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Skyland UMC Weekly News

March 28TH 2024

Holy Week at Skyland

TRIDUUM

Friends of Skyland,

Tonight begins the great Christian commemoration of Triduum. This is the beginning of the three-day movement from the Last Supper, to the Crucifixion, into the darkness of the Garden Tomb, to the first light of Easter. These days are the holiest days of the Church.

Tonight, at 7 p.m., we will gather for Holy (Maundy) Thursday. We will hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another, and symbolically act out this new commandment in ceremonial foot-washing. On Friday, we will continue our Triduum in the liturgies of Good Friday. At noon, we will gather in our fellowship hall for a brief liturgy that includes a variety of scripture readings and poetry reflecting death. In the evening, we will gather in our sanctuary for a service of Tenebrae that includes beautiful music reflective of the occasion. The cross will stand at the heart of our prayer, devotion, and silence.

On Easter, we will conclude our journey in the great celebration of Christ's victory over death and our emancipation from sin and death. You are invited to join us for these holiest of days. You are invited to be a part of the journey with Christ. You are invited to the table, to the garden, to the silence, and to the happiness that knows no end!

Here's Hoping-- *Joe*

Stations of the Cross

The last sessions of Stations of the Cross will be available in the Sanctuary on Thursday, March 28TH from 3 to 5 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28TH in the Fellowship Hall as we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Includes the Rite of Foot Washing and Communion. Nursery care for children will be provided.

Good Friday Service

Join us on March 29TH at either 12 p.m. or 7 p.m. for a service to reflect on our Lord's death. Service will take place at noon in the Fellowship Hall and at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a **Tenebrae Service**. The 7:00 p.m. service will be live-streamed for all to participate and Nursery care will be provided.

Easter Sunday at Skyland

Easter Is New Life!

Friends, Easter is this coming Sunday! I am privileged to serve as your pastor here at Skyland, and I cannot wait to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with you. Some of you are traveling, and I wish you and your family a Happy Easter.

Many of you have done so much to make this season of Lent and the week prior to Easter (including Easter Day) so special. I cannot begin to name all of the people who have stood up to this special time in the life of our church. We have heard

glorious music (and will hear it this weekend) throughout the past months. A big “thank you” goes out to Kimberly Cann, Sarah Lympany, Bryon Graeber, the choirs, and instrumentalists/band for helping to tell the story of God’s redemptive work throughout these holy days.

I know our children will enjoy the egg hunts that are planned. Thanks to all who have planned for this annual event for our children. It’ll likely be chilly this weekend for the hunt, so dress warmly.

And, lastly, we expect to welcome new people in worship as well as some we do not often see on a weekly basis. I invite you to join me in extending God’s special hospitality. Say “hello” to people who you do not regularly see. It is always good to see familiar and unfamiliar faces in the crowd.

I will see you this weekend— Grace and Peace,
Joe



Join Us for Easter Sunday!

We invite you to join us for Easter Sunday! There are many opportunities for you to join us on this special day:

- Worship at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- An Easter Continental Breakfast in the Colonnade
- Easter Egg hunts for children
- Worship at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Children's Ministry This Sunday

Hello, Parents and Caregivers! The Children's Ministry Team looks forward to seeing you this Sunday! Nursery Care is provided for children from Birth to Age 4 and Children’s Church for children 4- 4TH grade during both services. 5TH-6TH graders are encouraged to stay and experience the fullness of the Easter celebration service. Please reach out to Rev. Joy Moss or Jennifer Blanton with questions!



Easter Lily Dedications



IN HONOR OF

Joyce Babcock

Bill Belton

Ashley Crawford

My Children & Grandchildren

Casey Shope, Robin Shope

GIVEN BY

Isabelle Innes

Lynn Belton

Dad

Max Hurley

Phil Shope



**IN MEMORY OF**

Jean Belton

Tim & Vergie Grant,

Ernest & Frances Penland,

and George Penland

My Parents & Grandparents

Jane & James Nichols, and

Betty Detwiler

Candice Rieger

Jack Whiteman

GIVEN BY

Lynn Belton

Jim & Sarah Grant

Max Hurley

Lee & James Nichols

Isabelle Innes

Jan Whiteman

Church In Action

Skyland Youth in Band

Several of our Skyland youth are in the TC Roberson band and got a superior rating last week. We are so proud of them!



Have a Heart Circle Meeting

Have a Heart Circle of United Women in Faith will meet on **Sunday, April 7th, 2024**, after the late service (noon) in the Aldersgate classroom. All women in the church are welcome. Refreshments will be provided, or bring a lunch. This is a change from our usual meeting time on the first Thursday evening of each month. There will be a short program related to the work of United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women. Celebrating more than 150 years of service, this Christian organization supports programs and institutions around the country and the world that promote the well-being of women, children, and youth.

Questions? Call Karen Anderson (828) 628-9385 or Kathy Woods (828) 777-8617.

Bridges Children Make Resurrection Rolls

Children in the Bridges program rolled a marshmallow in butter and cinnamon to represent the oil and spices that were put on Jesus' body before burial. Then it was wrapped in a crescent roll to represent the tomb. We then baked the rolls and the center of the roll was empty! Just like the tomb on Easter morning!



CHOW Takes a Break

There will not be CHOW next week on **April 3, 2024**. Our Wednesday night dinner and activities will resume on **April 10, 2024**.

Next Men's Gathering Time

We are meeting on Thursday night, April 4th at 6:45 p.m. at Fahrenheit Pizza and Brew. You're invited to join in on the fellowship and food. They've got wings! (if you want them-- buffalo, buffalo lemon pepper, hot honey, garlic, BBQ, Cajun...) and, of course, pizza! The address is 17 Lee St—South, Asheville, NC 28803. Contact Joe if you know you'll attend in advance (336-613-3085, text/call; JTarpley@skylandumc.com, email). Hope to see many of you.

ATSP Reads

READ, READ, READ! We have been enjoying our version of March Madness with guest readers visiting all the classrooms at ATSP. We hope this love of reading is something our students will carry with them for the rest of their lives.



Centering and Intercessory Prayer with Joe

For those who are interested, Joe is available for centering and intercessory prayer time at 5 p.m. on April 17TH and May 8TH in the Prayer Room - located in the Havener Building. No need to sign up; just plan to attend as you are available. Reach out to Joe with any questions!

Communication Updates



BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 12, 2024

The meeting summary from the March 12, 2024 meeting may be found at this link: [SUMMARY 3-12-24](#). It is also posted on the front page of our website: www.skylandumc.com

Egg Carton Donations

As you dye eggs this week, please consider saving your cardboard egg cartons for us. They are needed for VBS!



Office Closure Dates

The Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1ST, 2024, to enjoy the holiday. If you need anything, the church office will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

April Closet Clean-Out

The Fellowship Hall storage closet (on the left of the room) is scheduled for an uplift and clean-out! March is for claiming any stored items that you may have in that closet. If you are unsure, please take a look to be sure. Beginning April 1ST, 2024, we will begin our major clean out!

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