank you again for your support of this ministry. John & Grace Hrisak

BODY & SOUL SENIOR FITNESS

A TALK PRESENTED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ON CRITICAL HOME REPAIR, HOME LOANS AND MORE. APRIL 27, 2019 9:30 AM @ COVENANT UMC LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.







WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 - 11:00 AM Reflect on Jesus' journey and pray @ Covenant UMC

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 - 6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE @ Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church





EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM COVENANT FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 TO 10 YEARS OLD ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR EASTER BASKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL EGG HUNT, GAMES AND TREATS.

We do need help from everyone to make this activity successful for the children. We need prizes such as <u>small toys</u> and <u>games</u>. We also need <u>individually wrapped</u> candy that will fit in plastic eggs and for treat bags.

We will gladly accept monetary donations as well. See Linda Smeltzer or Sherry Smith

> THERE WILL BE A DROP BOX FOR EASTER CANDY & PRIZES NEAR THE OFFICE



Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Matthew 26-28

Matthew 26 The Plot Against Jesus Jesus Anointed at Bethany Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus The Lord's Supper Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial Gethsemane Jesus Arrested Before the Sanhedrin Peter Disowns Jesus

Matthew 27

Judas Hangs Himself Jesus Before Pilate Soldiers Mock Jesus The Crucifixion Death of Jesus Burial of Jesus Guard at the Tomb

Matthew 28 The Resurrection The Guard's Report The Great Commission Mark 14-16

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<u>Mark 15</u> Jesus Before Pilate Soldiers Mock Jesus The Crucifixion Death of Jesus Burial of Jesus

Mark 16 The Resurrection Luke 22-24

Luke 23

Herod

The Crucifixion

The Resurrection

On the Road to Emmaus

Jesus Appears to the

Jesus' Death

Jesus Burial

Luke 24

Disciples

The Ascension

Luke 22 Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus The Last Supper Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives Jesus Arrested Peter Disowns Jesus Guards Mock Jesus Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

Jesus Before Pilate and

John 17-21

John 17 Jesus Prays for Himself Jesus Prays for His Disciples Jesus Prays for All Believers

John 18 Jesus Arrested Jesus Taken to Annas Peter's First Denial The High Priest Questions Jesus Peter's Second and Third Denials Jesus Before Pilate

John 19 Jesus Sentenced to be Crucified The Crucifixion The Death of Jesus The Burial of Jesus

<u>John 20</u> The Empty Tomb Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene Jesus Appears to His Disciples Jesus Appears to Thomas

<u>John 21</u> Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish Jesus Reinstates Peter

<u>Acts 1</u> Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Acts 2 Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost Peter Addresses the Crowd The Fellowship of the Believers

