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Please come and worship with us every Sunday at 11:00 A.M!
We would love to have you!



APRIL

THE VISITOR

2025

The Journey to the Cross

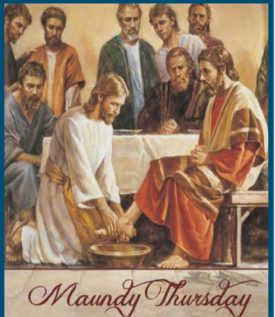


Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13

Please join us at 11:00AM for our beautiful Palm Sunday Worship Service! We will wave palm branches during our processional hymn as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey as His followers spread palm branches at His feet exclaiming, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the events of Holy Week and the ending of Lent.

The King is Coming!

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 17
7:30 PM
Sanctuary



The night before Jesus' betrayal and arrest, Jesus humbly washed the feet of His Disciples. He gave them a new commandment, "to love one another as He had loved them." (John 13:34)

Maundy Thursday commemorates this act of love at the Last Supper of Jesus with His Disciples in the Upper Room.

Join us on Thursday, April 17th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary as we recount this solemn evening through words of scripture, meditation, reverent music, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



Tenebrae Service
Good Friday, April 18 ~ 7:30pm
"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Presented by the Chancel Choir, Soloists, Harp, Timpani, and Organ

Tenebrae' is Latin for shadows and at our Tenebrae Service, we will feel the emotion of the passion story as shared in music. This is not a service of celebration. We will sing solemn hymns and hear the scriptural narratives of Jesus' final words from the cross. Seven black candles and a Christ Candle will be lit. After each reading of Jesus' words, a candle is extinguished until the only flame of the Christ Candle remains. The Christ Candle is carried out of the Sanctuary at the end of the service leaving us in total darkness (*tenebrae*).

The Tenebrae Service recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the crucifixion and is left unfinished because the story isn't over until Easter morning. This service is a moving and reflective as we witness the full story of Jesus' last hours and as we truly experience the wonder of Easter morning.

So make plans now and invite your family, friends and neighbors to this very powerful, meaningful worship experience.



A NOTE FROM RODNEY

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." John 13:21

Jesus is sitting at the table for the last time with all of his disciples. The same 12 who left family and friends, handing over everything to Him. The Greek word used by John for "betray," literally means to "give up," or "hand over."


"Handed over" describes so much in the Easter story. The disciples have handed over their lives to Jesus. Judas handed over Jesus to the authorities. God handed over his Son to the world.

Jesus hands his life over to the cross. He finishes teaching, healing and feeding. All his life He had done so many things. But the last week, so many things were done to Him. Out of obedience. Out of trust. Out of love. He handed it all over.

What does that mean for each of us? It calls us to hand over our lives, our cares, our sins, our futures to God in order for something to be done to us. Jesus handed his life over to God and we are to hand over our lives to Him.

May your Easter be all about handing over.

Thanks be to God! ~ Rodney

CWF

Many thanks to everyone who came out and helped make 12 blankets at our March meeting.


A special thanks to Judy Gillespie for purchasing the fleece and heading up the workshop.

We will meet at **1:00 pm on Tuesday April 1st** in the Upper Fellowship Hall to make the remaining blankets for Western Carolina Hurricane Relief.



Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Tuesday, April 22nd
9:00 AM
Mama Zoe's
2859 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem



Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon

11:00 AM ~ April 9th
Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Please sign up in the Narthex by April 6th.
 Come and join us! You'll be glad you did!



SAVE THE DATE!

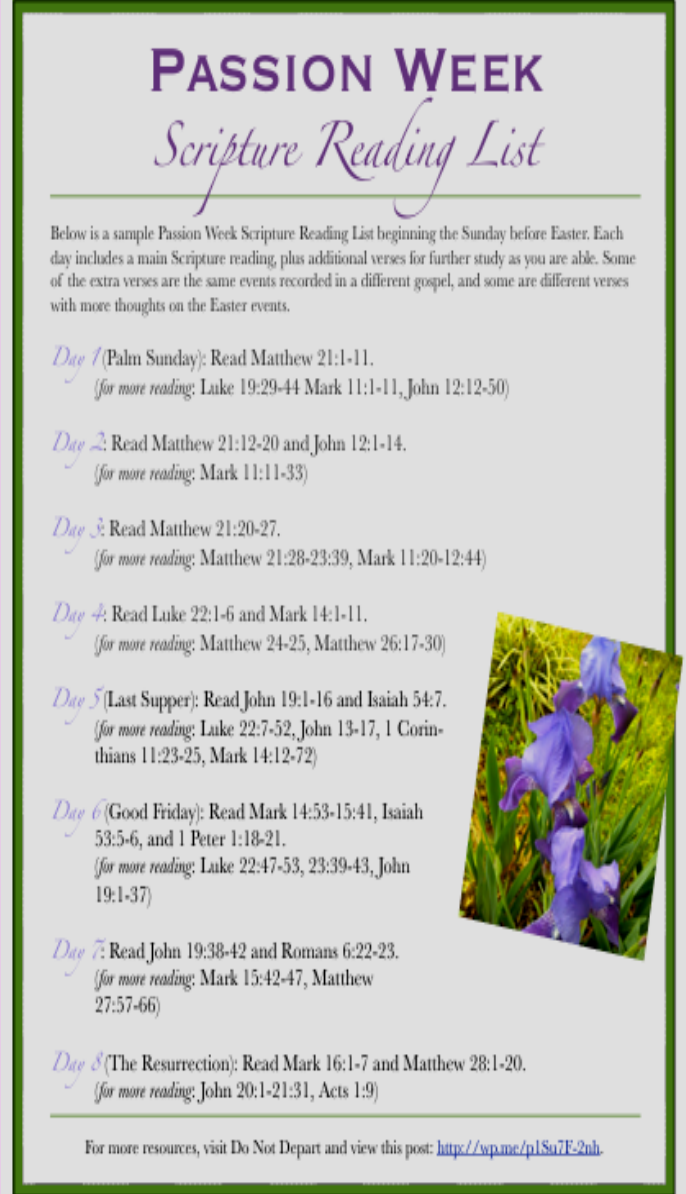
ANNUAL SPRING PCC YARD SALE

Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17th
8:00A - 2:00P

Drop off donations @ Pavilion closer to date or call Kitty @ 336-775-8966 or @ 336-986-5106.

Notes from Tim

There isn't a better way to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter than reading and deeply reflecting on God's Holy Word. Below is a sample Passion Week Scripture Reading List that I hope you find helpful. Each day includes a main Scripture reading, plus additional verses for further study. Some of the extra verses are the same events recorded just in a different gospel, and some are different verses with more thoughts on the Easter events.



PASSION WEEK Scripture Reading List

Below is a sample Passion Week Scripture Reading List beginning the Sunday before Easter. Each day includes a main Scripture reading plus additional verses for further study as you are able. Some of the extra verses are the same events recorded in a different gospel, and some are different verses with more thoughts on the Easter events.

Day 1 (Palm Sunday): Read Matthew 21:1-11.
 (for more reading: Luke 19:29-44, Mark 11:1-11, John 12:12-50)

Day 2: Read Matthew 21:12-20 and John 12:1-14.
 (for more reading: Mark 11:11-33)

Day 3: Read Matthew 21:20-27.
 (for more reading: Matthew 21:28-23:39, Mark 11:20-12:44)

Day 4: Read Luke 22:1-6 and Mark 14:1-11.
 (for more reading: Matthew 24-25, Matthew 26:17-30)

Day 5 (Last Supper): Read John 19:1-16 and Isaiah 54:7.
 (for more reading: Luke 22:7-52, John 13-17, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Mark 14:12-72)

Day 6 (Good Friday): Read Mark 14:53-15:41, Isaiah 53:5-6, and 1 Peter 1:18-21.
 (for more reading: Luke 22:47-53, 23:39-43, John 19:1-37)

Day 7: Read John 19:38-42 and Romans 6:22-23.
 (for more reading: Mark 15:42-47, Matthew 27:57-66)

Day 8 (The Resurrection): Read Mark 16:1-7 and Matthew 28:1-20.
 (for more reading: John 20:1-21:31, Acts 1:9)

For more resources, visit Do Not Depart and view this post: <http://wp.me/p1Su7E-2nh>.

May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope and bless you with peace. ~ Tim



Prayer Requests

Church Family: Betty Barker, Dan Binkley, Ann Fletcher, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Pat Millsaps, Doug Ramsey, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

Baby Backi: Unborn grandson of Pam Backi
 Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
 Terry Carter: Friend of Traci Canter
 Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
 Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter
 Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson
 Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
 Lawson Family: Friend of Tony Bryant
 Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
 Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt
 Regina Perry: Friend of Dan & Sharon Binkley
 Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
 Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
 Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
 Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer
 Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher
 Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
 Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
 Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
 Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and

Crisis Control Ministry

Crisis Control Gift for the month of April is **Goldfish and Snack Bags**

We thank you, church family, for your continual support of this vital, local ministry.



April Worship Leaders

Elders: Ruth Saalweachter, Leader
 Steve Clodfelter, Back-up
Greeters: Gerald & Ann Fletcher
Communion Stewards:
 Gerald & Ann Fletcher