

MARCH 2016

Faith Christian Church News

The Church on the Hill



CHURCH CALENDAR

[**Pastor Wade will be on study leave March 28 - April 3**]

Sunday, March 6

9:30 am. Adult Bible Study
Children's Choir
9:45 am. Children's Sunday School classes
10:30 am. Worship with communion
7 pm. Lenten Service at Faith Christian

Monday, March 7

7 pm. Faith Singers

Tuesday, March 8

6 pm. Council

Saturday, March 12

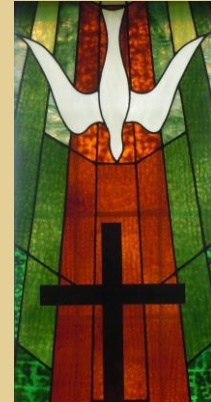
9-5 Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, March 13

9:30 am. Adult Bible Study
Children's Choir
9:45 am. Children's Sunday School classes
10:30 am. Worship
7 pm. Lenten Service at First E & R

Pastor Wade's Musings

As we enter March, it is hard to believe that we have already journeyed half way through the Lenten season. Knowing that we are half way through Lent, that means we finish our journey to the cross as we encounter Easter Sunday on March 27th (hopefully we will not have snow). The festival of the Resurrection of the Lord (or Easter Sunday) is the center of the Christian year. It is the Super Bowl of Christianity. On this occasion the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.



Easter Sunday is something like the keystone of an arch - the top and center stone upon which all the other stones lean and depend - both in terms of its theological significance and its relation to other events in the Christian year. Theologically speaking, the faith we claim and the life we live depend on the affirmation, celebration and proclamation of Christ's resurrection. In a chronological sense - since Easter is a "moveable feast," taking place on a different date each year - all the other events of the Christian year (from the Transfiguration of the Lord and Ash Wednesday through Pentecost and Trinity Sunday) pivot around the date of Easter Sunday, shifting accordingly. Easter always occurs between March 22nd and April 25th.

On Easter we glimpse a new landscape - the age to come - and experience a sense of holy awe at the significance of the resurrection for human life. How often do we think about this possibility, this promise?

What does the resurrection of a human life look like?

Monday, March 14

7 pm. Faith Singers

Saturday, March 19

9:00 am. Men's
Breakfast

1-3 pm. EGG
SCRAMBLE

Sunday, March 20

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 am. Adult Bible
Study

Children's Choir

9:45 am. Children's
Sunday School
classes

10:30 am. Worship
OGHS Offering
received

Big Meeting - Alpha
Teams

Monday, March 21

7 pm. Faith Singers

Thursday, March 24

6 pm. Simple Soup &
Bread meal

7 pm. Maundy
Thursday service

Friday, March 25

7pm. Good Friday
service @ First
Baptist

Saturday, March 26

9-5 Threadbare
Ladies

Sunday, March 27

EASTER

10:30 am. Worship

Monday, March 28

10 am. Mission
Committee Meeting

7 pm. Faith Singers

And when we think about the resurrected life, perhaps we should be looking not only at life after death, but a new life today that is different from our old lives, which in itself is a resurrection.

After all, a resurrection is a resurrection; and a resurrection is a miracle.

CHOCOLATE EGG FUNDRAISER

First Annual Chocolate covered Easter egg sale.

**One dozen Peanut butter OR
One dozen coconut cream eggs.
OR 1/2 PB & 1/2 Coconut - \$7.50
YUMMY!!**



**Orders available for pickup each Monday - Friday until
Wednesday, March 23.**

**Please see members of Council to order or you
can call the church office.**

Make checks payable to: Faith Christian Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday

9:30 am. Sunday School

10:30 am. Worship

Thursday, March 24 - Maundy Thursday

6 pm. Simple Soup & Bread meal

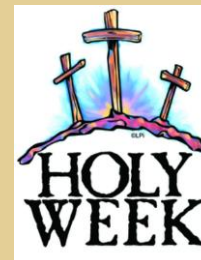
7 pm. Worship service

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday

7 pm. Community Worship service @ First Baptist
Church

Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday

10:30 am. Worship service



**PER CAPITA
REMINDER**

Members, please remember to pay your per capita payment of \$28.62. This will go to fund the larger governing bodies of our denominations for their missions and provide monies for their functional operation. Without these funds, the PCUSA and the UCC would not exist.

Please help the church to continue its mission and connectional relationship with the broader church.

**MARCH
DONATIONS
NEEDED FOR
FOOD PANTRY**

Items needed for Easter baskets cream of mushroom soup, French fried onion rings.

In addition we need tuna and soups (other than tomato).

**Men's Breakfast - 9:00 am.
Saturday, March 19 at Ike's**

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

DATE: Saturday, March 19

TIME: Starts at 1 pm.

We need donations of plastic eggs and candy, stickers, etc... small enough to fit inside the plastic eggs. Thank you!!

This event will be open to the community.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Received Sunday, March 20, 2016**

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

The PCUSA makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - 32% of funds
The Presbyterian Hunger Program - 36%
Self-Development of People - 32%

How 2014 UCC Dollars were used:

58% Development (Health, Education & Agriculture)
20% Disaster
14% Refugee
6.5% Promotional Resources
1% Administration
.5% Education & Monitoring

An Easter Blessing

*May the
celebration of
resurrected life
bring new hope to
your being.*

*May the victory
over earthly
death turn your
eyes to the
promises of heaven.*

*May the empty
tomb help you to
leave your sorrows
at the foot of the
cross.*

*So that God's hope,
promises and
forgiveness reign in
your life forever.*

Amen.

(prayerscapes.com)

Both joy and compassion urgency infuse God's great love for this world, and should likewise infuse our love for others shown through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Give joyously and abundantly!

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

April 10 - 16, 2016

Time to start thinking ahead to our next hosting of homeless families at the church. As always we will need meals & overnight people. Please see Terri Haithcock. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at church.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS - Happy Birthday!

4 Jessica Pond

4 Lori Prorok

6 Micki Vollmer

9 Kay Wellman

16 Mara Ryan

17 Marcie Cooper

17 Sarah Steiner

27 Caroline Urish

27 Irene Cooper

28 Kevin Shaw

28 Alyssa Doute

29 Keaton Cooper

30 Justin McKinley

30 Tommy Marshall

30 Ruth Graessle

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