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"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."



"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG, AND TO THE SAVIOR FOR WHOSE KINGDOM IT STANDS, ONE SAVIOR, CRUCIFIED, RISEN, AND COMING AGAIN, WITH LIFE AND LIBERTY TO ALL WHO BELIEVE."



COVENANT COVERAGE

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COVENANT PRAYER CONCERNS

OUR CHURCH & OUR LEADERS, THE LOST, AMERICA, USA LEADERS, WORLD LEADERS, THE WORLD

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

Jo Ann Murphy (Sister-in-law of Gayle Mull)
Luis Osuna (Son-in-law of John Helms)
Nancy Blanton
Houston Crane, Jr.
Judy Goble

Ray & Pansy DeViney
Barbara Hurley
Jim Wallace
Louise Mingus

Judy Dotson
Christine Sexton
Katheryn Goodman

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

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



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL

BEEF STEW &

RICE



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
April 2	Psalms 27:4
April 3	Psalms 34:8
April 4	Proverbs 17:17
April 5	Isaiah 40:28-31
April 6	John 15:13
April 7	Romans 8:28
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	Psalms 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 repellent
- *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.**



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

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

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.

Office Hours
Monday-
Thursday
9-2 PM

**BULLETIN
INFO IS
DUE BY
TUESDAY
EACH WEEK**



Body & Soul
Exercise Class
Mon, Wed & Fri:
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**APRIL
CHILDREN'S TIME SERVANTS**

April 7 Communion
April 14 Jim Smeltzer
April 21 Niki McGee
April 28 Kathy Joy

**APRIL
WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Welcome: Michael Lowe
Head Usher: Joe Reames
Church Sign: Ralph Percival
Media: Roger Smartt
Security: Ken Smith
Communion Steward: Grace Hrisak

**APRIL
NURSERY SERVANTS**

April 7 Sherry & Barry Smith
April 14 Kathy & Hallie Threatt
April 21 EASTER
April 28 Rhonda, Mady & Lydia Smartt

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL	2	3 9:30 AM Exercise 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 12:00 Noon LENTEN SVC./LUNCH ★ 5:30 PM - Meal WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY 6:15 PM Kidz, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM CHOIR	4	5 9:30 AM Exercise	6
 7 MAY NEWS DUE 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/ Communion	8 9:30 AM Exercise	9 11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH @ SHOWMARS	10 9:30 AM Exercise 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 12:00 Noon LENTEN SVC./LUNCH ★ 5:30 PM - Meal WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY 6:15 PM Kidz, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM CHOIR	11	12 9:30 AM Exercise	13  EASTER EGGSTRAVANGANZA 1 PM to 2 PM (Ages 4 - 10) BRING EASTER BASKETS
HOLY WEEK 14 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 	HOLY WEEK 15 9:30 AM Exercise	HOLY WEEK 16	HOLY WEEK 17 9:30 AM Exercise 11:00 AM AT COVENANT UMC PRAYER & REFLECTION ON JESUS' JOURNEY 7:00 PM CHOIR	HOLY WEEK 18 6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE @ Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church	HOLY WEEK 19 GOOD FRIDAY 	HOLY WEEK 20
21  EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 AM - BREAKFAST 10:00 AM - WORSHIP No Sunday School	22 9:30 AM Exercise CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	23	24 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR	25 11:00 AM MOUNTAIN TOPPERS	26 9:30 AM Exercise	27
28 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	29 9:30 AM Exercise	30	APRIL ANNIVERSARIES 18 Jeff & Tiffany Jackson 19 Joe & Sandy Moss 23 Ray & Barbara Stevanus 29 Jim & Glenda Wallace <i>If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please contact the office.</i>			
APRIL BIRTHDAYS 1 Samuel Y 2 Tim Cox Kevin Holt 6 Noah Smith 8 Taylor Crane			13 Barbara Hurley 14 Michael Wallace 15 Kim Beacham Roger Smartt 16 Misty Koehler 17 Lorraine Watson		26 Virginia Cox David Mullis 27 Liem Ksor 28 Katheryn Goodman "105 Years Young" Dorothy Reames 30 Y-Wan Buon Krong	

HOLY WEEK: April 14 through April 20



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

*He is not here;
he has Risen!*

Luke 24:6

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21 @ COVENANT UMC

8:30 AM BREAKFAST

10:00 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY



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 small toys and games. We also need individually wrapped 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

Mark 14

Jesus Anointed at Bethany
 The Lord's Supper
 Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
 Gethsemane
 Jesus Arrested Before the Sanhedrin
 Peter Disowns Jesus

Mark 15

Jesus Before Pilate
 Soldiers Mock Jesus
 The Crucifixion
 Death of Jesus
 Burial of Jesus

Mark 16

The Resurrection

Acts 1

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven
 Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Luke 22-24

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

Luke 23

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod
 The Crucifixion
 Jesus' Death
 Jesus Burial

Luke 24

The Resurrection
 On the Road to Emmaus
 Jesus Appears to the Disciples
 The Ascension

Acts 2

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

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

John 20

The Empty Tomb
 Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene
 Jesus Appears to His Disciples
 Jesus Appears to Thomas

John 21

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish
 Jesus Reinstates Peter

