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# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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Wednesday-Thursday, March 7-8: Rachel @ PYM (Montreat)

# LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, March 8:	
11:30am	Crisis Assistance in
	Parish House
12:00noon	Al-Anon in library



Please join us for weekly Wednesday evening meals throughout Lent....

February 28th: chicken potpie and vegetarian potpies \$5.00/person

March 7th: spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts. Donations support ECW outreach ministries

March 14th: TBA

March 21st: chili and sides. Donations support Crisis Assistance ministry.

ECW will provide the Chez Paul meal on March 7th. There will be spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. The money raised will go to Foster Children's Special Needs Funds to buy things for these children that the government funds do not cover, such as a 2nd pair of glasses, cap and gown, field trips at school, and more. Thank you for your donations.



Stop by the display table in the Parish House from February 12th to March 12th to shop faith-filled books at a special discount. Your purchase will help earn money for our children and youth Sunday School classes and make great Easter gifts.

There are a few books on display in the parish house beside the woman's restroom. You can pick up an order form and return orders to the envelopes on the bulletin board. Payments will be collected in March.

Contact Rachel with questions by email at <a href="mailto:stpaulscyfm@gmail.com">stpaulscyfm@gmail.com</a> or by phone at 336-990-0291.

Thank you for supporting our Spring Book Fair.

Wilkes Community Sunrise Service

**When:** 6:45am on April 1st, Easter morning

**Where:** 100 E. Main Street, Wilkesboro (the new plaza and big stage next to the museum)

This year we will be joining Wilkesboro United Methodist Church and other churches from around Wilkes for an Easter Sunrise Service. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as one body on the Principal Feast of the Christian year to celebrate our Risen Lord. Join us for this ecumenical event!

This will be in place of the early Sunday morning Easter Vigil.

# **Dish Cloth Project**



Attention all knitters, we need knitted dish cloths for our project. We are giving them to Safe House and the Assistance program.

If you are not a knitter and want to participate we will need travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioners, lotion, toothpaste, body wash, baby powder, etc. If you knit and need a pattern for the cloths or if you have any questions please contact Carol Canter at 336-838-9122 or 336-566-1311 or e-mail at ccanter123@gmail.com.

# **Outreach Food Collection:**

For March, our collection is Hamburger Helper. At the end of the month this collection will be



taken to Samaritan's Kitchen. A box will be placed in the Commons for all donations.

The Outreach Committee appreciates your support in our efforts!

# **NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS**

**BIRTHDAYS** 5-Beth Boyd 6-Eleanor Richardson 7-Bonnie Merritt

**ANNIVERSARIES** None this week.

# EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 5:00pm. In case of emergency during off-hours, please call the Rector at 336-223-5762. (texts are not reliably checked during off hours)

# **PRAYER LIST**

Please remember in your prayers

All those who are ill or unemployed. All those who are on our prayer list.

#### ILLNESS

Rik Absher, Carol Ambrose, Jim Andrews, Bob Arthur, Joe Barber, Ken Canter, Hayden Cleary, Rancene Cook, Ann Davis, Terry Duncan, David Eller, Ernestine Freas, Gail Gattis, Mike Graf, Edward C. Griffith III, Bobby Harris, Janet Hartzog, Gerald Hendley, Larry Hendley, Bentley Holbrook, Margo Hurd, John Jacobson, Ben Johnson, Joan Knox, Jane Lowe, Maggie McCann, Ann McNeill, Donna Moore, Bertie Pardue, Jeffrey Parisi, Curtis Parker, Sue Perkins, Bob Skees, Ester Small, Duane Smith, Gaynell Stone, Marie Waddell, Jerry Waddell, and Cole Younger.

#### **ARMED FORCES**

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Rob Beauchaine, Alex Cline, Philip Cooney, Karl Duerk, Mike Earley, William Grant, Edward C. Griffith IV, Jacob B. Hall, Jonathan Johnson, Brandon Moore, Russ Necessary, Charlie & Lauren Pendry, Adam Pinkerton, Philip Southwell, Mark Stone, Nathan Wyatt, and all others who serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Please send to the church office the addresses of troops with connections to <u>office@stpaulwilkesboro.org</u>.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

#### Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

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Sunday Servants	March 4
Chalice Bearer/Lector 8:30am	Bob Will
Usher 8:30am	Anne Hannibal
Chalice Bearer	Sharon Lyall Misty Hartzog
Lector	Gwen Temple
Prayers of the People	Joe Fesperman
Oblation Bearers	Ken Canter Carol Canter
Acolyte Leader	Wansley
Acolytes	Crucifer 1-Bram Koch Torch-Noah Wansley Torch-Amelia Koch Gospel Book-Julie Koch Server-Alexander Wansley
Greeters	Doug Morris Denise Morris
Communion Bread	Linda Wansley
Ushers	Ray Stone, Chief Randall Faw Joe Richardson Bailey Koch
Altar Guild	Sharon Greene, cpt. Sharon Lyall Cynthia Palazzolo
Nursery Volunteer	Rose Andrews Ben Staley
Feed My Sheep Shepherd	Margo Hurd

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, \* and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, \* and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, \* and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, \* and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \* nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \* the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \* the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \* sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \* O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

#### John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for fortysix years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.