

APRIL 2026

THE MESSENGER

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kay Bobbitt - 1
Karen Stowe - 4
Peggy Poole - 8
Bob Farinelli - 8
Seth Hewitt - 10
Jasmine Turner - 13
Miya Bartlett - 19
Sheri Foster - 23

As I begin my time serving as your interim pastor, I want to begin by saying what a joy it has been to be among you. These early days have been filled with handshakes, conversations, and the beginnings of what I hope will become meaningful relationships. I am grateful for the warmth you have already shown my family and me! I look forward to continuing to learn your stories, your traditions, and the unique ways God has been at work in this church long before I arrived.

Entering this season alongside you during Easter makes this beginning even more significant. Easter reminds us that God specializes in new life, fresh starts, and renewed hope. The resurrection of Christ is not just something we celebrate—it is **something we live in**. In many ways, this interim season can feel like a time of uncertainty, but it is also a time rich with possibility. Just as the disciples discovered that God was doing something new in their midst, I believe He is at work here as well.

In the weeks ahead, my goal is simple: to be present, to listen well, and to walk alongside you. I want to hear about what you love most about this church, where you see God moving, and where you sense opportunities for growth. These conversations will help shape not only my understanding, but also how we faithfully move forward together during this season.

As we celebrate Easter, my prayer is that we would be reminded that **our hope is secure**—not in any one leader or moment, but in the **risen Christ** who is always leading His people. Thank you for welcoming me into this journey with you. I am looking forward to what God has in store for all of us.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Pastor Search Committee is pleased to report to the congregation the outcome of recent meetings concerning interim pastoral leadership.

At the duly called church business meeting held Sunday March 22nd, 2026, the congregation voted to approve and extend a call to Rev. Daniel Mackey to serve as Interim Pastor of Talbot Park Baptist Church. We are grateful for the spirit of unity and prayerful consideration demonstrated by the membership during this important decision.

Following this action, the Pastor Search Committee convened on Monday, March 23, 2026, at which time Rev. Mackey formally accepted the congregations call. During this meeting, Rev. Mackey executed the Pastoral Contract as well as the committee's Memorandum of Understanding, confirming his commitment to serve in this role.

Rev. Mackey officially began his ministry at Talbot Park Baptist Church on March 24, 2026. His first Sunday in the pulpit was March 29th. The Pastor Search Committee invites the entire church family to join us in warmly welcoming Rev. Mackey. We look forward with anticipation to this season of ministry and the leadership he will provide.

The committee would also like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Keith Martin for his faithful leadership and care for our church during this important season of transition. Since Rev. Brittain's departure in November 2025, Keith's willingness to step forward and assume pastoral responsibilities has been a true blessing to our congregation.

Keith's steady presence, spiritual guidance, and servant's heart have provided comfort and continuity while the search committee has worked diligently to discern and recommend an Interim Pastor. In a time that could have felt uncertain, Keith's leadership has helped keep our church grounded, connected, and focused on its mission.

We ask that the Church also join with us in expressing to Keith our thanks for his dedication, his compassion, and the many ways he has supported and shepherded our church family. His service has not gone unnoticed, and it is deeply appreciated by so many. It is with sincere thanks and gratitude, that we acknowledge Rev. M. Keith Martin's Leadership here at Talbot Park Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Search Committee

SPRING MISSION OFFERING

Our Spring Mission Offering goes to support the work of global missions through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). This year we have raised \$395 towards our goal of \$1,000. We are accepting donations through Easter. Please note on your check "CBF" if you'd like to designate your contribution to this special offering. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.



Preschool News

Spring is in the air at Talbot Park, and we couldn't be more excited! We're looking forward to watching the world around us bloom and enjoying the warmer days together.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for a fun night of baseball on Saturday, April 25th at 6:35 PM for Talbot Park Night at the Norfolk Tides! We'll share the ticket link in the bulletin as soon as it becomes available.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the women's group of Talbot Park Baptist Church for their incredible generosity in filling over 1,000 eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Your time and care helped make this celebration extra special for our children!

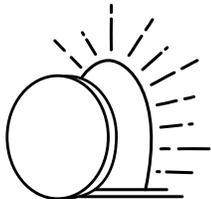
Holly Costas

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Thursday, April 2, we will meet at **6:00pm** (please note the later time). Sign-up on the table in the hallway. The cost is \$10 per person. Following the dinner, we will enjoy fellowship and communion around the tables.

The menu is:

- Baked Creamy Chicken with Bacon
- Broccoli with Cheese
- Caprese Salad
- Assorted Desserts



EASTER SUNDAY

Please join us as we celebrate the risen Christ during Easter worship on Sunday, April 5th. We will gather in the sanctuary at 10am. We look forward to a wonderful time together - make plans to be with us. There will be no Sunday School on Easter

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th.

WOMENS GROUP

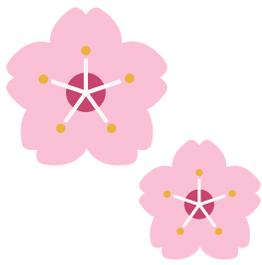
The Talbot Park women will **NOT** meet during the month of April. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 3rd.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

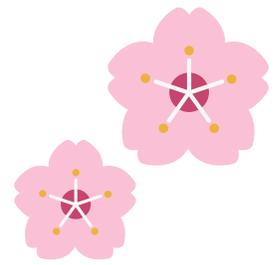
Our quarterly business meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26th. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the meeting will begin at 12:45pm. Lunch will be \$10.00. Please make your lunch reservations no later than Tuesday, April 21st.

The menu includes:

- Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice
- Green Beans
- Cucumber and Onion Salad
- Assorted Desserts



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Gathering	3 Good Friday Office Closed 	4
5 Easter Sunday 10:00am Communion 	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	15 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19	20	21 5:00pm Preschool Board Meeting	22 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	23 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	24	25  6:35pm Talbot Park Tides Night
26 12:00pm Quarterly Business Meeting 4:30pm Comfort Meals at Ronald McDonald House	27	28 2:30pm Birthday Club	29 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	30		