

# The Herald

April 2026



## **EASTER** In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

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Saturday Service  
5:00 PM

Sunday Services  
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion  
is celebrated at  
all services.

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**Music Rehearsal**  
The choir rehearses  
on Sunday mornings  
@ 9:40 am. All are  
welcome.

### **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Welcome to April and *Holy Week* ... All You Need Is Love  
Jesus' command on Holy Thursday to love one another is not about having good feelings for each other or being "nice." Jesus tells his disciples that they are to love one another "just as I have loved you." By this definition, *love means compassion, mercy, and plenty of hard work*. Jesus' love is active in service and, ultimately, sacrifice. All we need is love, but to love as Jesus loves is no easy thing.

Jesus' love is also *inclusive*, not only meant for the inner circle. It's offered to all of humanity and, in fact, all of God's creation. To love as Jesus loved is to cross boundaries, to stand with the lowliest among us, and to challenge the accepted ways in which the world does business. At The Last Supper Jesus gives himself to his disciples in a different way, washing his disciples' feet as an enactment of his witness to the dominion of God: the first will be last; the lowly will be lifted up; whoever loves their life will lose it. This act of self-sacrifice prefigures his death on the cross, and it is a living example of Jesus' countercultural definition of love.

Plan now to attend The Easter Vigil ... God's Big Story Holds Our Little Stories

Easter Vigil is a special night. A moment for some of the greatest stories of our faith heritage unfurled in one setting. In hearing these stories, we connect with the heart of our own faith story. Through the drama of Easter Vigil, our community of faith is invited into honest reflection and real renewal.

As the people of God, we have through history ached in suffering, celebrated in praise, begged for help, offered generous service, and in general led lives full to the brim. The stories of Easter Vigil remind us of the range of faithful moments, including both joy and desolation. Witnessing these ancient stories, we discover anew how God's great story is for us. These stories are indeed our stories.

God brings us through fire and water, out of death and night, welcoming us into the light of life. We will once again light a new Christ candle from a new fire. By the light of that flame we gather to remember who we are and where we have come from. We gather at the baptismal font, giving thanks for water that is a sign of death to sin and rebirth into eternal life and for the fire of the Spirit, animating ashes and dry bones. We will welcome new brothers and sisters in Christ through baptism, we remember how on the first Easter Christ welcomed Mary: calling her by name, bringing her out of weeping into the joyous light of Easter morning.

Easter Peace!

*Pastor Andy*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

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*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Holy Thursday	3 AA Meeting Evening Prayer 11:00 Community Service—H. Trinity 7:00 Good Friday	4 5:00 Worship— Vigil of Easter
5 EASTER 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship	6 AA Meeting	7	8 6:30 Council Meeting	9 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	10 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	11 5:00 Worship
12 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	13 AA Meeting	14	15	16 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	17 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	18 5:00 Worship
19 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	20 AA Meeting	21	22	23 11:00 Bible Study	24 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	25 8:00 Wenonah Yard Sale 5:00 Worship
26 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Recital @ Pitman UMC	27 AA Meeting	28	29	30 11:00 Bible Study		

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# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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### PRAYER LIST

Prayers for St. Ambrose in Pennsville as they begin their pastoral search, Prayers for our service men and women serving in the current military actions, especially for those we have lost, Prayers for the victims of the shooting at Brown University and in Australia, Prayers for the residents in Washington state who have been evacuated due to flooding, Prayers for the two National Guardsmen who were shot in Washington, DC and their families, Holly & Duane, Dawn Allen, The family of Anthony Assante as they mourn his passing, The friends and family of James Barth as they mourn his passing, Hal Battindorf, Nicholas Baud, Lorraine Brecht, Wanda Bryan, Madelene Budd, Mike Bundy, Carol Carty, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Sean Cleavenger, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, Nicholas Damiani, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Alicia DiRienzo, Kathy Drew, Kristen Dymond, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Bill Flynn, Francis, Bobby G., Jeannie Gapinski, Alma Garcia, Stephen Genovese, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, Collet Grasso, The family of Steve Harris as they mourn his passing, the Hatcher family, the Hogan family, Ed Jeffers, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, Corinne Klotz, Clara Kuter, The family and friends of Doris Lail as they mourn her passing, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joseph Lonia, Bill Ludwig, The friends and family of Jessie MacGregor as they mourn her passing, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, Rob and Nona McDonough & family, Caroline Miles, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Otis, Donna Paone, Danielle Peters, Debbie Post, Lauren Rebstock, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Dan Richardson, The friends and family of Carole Rund as they mourn her passing, The family of Charles Rust as they mourn his passing, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Ken Sauer, The Sauer family, Mark Sauer, Joseph Schiffer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsdad, The family of Deb Solt as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Donna Testa, Frank Temean, Ed Tutka, Lynne Rasmussen Walker, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The family of Michelle Whiting as they mourn her passing, the Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Glenn Wrigley, The family of Kevin Yandach as they mourn his passing.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: [hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com](mailto:hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com).)

**Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!**

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received to date—\$33499.00 Amount needed to date--\$33982.00. ( Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES—

- Holy Thursday @ Holy Nativity—7 pm;
- Good Friday Community Service @ Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Wenonah—11 am;
- Good Friday evening service @ Holy Nativity—7 pm;
- Saturday Easter Vigil service @ Holy Nativity—5pm.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive. Thankfully, we were able to have a successful blood drive here at Holy Nativity on March 19th. Even with an hour late start due to an unforeseen emergency on the Red Cross's side, we were still able to exceed our goal! We collected a total of 28 units of blood which can help up to 84 patients. The Red Cross is truly grateful to Holy Nativity for hosting the drive. Much thanks to John Ricketts and Tony DeFrank for helping to set up and to all who came out and donated. We appreciate you!

### SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>—Wenonah Town Wide Yard Sale (8 am)
- Sunday, April 26—Bill Mitchell and his brother are giving a piano/organ recital at 2 pm in the sanctuary of Pitman UMC. All are welcome. (Bill is one of our substitute organists.)
- Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>—Wenonah Clean Communities Day (8:30 am-10:30 am)
- Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>—Church BBQ (5-7 pm)
- Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>—Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm.)

### APRIL CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Pastor Andy, Janene Richards/Brach, Kristen & Lorraine Brecht, Lorrie Forsman, Eileen Harris, Corinne La Grange, Kelly Sena

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mario & Meghan DelMonte, Tony & Denise DiRienzo

### COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

**HOLY NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS**--Our congregation created a memorial garden in our back yard years ago to honor or memorialize loved ones. We are offering the opportunity once again to purchase a paver to honor a loved one(s). The cost of each engraved paver is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please fill out the form found in the narthex and include it with payment in the offering plate or deliver to Pastor Andy or Kim Theriault. Each paver can have up to 5 lines/15-17 characters per line. There is a sample paver in the narthex for viewing. All pavers purchased by September 15th will be dedicated on All Saint's Day (Nov. 1st). Any questions, please see or contact Kim Theriault (609)420-8453.

**ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY** is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.



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