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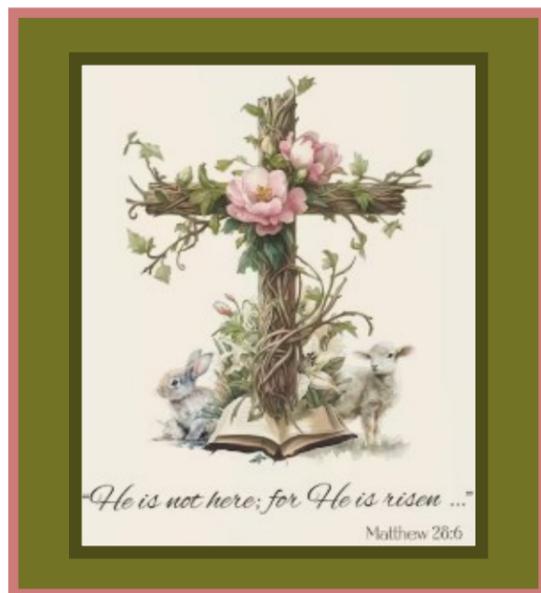
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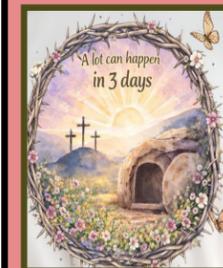
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Come and experience worshipping the Savior together!

Every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

We would love to have you!



April

THE VISITOR

2026



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2

7:30PM - 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 as we recount this solemn evening through words of scripture, meditation, reverent music, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Tenebrae Service



Good Friday, April 3

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 then 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 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. *-Tim*



EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

Come and celebrate with us in the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

9:30 am - Breakfast Buffet (DFH)

Bring a favorite breakfast item/dish

10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt (Lawn)

Children, bring a friend and an Easter basket for collecting your eggs!

11:00 am - Easter Worship

Service of Resurrection

Please remember to bring your fresh cut flowers to the Sanctuary by 9:30 am so they can be placed on the Easter Cross in the Chancel for the 11:00 Service

12:00 pm - Butterfly Release

The congregation will proceed to the front lawn of the church as our children release the butterflies as a living symbol of our loving and resurrected Christ!



TASTE & SEE BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON

Please make plans to join us on **Wednesday, April 8 at 11:30 AM** for our next Bible Study Luncheon! Come and join us as we fellowship with one another and as we grow in Christ together!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

The next Christian Men's Breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, April 21, 9:00 AM** at **Mama Zoe's Restaurant Winston-Salem.** *Just come on out and join us!*



CWF NEWS

Our April meeting will be April 21st at 1:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

We will be working on blankets to distribute to various organizations in the Fall.

Judy Gillespie will be heading up the workshop.

All church members are welcome to attend! Please invite your neighbors and friends as we enjoy sweet fellowship while helping others!



SAVE THE DATE!

PCC Yard Sale

April 24 & 25

Please drop off any donations closer to the date at the Pavilion. You may also call Kitty at 336-775-8966 or 336-986-5106 for local pick-up. Be sure to donate, help set up and shop! It is such a fun time for everyone!



Carrying A Friend's Back-Pack

Awhile back Beth and I took off to King's Mountain to hike. It was a long trail, taking all day to finish. We joined 4 friends, each carrying supplies, water, and food. It was hot, even in the morning. We hiked all day fighting bees and sweat flies, ticks and the humidity.

As the sun went down, Beth gave out of energy and could go no further. The strongest guy in the group offered to carry her pack as well as his for the last 3 miles to the car. I jogged ahead and drove the car back up the trail to shorten their finish. I'm convinced that Beth would not have made it without Martin's help.

There's a saying I like: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about."

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul commands us to share burdens in the journey of the Christian life. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

The power Christ gives us power to walk beside others and share their troubles, and worries is a part of our service to God. And it is miraculous. This power is given that we might serve those near and far. It may take many forms: a word of encouragement, a check, just a few minutes of listening, a sincere smile, or driving a friend to see the doctor.

I encourage you to share someone's burden today. They need a blessing and so do you! Thanks be to God! ~ Rodney

Our Newest Church Members



Mrs. Janice Taylor ~ March 1, 2026

Mrs. Connie Hance ~ March 22, 2026

We are excited to welcome them into the life and ministry of our church family.

Easter Message from Tim

On that first Easter morning, the world was still heavy with grief. The disciples were scattered, their hopes seemingly buried with Jesus. Yet, in the quiet dawn, Mary Magdalene found the stone rolled away. The empty tomb was not a sign of loss, but of life — a life that could not be contained by death.

Easter reminds me that God's work often begins in the silence after despair. When I face seasons of uncertainty, I remember that resurrection is not just an event in history; it is a promise for today. The same power that raised Christ is at work in the hidden corners of my life, turning endings into beginnings.

Easter is the great reversal — the moment when the logic of the world is overturned. Death, the final word in human experience, is swallowed up in victory. The resurrection of Jesus is not merely a comforting story; it is the decisive act of God declaring that love is stronger than hate, mercy greater than judgment, and life more enduring than death.

To believe in Easter is to live as if this victory is already shaping our reality. It calls us to be people of hope in a world that often trades in fear, and to trust that God's light will always outshine the darkness.

Easter is more than a date on the calendar — it is an invitation. The risen Christ calls us to step out of the tombs we've sometimes built for ourselves: fear, bitterness, regret. Just as the stone was rolled away, God can remove the barriers that keep us from living fully and freely.

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise you joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

Come and celebrate Christ's resurrection with us on Easter Sunday and may His joyful message of eternal life remain in your hearts forever! *Tim*

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Owen Clodfelter (great grandson of Steve & Betty Clodfelter), Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

Others:

- Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt
- *Carol Jean Hartman: Friend of the Fletcher's
- Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson
- Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
- Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt
- 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 & Betty Clodfelter
- Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer

Please call the church office to add or remove someone's name from the Prayer List. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated in our bulletin and newsletter publications.

April Worship Leaders

Elders: Ruth Saalweachter

Communion: Gerald & Ann Fletcher

Greeters: Gerald & Ann Fletcher



Dear Pfafftown Christian Church, On behalf of the Forsyth County Board of Elections, we would like to personally thank you for the use of your facilities for the 2026 Primary Election. Thank you so much for all that your team did to make the Election Day process run so smoothly. You helped make the 2026 Primary Election a huge success and we are appreciative of your dedication to supporting not only our office, but the voters of Forsyth County.

Forsyth County Board of Elections