



**STAYING IN TOUCH...
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, as you get this we are getting ready for Palm Sunday and Holy Week! This week's sermon comes from Luke's version of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and is entitled: "The Stones Will Cry Out".

The disciples were making a holy ruckus of praise that day, and the religious leaders told Jesus to shush his disciples. Jesus replied, "If these are quiet, the very stones of the earth will cry out!"

The texts for the day are Luke 19:33-42; and Matthew 3:9.

It's easy to miss Jesus when he comes, then and now. And the world may try to shut the voice of the truth of Jesus, but if we be quiet, the stones of the earth will cry it out. And the ones raised up to cry out the gospel are often from the fringes of faith and the margins of society. Why would it be different? That's the way the Jesus movement started!

Looking ahead, next week on Thursday, we will observe Maundy Thursday with our traditional Maundy Thursday simple dinner and communion together.

On Good Friday our people are leading two events of public witness to the Gospel. We will lead, as in many years, a Peace Walk, from 10 am to 11:45 am, beginning and ending at Broad Street Methodist where we can then join in the Community Good Friday Service at Broad Street. In the walk, we will walk, as we often have, with the Black community as we address the harms of segregation and racism, past and present. We will learn about the Remembrance Project too, to memorialize those persons lynched in our County, and also the Green Street Cemetery Renovation Project led by the NAACP. We will reflect on the needs of the interfaith community and our Jewish and Muslim friends. And this year we will also stand beside those whose lives are most under threat in our nation these days: The Hispanic and immigrant communities and the LGBTQ members of our community.

On Good Friday afternoon, 5pm to 7 pm, Bob Barber is leading our community in a downtown "What Would Jesus Do?" rally. It's not the only question Christians need ask, nor the easiest, but it is hard to imagine being a follower of Jesus and not asking that question.

There will be events on Saturday and our Easter services, but more will be coming on that. Toward the cross and Resurrection we walk, Steve

Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00AM
Worship at 11:00 AM
Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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The week of April 6-12, 2025

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.*

*Those issues close to us:
Billy Adams, Jim Cashdollar,
Those on disability.*

*Government workers and others with
job instability,
All those affected by Hurricane Helene,
Rebecca Beaver, Alf Fraley,
Louise's brother, Jack,
Middle East crisis,
Lucas Watt and family,
Wild fires in the west,
Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox, Iredell
Statesville Schools students and staff,
Amber Jordan and family,
People of Cuba, Kim Christman and
Stan Dotson, peoples of the Ukraine,
caregivers, healthcare workers,
homeless children, our nations
immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who
are mentally ill, those who are affected
by violence, those who are incarcerated,
children who are a part of the
Guardian ad Litem program,
local law enforcement officers and
fire fighters.*

*Those in the military:
James Pulliam, Adam Ivey,
Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano,
Zach Thompson.*

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations:

**Birthdays
11 - John Hendrix**

Concerns:

Racial Healing.

Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of the gun epidemic going on right now.

School students and staff and the community around these schools.

Prayers for people who feel unloved.

Middle East Crisis.

Teen's who are considering suicide.

Teresa Commander, Janice's friend who is in Palliative care.

Shakira will have a bone marrow transplant..

Diane Reynolds.

Earthquakes in Thailand & Myanmar.

Cathy Moore battling breast cancer.

This is the Month of the Young Child.

April Birthdays

- 5 - Andrew Hall
- 11 - John Hendrix
- 19 - Steve Shoemaker
- 21 - Ruby Angell
- 25 - Sheri Coarsey
- 30 - Janna Brown

Anniversaries

- 5 - David and Phyllis Rogers
- 22 - David and Dawn Bradley
- 28 - Kevin and Marsha Angell

Steve's sermon's are always available
On Facebook and Youtube.
You can easily find it at:
www.gracestatesville.org

Budget

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Needed year to date: \$27,888.00
Received year to date: \$26,411.82
UNDER budget: \$1,476.18
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00
This Week's Offering: \$3,012.10



The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church. We now have Paypal! You will find a Paypal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website. This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

*Upcoming events:

April 17th.

Maundy Thursday service
Light meal provided. 6pm.

April 19th.

Easter Egg Hunt. 10:30-12:30
Sandwiches, Salads, Cookies.

April 20th

Easter Sunrise service. 6:30am.
Bring flowers for the Lattice.
No Sunday School.
Easter Contata at 11:00am.

Church Maintenance Scouts

Scripture for the Week

Luke 19:33-42 & Matthew 3:9

Sermon

“The Stones Will Cry Out”

Leader

Diane Hamby

Reader

Readers Choir

Mission Board News

The Lenten Offering this year is “Aunt Flo’s Locker”, For Period poverty! The Mission Board is collecting elastic waist pants and leggings, underwear (all sizes), and disposable wipes for students. Money is also appreciated. Please designate your checks to the Lenten offering.

Ways to be with the community

*Every Monday people can meet at Haven Coffee shop, downtown Statesville.
8:00am to 9:00am.

*April 12th

Tanglewood, all day. Games and fun!
Cook out. Flyer attached to email.

*April 18th

Peace Walk-10am starting at Broad St Methodist.

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WWJD Peace Rally
Broad & Center Streets
5:00-7:00pm.