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Bishopville Presbyterian Church

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April 2019 At A Glance

- 7th: LCCM food collection / Communion
- 10th: Lenten Lunch @ BPC
- 13th: Easter Egg hunt @ BUMC
- 14th: Palm Sunday / Session / PWCT
- 15th: Night Circle
- 16th: Morning Circle
- 17th: Men of Church
- 16-19: Church Office closed
- 18th: Maundy Communion @ BPC
- 19th: Good Friday service @ BUMC
- 21st: Easter Sunrise & breakfast @ BPC

May 2019 At A Glance

- 2nd: National Day of Prayer
- 5th: LCCM food collection
- 12th: Mother's Day / Session / coin collection
BPC & REL Baccalaureate
- 14th: Morning Circle Spring luncheon
- 15th: Men of Church
- 17th: REL Graduation
- 19th: c/o 2022 Elder election
- 27th: Memorial Day - Church Office closed

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)

Key Officers and Staff

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor





Bishopville Presbyterian Church

April Elders-On-Call: Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar

- Sunday, 7th:** Fifth Sunday of Lent
LCCM food altar gifts & Communion
Coffee: Kathryn Welch & Dawn Nesbit
Flowers: Kerry & Steven Frazier
- Wednesday, 10th:** 12:00 p.m. Lent lunch @ Bishopville Presbyterian Church
- Saturday, 13th:** 11:00 a.m. Easter egg hunt @ Bethlehem UM Church
- Sunday, 14th:** Palm Sunday
Coffee: Steven Welsh & Tyson Eckley
8:00 a.m. Session
9:00 a.m. PWCT
- Monday, 15th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Melinda Atkinson)
- Tuesday, 16th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Diane McElveen)
- Wednesday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- 16th - 19th:** Church Office closed
- Thursday, 18th:** 7:00 p.m. Maundy Communion (Charlie Ipock in pulpit)
- Friday, 19th:** 6:00 p.m. Good Friday service @ BUMC
- Sunday, 21st:** Easter Sunday
Coffee: Young-Adult SS Class
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise service, Breakfast, and
Living Cross @ BPC
- Sunday, 28th:** Second Sunday of Easter
Coffee: Betsy & Matt Bramlett / Betty Manning Heriot
Flowers: Rob McCutchen family

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Business Office Hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted	Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com Printed materials available, upon request, through office



LCCM April Collection ~ CANNED MEATS ~
 Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on
 Sunday, April 7th for our monthly Altar collection





I was in my mid-20s when I started wearing glasses. I can remember it clearly, because this was right around the time when Claire, our oldest, was born - I loved wire-frame glasses, and Claire had a real knack for pulling them off my face and mangling my frames. This is probably why I still wear the thicker metal-framed style glasses I've been wearing for the past... 15 or so years. I only

hope they'll make them bifocals eventually - or that my arm will grow a little bit longer in the next dozen years or so. The unique thing about my glasses is that, whether I intended to do this or not, they're a frame through which I see the world (those of you with glasses know what I mean). Everything I see clearly is seen within the boundaries of my lens frames. Anything on the outside is fuzzy or blurry.

Paul writes to the Corinthian Church, "*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life alone, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*" (1 Corinthians 15:17-20). What he's essentially saying is this - see everything in life through the lenses or frames of Jesus' Resurrection. As Christians, it's impossible for us to see the world clearly outside of the Resurrection - it's fuzzy, it's blurry, and it's a little scary. But when we clearly look through the lenses of the Resurrection, what can we see clearly?

First, we can see clearly, through our Resurrection-glasses, that God has poured out his inexhaustible love on us through Jesus Christ. God's not some ogre or boogiemani waiting to "get us" when we mess up. In fact, we can even see God pouring his inexhaustible love & grace even on the people in the Old Testament - you know, that part of the Bible so many people think is so "judgy" and dark. When we look at God through the Resurrection, we see clearly that He "so loved the world that He gave the world His only Son, that whosoever should believe on Him [Jesus] should not perish, but have everlasting life!"

Second, we can see clearly, through our Resurrection-glasses, how valuable we are to Jesus, both as His followers and as His church. We mean everything to Jesus - He died to set us free from sins, and He was raised in order to become "firstfruits" of our own Resurrection one day! At the same time, seeing through Jesus' Resurrection gives us hope for all those friends & family we've laid to rest over the years - this world isn't all we get, there's an afterlife, and for those of us in Christ Jesus, that afterlife is with all those who were also in Christ Jesus. In the Pentecostal church, we used to sing about how, "Some glad morning" there would be a happy meeting of all Jesus' followers. I can't wait!

Finally, through Resurrection-glasses, we can see that God, with Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, has given us a purpose for our church within our community. One of my favorite William Shatner quotes comes from *Star Trek 6* (I'm a geek - I admit it): "We haven't run out of history just yet." Jesus' Resurrection is the beginning of what he finishes at the Bible's end, when Jesus ultimately declares, "Behold, I make all things new." Jesus makes and is making all things new - people are made new (born again), communities are renewed, churches are revitalized, even nations have changed courses because Jesus is still at work - and this we can see when we keep looking through those Resurrection lenses.

So let's encourage each other this Easter season to keep in mind the hope, the peace, and the grace of the Resurrection. Let's remind each other to see everything through Easter, and let's look forward—seeing clearly - to what Jesus is doing here & now, as He's still "making all things new!"

Blessings, Pastor Chris

April Sunday Sermons & Scriptures

Mark's Gospel & Discipleship



7th:	<i>O Worship the King</i>	Mark 14:3-9
14th:	<i>Triumph! (Palm Sunday)</i>	Mark 11:1-14
21st:	<i>Resurrection Mission (Easter Sunday)</i>	Mark 16:1-15
28th:	<i>Mark's Apocalypse</i>	Mark 13:3-27

News from the Session...

What a wonderful time of year, we have finally made it to Spring! Already this year the church has seen the baptism of Victoria Catherine Ipock and it prepares for another baptism of Lila Dow Frazier in the coming weeks. How blessed we are as a church to not only be able to grow in our faith but see the faith develop in our youngest members. It's so easy, especially with American ideals and its culture, to become intensely focused on one's own personal faith. However, we must not forget that Christ calls us to worship together and to be a community of faith.

This entails not just one's personal walk with Christ but how that walk intersects with others. We must not forget that although there may be continuous church members that regularly attend each Sunday, we all need one another's support and the reminder of God's Spirit within our midst.

We are so blessed as a church to have so many loving, thoughtful, and caring members and less it not be forgotten that we all should remind one another of this so as to see God's work in us all and how such a community guides us all to the image of Christ.

From all of the Session, we look forward to another wonderful month and more inspirational preaching by Reverend Parnell and should anyone need anything from the Session, please do not hesitate to reach out to an Elder. In Christ, Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session

Next Session Meeting: April 14th @ 8:00 am

APRIL ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Gregg McCutchen & Bert Cousar**
 *denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

Congregational Meeting Elder Election c/o 2022 Sunday, May 21st



The 2019 Elder Nominating Committee will meet in April to prepare a slate of 3 candidates to present to the congregation for the members to elect to the c/o 2022. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they consider the persons who will help govern our Church.

2019 Elder Nomination Committee

Aaron Easters, Chair Wendy Welch, Co-Chair
 Andrea McCutchen Susan Cline
 Debbie Tindal Bill Conway



Please contact the Church office if you or your child will be graduating from High School or College this year



Benefit Concert "Feed My Starving Children"
Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.
Mayesville Presbyterian Church

March 2019 Statistics As of March 28th

Average Attendance: SS - 47 Worship - 64

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$8,010.66
YTD Income received:	\$32,828.71
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$52,989.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$19,207.02
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$49,371.83
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$50,658.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$1,035.00
YTD Income received:	\$2,995.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$00.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,582.50

March Fellowship

Circle Hostesses

Night (15th) Melinda Atkinson
Morning (16th) Diane McElveen

*Note: Morning Circle meets in Fellowship Hall

Men of Church

Wednesday (17th) ... Host needed

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home
Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin
Louis Shirley @ his home
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte

Life Line Screening @ Bishopville PC Monday, June 3rd from 9 am - 5 pm

Register for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes 4 screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. To register and receive a \$10 discount (off packages \$129+) call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979

April Communion Dates

2nd Quarter Communion
April 7th @ 11:00 a.m.

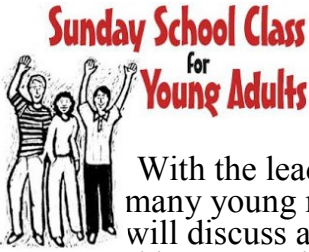
Communion Elders: Gregg McCutchen/Bert Cousar

Maundy Thursday Communion
April 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Communion Elders: Gregg McCutchen/Wendy Welch

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend services. Please contact the Pastor or an elder for extended services.





We are very excited about our Sunday school class for our 20+ Younger Adults

With the leadership of Rev Parnell and many young members of the church, we will discuss and analyze topics and issues pertinent to Younger Adults, such as: marriage, parenthood, work/life balance, and study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world. We will have monthly dinners, outside of Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.

~ Community Events ~

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th @ 11:00 am

Bethlehem United Methodist Church

The church will furnish hotdogs, drinks and eggs. Each family is asked to bring chips, cupcakes, etc... and each child should bring an Easter basket. Hosted by BUMC



Lenten Lunch
April 10th @ 12:00 pm
Bishopville PC

Light lunch & short devotion.
Everyone is invited to attend

Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

Maundy Communion: April 18th @ 7 pm
Bishopville PC

Conducted by our Young-Young Adult SS Class. Charlie Ipock will fill pulpit

Communion Elders: Wendy Welch & Gregg McCutchen

Good Friday Service: April 19th @ 6 pm
Bethlehem UMC

Easter Sunrise service & breakfast:
April 21st @ 7 am Bishopville PC

APRIL HELPER CALENDARS

DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
7th	Judith Watkins	Cindy Welsh
14th	William Watkins	Jill McElveen
21st	Caroline Welch & Claire Parnell	Betsy Bramlett
28th	Melinda Atkinson	Debbie Tindal

Happy Birthday

APRIL

MAY

Gwen Steinmeyer	2	Madison Bramlett	7
Melinda Atkinson	3	Zeke Gaskins	7
Kerry W. Frazier	3	Hank Welch	8
Dot Cothran	4	Jimmy McCutchen	13
Kathryn Welch	4	Terri Ann Tindal Belk	13
Reneé Bell	13	Beth McCutchen	17
Doris Bell	14	Nicholas Jeffords	23
Kathryn Hart	19	Ricky McCutchen	23
Tyner Bramlett	20	Katherine Folsom	25
Caroline McCutchen	20	Virginia Kerr Beard	28
Devin Atkinson	22	Debbie Tindal	28
Susan Hilditch	23	Tim Kirven	31
Ryan McCutchen	25		
Gregg McCutchen III	27		



Presbyterian Women fundraiser for Ministry & Missions. We are selling kitchen items from **RADA**, a company that's been making top quality kitchen knives and utensils at reasonable prices since 1948. Visit this link or our website to help support them. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



Women's Prayer Group & Bible Study
Women's Group: Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm
Bible Study: Sundays @ 5:30 pm

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ asks anyone willing to help this ministry to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" coin bank from the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries.

Thanks in advance for your support! **Next collection date: May 12th**

To learn more visit: www.JewishVoiceToday.org