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## WHY I LOVE THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Easter at New Providence is wonderful! The sun streams through the stained glass windows (hopefully!), the children are dressed in their Sunday best, the congregation responds, "He is risen indeed!" after hearing Emily announce, "Christ is risen!", Peggy pulls out all the stops with the organ, we hear the word proclaimed, and we all go home filled with the knowledge that everything is right with the world once again. It's all perfect, it really is.

But for me, being properly prepared for Easter Sunday includes being acutely aware of what came before Resurrection Day. Palm Sunday starts with Jesus' joyous entry into Jerusalem, but ends with the knowledge that the crowd is turning against him. Maundy Thursday makes that sad truth palpable.

Our Maundy Thursday service is dark and solemn and, like nothing else I've experienced, makes the sorrow of Jesus' last night on earth real. We share his last meal on earth, we hear his last words to his disciples, and we feel the agony of what he is facing. The final scripture reading, the stripping of the chancel, the closing of the book, and leaving the sanctuary in darkness and silence, all serve to show us, in a literal, physical way, what Jesus freely agreed to undergo for us.

And that darkness, that sadness, makes the joy of Easter mean so much more! If you haven't yet found your way to our Maundy Thursday service, I urge you to put it on your Lenten calendar. I am confident that, like so many of us already do, you will find it a reminder of the sacrifice that was made for us, and a precursor to an even more meaningful and jubilant Easter morning.

*Janet Kolarik*

## MARYVILLE COLLEGE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Maryville College's annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 6:30 a.m. on Lloyd Beach. Lloyd Beach is located behind Lloyd Hall, on the southeastern end of the campus, and offers a spectacular view of the sun rising over the Chilhowee Mountains. The service is casual, and attendees who are not able to stand during the service are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. All are invited to enjoy coffee, pastries and conversation on the porch of Willard House following the service. In the event of rain, both the service and the breakfast will be held in the Samuel Tyndale Wilson Center for Campus Ministry.

*Anne McKee*

## WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A group designed to help those who have lost a partner within the last two years will be held the following Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Room W201.

Handouts and discussion will address daily issues and lead the group through the journey of grief and loss toward healing, wholeness, and life renewed in a new perspective.

Please feel free to invite anyone for whom this would be appropriate. For information, or to make a reservation contact Alice Mansmith (856-2570 [h], 599-8361 [c]).

*Alice Mansmith*

## THINK YOUR CHILI IS UP TO SNUFF? BRING IT!

It's Chili Time! Once again, the NPPC Youth and the Guatemala Steering Committee will be hosting a Chili Cook Off to raise funds for their international (and intergenerational) mission trip to Guatemala. The Chili Cook Off will be held on Sunday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall. Tickets are \$5 each with a family max of \$20. Come sample some great chili, vote for your favorite, and enjoy fellowship together! Contact Jeff Pezick at [jeff.pezick@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.pezick@gmail.com) or Ashley Watkins at [ashleycraigwatkins@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycraigwatkins@gmail.com) for tickets.

*Ashley Craig-Watson*

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

There will be a Parents' Night Out on Friday, April 12 from 6-9 p.m. Like to have a night out with friends, date night, or just plop on the couch with a pint of Ben and Jerry's? Bring the kids to the church and for a couple of hours, we entertain and feed them while you have some time away.

The cost is \$10 per child. Sign up in the Atrium between the services on Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 7. You may also sign up by contacting Kathy Neisser (540-604-4363, [kathygn@msn.com](mailto:kathygn@msn.com)).

*Kathy Neisser*

## COMMUNION

We will serve Communion on Thursday, April 18 at the 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service. Communion will also be served on Easter Sunday, April 21, at both services of worship.

## FROM THE PASTOR

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Outside my window, it's a grayish afternoon, but brave daffodils and forsythia dare to herald the arrival of spring, and the redbud in the backyard is following suit. Within a few short days,

creation will adorn itself in a stunningly bright green, and the world will be made new again.

I've circled the globe enough times now that I should expect it, but it comes as a beautiful surprise every year. I have to wonder if the gray of winter is just God's scheme to render us awestruck at the glory of spring.

In spiritual terms, grayness is what Lent does for me: it reminds me of how my soul yearns for resurrection. I say that not just as a church professional – I remember post-college, early career years when I could barely wait for Easter Sunday.

That's what's behind this "Starting Over" sermon series that Gloria and I have crafted for this Lenten season. Maybe the preacher is just preaching to herself, but I need new life as much and more than anyone, and I need it as much (or more) now than ever.

I look forward to gathering with you all for our Holy Week services: Palm Sunday, with triumphant and poignant music and liturgy, Maundy Thursday leading to the Passion, and the impossibly good news of Easter Sunday.

I hope you will mark your calendar now to participate in those important services of worship – not just the glory of Easter Sunday, but all the days that lead up to it and pave the way.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily Anderson

## MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR AT NPPC

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"Make Our Garden Grow" is the theme of the Maryville College Concert Choir's 2019 Spring Choir Tour. Since Maryville College is celebrating its

Bicentennial this year, the program will feature favorite selections suggested by alumni. "Two Wings" is an arrangement of a spiritual by Dr. Harry H. Harter,

former choral director and division chair at the College.

The concerts also will feature other favorite choral gems such as "Locus iste" by Anton Bruckner, "Ubi Caritas" by Marice Durufle, "Confutatis" and "Lacrimosa" from Mozart's *Requiem*. Contemporary selections include "A Boy and a Girl" by Eric Whitacre, "The Rose" by Ola Gjeilo and "Make Our Garden Grow" from *Candide* by Leonard Bernstein.

"In preparation for the Bicentennial, we solicited stories and repertoire suggestions from alumni," said Stacey Wilner, senior lecturer in music and director of choral activities at Maryville College. "We want to express our appreciation to the alumni for helping to make the MC 'garden grow.'"

The choir will perform at NPPC on Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Stacey Wilner

## FOOD DRIVE

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The Community Food Connection is having a food drive on April 5-7 at the Alcoa Kroger. There will be a sign up table in the Atrium on Sunday, March 31, or log onto the CFC web site ([cfcblount.org](http://cfcblount.org)), click on the sign up logo just and sign up for your preferred activity and time. Contact Bob Haralson ([bobharalson@icloud.com](mailto:bobharalson@icloud.com), 738-3347) for info.

Bob Haralson

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR SESSION!

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Historically, New Providence has conducted a spring stewardship campaign asking members of the congregation to make a pledge that indicates their anticipated annual giving. We then take those numbers into the budgeting cycle to match income to expenses.

This year we want to do things differently. After much study and discussion, the NPPC session has decided to modify the process by moving our stewardship drive to the fall, while maintaining a July to June budget year.

We have several reasons for a shift:

- calendar year giving simplifies reporting for members;
- stewardship is about responding to God, not a budget; and
- we have every reason to believe that NPPC members will continue to faithfully step up to meet the financial needs for our congregation's mission and ministries.

This will be a transitional year into the new process. The 2019-20 budget will be generated and go into effect July 1, 2019, **before** pledges are received in Fall 2019. During this transition time, we are asking each of you to continue giving at least at your current level, if not greater.

- Previous Cycle
  - Spring: Individuals pledge annual giving
  - Spring/Summer: Budget is prepared, session votes to approve
  - Fiscal Year: July 1-June 30
- New Cycle
  - Fall: Individuals pledge annual giving
  - Spring/Summer: Budget is prepared, session votes to approve
  - Fiscal Year: July 1-June 30

Thank you for your prayerful support as we make this shift. Look for more information in the near future.

## PC(USA) UPDATE ON IMMIGRATION

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On February 28, Teresa Waggener from the PC(USA) Office of Immigration Issues led a discussion at Fountain City Presbyterian Church with ministers and staff leaders from the Presbytery of East Tennessee on our denomination's response to immigration. Teresa's work includes advising presbyteries and congregations that are calling immigrant pastors. She helps Presbyterians understand and challenge injustices within the country's complex system by taking immigration law and policy and breaking it down into resources that tell the stories of those affected. Teresa brings a rich background to her current position: a law degree, a Masters in Spirituality, and previous work as a public defender, attorney for child protective services, and an immigration attorney for Kentucky Refugee Ministries.

Teresa shared what is taking place within and outside of the United States, including various kinds of actions churches throughout the country are taking.

### WITHIN THE U.S.

There are 11 million undocumented people within the U.S. Prior to 2017, the government used prosecutorial discretion in more lenient ways, allowing immigrants to stay in the country, as long as they lived as good citizens and were an asset to their communities. More recently, immigrant neighbors are being sent to ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) and then deported, some after having lived within the U.S. for 20 years.

### OUTSIDE THE U.S.

This year, 30,000 people are being allowed to emigrate to the U.S. This number is lower than in previous years, even though there is a worldwide refugee problem. One definition of a refugee is a person who is being persecuted or fears persecution in their country because of race, nationality, faith, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. These refugees generally leave their countries and wait in another country while a decision is being made about their

entry into the U.S. Other refugees are asylum seekers – generally people from our own hemisphere who present themselves at the border and ask for asylum based on reasons listed above. Persons have to be in the U.S. to ask for asylum; that is, they cross the border and present themselves to authorities, and the immigration process begins. Currently, immigration officers are stepping across the border into Mexico and are not allowing asylum seekers onto U.S. land. Thousands of homeless people are now at the border.

### WHAT ARE PRESBYTERIANS DOING?

Many PC(USA) congregations have made alliances with other denominations and developed ways to make an impact. Some show up at ICE to pray and sing. Some initiate a Jericho walk — walking around immigration offices seven times, singing and praying as they walk. Others are assisting immigrants with efforts to connect with their families already in the U.S. Some churches are working with churches in Mexico, and others have set up temporary shelters.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Start conversations about immigration.
- Engage in Bible study about immigrants.
- Provide a place where people can hear one another.

Immigration has become an important concern for many Americans, as we see in the conversations around issues like building a wall on the Mexico border, DREAMERS and DACA recipients. And the questions are complex: Should children of immigrants be granted citizenship? Should there be a ban on immigration from Muslim countries? What about sanctuary cities?

There is much work to be done. May we prayerfully discern our role in this crisis.

*Gloria Mencer*

## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to provide food items (cookies, tea sandwiches, etc.) for funeral receptions. If you are willing to be "on call" for one month out of the year, please notify either David Stephens (dwstephens9@gmail.com, 696-1261) or Reba Luttrell (rebaluttrell@gmail.com, 310-4775).

Many people don't have the time flexibility to be involved in lots of groups at church, so this is an opportunity to be able to participate in a one-month commitment. Please prayerfully consider if this is the right fit for you.

*Reba Luttrell*

## REALM RELEASE

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Later this week, I will be sending out invitations to everyone to register for Realm, our new directory and communication software.

With Realm, you'll be able to use your phone to look up that church member's phone number you keep losing, to RSVP to a New Providence event, or e-mail your Bible study group that you've had a flat tire on the way and will be late.

You'll receive an invitation to the e-mail address we have on file for you and it will have all the information you need to sign up.

If you don't receive an invitation this week, we might not have your correct e-mail in the database. Contact Coco Everett (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182 x102).

*Coco Everett*


## DON'T BE AFRAID! RESOURCES FOR TEACHING THE BIBLE

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The resources for this class are now available on our website at [www.newprovidencepres.org/adulted](http://www.newprovidencepres.org/adulted).



# CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2019

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|  | <p>01<br/>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH)<br/>6:00PM Leadership Development Committee (108)<br/>6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH)<br/>6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH)<br/>6:30PM Knitting Group (109)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (FEH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH)</p>   | <p>02<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>9:00AM Headstart Pictures (FEH)<br/>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH - Kitchen)<br/>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)<br/>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br/>5:30PM New Prov Green Team (W202)<br/>6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109)<br/>6:30PM Bereavement/Nurture/TLC Committee (219)<br/>6:30PM Event Support Committee (215)<br/>6:30PM Fellowship Committee (213)<br/>6:30PM Transportation Committee (206)<br/>6:30PM Connections Committee (REH)<br/>6:30PM Facilities Committee (Parlor)<br/>7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109)<br/>7:00PM Budget &amp; Finance Committee (108)<br/>7:00PM Policy Committee (W201)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)<br/>7:15PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206)<br/>8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel)</p> | <p>03<br/>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)<br/>2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus)<br/>3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (208)<br/>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>5:30PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor)<br/>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br/>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)<br/>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>   | <p>04<br/>10:00AM Ruth Circle (W201)<br/>10:00AM Leah Circle (Parlor)<br/>10:00AM Martha Circle (Chapel)<br/>1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202)<br/>2:00PM Deborah Circle (Off Campus)<br/>7:00PM Mary Circle (Off Campus)</p> | <p>05<br/>5:00PM Girl Scout Award Banquet (WH)</p>  | 06   |
| <p>07<br/>Fifth Sunday in Lent<br/>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br/>10:00AM Church School<br/>10:00AM Discipleship to Leadership (Chapel)<br/>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)<br/>4:30PM iGroup (WH)<br/>5:30PM MC Choir Snack (Atrium)<br/>6:00PM MC Choir Concert (Sanctuary)<br/>6:00PM Youth Dinner (WH)<br/>6:30PM PYC (WH)</p>  | <p>08<br/>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH)<br/>10:00AM Maryville Babywearers (206)<br/>4:00PM Tech Week for Home School Theater Class (EH)<br/>6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH)<br/>6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs<br/>7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (FEH)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)<br/>7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH)</p> | <p>09<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>9:30AM Community Food Connection Board (Chapel)<br/>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH - Kitchen)<br/>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)<br/>4:00PM Tech Week for Home School Theater Class (EH)<br/>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br/>6:15PM Welcome Table Committee (109)<br/>6:30PM Youth Committee (W201)<br/>6:30PM Children's Committee (215)<br/>6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (108)<br/>6:30PM Worship &amp; Arts Team (Choir Room)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)<br/>7:00PM Church in the World (Chapel)<br/>7:30PM Discipleship &amp; Education (216)</p>   | <p>10<br/>7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201)<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)<br/>11:30AM New Prov U (FWH)<br/>2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus)<br/>3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (208)<br/>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>4:00PM Tech Week for Home School Theater Class (EH)<br/>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br/>6:00PM NAMI Group 2 (206)<br/>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)<br/>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>       | <p>11<br/>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)<br/>10:00AM D &amp; S Community Services Training (FEH)<br/>1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202)<br/>4:00PM Tech Week for Home School Theater Class (EH)</p>                                     | <p>12<br/>9:00AM Community Action Appreciation Party (WH)<br/>4:00PM Home School Theater Class Play (EH)<br/>6:00PM Parents' Night Out (WH)</p> | <p>13<br/>12:00PM Home School Theater Class Play (EH)<br/>6:00PM Home School Theater Class Play (EH)</p> |
| <p>14<br/>One Great Hour of Sharing Palm/Passion Sunday<br/>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br/>10:00AM Church School<br/>10:00AM Discipleship to Leadership (Chapel)<br/>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)<br/>12:30PM Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch (Pavilion)<br/>4:30PM iGroup (WH)<br/>6:00PM Youth Dinner (WH)<br/>6:30PM PYC (WH)</p>   | <p>15<br/>New Prov Press Deadline<br/>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH)<br/>6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH)<br/>6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH)<br/>6:30PM Knitting Group (109)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (FEH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs<br/>7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH)</p>   | <p>16<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH - Kitchen)<br/>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)<br/>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>  | <p>17<br/>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)<br/>2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus)<br/>3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (208)<br/>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br/>5:50PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor)<br/>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)<br/>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>   | <p>18<br/>Communion<br/>Maundy Thursday<br/>1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202)<br/>7:00PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>  | <p>19<br/>Good Friday</p>   | 20   |
| <p>21<br/>Communion<br/>Easter<br/>Money for Manna<br/>6:30AM Easter Sunrise Service (Maryville College)<br/>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br/>10:00AM Church School<br/>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>   | <p>22<br/>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH)<br/>6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH)<br/>6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)<br/>7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (FEH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs</p>   | <p>23<br/>Confirmands Presented to Session<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH - Kitchen)<br/>1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel)<br/>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)<br/>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)<br/>7:00PM Session (Sanctuary)</p>   | <p>24<br/>7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201)<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>9:00AM PWCC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel)<br/>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)<br/>10:30AM Widow &amp; Widower Support Group (W202)<br/>2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus)<br/>3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (208)<br/>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br/>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)<br/>6:00PM NAMI (W201)<br/>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p> | <p>25<br/>8:00AM CBS Setup (RWH)<br/>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)<br/>1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202)</p>  | <p>26<br/>8:30AM CBS (WH)</p>   | 27   |
| <p>28<br/>Confirmation Sunday<br/>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br/>10:00AM Church School<br/>10:00AM Discipleship to Leadership (Chapel)<br/>11:00AM Cloud 9 Spring Astronomy Muse Trip<br/>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)<br/>2:00PM Information Sessions (FEH)<br/>2:00PM Leadership Training (WH)<br/>4:30PM iGroup (WH)<br/>6:00PM Youth Dinner (WH)<br/>6:30PM PYC (WH)</p> | <p>29<br/>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br/>6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (EH)<br/>6:30PM BSA-Pack Meeting (WH)<br/>7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (EH)</p>   | <p>30<br/>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br/>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH - Kitchen)<br/>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)<br/>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br/>7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>  |    |   |   |  |

RWH - Rear Westminster Hall    FWH - Front Westminster Hall    FEH - Front Eastminster Hall    REH - Rear Eastminster Hall    ACS/BCS/MCS - Blount County, Alcoa, and Maryville School Systems

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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### PEAK & CLOUD 9 SCHEDULE

- 4/3 - PEAK & Cloud 9
- 4/10 - PEAK & Cloud 9
- 4/17 - PEAK & Cloud 9
- 4/24 - PEAK & Cloud 9
- 5/1 - PEAK & Cloud 9 Last day -  
5 p.m. PEAKnic on the Pavilion

### EGG FILLERS

Remember there are non-candy options such as small toys (without even smaller parts), stickers, temporary tattoos, etc. Candy should be individually wrapped portions and small enough to go in an Easter egg. Please no chocolate as it melts. We have plenty of eggs.

Donations can be left with Coco or Fairlena. Please have egg fillers delivered to the church by April 7th for the youth egg stuffing that evening. Egg fillers received after April 7th will be stuffed by other volunteers before the hunt on April 14th.

Thank you for helping to make this event a joyful experience for the kids.

### APRIL 14 IS A BUSY DAY!

- **Worship Services**
  - Sunday, April 14 is Palm Sunday and interested children are invited to join in the palm procession at the start of both services.
  - PEAK and Cloud 9 children will join the adult choir to present special music at the second service.
- **Easter Lunch & Egg Hunt**
  - Kids, Don't Forget Your Baskets!
  - Join us for the annual Easter Lunch and Egg Hunt on April 14th. The egg hunt is for preschool through 5th grade, but the lunch is for everyone! Lunch will be hotdogs fresh off the grill with picnic style sides immediately after the 11:05 service on the pavilion.
  - Not only are we hunting Easter eggs, but there will also be a small animal petting zoo, face

painting, a photo booth, Easter crafts, and bubbles. If you and your family plan to attend please RSVP by contacting Fairlena Googe (983-0182, x119, children@newprovidencepres.org) by Friday April 12th.

- Please contact Fairlena Googe (983-0182, x119, children@newprovidencepres.org) if you are interested in face painting or helping out with all of the fun!
- If you're feeling frisky, when you receive your Realm invitation in your e-mail inbox (see the article on page 3), check it out. Realm will become our church's primary form of communication for the church directory and major events. You can easily register for this event in Realm.

### PLANETARIUM TRIP FOR CLOUD 9 – RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 28TH

- **Why:** If you haven't heard the Muse suffered major flooding with the rains in February, so our trip was rescheduled. If you were busy before, perhaps this new date will work for you. Remember to submit your RSVP for the new date!
- **Who:** 4th & 5th graders
- **Where:** Cloud 9 Room & the Muse
- **When:** April 28th 10 am – 2:45 pm
- **What:** No Cost. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship. You don't need to be a participant on Wednesdays to join the group.

RSVP Leah Thomas (leah.thomas@blountk12.org), by April 27th for transportation (& for more information).

### VBS - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us as we journey back to Ancient Greece to meet Paul and hear his passion for God and his dangerous adventures in sharing about God.

Vacation Bible School is Sunday, June 9th- Wednesday, June 12th, 2019. To register or volunteer, please go to [www.newprovidencepres.org/VBS](http://www.newprovidencepres.org/VBS), or simply contact Fairlena Googe (983-0182, x119, children@newprovidencepres.org).

Fairlena Googe

## LIFE BEGINNERS

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Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that take trips to local places of interest and share a meal while on the road. This month, Life Beginners will meet on April 12 at 10:00 a.m. to finally go to the Brushy Mountain Prison! Please note the date change. The third Friday of the month is Good Friday.

The cost of the tour is \$12 and it is not handicapped friendly. There are places to sit along the way, but there will be walking involved. There will be a \$3 transportation fee. Lunch will be TBA and ordered off the menu. Contact *Stephanie Bell* (681-0493, stephaniebell47@gmail.com) to make your reservation.

*Stephanie Bell*

## NEW PROV U

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New Prov U is an opportunity for the congregation, especially those 55 and older, to find enrichment opportunities from a variety of presentations.

Join us on Wednesday, April 10, for a program on World War II from D Day to Berlin. The speaker will be Ret. Army General Richard Davis. The program will follow a group of soldiers from their D Day landing thru France and Belgium and then on to Germany. General Davis is a World War II scholar and should bring some interesting insight into that period of American history.

Contact *Stephanie Bell* (681-0493, stephaniebell47@gmail.com) by noon on Thursday, April 7, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch or just come for the program at noon.

*Andy Simon*

## BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES AT UT

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On Wednesday, April 3, the East Tennessee Historical Society will present a lecture by Dr. Aaron Astor, Associate Professor of History at MC, on Isaac Anderson and the Presbyterian Founders of Tennessee. The lecture is free and open the public and begins at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street. Bring your lunch if you like.

*Andy Luttrell*

## PORCH DE SALOMON NEWS

Porch de Salomon continues its ministry in Panajachel, Guatemala with help from individuals and congregations like ours at NPPC. This month's issue of their newsletter, Porch Talk, featured the short story of this woman, Hermenegilda, who was able to start her own weaving business and become self-supporting with help from the Porch. The newsletter also describes the work of the short term mission teams, like the teams we send from NPPC, who are building homes for families in the area. Check out this month's Porch Talk at <http://porchdesalomon.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/March-2019-Porchtalk.pdf> and subscribe to receive their highlights every month!

*Ashley Craig Watkins*

## BARTLETT BUZZ

In April Bartlett Adult Day Out will celebrate Easter with a party and meal, as well as enjoy visits with Ex Libris, Stan and Terry.

If you have a talent or hobby to share, please consider coming to visit with us. If you have a few hours to spare during the month, we could use more volunteers. You must love people and enjoy helping them. Please pray about spending some time with us as a volunteer. Contact Trish at 268-3810 to schedule a visit.

*Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse*

## DONATE NOW

Use this QR code or go to [newprovidencepres.org/donate](http://newprovidencepres.org/donate).



## MANY THANKS!

I would like to thank the NPPC congregation for their thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. The touching notes, cards, visits, and meals were wonderful. We feel blessed to be a part of our church family.

*Sincerely, Natalie Stephens*

## HEALTH TIPS

### DID YOU KNOW?

Before the modern era, people used some of these mixtures to clean their teeth; powders made from ashes, eggshells and pumice; ground chalk or charcoal; tobacco and honey mixture; powder of burnt bread mixed with soap.

100 years ago, few people had a daily habit of brushing their teeth. Concerned about rotting teeth of soldiers, the US Army provided toothbrushes and toothpaste during World War II. Later, a Pepsodent ad campaign appealed to the masses by promising a brighter smile, and the habit took hold.

47% of adults aged 30 years and older have some form of gum disease.

And even higher 70% of adults 65 years and older suffer from gum disease.

Researchers are studying a link between gum disease and heart disease.

Another area of study is an association between gum disease and early labor and low birth weights.

Protecting your smile could have long-lasting benefits for your overall health.

### THE ROOT OF DENTAL CARE

Healthy teeth and gums count for more than a pretty smile in pictures. Regular brushing, flossing, and trips to the dentist help prevent both cavities and serious gum disease.

- Brush your best!
- Use a brush with soft bristles to avoid harm to your gums.
- Aim for 30 seconds in each quadrant in your mouth for a total of two minutes.
- Brush at least twice a day. Make sure one time is before you go to bed.
- Use a toothpaste with fluoride for the best protection against plaque and tartar build-up.
- Remember to brush your tongue -- bacteria live on your tongue as well as on your teeth.

- Floss! It's just as important as brushing and most effective just before bed.
- Be sure to change your toothbrush every two to three months.
- Visit the dentist regularly for check-ups and cleanings.
- Finally, try to eat and drink fewer sugary foods. A healthy diet means healthy teeth and gums.

Written by Lauren Hales

*Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse*

## RESURRECTION RUN

Sign up today and support Family Promise of Blount County Resurrection Run Saturday, April 20

8:30 a.m. - Sandy Springs Park

Sign up today and support our mission to create a community where every child has a home.

Go to [www.blountfamilypromise.org](http://www.blountfamilypromise.org) or <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Maryville/ResurrectionRun> to register and for more information. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram!

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

- April 7: Isaiah 43:16–21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b–14, John 12:1–8
- April 14: Luke 19:28–40, Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29, Isaiah 50:4–9a, Psalm 31:9–16, Philippians 2:5–11, Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49
- April 21: Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25, Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24, 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43, John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12
- April 28: Acts 5:27–32, Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4–8, John 20:19–31

## TENDING OUR FLOCK

### WE SHARE JOY

- Ruby Leigh Yarborough, born February 25, 8 lbs. 6 oz., 20" long, daughter of Jay & Anna Yarborough, and granddaughter of Bill & Emmy Yarborough
- Ella Rosemary Evans, born March 7, to parents Gracie (Blackburn) and Matt Evans, grandparents Rick and Cindy Blackburn and great-grandmother Liz Blackburn.
- William James Haynes IV, great-grandson of Jim & Caroline Haynes, born March 15

### WE SHARE SORROW

- Ruth Crawford, Mike Crawford's mother, 3/15
- Jim Hartley, Sissy Caldwell's father, 3/8
- Marian Stuart, 3/6
- Hilda Walker, 3/6

Have a baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Coco (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x102) to share your news.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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. OGHS provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

OGHS, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

New Providence will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during both services of worship on Palm Sunday, April 14.

*Coco Everett*

## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to have an Easter lily placed in the church on Easter morning in honor or in memory of a special person, please fill out the form below and return it to the office. A contribution of \$10.00 will cover the cost of the lily. The deadline for ordering lilies is Monday, April 15, 2019.

Memory/ Honor of: (check one)

Given by:

Check one of the following:

- Will or
- will not pick up after service

Name & phone number:

## SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR APRIL

| FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. |   |                 |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|
|                                 | Elder Greeters                                | Children's Time |
| 7                               | Bill Yarborough, Paula King, David Forster    | Hayley Lynn     |
| 14                              | Andrew Irvine, Claire Shamiyeh, Nick Bradford | Gloria Mencer   |
| 21                              | Bobbie Briggs, Carrie Eaton, Laura Shamiyeh   | Hayley Lynn     |
| 28                              | Bryce Luttrell, Paula King, Andrew Irvine     | Vandy Kemp      |

| TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M. |  |                 |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                                   | Elder Greeters                                       | Children's Time |
| 7                                 | Nick Bradford, Stephanie Bell, Fred Metz             | Hayley Lynn     |
| 14                                | Bill White, Kate Clabough, Jane Morton               | Gloria Mencer   |
| 21                                | Claire Shamiyeh, John Pittenger, Beth Ragsdale-Smith | Hayley Lynn     |
| 28                                | David Forster, Tyler Johnson, Bill White             | Vandy Kemp      |

\* Head Usher



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| 14 | Palm Sunday<br>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering<br>Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch |
| 15 | <i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline<br>Easter Lily Order Deadline                   |
| 18 | Maundy Thursday Service<br>Communion   |
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