

The Church Mouse

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 14, 2019 – VOLUME 2

Worship Opportunity for April 14th Palm Sunday

Sermon Title: **PICTURE JESUS: The King**

Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, and John 12:12-19

Jesus enters Jerusalem and is hailed by the people as King. What kind of king? What kind of king comes humbly, riding on a donkey? Messiah does. It was promised by the prophet Zechariah. He is a king of love and peace, not a conqueror exercising power and domination.



Church Events

Holy Week is April 14- 21

- Apr 16th - Clean Kitchen
@ 9:30 AM
- Apr 18th – Worship will be
at 7:30 PM a 'Tenebrae'
Service. See note in
newsletter.
- Apr 21st – Easter Sunday



Sunday Servants

1 st SUNDAY	2 nd SUNDAY	3 rd SUNDAY	4 th SUNDAY
Dick Foard Mike Fuller Kitty Davis Chris Doyel William Crockett	Patricia Cowan Louise Theberge John Kupiec Billy Healy	Jim Wesson John Ogburn Todd Coons John O'Briant Lewis Horsley	Doug Price Jane Price Bob McCreary Carter Richardson
LITURGISTS:			
Patricia Cowan	Gail Kerns	Cyndy Moore	Lori Goings
ACOLYTES:			
Katherine Gibson	Joshua Julian	Ivar Golden	Bradyn Barr

John 12:13

So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!'

Signups, Register, Get in on these upcoming events:

April 20th CPR Training - Respond to evite or call the church office. This will only take ½ day and will be here in our Fellowship Hall.



May 5th **Centershot** [Register for Center Shot here!](#)
For ages 10 to 99. If you have any trouble linking here call the church office.



News:

A Passion Play: **HE IS RISEN** Performance by West Park Church of Christ 926 Cherokee Road, Portsmouth, VA 23701 on the following dates: April 14th at 7PM, April 17, 18 & 19 at 7 PM, April 20 at 3 PM, & April 21 at 7 PM Free Admission. 757-488-6680 for more information.

Concerts By the Bay "Rockin' on the North River" - May 11, 2019 (2-5pm) - A lawn party at Elm Grove Farm to **benefit music education** in our schools and community outreach. Live music, appetizers, silent auction and more! Tickets \$25. For more information or tickets see Martha Rhodes, Nancy Richardson, or get them at The Silver Box. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School will be the week of Aug. 5th if you wish to Volunteer, participate, or register, This is the link for you:

[Volunteers and participants, register for Vacation Bible School here!](#)

Again, if you have trouble linking, call the church office.



Attention parents, Grandparents, teachers, all others who care about our children or are in any way connected to them or want to be! Our next **“Engaging through Education”** is coming up. If you are on our Evite list, you will be getting an invitation. If you are not and wish to get one, call the church office. This next event is going to try and let everyone know just what it is we (Grace on Main) are teaching the little ones and why it is important.

Don't forget that this **Friday April 12**, at 7:15 PM we are showing the Movie **“Despicable Me”** here in our back yard. *Free* and everyone is invited! We have great door prizes for three lucky families. You don't want to miss this!



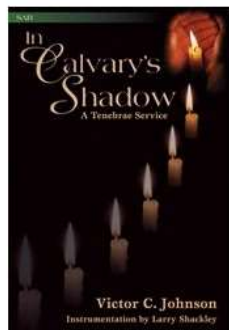
FREE WEEK AT MASSANUTTEN RESORT for GCPC Members/Guests the week of Sat., April 27th thru Sat., May 4th. Two units available and can be used together or separately (each has two bedrooms; one has full kitchen and the other an efficiency kitchen). There is a Resort Fee of \$7.95 per day per unit to be paid at check-in that covers Recreation/Amenities for everyone in unit (i.e. Indoor/Outdoor Pools, Fitness Centers, Sauna & Steam Rooms, Indoor/Outdoor Hot Tubs and much more). Great opportunity for couples/families/friends to enjoy some quality time together. If interested, please contact Becky at the Church Office (693-2071) **ASAP** for more information. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!!**

Tenebrae Service

The Chancel Choir of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church will offer a **Service of Tenebrae with a Celebration of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7:30 PM** in the sanctuary. This service will feature the cantata, "In Calvary's Shadow" by Victor C. Johnson and will incorporate traditional hymns of Holy Week with related Scriptures.

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin word meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian service of worship held during the three days preceding Easter. This worship service makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of Holy Week, from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem through Jesus' burial.

This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. Worshipers will then leave in silence, following a shrouded cross to the front lawn of the church, to ponder the impact of Christ's death and anticipate the coming Resurrection and its celebration on Easter Sunday.



Celebrate!

Birthdays

Susan McCreary	04/01
Lucy Harris	04/02
Mac McDonald	04/02
Becky Lazos	04/04
David Dea	04/07
Tracey Crowder	04/11
Beth Gibson	04/14
Carter Richardson	04/17
Stephanie Ruff	04/17
Carolyn Taylor	04/18
Dianne Lucy	04/18
Gus Rhodes III	04/19
Nancy Richardson	04/20
John O'Briant	04/21
Pete Atkinson III	04/24
Adam Taylor	04/27
Dorothy Claybrook	04/28
Gene Silberhorn	04/30

Anniversaries

David & Brittany Lutz	04/02
Jim & Connie Colling	04/09
Steve & Cindy Lanning	04/11
Don & Beth Schiber	04/11
Max & Judy Healy	04/12
Steve & Janet Ludlow	04/14
Zeke & Sarah Finney	04/25
Merle & Sue Mayhue	04/25
Harry & Janet Sindler	04/25
John & Pam Kupiec	04/26

Treasurer's Report

OPERATING FUND	DEC 2018	2019 BUDGET	YTD BUDGET MAR 2019	YTD ACTUAL MAR 2019
INCOME:				
RECEIVED FROM PLEDGING	\$ 335,406	\$ 347,046	\$ 86,762	\$ 111,177
RECEIVED FROM NON-PLEDGING	60,072	70,000	17,500	16,213
LOOSE COLLECTION	12,568	12,000	3,000	2,425
SUNDAY SCHOOL	162	200	50	4
INTEREST INCOME	1,383	1,300	325	353
CHURCH RENTAL	1,161	1,600	400	700
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 410,752	\$ 432,146	\$ 108,037	\$ 130,872
EXPENSES:				
MISSION	\$ 42,127	\$ 51,050	\$ 12,763	\$ 10,452
CHRISTIAN GROWTH	16,609	21,600	5,400	2,485
WORSHIP	6,608	8,000	2,000	598
CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT/HOSPITALITY	-	10,700	2,675	616
ADMIN & SUPPORT	339,235	355,115	88,779	88,926
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	381	625	156	89
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 404,960	\$ 447,090	\$ 111,773	\$ 103,166
2018 BUDGET SURPLUS		5,792		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 5,792	\$ (9,152)	\$ (3,736)	\$ 27,706
DUE FROM OP FUND PLEDGES				\$ 235,788
BUILDING FUND	DEC 2018	YTD 2019		
INCOME:				
RECEIVED FROM PLEDGING	\$ 6,030	\$ 380		
RECEIVED FROM NON-PLEDGING	-	20		
LOOSE COLLECTION	10	-		
MEMORIAL GIFTS	10	-		
HONORARIUM GIFTS	-	-		
INTEREST INCOME	-	-		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,050	\$ 400		
EXPENSES:				
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	-	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 6,050	\$ 400		
DUE FROM BUILDING FUND PLEDGES		\$ 7,041		

DAILY LECTIONARY:

Monday, April 15

Monday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 11:18–20; 12:1–16 (17)
Phil. 3:1–14
John 12:9–19

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 15:10–21
Phil. 3:15–21
John 12:20–26

Wednesday, April 17

Wednesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)
Phil. 4:1–13
John 12:27–36

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32
John 17:1–11 (12–26)

Friday, April 19

Good Friday
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 22:1–14
1 Peter 1:10–20
John 13:36–38
or John 19:38–42

Saturday, April 20

Holy Saturday
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Job 19:21–27a
Heb. 4:1–16
Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 12:1–14
John 1:1–18 or Isa. 51:9–11
Luke 24:13–35
or John 20:19–23

Monday, April 22

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
John 17:1–11 (12–26)
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jonah 2:1–10
Acts 2:14, 22–32
John 14:1–14

Meal Train

Meal Train is back! Do you remember how this works?

We have a calendar and details set up for **Betty Wilson AND Stephanie Markoff**. Here is a link if you wish to take a meal. Click on this link and you can sign up for a date on the calendar section.

If you have any questions or problems please call the church office, at 693-2071. Note there are special instructions so be sure to read those.

Betty Wilson:

<https://mealtrain.com/v9v276>

Stephanie Markoff:

<https://mealtrain.com/o34rol>

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pray for Cary Franklin, Wesley and Betty Wilson, Dana Gilmour, Harriett George, Tess and Kim Robins, Charlotte Martin, David Guthrie, E J Rowe, Virginia Wilkinson, David Lipps, Pat & Bert Perkins, Linda Pennington, Mimi Beckwith, Betty Jean Deal, and Bob McCreary.

If you have a prayer request, even if it is unspoken, you may call the church office and your prayer request will be placed here.

Gloucester House: Wayne Gates
Brookdale, Williamsburg:
Virginia Powers, & Barbara Tremblay
York Convalescent & Rehab: Virginia Wilkinson



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