

Memorials & Honorariums

In Loving Memory of Darrell McDonald

Susan Johnson
Dianne Penney
Susan Myers
John Marcello
John Morrow
Joyce Lewis
Frances Cole

In Loving Memory of Susan Hill

Erin & TJ Tepley
Brenda & Lynn Vaughn
Dianne Penney
Bill Westbrook
Susan Johnson

April Worship Assistants

April 2, 2026 - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Greeters: Susan Myers & Jimmy Hicks
Readers: David Hardesty (RR) & Cameron Craig (S)
Communion During Service: Susan Myers,
Catherine & Grant Beal

April 5, 2026 - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Greeters: Becky & Ted Hammerschmidt
Readers: Ted Hammerschmidt (RR) & Jo Blankenship (S)
Communion During Service: Jo Blankenship

April 5, 2026 - EASTER 10 AM SERVICE

Greeters: Mary Alice Wisdom & John Marcello
Readers: LiAna Gray (RR) & John Marcello (S)
Communion During Service: Addye Robinson &
Cindy & Ricky Iles

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Greeters: Donna & Robert McCullough
Readers: Tammi Henderson (RR) & Van Allen (S)
Communion After Service: Susan Myers

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Greeters: Betty & Scotty Nease
Readers: Betty Nease (RR) & Donna McCullough (S)
Communion After Service: Phyllis Blanton

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Greeters: Monica Bailey & Lennie Hanchey
Readers: Mary Alice Wisdom (RR) & LiAna Gray (S)
Communion After Service: Lilly Smith

RR-Responsive Reading, S-Scripture, TBD-To Be Determined

The Ark Children & Youth

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Midweek Meals

Join us each Wednesday evening in April for fellowship, great food, and a meaningful time together as a church family. Under the leadership of our amazing volunteers, Grant & Catherine Beal, our Wednesday night meals have been refreshed and are better than ever!

Check out April's Menu and keep in mind that all are welcome to come and enjoy this special evening to gather, connect, and grow in community.

Looking Ahead to May, we'll continue our monthly rhythm for Wednesday meals:

First Wednesday of each month will be pizza, salad, drinks, and a birthday cake celebrating anyone having a birthday that month. This meal and birthday celebration is for all adults and children.

Second Wednesday of the month Grant and Catherine will bring us more of their wonderful cooking.

Third Wednesday of the month there will be no charge for the meal. This will be a potluck meal. Everyone is invited each third Wednesday to bring their wonderful dishes to share with everyone. We hope that all the families will stay and enjoy the meal together. Of course, parents are welcome on any Wednesday. These nights are always special.

Fourth Wednesday of the month will be back to the delicious food cooked by Grant and Catherine.

Our Wednesday nights are very meaningful to the community of the church, and we hope you will choose to be a part of it. Volunteers are always appreciated to help organize and serve meals.

Special APRIL MENU

APRIL 1ST @ 5:15 PM

Seder Passover Meal

APRIL 8TH

No Meal

APRIL 15TH @ 5:00 PM

Grant & Catherine Beal
Cook

APRIL 22ND & 29TH @
5:00 PM

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Cook

Holy week

SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY- 3/29

10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

HOLY WEEK LUNCHEON & DEVOTIONAL - 3/30- 4/1

Monday-Wednesday @ 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY - 4/1

5:15 PM Passover Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY- 4/2

6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY- 4/3

7:30-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall Come & Go

EASTER SUNDAY- 4/5

6:45 AM Sunrise Service @ Wesley Center

10:00 AM Resurrection Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Pastor's Pondering

As you read this newsletter, we will likely be at the start of Holy Week. It is a week that is both dreaded and looked forward to each year. Why dread? Life would be great if we could just avoid talking about or looking at the crucifixion or other hard things. It's hard to talk about the hard parts, no matter what it is in life. But those hard parts make it even more exciting and celebratory to come to an understanding about them, which makes it even more special than to celebrate Easter Sunday! The crucifixion and resurrection are truly about US, that Jesus suffered so much and rose again. The whole week with Palm Sunday, the lunches and devotional Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the Passover Seder we will have on Wednesday night, the Lord's Supper service on Thursday, the come-and-go prayer time with the protestant Stations of the Cross on Friday in the Fellowship Hall, and the Sunday Sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. and the 10 a.m. service are all so special (these two services are not the same!). If we allow ourselves to journey with Jesus through the entirety of Holy Week, it makes Resurrection Sunday even more special because of the pilgrimage, the lessons we have learned, and the growth of our faith throughout Lent and Holy Week. I hope you can come to several, if not all, of the events during Holy Week. Even better? Bring someone with you! I cannot wait to celebrate this season with you, and to continue the journey with Jesus to study and learn from the 40 days he walked the earth after his resurrection.

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, to worship and serve Him with joy!

See you soon!

Laraine

P.S. – We will be starting a new Bible Study in May. I hope you can join us. We will announce the new study after Easter.



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Seder Meal Wednesday, April 1 at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

So, you may be wondering why Christians are celebrating the Seder Meal this Holy Week. Well, because it is an important part of our history. Also, Jesus celebrated the Passover Feast every year. He chose to introduce the Lord's Supper as part of the fulfillment of the Passover and to help us remember the sacrifice He made for us. Come and learn the "why." Come and live into this very important celebration, which will make the Lord's Supper even more meaningful for you in the future. Come and share in the fellowship, love, and laughter with your friends and family.

Also, there are important parts of this meal for the children to participate in, so I hope you bring them to participate and learn. There will also be crafts on the table for them to do, which help them learn.

The ladies and men are working hard to provide this meal for you. I hope you choose to come!



HAPPY EASTER, Y'ALL! WE HAVE HAD AN AMAZING LENT SEASON WITH ALL THE CHILDREN. THIS YEAR WE SENT HOME A 40-DAY GUIDE FOR THE KIDDOS TO READ EVERY NIGHT WITH A SMALL BIBLE VERSE & PRAYER. ON SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, WE STUDY THAT DAY & REVIEW WHAT HAPPENED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THANK Y'ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MARCH 29TH - BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER AFTER CHURCH.
- APRIL 5TH - EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER CHURCH
- APRIL 8TH - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
- APRIL 11TH - BICYCLE SAFETY DAY AT 2PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL PARKING LOT WITH A RIDE TO FOLLOW
- APRIL 12TH - SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING AFTER CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.



Recap at MCLC

March was an eggs-traordinary whirlwind! We gobbled down goodies at our monthly lunch bunch, snapped some egg-cellent Easter pics, and rolled in brand-new cots for the kiddos—sturdy enough to survive a whole year of nap battles.

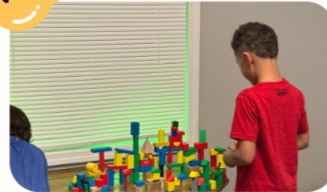
April 2nd will be an egg-stravaganza as our little bunnies hop around searching for Easter Eggs! And don't forget, circle May 21st in red because it's graduation day for our mighty crew of nearly 20 mini-grads! It's going to be an egg-citing time!

TEACHER OF THE MONTH - CHLOE BOYBOY



WESLEY KIDS NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE



APRIL AT WESLEY

As spring approaches, it's time to enjoy playful activities with friends at Wesley Kids After School Care. The season brings vibrant colors and fresh blooms, perfect for outdoor games on the pickleball court and imaginative adventures. The warmth encourages exploration of nature, from rustling leaves to singing birds. We love how spring symbolizes renewal, making it an ideal time to reconnect with friends through fun-filled programs at Wesley Kids.

Music Department

Throughout the church year there are many different holidays. Advent, Pentecost, Lent, and of course Easter. Each bringing their own exciting and fun musical tradition. We find ourselves at Easter time again, so that means it's time to wear our colorful clothes and sing all our favorite songs about Jesus' resurrection.

This time of year flowers are starting to bloom, and each and every one of us can blossom ourselves by trying new things. Which is why this Easter season I'd like to invite you to come join in the music ministry. If you don't want to commit to regularly joining us then give it a try for month! You may find that singing with us about Jesus' resurrection can give you a new outlook on things. So come join us at 7pm on Wednesday evenings, we look forward to seeing you bloom into a new choir member!

Children's Music



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Please join us every Wednesday at 4:45 in the choir room. The children will sing on **Sunday, April 19**

The Lord Bless You And Keep You,
Cameron Craig