

THE RANGER

Poke Run Presbyterian Church 2019



The Redstone Presbytery Communications Team has been sharing reflections on a variety of spiritual practices this Lent on the Presbytery Facebook page. These reflections have been written by members of our presbytery. Right is the submission by our own Pastor Pete.

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A Lenten Journey

ANYONE WHO CAN
SEE AT LEAST A LITTLE
DISTANCE INTO THE
DEPTHS OF
SCRIPTURE NEVER
HAS TO BE BORED
AGAIN.

ELLEN DAVIS

Reading is not a natural action for our brains. We are wired to detect motion, interpret it as hostile or benign, and then run or fight. At our most primitive levels we seek to survive. Reading is a luxury not easily attained. Words themselves are slippery things pointing to other realities not easily perceived, much less understood. Concepts are lost in context. Written words point beyond themselves to other worlds. Strung together they build castles of meaning, sometimes life changing.

One of the great gifts of my life was being taught *how* to read. A professor taught me to search beyond the surface of an author's words in an attempt to find meaning.

Read in four steps:

1. "Words" - what do the words mean? Untangle them one by one. This is more challenging than you might think. Words build into phrases – often changing meaning or intent in the process. Phrases connect to construct paragraphs, and so on. Understand the passage you read.
2. "Meditate" on the passage, ask questions of it. Let it enter into your stream of conscious and expand. Explore its intent.
3. "Pray" – what does this call you to pray for or about? How will it impact your life, your belief system, today?
4. "Live" - how do I go about living in my world based on the secrets this reading exposed to me?

Try it using a segment from Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Let one line, one word grasp you. Perhaps, "Can this be the Christ?" One word "Christ" is sufficient. What does this mean, not to you, but to her? What and how does she know? Or, if you read on, the townspeople say of Jesus, " ... we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." This is pre-Easter, how do they know? There is enough her to keep us for days, perhaps a lifetime.

-Rev. Pete Goetschius, Pastor @ Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo

Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World...

Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11am Sunday School: 10am adults & kids
Sunday 7pm Bible Study

Tuesdays 10am Women's Bible Study @ church
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7pm Bible Study Location varies

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Thank you to everyone who served during the Worship Services in March.

Our March Greeters: Dave & Janet Thomas, Wally & Iris Kiebler, Tom & Nancy Kimble, Tim & Barbi Findley, and Connie Cauvel

Our March Lectors: Barbi Findley, Ruth O'Connor, Shyrl Stange, Tom Kimble and Shelly Chappell-Vaia

For our prayers:

Ali Ankney, Scott Ankney, Annette, baby Noah, Carol Bartachellei, Renee Bates, Matt Beacom, Ronda Bertelle, Lil Bowman, Rick Bowman, Ron & Carol Bowman, Mike Brewer, Skye Brewer, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Carolyn Buckley, William Caldwell, Nora Jane Caporali, Dave Carroll, Irene Clark, Collin, Carol Croff & family, Marie D, Tommie DeSantis, Hannah Dixon, Jim Dunmire, Sara Dyer, Shirley Elwood, Terry Fairbanks, Kelly Daugherty Farley, Elmer Foley, Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Nancy Gearhard, Gerry and Family, Dolly George, Meghan Goodiski, Marnee Gormley, Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Betty Henry, Don Henry, Brenda Hughes, Leland Jones, Marjorie Kaiser, Rob Kemerer, Kim, Joann Kole, Steve Kosinski, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Walt Lange, Rhett LaRue and family, Dana, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Pat Lengauer, Cliff Lightner, Norm Linhart, Heather Lynn, Freda Mahen, the McCutcheon family, Irma McDivitt, Ronnie McDivitt, Mary Lou McKay, Amy McQuaide, Conrad McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, Lori Moneymaker, June & Roy Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Sandy Nemetz, Leanne O'Connor, Thad Overly, Sandy Pajak, Sarah Parrish, Evelyn Pfeffer, Randy Pfeffer, Winifred Powers, Reno, Rafael Rincon, Steve Roman, Debbie & Larry Seighman, Valerie Shondelmeyer, Linda Shoop, Joanne Smith, Dorothy Sottoriva, Carol Soule, Mary Jane Staite, Dinah Staymates, Mildred Striner, Arlene Switzer, Bev & Mario Tagliati, Amy Teele, Craig Thompson, the family of Jim Thompson, Jill Tocco, Sue Washburn, Linda Wengert, Gary Wiester, Neale & June Weister, Clay Wilabee, Bruce Wise, Kate Wolford. Those gripped by addictions, Those who have faced devastation by weather events and Those who serve in the military, Pray for Our country, and Our world.



"We would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls and text messages throughout the last 8 months. We are so fortunate to have all of you as our church family. A recent MRI shows that the tumors in Larry's liver are getting smaller, and there are fewer of them. Praise the Lord for answering prayers. "

Debbie and Larry Seighman



Memorial Service: there will be a memorial service for Berenice Jones at the church on Saturday April 27th at 11am.

It is a privilege and blessing to lift each other up in prayer as surely our heavenly Father rejoices as we come to Him with all of our needs. Thank you for praying for those listed above. If you placed a name on our prayer list, please update the office occasionally so that we can more fully include them in our prayers and petitions. Thank you.



Mission Challenge:

Look for ways that you can ask others for forgiveness for the times you may have hurt them or slighted them in some way.



From the Poke Run Presbyterian Church Session Minutes of February 12, 2019

The stated meeting of the Session met in the Sunday school rooms. A quorum was present and, Rev. Peter Goetschius, Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and devotions.

Session Members present: Rev. Peter Goetschius -Moderator, Connie Cauvel - Clerk, Nicole Goodiski - Assistant Clerk, Tom Kimble, Nikki McQuaide, Bob Wilson, Laurie Martin, Terry Wiester.

Excused: Valerie Hansen, Brett Stevenson **Absent:** None

MSC: To approve the Session Minutes of: January 8, 2019, Deacon Minutes of: January 7, 2019, Trustee minutes of: December 11, 2018 and Treasurer's Report: December 31, 2018 (Approved at Financial Review 1/26/2019) and January 31, 2019

Budget & Finance: Tom Kimble, Val Hansen -Giving Process - reviewed by the Session and approved.

Christian Ed & Youth: Laurie Martin, volunteered to lead this committee.

Mission and Stewardship: Bob Wilson Committee is asking us to pray for different ways. February Mission Challenge: *Pray daily for someone in your family or close to you who has perhaps offended or hurt you in some way.* Linda Chicka is also involved with the Presbytery and their addiction programing.

Old Business:

MSP: To approve Feb. 16 for Circle 2 Fellowship Brunch.

New Business:

Attendance Recap - information from Amy Wilkinson Secretary was discussed.

MSP: To approve the annual Statistical Report: Congregation Life Stats, Disability and Racial Composition Reports, Financial Data Stats report,

MSP: To approve Poke Run Giving Policy from Budget & Finance Committee

MSP: To approve the Poke Run Youth Protection Policy from Personnel Committee

MSP: To approve Pine Springs Campership Policy from Christian Ed.

Soup for the Soul – discussion

MSP: Funds collected at the Lunch will be used to support Soup for the Soul.

If other funds are needed we will address additional funding at that time

Triennium – Tuesday July 16 – Saturday July 20 @ Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Youth who are freshman through Senior in High School are welcome to apply,

Please contact office for application and information

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: March 12, 2019



Connie Cauvel (Clerk of Session)

Session meetings are open to all members of the church. Complete Session Minutes are available in the office for Church member review. The next Session meeting will be held at 7pm on April 9, 2019.

Communion is shared during the Early 8:30am Worship service every Sunday. In addition, communion will be celebrated during the following Worship services in 2019.

April 14th—Palm Sunday

August 4th 11am

April 18th—Maundy Thursday

September 8th 11am

April 21st—Easter

October 6th—World Communion Sunday

June 9th— Pentecost

December 1st-1st Sunday of Advent

July 7th 11am

December 24th—Christmas Eve





Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

Palm Sunday Worship, Sunday April 14th, and plan on attending a luncheon prepared by the Poke Run Deacons, immediately following the 11am worship.



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday begins the "Three Days", remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.

QUESTION—WHAT DOES MAUNDY MEAN? From Google:

*History and Etymology for **maundy**. Middle English maunde, from Old French mandé, from Latin mandatum command, order; from the **words** spoken by Jesus to his disciples after washing their feet at the Last Supper, "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another" (John 13:34 Authorized Version)*

Maundy Thursday Worship on 7:30pm April 18th Come and share a meal together.

Dinner at 6pm, before Worship Service



Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life.

Good Friday: April 19th

The festival of the Resurrection of the Lord, **Easter Sunday** is the center of the Christian year. 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.



Sunday, April 21st—Come to Poke Run for Easter Worship:

Services at 8:30am and 11am

Information provided above is from the website of:



New Member Class



New Members Class—

Pastor Pete is putting together a class for anyone interested in joining the Poke Run congregation. If you would like to join or want more information, see Pastor Pete or contact the Church Office. 724-327-5563



Graduate Sunday: May 12, 2019

Please contact the office if you have a graduate in your life. We would like to recognize Poke Run's graduates, high school, college, etc. and certainly share good news of those you love. Please submit your grad information by April 15th.





Deacon Ministry

The Poke Run Deacons

continue their valuable ministry into 2019.
If you know of someone who would benefit by service from the Deacons, a visit, a card, assistance, prayer; please contact the Deacons or the Poke Run Office.

From the Deacon Minutes of February 4, 2019

Present: Ruth O'Connor, Cindy Brooks, Nancy Dombroske, Sandy Ballas, Barbi Findley, Nancy Kimble, Diane Scott, Shyrl Stange

Absent: Cindy Brooks, Shelly Chappell-Vaia, Tammy Kelley and Meghan Goodiski

January meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Old Business: Received thanks for Food Baskets. New Deacon Treasurer has been established at bank. Reviewed the 2019 Communion Schedule. Nancy Dombroske will make Valentine's pretzel bags for "Special Friends"

New Business: Reviewed "Special Friends" list. Discussed budget; will request allotted money from Poke Run Benevolence Budget.

as submitted by Sandy Ballas, secretary



PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

The Poke Run Congregation is invited to a Palm Sunday luncheon immediately following the 11am. worship service on Sunday, April 14th. Please plan to stay for the luncheon and enjoy good food and fellowship. If you are available to help with the luncheon in any way, please contact a Deacon.



Sunday, April 7th—deadline to order Easter Food Baskets.

If you know of someone who would benefit by receiving a basket, please contact a Deacon or call the Poke Run Office.

You will need to provide the name and phone number of the person who will be picking up the basket.
PICK-UP Thursday, April 11th, 7:30pm.



Poke Run Presbyterian Church, 1091 Poke Run Church Rd Apollo, PA 15613
EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM: **DEADLINE: Palm Sunday – April 14th**

NAME: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lily (\$6.00)

Hyacinth (\$4.00)

Tulips (\$4.00)

Daffodil (\$4.00)

Colors cannot be guaranteed and will be assorted.

If preferred, please list **In Honor of** or **In Memory of** person or persons below for each flower.(use back if necessary.)

_____ Given By _____

_____ Given By _____

_____ Given By _____

Orders can be placed in the Offering Plate, given to a Deacon or submitted through the Office.

All checks should be payable to "Poke Run Deacons"

Please write on the back of the form if more space is needed.

If there are any questions, please contact the office at 724-327-5563.

ORDER FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE



"Soup for the Soul" will be Wednesday, April 10th. Vegetable Soup – doors open at 11:30am, soup is served at noon. Come and bring a friend, help extend a Christian welcome and presence to those God brings to Poke Run! Call the office if you can bring a dessert. 724-327-5563

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS



PLEASE JOIN US:

Circle 2 would like to invite everyone to dinner before the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 18th at 6 pm. Join us for dinner and fellowship; We can worship together in commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus and the Apostles at the Maundy Thursday service that begins at 7:30pm.



Redstone Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 27, 2019
9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church
200 Thornton Road
Brownsville, PA 15417



Buccaneer Boutique - If you care to donate, there is a collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you!





THE POKE RUN TRUSTEES

Are you available to help out on Saturday, April 6th? That will be the next "Trustee Work Day" - many hands make for lighter work. Meet at the church at 8:30am

Remember: if you see something that needs their attention, please notify the office or speak to a Trustee directly.

CURRENT POKE RUN BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Bill Craig

Sheree Wagner

Tom Fitzsimmons

Linda Chicka

Andy Bantrock

Bob Thompson

Ron Bowman

Brian Dombroske

Doug Ross



Firstfruits Offering

The "FIRST FRUITS" offering is Poke Run's commitment to the larger church. Please consider an offering beyond your local giving, of \$42.50 per member. To date, Poke Run members have donated a little over 50% of our 2019 commitment. Thank You!!

Copies of the "2018 Annual Report" for Poke Run are available in the Narthex. If you would like an electronic copy of the "Annual Report," contact the office. 724-327-5563



Office Hours at the Church 9:30am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure Amy is there! Amy will be out of the office on April 17th, 29th and 30th.

Never hesitate to contact Pastor Pete at 724-454-2278.

Church Secretary

Please share any contact information updates with the Church Office so that you do not miss out on any information.

Next Ranger Deadline: April 22nd

Directory

PICK UP IN THE NARTHEX: A current Poke Run Phone Directory

A limited number of copies of the Directory are available to members for mailing, contact the office. 724-327-5563

If you picked up an early copy of the Directory, please add : Kathy & Marvin Moneymaker 724-331-2301

At the entrance of a French Church:

En entrant dans cette église, il est possible que vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu. il n'est pas susceptible de vous contacter par téléphone.

Merci d'avoir éteint votre téléphone.

Si vous souhaitez parler à Dieu, entrez, choisissez un endroit tranquille et parle lui. Si vous souhaitez le voir, envoyez-lui un SMS en conduisant.



Translation: It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God.

On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him.

If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving. *(submitted by Don Lengauer)*





Sunday School at Poke Run Church

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

FOR THE KIDS Children's Class! – music and FUN!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The class meeting in the West Wayside room (on the left at the end of the hall) is using the David C. Cook series titled **"Discipleship and Mission"**

The class meeting in the Session room (on the right at the end of the hall) is using the study **"When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story**

Join in the fellowship area for refreshment between the early service and Sunday School.

FREE—in the Narthex: copies of the two publications,

The Upper Room - daily devotional, and **Today's Christian Living** - magazine



THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**TODAY'S
Christian
LIVING**



PINE SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP Although it is past the due date for Poke Run Campership applications, it is not too late to register for Pine Springs Summer Camp.

If anyone would like more information about Pine Springs Camp,

contact Laurie Martin (martinlk297@gmail.com).

See "Happenings" Page for more Pine Springs Opportunities!



• **Poke Run's Good Friday, TGIF Program will be held on April 19, 2019**

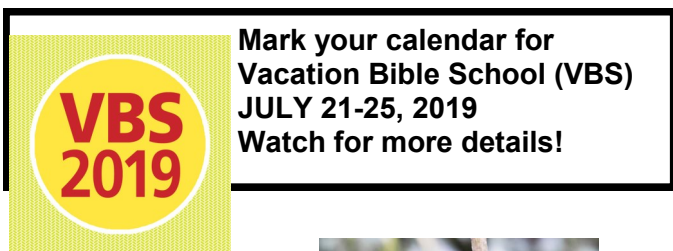
from 8:30AM until 1:00PM for kids age 3 through Grade 12. Breakfast and lunch are provided. The day starts off with a prayer breakfast for all adult helpers at 7:45AM.

This year's theme is "JESUS' LOVE IS A BUBBLIN' OVER". Activities and classes will be held for children from 3 years of age through sixth grade. Older kids (Grades 6-12) will have a Youth Group Day; assisting with activities, learning, and having fun together.

We are still in need of volunteers to assist in the day's events and to help with clean-up... or just come and join us for lunch to hear the exciting news the children have to share.

Please contact Laurie Martin 724-433-2404 or the church office 724-327-5563 with questions or offers of help.

Most importantly, pray that what we do as a church may be pleasing to God and then round up your friends, children, grandchildren, neighbors to attend.

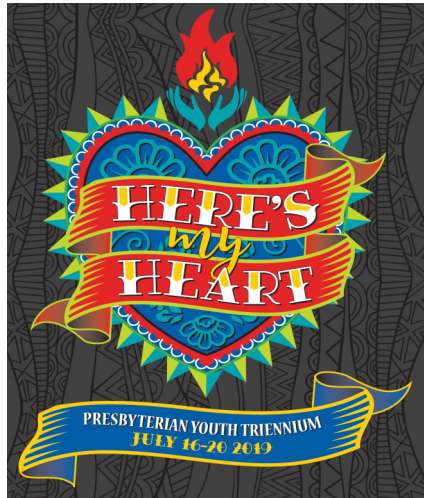


**Mark your calendar for
Vacation Bible School (VBS)
JULY 21-25, 2019
Watch for more details!**



ALL VOLUNTEERS: Many of the church activities require that you be aware of Poke Run's "Policy to Safeguard Children" and have proper clearances. If you need help obtaining these, call Amy in the office.





Redstone Stories

"A Meeting of Survivors"



In April 2018 five members of the Redstone Mission team from many different congregations traveled to Fayetteville, NC to stay at a large Presbyterian Church and work with United Methodist Disaster Assistance. We worked all week on one home. We spent most of the week sanding drywall, applying more joint compound, known as mud, and sanding some more – and then we applied the first coat of paint to the newly smoothed and sanded walls.

Friday morning, a car pulled into the driveway. Two women got out – one was the homeowner, Cathy, and the other her friend, Sylvia. She said that they had not intended to stop by, Sylvia had taken Cathy to the doctor, and the car just sort of drove itself to the house. Cathy told us her story. Her husband had died 2 years ago, just before the hurricane. A week before the hurricane hit, they had 12 inches of rain in one day. When the hurricane blew through, they had another 15 inches. There was widespread flooding; her house had about 4 feet of water in it. She hired a contractor, who put up new wallboard over black mold – and then left town with her money. Then Kathy was diagnosed with breast cancer – and had bilateral mastectomies. She had to retire from her work as a registered nurse so that she could proceed with her treatment. We walked through the house with her – I have to say she seemed quite fragile. We presented her with a cross made of nails on a rawhide thong and as I placed it over her head, I told her that I am a 26-year survivor. She said, "I'm never taking this off!" We prayed with her and laid hands on her – and it was a powerful experience of God's spirit. It was the Holy Spirit that directed that car to that house that morning. Disaster relief workers do much more than repair and rebuild – we help to rebuild lives.

~Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Honorably Retired

Get ready for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium –

a gathering held every three years for high school age students in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Youth from all churches (across the sponsoring denominations) come together for this life changing, life giving, faith growing gathering! Five

days that help form a younger generation of active Presbyterians. Five days that shape the leadership gifts and deepen the discipleship awareness for a generation who are already achieving a strong presence in this church and this world!

DATE: Tuesday, July 16 – Saturday, July 20, 2019

LOCATION: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

AUDIENCE: High School Age youth and accompanying adult advisors (entering freshmen through graduated seniors: adult advisors must be 21 years+)

Poke Run has had recent participants at Triennium—if you are interested, please contact the Church Office or see Pastor Pete!



HAPPENING IN OUR PRESBYTERY

April 12 & 13—Union Presbyterian Rummage Sale

April 14—Pine Springs FIVE GUYS fundraiser—see below.

April 27—Presbyterian Women PW Spring Gathering , Johnstown



Friendship Dinner—2nd Wednesday of every month, 5-6pm New Kensington United Presbyterian

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

April 27—Craft & Vendor Sale—Delmont Salem Lutheran

COMING IN MAY

May 4—Washington Township Dumpster Days 7am-5pm some restrictions apply

May 20—Pine Springs Camp 19th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Jessica Slaughaupt (left) was awarded third place in the Regional “Reflections” competition, sponsored by the National PTA, for her literature entry themed “heroes all around me.” She was presented the pictured medal at a ceremony at Norwin Middle School along with kids from many other schools representing different age groups and divisions including dance, photography, etc.



FOUR GUYS AT FOUR

FIVE GUYS®

**A FUNDRAISING AND PROMOTIONAL EVENT
For Pine Springs Camp**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019
11:30 am – 3:30 pm**

WHERE
Five Guys Locations in
Johnstown
Irwin
Greensburg
Washington



We have moved

Jack & Jane Blair
202 - Forest Hills
107 Fall Run Road
Pittsburgh PA 15221

Jack 724-859-8344
Jane 724-681-3375



PHOTOS WANTED!!!! The Office can use emailed photos from cameras or cell phones. We'd love to include more pics from church functions. Share your good news—contact the church office! If you have appropriate News to share in the Poke Run Ranger—please submit it to the office.

The next Ranger deadline is April 22, 2019.



April 2019

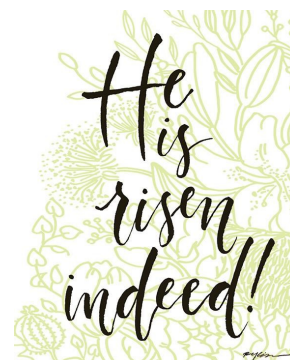
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Deacons	2 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	3 7pm Mission & Stewardship	4	5	6 Trustee Workday 8:30am 
7 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch 7pm Bible Study	8	9 10am Bible Study 7pm Session	10  <u>noon "Soup for the Soul"</u> Choirs	11 7:30pm Deacon Basket Pick-up 	12	13
14 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch Palm Sunday Luncheon 	15 	16 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	17 Office closed Choirs	18 2 6pm Dinner Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30pm 	19 Office closed 	20
21 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch  	22 7pm Christian Ed	23 10am Bible Study	24	25 7pm Trustees	26	27 11am Berenice Jones memorial
28 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am Sun-Sch 7pm Bible Study	29 Office closed	30 Office closed 10am Bible Study				

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April 14th Palm Sunday, Luncheon following 11am Service
April 18th, Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30pm, dinner at 6pm
April 19th, TGIF Good Friday Kids Program

Easter Sunday Services, April 21st

Worship at 8:30am and 11am
Sunday School at 10am



Worship Together! Easter Services



Want to save the church a stamp—AND see the “Ranger” IN COLOR!?!?!
Contact the Church office and get added to the “Ranger” email list—it is that simple—