

OUTLOOK

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EASTER 2024

Memories of this past Lenten season and Easter run through my mind this morning.

- ashes from the branches of the previous year's Palm Sunday, mixed in a small container, dust to dust spoken, the sign of the cross marked on foreheads, Lent begun.
- a dedicated group of hard-working folks sprucing up the grounds in preparation for Easter day.
- children some happily, some apprehensively swinging palm branches on Palm Sunday marching into worship, standing before the congregation, looking for and waving to their parents.
- a ton of children hunting Easter eggs all over the church grounds.
- a simple dark setting for Maundy Thursday as bread was broken, the cup poured.
- parts of my family gathering, food cooking, granddaughter blessing,
- a community sunrise service at the cemetery, with a variety of Christian churches sharing together their common faith in Christ, seeing the darkness turned into light.
- a glorious Easter Sunday of worship with people of God of all ages wonderfully attired, smiling and praising our risen Lord.
- director (fabulous Faye) and choir members (so wonderful to see a packed choir loft), narrators (how very moving Billy and Alex), soloist (how inspiring Joy), tech (Chris & Gary), all powerfully sharing the gospel message, Hallelujah! What a Morning!
- picture after picture of families perfectly posed together on a glorious Easter.

My heart is full. Thanks to all who produced the sights and sounds of the season, who prepared the way, who entered the doors in worship. Thanks be to God for an abundant and glorious season.

Easterly, *Thomas*

YOUTH

Summer Youth Dates:

June 9-14 - Youth Camp @ Chilhowee (Grades 6-12) - Cost: \$100, May 20th deadline

July 6-12 - CPYC @ Bethel University (Grades 8-12) - Cost: \$175, May 31st deadline

July 20-26 - Youth Mission Trip to Pittsburgh, PA - Cost: \$350

Girl's Weekend is April 12-14. Please meet at the church on Friday, April 12 at 4:30PM. Girl's will return on Sunday around 11AM. Contact Terah Doster (865-640-2232) with any questions.

Youth Mission Trip Sign UP has begun. We will be serving with Praying Pelican Missions this summer in Pittsburgh, PA on July 20-26. A deposit of \$100 is due by April 10th to reserve your spot. Balance will be due in June.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5th as we will be recognizing our Class of 2024 high school seniors during worship. They are Mary Beth Coleman, Colton Cruze, Jackson Lowe, Mallory Maples, Coleman Shanton and Catie Beth Woodruff. This year there will be a special GRADuate luncheon following worship that all are invited to attend to help celebrate this special group of seniors.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Assorted casseroles, salad, dessert, and chicken nuggets for the children are on the menu this Wednesday. Meals are from 5-6PM. The cost is \$7.00 (Adults), \$5 (Children & Youth), and \$3 (Preschool).

Activities for Children & Youth begin at 6:00 pm.

ALPHA CIRCLE

The Alpha Circle is collecting vases and decorative mugs for Random Acts of Flowers (until April 16th). There is a tote in the Fellowship Hall near the outside door. Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is June 24 - 28 (6:00 - 8:15). We need volunteers. You may sign up to volunteer and register your children at www.vbspro.events/p/bccpc2024.

FOOD TRUCK MINISTRY

Beaver Creek continues to participate in the Knoxville Dream Center's Food Truck Ministry every Tuesday. Come by the church parking lot on Tuesday from 5 - 5:30 pm to check out this ministry!

2024 STEWARDSHIP PICTURE – March 31, 2024

Worship Service Attendance –273 (online – 26)

Sunday School Attendance – 83

2024 BUDGET

\$546,285.30

Needed weekly

\$10,755.49

Given 3/31/2024

\$16,779.40

Given by 3/31/2024

\$111,444.47

Needed by 3/31/2024

\$139,821.58

Under Budget

\$38,377.11

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Backpack Program

\$50

B & G (Bathroom Reno)

\$530

Memorials Undesignated

\$330

Music Projects

\$275

Playground Equipment

\$25

Lilies

\$370

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR 4/7/24:

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

ACOLYTES FOR 4/7/24:

Owen Doster & Miller Jimenez

NURSERY VOLUNTEER FOR 4/7/24:

Abby Prevost

MEETINGS/EVENTS

HELPING HANDS – Tuesday, April 2, 9:00 am (Family Life Center)

FOOD TRUCK – Tuesday, April 2, 5 – 5:30 pm

BUILDING & GROUNDS – Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 pm (Library)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS – Wednesday, April 3, 5:00 – 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS – Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 pm – youth and children (Family Life Center)

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE – Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 pm (Reception Room)

PICKLEBALL – Thursday, April 4, 5 – 7 pm (Gym)

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY - "THE POTTERY LADY"

The CPWM Spring Program will feature Carol Wolaver, "The Pottery Lady" on April 20, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Carole's unique style of storytelling mixed with her skill at the potter's wheel brings scripture to life in a very visual way. Her messages are dramatically presented from her potter's wheel. Carole's teaching is drawn from her own time in God's Word and her experience of being clay in the gentle hands of the Father, The Master Potter, experiencing the molding on the wheel, the fire of the kiln, and the joy of being His. There is additional information as well as a signup sheet on the table outside the sanctuary.

THE BLESSING BOX

We need items for the Blessing Box and our food pantry. Useful items are peanut butter, crackers, peanut butter/cheese crackers, protein drinks, protein/granola bars, pop tarts, canned chicken, and tuna (preferred pop top cans), fruit cups, pudding cups, small cereal boxes, toilet paper, toiletry products and feminine hygiene products. Some of the people that are in need do not have any way to cook or heat food items, please be mindful of this when shopping. If you prefer to give money, indicate on the memo line of your check that it is for the Blessing Box. Items may be placed in the Blessing Box or left in the shopping cart or on the table outside the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

BATHROOM RENOVATION

The Building & Grounds Committee is planning to do some much-needed renovations in the bathrooms in the Children's Wing. If you would like to help with the project, you can write a check to the church and designate it – Bathroom Renovation.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 - Max Henson

Trey Lepper

3 - Earl Dill

Debbie Goodwin

Carly Johnson

Becky Wells

5 - Colton Woodford

Kenneth Woodford

6 - Brandon Harms

Kennedy Julian

7 - Terah Doster

Margaret Reese

Catie Woodruff

8 - Jon Allmon

Norma Cardwell

9 - Stephen Shanton

10 - Pam Youngquist

11 - April Oaks

Paul Popa

12 - Tara Moore

Zia Plapp

Ken Woodford

13 - Scott Smith

15 - Isaac Melton

Vera Thress

16 - Jackson Dugger

Judy Woodson

17 - Wanda Ackerman

Jacy Cunningham

18 - Hannah Noll

Matt Thomas

19 - Ron French

22 - Stanley Hansen

23 - Herb Thomas

24 - Kandi Julian

Linda Shanton

Sidney West

25 - June Jennings

Joe Mahler

Rachel Hickey

Alisa Davis

26 - Justin Roddye

Ernie Owens

27 - Eli Smith

Graham Price

28 - Gabe Neubert

Becky O'Berry

30 - Derick Shular