

Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

MARCH 2024

All-Church Spirituality Night

Sunday, March 3rd | 5:00p

Suggested Donation for Dinner: \$5–\$10 | Childcare Available



Let's Press the Pause Button Together!

Whether you're three years old, 103 years old, or somewhere in between, we have a place for you to connect and reflect.

Let's face it, March can be a challenging time of year. We're not quite out of the winter doldrums and yet still haven't made it to spring break. We've moved on from the ups and downs of the holiday season but the possibilities of summer vacations are too far away to get excited about. It's almost like the people who planned the liturgical year knew the grind of March would be a perfect time for Lent.

The season of Lent (the 40 days plus Sundays leading up to Easter) can add to the grind, too. It starts with ashes and good intentions and then, well, life gets in the way. How long, O God, does it really take to prepare for the celebrations of Easter? Seriously, it can be exhausting.

On **Sunday night, March 3rd**, our high school youth invite you to take a break from this busy time of year to join them for an evening of Spirituality Centers where we can dive deeper into our Lenten journeys together. These intergenerational stations throughout the church will include things like a Bible immersion experience, a labyrinth, art activities, a communion experience, meditative spaces, and even a silent disco. Some stations are designed to be quiet, reflective moments and others are designed to be more active. You get to pick and choose which stations to engage throughout the evening.

We hope to see you there!

Handwritten signature of Michael Harper in blue ink.

Michael Harper

Interim Director of Ministries with Youth and Their Families



Session Summary

Report from the February 2024 Session Meeting

The Session welcomed confirmands Will Gahan, Catie Mayo and Vivian Schneurle as active members of the church.

The Session received Joe and Suzanne Ammerman, Lacey Wilkerson, Natasha, Abraham, Alexandra and Sylvia Buelt, Billy Davis, and Julia Cash, Tom Mayo, Catie, Genie and Lillian Mayo as new members of the church.

From the HPC Apartment Task Force: The Session approved the Furlough Home to manage and make missional use of the church apartment, provided a written agreement is put in place and the agreement is reviewed annually.

How many



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Mission and Service

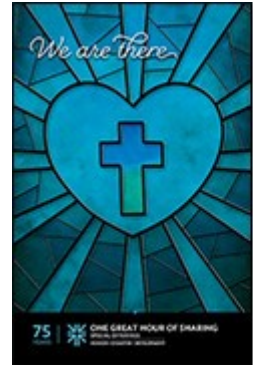


Dare to Care Food Bank

Dare to Care Mobile Food Pantries: We give great thanks for our on-going relationships with our Dare to Care Food Pantries! We help provide volunteers for two separate food pantries each month. Portland Avenue Community Trust is located at 2508 Portland Ave and Grace Hope (Smoketown) is located at 702 E Breckinridge St. This month, the food pantries will take place on **Tuesday, March 5**

(Portland) at 9:45 am and **Tuesday, March 19** (Smoketown) at 1:30 pm. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity because you only have to give an hour to make a big difference in someone's life. As a volunteer, you will be handing out the food that Dare to Care provides. It's a wonderful way to get to know people in other parts of town and provide a service that is greatly needed.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Sunday, March 31st we will be receiving the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Through this offering you join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This year's collection will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. You can donate by designating the memo of your checks for "One Great Hour of Sharing" or using the envelopes found in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!



Nursery and Weekday School

"Children see magic because they look for it." –Christopher Moore

There is magic all around us, every day, and we continue to learn to see it from those who see it best: the children. This daily magic reveals itself to us through the children's new ideas, investigations, new skills and abilities. As the children build with more complexity, use paints to represent things they see or imagine, tell new stories with words, music, drawings, puppets and amaze us with their endless abilities to create something new, there is magic. They teach us to see the world from new perspectives, to look past the obvious and see the possibilities. They show us how to try something new without fear, how to sing loudly and with confidence and to find the joy in all of it. How blessed we are to spend our days in the presence of such wonder and magic. Children see magic because they look for it. We look to them so we can see it, too.



Thanks to those of you who supported our Kids' Consignment Sale by consigning, volunteering and/or shopping! It was lots of fun and the proceeds go towards our financial assistance fund. Thanks for your support!

Intrigued and want to know more about this magical program? Give us a call at (502) 456-6991 or send us an email at director@hpcweekdayschool.org for more information.



March Birthdays

If we ever forget your birthday, or we have it wrong, please let us know!

Mar 1: Kuker Nodler
Mar 2: Lauren Wood
Mar 3: Barbara Jones
Mar 4: Clay Blackburn
Kimberlee Burns
Becky McClellan
Mar 5: Jay Gulick
Mar 6: David Brown
Laura Mattingly
Jack Seiffert
Amanda Craft
Mar 7: Beverly Carrico
Doug Slagle
Anne Kash Barkeley
Mar 8: Ben Nodler
Mar 9: Sonya Brown
Mike Kirk
Joy Blandin
Laura Kraemer
Mar 10: Nancy Trabue
Mar 11: Elizabeth Anderson
Richard Chilton
Sarah Jones
Sandi Miller
Mar 12: Kirk Reichard
Zachary Owens
Robert Tillett
Jack Dulworth
Sara Massey
Mar 13: Bill Smock
Amurad Zalbay
Molly Makela
Mar 14: Ellen Collier
Tom Hardin
Laura Welch
Francisco Bajandas
Sawyer Mead
Mar 15: Maren Schikler
Stephanie Letson
Adelaide Smith

Mar 17: Thomas Anderson
Mary-Stuart Reichard
Kevin Taylor
Cynthia Welch
John Murray Phelps
Greta Smith
Mar 19: Randy Shew
Martin Schindler
Mar 20: Sallie Stevens
Maryann Smith
Mar 21: Larry Hartog
Sharon Giesing
Mar 22: Emily Walker
Bill Lacy
Linda Valentine
Mar 23: Rebecca Anderson
Ryan Perry
Anne Stanley Hoffman
Mike Garton

Mar 24: Tracy Morrison
Pam Osborne
Mar 25: Gale Hester
Joseph Porter
Mar 26: Riley Fitzgerald
Catie Mayo
Scott Bruyere
Mar 27: Ann Lacy
Steve Harrell
John Kim
Mar 28: Buddy Cutler
Dorothy DeWees
Christie Tompkins
Grant Ethridge
Mar 29: Jonathan Ruckman
Mar 30: Michael Schnuerle
Ronnie Tribolet
Mar 31: JoAnn Utter
Stephanie Maloney
Caleb Morris

Memorial Gifts

GIFTS have been given to the Rapier Fund in honor of Betsy & Clyde Foshee's 50 years of membership in and service to HPC by Rev. Edward Schadt.

GIFTS have been given to the Hutto Family Memorial Youth Fund in memory of Carolyn Hutto by Joe & Barbara Jones, Esther Pardue, Thomas Miron, Paul & Anne Tipton, Bill & Marcia Murphy, Patricia Harkness, Gary & Jackie Mitchell, Margaret Seay, James & Elizabeth Voyles, Stanley & Sally Macdonald, Sandal Gulick, Charles Whaley & Carrie Orman, Betsy Foshee, Mark & Jennifer Dobbins, Orson Oliver, Suzanne Warner, Edmund & Luisa St John, and Robert Klein.

Highland is most appreciative of these gifts!

Children's News

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I write this letter. It's hard to believe that my time working with you all is nearly over.

Confession: when I started here as Interim Director of Ministries to Children and their Families, I wasn't sure it was a good fit. The church, as a whole, was in turmoil; and, for a while, I questioned why I took the job in the first place. It took a few months, but I ended up falling in love with the mission of the church, the thoughtful and meaningful worship services, the awesome collaboration with the staff, and more importantly, the children.

Now, once again, it's time for transition. I would be lying if I said I was ready for my time at HPC to be over. But the search committee, through a process of discernment, nominated someone else for the position. We have to trust their process and that the decision is in the best interest of the children and their families and the church as a whole.

I am so grateful to have ministered alongside you for the last two years. It's impossible for me to forget how you all cared for and loved me. Thank you for all the encouraging words, handshakes, hugs and prayers.

Leaving is hard. Change is hard. Getting to know someone new is hard. But I know that you all will be as welcoming and supportive to your new staff member as you were with me because that's who you are.

Love and Blessings!

Rhonda Hibdon

ROOTS, our 3rd-5th grade group, will visit the Ronald McDonald House on Sunday afternoon, March 3. We will get a tour of the House as well as take snack bags for families staying there.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall right after worship, eat lunch (provided), then travel downtown to RMH. We will return to the church about 2:30.

Thanks to all of you who donated snacks!



**Easter Activities
&
Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 30, 2024
10-11:30am
Fellowship Hall at
Highland Presbyterian Church
1011 Cherokee Rd, Louisville

Schedule

10:00	Crafts / Photo Booth
10:30	Easter Egg Hunt *
11:00	Open Gym

**Preschoolers on Patio*

From the Children's Ministry Search Committee:

Jessie Anderson (co-chair), John Pyron (co-chair), Ainsley Jones, Martha Makela, Rebecca Mead, Nancy Owen, Paul Troy

We are overjoyed to introduce Amy Bishop as the Director of Children's Ministry for HPC. Over the past seven months the Children's Ministry Search Committee has had the privilege to get to know many candidates for this position. After considering all of the candidates, our seven-person committee came to the unanimous decision that God was calling Amy to our church.

Amy brings 18 years of experience as Director of Children's Ministry in two large Louisville churches (so many children registered for VBS at her current church that attendance was capped at 200!). She exudes joy, vibrancy, and compassion for this work, and loves HPC's mission-driven philosophy. Amy comes to HPC as a three-day-threes teacher at the Weekday School, an active volunteer with KRM, and a board member of Portland Promise Center. She and her husband live in the Highlands where they raised three children, the youngest of which is a high school senior, bound for University of Cincinnati's engineering program.

We are so excited for Amy to join the HPC family and eagerly anticipate the vibrant next chapter in our church's children's ministry. Welcome, Amy!



Youth News

Middle School Youth Group

Regular Schedule: 5:00p – 6:15p in the Burns Center

- 3/3 — Participate in Spirituality Center Night (with Families)
- 3/10 — No Youth Group (Michael's Out of Town)
- 3/17 — College Care Package Night
- 3/24 — Mission Partner Night
- 3/31 — No Youth Group (Easter)



High School Youth Group

Regular Schedule: 6:30p – 8:00p in the Burns Center

- 3/3 — Lead Spirituality Center Night (5p)
- 3/10 — WOW Night (with Special Guest Tim Daniels)
- 3/17 — College Care Package Night
- 3/24 — Counter Protest Night
- 3/31 — No Youth Group (Easter)



Do You Have These Dates on Your Calendar?

March 3rd — Youth-Led All-Church Spirituality Night (5p)

March 9th — St. Patrick's Day Parking Lot Fundraiser

March 16th — High School Overnight

March 17th — Confirmation Sunday (Michael Harper Preaching)

May 18th — High School Overnight

May 19th — End of Year Brunch (9:30a)/Senior Recognition Sunday (11a)

June 9th – 15th — High School Montreat

June 17th – 20th — VBS

July 17th – 21st — Middle School Montreat

Who Can Help with Our Parking Lot Fundraiser?

Saturday, 3/9 @ 11a–3p

We'll once again be selling parking places for people who come to the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We need youth and parents to work two-hour shifts between 11a and 3p Saturday, March 9th.

Can you help? If so, email Steve Holmes at steveholmes228@gmail.com
(who has agreed to be the champion of this event).



Greetings from your Youth APNC!

Hello, from the the Youth APNC Committee! We are delighted to bring candidates in for face-to-face interviews this month. Many of you have agreed to help with various parts of their visit and we thank you. We certainly have felt your support which solidifies the importance of the Youth and Children's programming in the future of HPC. We still have an upcoming second interview online coming up and we feel we are moving into the final stages of our search. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Music Ministry

Interested in being a part of the music ministry? Check out the information below to see how you can share your talents. Music is a gift we all possess so join us! We would love for you to be part of the sounds of Highland!

CHANCEL CHOIR

Come sing with us! All are welcome, and we'd love to have you be a part of the music ministry. Singing in choir is a great place to meet new people and become a part of a rich history of our church. We meet Thursdays at 7pm in the choir room. Childcare can be provided for rehearsals, if needed, please contact vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org prior to coming with your child.

Please be sure to add these dates to your calendar:

March 9th, Saturday Morning Rehearsal 9:30-11:45

1. March 24th, Palm Sunday
2. March 29th, Good Friday
3. March 31st, Easter Sunday.

Our last Sunday of the program year will be May 19th, which is Pentecost Sunday.

First Sunday of Summer Choir will begin June 2nd.

HIGHLAND RINGERS

Highland Presbyterian Church is a proud owner of a 5-octave Malmark Bellcraftsmen set of hand bells as well as a 3-octave set of hand chimes. Highland Ringers meets weekly on Sundays at 1:30pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in ringing, please contact me at vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.

Please note that there will be NO REHEARSALS on the following dates:

1. March 31st (Easter Sunday)
2. April 28th (Cedar Ridge)
3. May 12th (Mother's Day)

This year, I would like us to have more of a role during the season of Lent. Therefore, we will play in all the Sunday services of Lent (much like we did in Advent). Please mark in your calendars the following dates of services.

1. March 3rd, Lent 3B
2. March 10th, Lent 4B
3. March 17th, Lent 5B
4. March 24th, Palm Sunday
5. March 29th, Good Friday
6. March 31st, Easter Sunday

HPC ORCHESTRA

Do you play an instrument? If so, HPC Orchestra is always looking for folks to play with us. Think about it! We have loads of fun! Interested in playing? We tailor the music to fit everyone's level. So come talk to me or shoot me an email, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.

We will play in the service of April 21st, Good Shepherd Sunday

1. Parts will be distributed the week of March 11th.
2. Rehearsal will be Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm.
3. Warm up on the day of the service, April 21st, will be at 10am on the button.

Vini Frizzo

Children's Music Ministry

The new song before Children's Time is Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us thy Peace).

Children's choirs are learning this, and the 2nd-5th graders are learning melody 2 and 3.

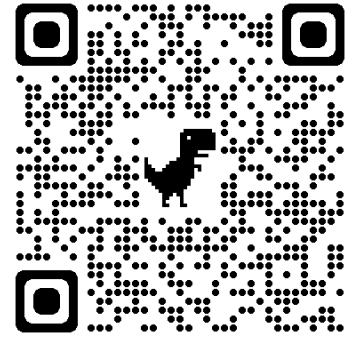
Wednesday, March 6: World drumming expert and Orff music teacher extraordinaire, Yeshima, will be with us to make instruments and drum. Bring a friend!

Sunday, March 17: We Are Blessed-all children's choirs sing this song in worship.

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday. All children join for palm parade and singing of Clap Your Hands and Sing Hosanna.

Stewardship

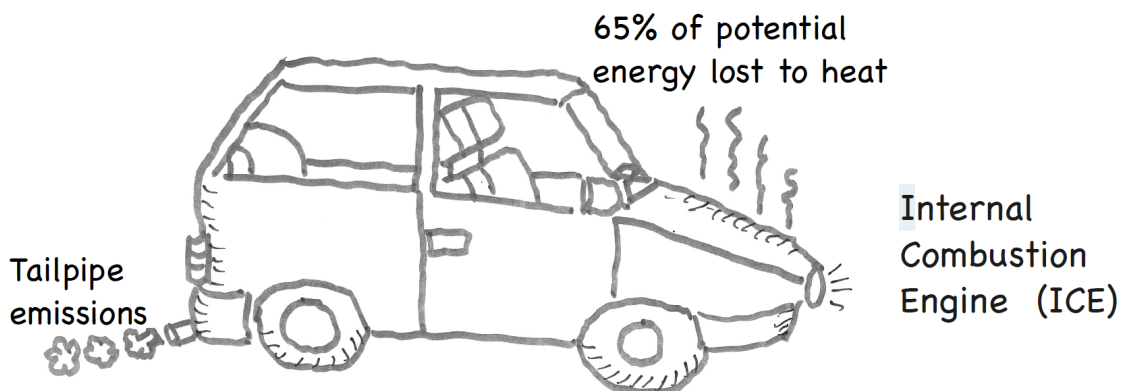
Giving just got easier, whether it's a regular donation or a one-time event. This QR Code will take you to a selection of 18 different categories that allow you to donate. You can also go to the Highland Presbyterian Website (hpclouisville.org) and click on "give" at the top of the page. Either method will take you to the following giving categories; **Pledge Payment**, Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser, Gift, Community Relief, KRM – Music for a Purpose, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Rapier Fund – Worship, Memorial Fund Gift, Grace Children Scholarship Fund, Kevin Youth Scholarship Fund, PCUSA – One Great Hour of Sharing, PCUSA Pentecost, PCUSA – Peace & Global Witness, PCUSA – Christmas Joy Offering, Youth Postcards, Youth Activities, Youth Summer Trips, Advance Pledge, Capital Campaign Pledge.



Environmental Stewardship

EV Myth Busting MYTH: Electric vehicles are worse for the climate than gasoline cars because of power plant emissions

FACT: Electric vehicles have a smaller carbon footprint than gasoline cars, even when the electricity comes from a power grid dependent upon fossil fuels. In Jefferson County **an EV's charging carbon footprint is typically one third of a conventional car's gasoline carbon footprint.** An EV's carbon footprint savings begins with an efficient use of energy; internal combustion engines waste much of their potential energy in heat – often as much as **65 percent of your gasoline powered car's potential energy is lost to heat.**



Fellowship

Men's Pub Night - A group of men will be gathering on **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm** for a beverage and some good conversation at TEN20 Craft Brewery at 1020 E. Washington St. Come join us. No agenda, just conversation in good company. If you would like to be added to the list for announcements about the upcoming men's pub nights, please email Ralph Bowling at ralbow87@gmail.com.



Attention Bridge Players: Highland hosts bridge on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you would like to be included on our player list, please call or email Patti Pinkley at patti.pinkley@gmail.com or 419.1003. **Meets March 7 at 1:00pm.**

WINGS - There are wonderful activities going on right now in the life of the Church for Lent and Easter, so we have decided to join in! For our WINGS meeting in March we would like to encourage everyone to attend the Youth led Spirituality night on **Sunday, March 3rd, 5:00pm**. Then, stay for dinner and we will try to eat together as a group. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us to support our Youth and share in this meaningful experience.

HPC Bookclub - The March selection is *The Lede* by Calvin Trillin. Newly published in February, this collection of stories about journalism and journalists is the latest from this noted comedic New Yorker writer. We will meet on **Monday March 25th at 7 pm** in Memorial Lounge. Questions? Contact Patti Pinkley at 502.419.1003 or patti.pinkley@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Dinner - March 20th - This month, our Wednesday night dinner will take place Wednesday, March 20th. Dinner and fellowship starts at 5:00 pm in the dining room. Come enjoy good food, and good fellowship! RSVP to Kathleen in the church office by noon Monday, March 18th.



In Other News

Reception Honoring Rhonda Hibdon March 10th. We are so grateful to Rhonda Hibdon for her incredible work as Children's Director in this interim time. Sunday, March 10th will be her last day of work. Please plan to stay following worship on this day to celebrate her incredible ministry. If you would like to contribute a gift – financial or otherwise – please bring it to the reception or send it to the church office before March 10th.

Crafty Spirit Contemplative Arts Circle - Join us for one of our monthly contemplative arts circles. Activities include painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, doodling, and more. You do not need to be an artist to join! This circle is all about the process, not the product. It's about seeking eudamonia – "that exhilarating encounter between a human being and divine creative inspiration (Elizabeth Glibert).

Date: Wednesday, March 27th @ 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111

Contact: angieandriot@gmail.com or 765.760.4569

This event is free, but if you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$20 or so to help pay for arts & crafts supplies - or just to support Crafty Spirit - you can do so here on Highland's website. We can't wait to see the beautiful visions you'll create!

InkWELL Contemplative Writer's Circle - This is a space to come together with other writers to support one another and reflect on the writing life. It is not a critique group. We will discuss our projects, how we are organizing our time, what challenges and joys we encounter in our writing, and what our writing brings up for us.

Date: Thursday, March 21 @ 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111

For questions about either of these offerings or to RSVP, contact: angieandriot@gmail.com or 765.760.4569
Crafty Spirit is part of PC(USA) 1001 New Worshiping Communities and supported by Highland Presbyterian Church.

Healing and Wholeness Service - ~~God will never give you more than you can handle~~ *will help you walk through the unthinkable. You were never meant to handle it alone.* Join us in the sanctuary on **Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m.** as we seek the strength of God's presence for meeting the challenges that face us. There will be quiet prayer, reflection and music. Our pastors will also be available for a time of personal prayer. All are welcome. God will meet you there.

Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Series (Fellowship Hall) - The six weeks of Lent have traditionally been a period dedicated to reflection and exercises that strengthen the spiritual life. To assist this process, the Adult Education committee has scheduled a series on spiritual practices, which began with an after-worship luncheon on February 18 and includes four 9:30 a.m. workshops and the youth-led spirituality night on March 3.

- Sunday, March 3 5:00 pm: Spirituality Night
- Sunday, March 10 9:30 am: Tai Chi
- Sunday, March 17 9:30 am: Labyrinths
- Sunday, March 24 9:30 am: Yoga and Mindfulness



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Friday
March 8th
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Saturday
March 9th
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Sunday
March 10th
3pm
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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sun.: 9:30 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 1:30 - Highland Ringers 5:00 – Middle School Youth Grp (not 3 rd , 31 st) 6:30 – High School Youth Grp (not 3 rd , 31 st) Mon.: 12:30 – Staff Meeting Tues.: 10:00 - STITCH						
Weekly Meetings: Wed.: 1:00 – Ministerial Staff Meeting 6:00 – Children’s Music Ministry Thurs.: 10:00 – STITCH 10:00 – WOW 7:00 – Chancel Choir						
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3 12:15 Roots 5:00 Spirituality Night	4	5 9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 4:00 Property Committee 5:30 Fellowship	6 4:00 Green Team 5:30 Worship Committee 6:30 Church in the World	7 1:00 Bridge Club 6:00 Choir Fellowship	8 7:30 Music for a Purpose Concert	9 9:00 HPC Work-day 9:30 Choir Rehearsal <i>St. Patrick’s Day Parade parking fundraiser</i>
10 9:30 Tai Chi	11 3:00 Adult Ed Committee	12 4:30 Personnel Committee 7:00 Men’s Pub Night	13	14 6:00 Healing and Wholeness Service	15	16
17 Confirmation Sunday 9:30 Labyrinths 3:30 Roots	18 5:00 Finance Committee	19 1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry 4:30 Green Team 6:00 Anti-Racism Team	20 9:15 NWS Board Meeting 5:00 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15 Session	21 5:30 Deacons 6:30 InkWell Writers Group	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:30: Yoga and Mindfulness	25 7:00 Book Club	26	27 6:00 Crafty Spirit Arts Circle	28 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	29 7:00 Good Friday Service	30 10:00 Easter Activities and Egg Hunt
31 9:30 & 11 Easter Services						

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March 24 - Palm Sunday - 11am

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship - 6pm

March 29 - Good Friday Worship - 7pm

March 30 - Easter Activities and Egg Hunt - 10am

March 31 - Early Easter Worship with Communion - 9:30am

March 31 - Easter Festival Worship - 11am