



Church Calendar

Sunday, April 3 - 9:30 am. Adult Bible Study, 9:45 am. Children's Sunday School

(NO Children's Choir)

10:30 am. Worship - Howard Hunt, preaching

Tuesday, April 5 - Church Life

Wed., April 6 - 1:30 pm.
Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday, April 9 - 9am. - 5pm.
Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, April 10 -9:30 am. Adult Bible Study & Children's Choir, 9:45 am. Children's Sunday School, 10:30 am. Worship with Holy Communion

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK
BEGINS

Monday, April 11

10 am. Monthly Bible Study

7 pm. Faith Singers

Tuesday, April 12 - 6 pm. Council

Wed., April 13 - 1:30 pm.
Lectionary Bible Study

Followers of FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Wade's Musings



I tend to be a friendly and outgoing person (I hope) and I will talk to perfect strangers as comfortably as I do to any of you. However, during those conversations, inevitably, the awkward question of, "What do you do for a living?" comes up. While I have yet to perfect an answer that is equal parts of humor and rhetoric, my answer often elicits blank stares (uh oh), muddled apologies (I am sorry I cursed in front of you) or pure astonishment (this guy is a pastor?). The conversations typically come to a close quite quickly after that but at least the person's language tends to clean up very quickly.

Once in a while, the conversation continues with a person explaining to me why they don't go to church anymore. The reasons typically lack rationale and sound more like excuses. I am sure that you may have heard some from your friends or family.

Sunday, April 17

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

9:30 am. Adult Bible Study &
Children's Choir, 9:45 am.
Children's Sunday School, 10:30
am. Worship

Big Meetings - Omega Groups

Monday, April 18

10 am. Chatty Stitchers

7 pm. Faith Singers

Wed., April 20 - 1:30 pm.
Lectionary Bible Study

Fri. - Sat. April 22-23

Youth Lock-In

Saturday, April 23

9 am. - 5 pm. Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, April 24

9:30 am. Adult Bible Study &
Children's Choir, 9:45 am.
Children's Sunday School, 10:30
am. Worship

Monday, April 25

10 am. Mission Committee

7 pm. Faith Singers

Some of you may even use these excuses yourselves for not attending a particular Sunday.

Israel Galindo, the dean of lifelong learning at a Presbyterian seminary, offered a satirical response to a list of these excuses. These are the "Top ten reasons why I never wash".

1. I was forced to as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites - they think they are cleaner than everybody else.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap, I can't decide which one is best.
4. I used to wash, but I got bored and stopped.
5. I wash only on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
8. I can't spare the time.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
10. People who make the soap are only after your money.
11. I watch other people washing on TV.
12. There are lots of clean people who never wash.
13. We've just moved here six years ago and I haven't had a chance.
14. I bought a bad bar of soap once, so I swore I would never wash again!

FIRST FRUITS FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL

Items

needed are:

Tomato products like spaghetti sauce & manwich (no tomato sauce), soups, tuna.

Thank you all for your Easter food donations - the Pantry served over 80 families for Easter.

YOUTH LOCK - IN

Friday,
April 22 - 23

The Web Extreme Entertainment

\$25 payment and paperwork must be given to Pastor Wade by April 11th.

15. I feel as close to washing on the golf course as I do in the bathroom.

16. I never wash when I have company.

17. Washday is the only day I have to sleep in.

18. My spouse washes enough for the whole family.

19. I know people who wash but don't act very clean.

20. Washing is the opiate of the masses.

While these excuses for not washing are ridiculous, the two biggest reasons that I have found that people don't attend church are lack of an invitation and a sense of inhospitality once they arrive. When people are invited to experience something new or different, they want the comfort of friendship and familiarity to be there with them. And once they arrive, they want to know that somebody took the time to notice that they had the courage to step into an uncomfortable situation.

Now that Easter is done and gone, how about we try this idea out through the spring and summer?

1. Friends invite friends to church. Be a good friend!
2. Say hello to everyone! Even people you don't know or like!

BIG MEETINGS

SUNDAY

**APRIL
17**

Omega Team
Committees - Building
and Grounds, Christian
Education, Mission,
Stewardship, Worship

Committee meeting
should begin with
members of each
committee checking
in/with each other and
praying for the members
of the group and their
prayer concerns.

Committee chairs should
inform the pastor a
week or two in advance
if there are items that
need to be directly
addressed by the
pastor.

FAMILY PROMISE APRIL 10-17, 2016

Our next hosting of homeless families is April 10-17. We will need meals and overnight hosts provided. Our church has Sunday, April 10, Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16. If you can help, please sign the sheet that is being passed around on Sunday mornings or please contact Terri Haithcock. Thank you in advance for your support of this mission.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

APRIL 17

Come prepared with a joke to tell and your funny bone intact.

DOMINICAN MISSION TRIP

Donations are needed for Laurie Camper's mission trip. Suggested donations are:

tooth brushes	Adult & children's:
Benadryl	tylenol
tums	vitamins (not gummies)
81 mg chewable aspirin	cough/cold medicine
calcium tablets	
prenatal vitamins	
anti-fungal cream	

Travel sized: shampoo, Listerine, soap (bar), toothpaste, body lotion (Curel, Keri, Gold Bond for very dry skin)

EARTH DAY PRAYER

*Earth Day is Friday,
April 22*

O GOD,

We thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass.

WE THANK YOU for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, and rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers.

GRANT US a heart opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory.

(source unknown)

Additional items needed: Large suitcases (new or used), shoes, flip flops (all sizes, new or gently used), brown lunch sacks, zip top sandwich bags, peanut butter

DONATIONS NEEDED BY APRIL 26th!!

SUMMER CAMPS

Both denominations are now accepting registrations for their summer camps. Please check the bulletin boards for more information about the various camps offered. There are many wonderful opportunities available!!

For UCC Camps go to: www.journeythehills.org

For Presbyterian Camps go to:
<http://kirkmontcenter.com/campregistration>

Remember: Children & Youth may attend either denomination's camps.

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**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Dylan Marshall
 - 3 Angie Hubbard
 - 5 Brandee Guice
 - 9 Matthew Pheneger
 - 9 Rudy Schneidhorst
 - 10 Jim Nieter
 - 18 Madison Hunt
 - 20 Kaleb Pond
 - 21 Korey Pond
 - 22 Sally Dailey
 - 26 Aaron Gordon
 - 29 Mary Ann Hunt
 - 29 Chris Black
 - 30 Chad Barnhardt
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