



April Birthday's

1st	Sheila McCurdy
6th	Will Hartless
7th	Neil Treger
8th	Cole Kingery
10th	Faye Hastings
13th	Harper Knick
16th	Rosalea Potter
17th	Heidi Orr
19th	Debbie McCormick
23rd	Catherine McCormick
26th	Todd Heaton
28th	Kelly Decker
29th	Bradley Goodbar
30th	Janet Scott



Anniversaries

7th	John & Shelley Martin
21st	Bert & Susanne O'Neal
23rd	Billy & Gayle Cummings Carter & Georgia Goodbar
26th	John & Chasity Cianchetti



2025 Easter Services and Celebrations at Collierstown Presbyterian Church

April 6th @ 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service With Communion

April 13th @ 11:00 am Palm Sunday

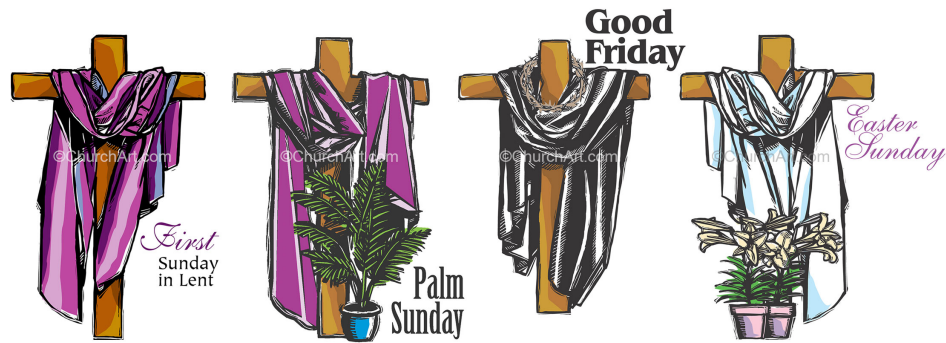
April 20th @ 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service on Cemetery Hill followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

April 20th @ 11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship Service



Help us fill the Living Cross on Easter morning with flowers and greenery to represent **CHRIST IS ALIVE!**





A Journey from Lent to Easter

Lent comes from the Old English word, "lencten", meaning "spring season", from the lengthening of the days we enjoy in Spring. In this sacred season, we simulate the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, praying and fasting before he began his public ministry. We practice repentance, turning from our old, distracted and sinful lives to the new life of grace offered to us in Christ Jesus. We practice self denial and carrying the crosses of our own lives while we attempt to follow Jesus more closely.

These new behaviors are like the fragile sprouts of new vegetables, similar to the tender shoots of seeds that we have planted in new pots or newly tilled soil. Those new spouts are flimsy and delicate and are threatened by frosts, severe winds, drought and hungry animals. But we plant them annually, despite those risks, cultivating, fertilizing and watering hoping for a fruitful harvest and very tasty food.

Our Lenten behavioral changes, from selfishness to selflessness, are also fragile and at risk from temptations. So we pray and pray and pray some more every day and together on Sundays, knowing that God will give us our daily bread just as the Jewish people received manna for the forty years they journeyed through the desert on their way from slavery to their Promised Land. Surrendering to God in prayer builds trust as we grow closer together to God and to each other. It truly is 'new life'.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone, only a seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24) Jesus told his friends this shortly before his Passion, before He willingly took up His cross, was crucified, dead, and was buried. The way of Jesus, who is our Way and Truth and Life, endures the Way of the Cross. Insults. Pain. Torture. The feeling of abandonment. And then, like a seed, Jesus was buried into the earth. Death is powerful and appears to have the final word...

And yet, by the mysterious, elegant and eternal design of our Creator, Jesus' Resurrection demonstrates that only love has the privilege of being the last word. There is life after death, and it is glorious! Let us attentively tend the seed of faith which God has planted into our hearts for the remainder of this Lent. May we continue to practice and imitate Jesus' loving, merciful and forgiving behaviors while we suffer through the crosses that life imposes on us and that we impose on ourselves. A fruitful vibrancy of new life awaits all of us this coming Resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 20!

Blessings,
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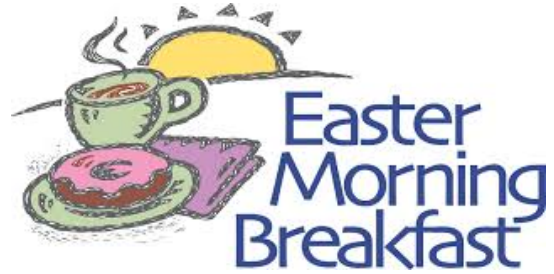
CPC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIKE

On Sunday, March 23rd our CPC Christian Education kicked off our "Walk with Jesus" Charge with a hike around Lake Robertson. What a beautiful location to enjoy God's creation! Watch for more of these wonderful opportunities!



NOTE FROM CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

To facilitate mowing operations, please be sure to remove all flowers, decorations, etc., from graves as soon as possible in April. Any remaining items will be removed and discarded by the committee. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



Plans are underway for our April 20th Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast. Food Donations and Cooks are needed! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

NIGHT CIRCLE MEETING

The Night Circle will hold its April meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. A light supper in the church kitchen will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Bible Study. Debbie McCormick will lead the study on Hospitality: "Feasting Through Sacrifice". The lesson is based on Luke 22:7-30. All women are invited to join the group in person or on Facebook Live at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Debbie McCormick (540-460-1325).

PW MEETING

Thursday, April 17th @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

DINNER PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 23rd @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Join us

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EASTER

Egg Hunt

11 AM

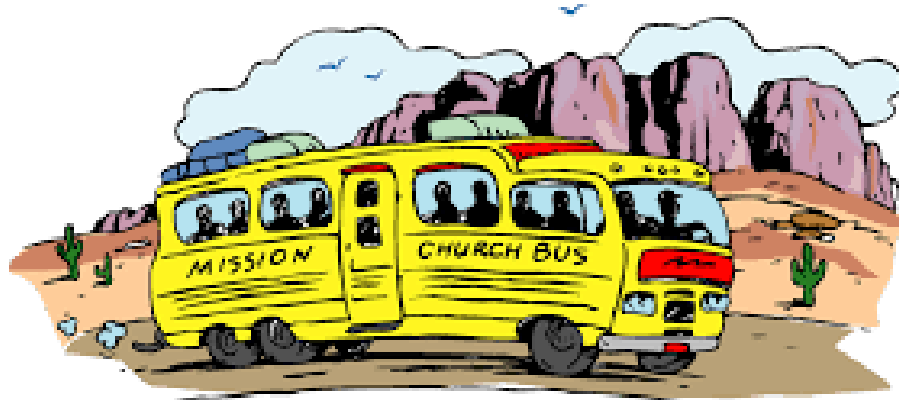
April 19, 2025

Collierstown Baptist Church Pavilion
3926 Collierstown Road, Lexington, VA 24450

GAMES-CRAFTS-PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

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Mission Trip

The Backyard Missions Team would like to invite you to join us on Saturday, May 3rd to Volunteer in Black Mountain, North Carolina. We will be volunteering at the Appalachian Community Relief warehouse. Appalachian Community Relief is neighbors supporting neighbors by providing food, water, and supplies for Western North Carolina. Volunteer duties may include unpacking, sorting/organizing donations, replenishing floor stock for shoppers or customer support for shoppers. The team will be traveling in a 15-passenger van. For more information or if you'd like to go on the trip, please talk to Mark Fontenot, Morgan Martin, Shelley Martin, or Rosalea Potter.





Dear Friends in Collierstown, Thank you so much for your recent gift to W.R.E! You and your Community have been so appreciated at WRE for a long time. Attendance at both Fairfield and Mountain View are at record numbers. Vernon & Libby Reynolds continue to do great work in their teaching and the children are blessed! God bless all of your ministries.

Phil. 1:3-6



Join us for a baby shower honoring the parents to be

Sydni and Jake Tomlin

Saturday | April 12 | 2 pm

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