

MESSENGER

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A Word From Pastor Steve

Will you join me this year in making Holy Week “HOLY”? One of the basic meanings of the word ‘holy’ is to ‘set apart’ for honoring God. I invite you to ‘set apart’ four times of worship during Holy Week, April 13-20th.

Palm/Passion Sunday - This is a day of mixed emotions. Our liturgy begins outside in front of the Sanctuary as we recall the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to shouts by the crowds, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!’ We too will carry branches of Palm and proclaim Jesus as one who comes in God’s name. Let’s make it quite the celebration. Mid service we will observe the transition from Palms and Praises to the Passion and Suffering of Jesus. Religious and political leaders conspire to counter what the people proclaim. We will get a first taste of the mixed joy and sorrow of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday – A Feast of Friends. We gather with Christians around the world to celebrate and remember. This evening begins the Triduum, considered by early Christians as the most holy days of our church year. The time we spend together tonight is called the “Feast of Friends”. On this night we will combine dinner and liturgy, prayer and conversation, wine and confession all together in one night. The pattern is reminiscent of the ancient Jewish pattern used at Passover that includes the blessing of two cups and one loaf, spread out through a meal. We will enact our baptismal calling to live as friends of Christ. There are four main foci in the liturgy: absolution, the announcement of forgiveness; a table surrounded by the friends of Jesus all related to one another through his body and blood; foot washing, a sign of our call to service, and an offering for friends in need. All these things: absolution, a meal, foot washing, and offering will prepare us to gather at the cross tomorrow when our liturgy continues. Our annual Prayer Vigil will begin as our Maundy Thursday service concludes.

Good Friday – Adoration of the Cross. On Friday, we hear the passion of Christ according to John, the narrative of Jesus as a king crucified and reigning from the cross. The heart of tonight’s service comes as we venerate the cross which stands as a symbol of God’s presence in suffering and death. We will do this in two movements. First we will place roses, a symbol of our love, at the foot of the cross. Humans have long marked places of death by leaving behind flowers. Tonight these roses symbolize our sorrows, our pain, our wounds, and our sin. As we place the roses we’ll offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for the love shown through Jesus. Later we’ll use an ancient pattern, as we bow before the cross and offer a prayer chant to God. To bow is to demonstrate our need for God; to be raised up is to face God and recognize God’s love for us. As we leave worship in silence we take with us one of the roses as a sign of hope, a symbol of the presence of God in our own suffering. This service does not “end,” but instead continues to...

Easter Vigil – We reclaim an ancient practice this year with an evening service on Holy Saturday. In one of the earliest Christian traditions, Lent was a time of preparation for Baptism and candidates were baptized at a mid-night Easter Vigil. We begin after dark with a procession of light and our service will resemble the ancient liturgy with four ‘movements’: Light, Word, Baptism (or Affirmation of Baptism), Eucharist. Bring your friends for this lovely culmination of the Lenten Season.

Easter Sunrise will be hosted by Red Bank United Methodist Church, 6:30 AM. We will follow that with one **Easter Festival** service at 10:30 AM. Please bring family and friends to the Feast.

Joy & Peace,

Prayer Vigil

Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane before he went to the cross. He asks us to pray, as well. We are holding a 24 hr prayer vigil during Holy Week this year. Sign up for a 30 minute time slot when you would like to pray. You may come to the church during your time slot, or you may wish to pray at home. Prayer booklets will be available. The prayer vigil will begin after **Maundy Thursday** service and end with the start of **Good Friday** service.

Community Easter Service

Red Bank United Methodist Church will host this year's Easter Sunrise Service at **6:30 AM April 20**.

Easter Lilies

If you have not ordered your lily yet, please take a moment and do so. The deadline is **April 6**. Make checks payable to St. James Lutheran Church. Each lily is \$12.75.

All Committee Night

Our next All Committee Night will be on **Sunday, April 13** at **7PM**, beginning in the sanctuary.

Council Meeting

Our next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 24** at **7PM** due to the Easter holiday.

WELCA

All Women are invited to attend our WELCA meeting in the parlor on **Tuesday, April 15**, at **7PM**.

OWLs Monthly Luncheon

St. James' OWLs will eat at Harbor Inn in Lexington **Thursday, April 17**. Please be there, seated and ready to order by **12PM**. Come join us for good food and wonderful fellowship!



Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday, April 21** at **6:30 PM**. All men are welcome to attend!



Voices Needed!

Chancel Choir needs your help in making a joyful noise on **Palm Sunday** and **Easter** morning. Rehearsals for the anthems, "The King of Glory" and "See What A Morning" will be held immediately following Wednesday evening Lenten services. All parts available!



Egg Hunt!

WELCA Rebekah Women's Circle is having an Easter Egg Hunt for all children on **Saturday, April 12** at **10AM**. We would like to hand out candy to the children and are asking for donations of Easter candy. There is a marked basket inside the Narthex for you to drop off donations. We are also in need of volunteers to help bake and/or decorate cupcakes for the occasion. Anyone interested in helping may contact Lunette Davis at 446-6297.

Backpack Program

We would like to thank everyone for all of the ongoing support we have received for our kids at Red bank Elementary. The faculty at RBES has asked that we please refrain from donating foods that have nuts or nut products in them as some of the children in the program have allergies. As you shop for donations, please take a moment and check labels to make certain what you want to give is free of nuts and nut products. Again, thank you for all you have done to keep the program going!

Guardian Angels

This month, Guardian Angels will meet on **Sunday, April 27 at 5:00PM**. Don't forget the prayer box is located in the back of our sanctuary, if you would like to leave prayer requests for yourself or a loved one.

Bishop Yoos

We will have a Congregational Event with the Bishop after the **10:30AM** service on **Sunday, April 27**. Lunch that day will be provided by the Boy Scouts. Please make every effort to be present for this meeting.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will continue to meet in the Bible Max room on **Sundays, April 13, and 27, at 9:15 AM**.

Worship Assistant Training

Please consider joining the ranks of our Sunday Worship Assistants. We are looking for Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes and Crucifers, Communion Assistants and Prayer Leaders. Fill out a form today! We will meet for training on the following dates and times:

Ushers - Sunday, April 6 at 9:15AM

Acolytes and Crucifers - Sunday, April 6 at 12PM

Lectors and Communion Assistants - Sunday, April 13 at 9:15AM

Assisting Ministers - Sunday, April 13 at 12PM

Classical Conversations

Our home school group, Classical Conversations will break for the summer very soon. Their last day will be on **Tuesday, April 8**. They will have an award ceremony here for the children on **Tuesday, April 22**. We have been blessed with this group of home school families for the past two school terms and they echo that very sentiment and truly appreciate our ministry here at St. James.



Confirmation

Confirmation will meet again as scheduled on **Sunday, April 6 and 27 at 3:00PM**.

Youth Group Meetings

The St. James Youth Group will continue to meet at 5PM on the same days as Confirmation is scheduled. Join us again on **April 6 and 27**. Bring a friend!



Council Notes

Council met on Sunday, March 16 at 7:00 pm. Devotions were conducted by Pastor Steve from Romans 12, from THE MESSAGE.

Action items included:

- Approving request by Home School group to use our building for next school year
- Approving motion to designate the Lenten Offerings for our 5th Sunday Fellowship Events
- Approved the Water Sunday Project for the LMM and Youth to collect funds through March 30 to support the Clean Water effort
- Approved the collection of funds to purchase Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday through April 13.
- Postponing decision on Insurance Policy recommendation until more info could be gathered.
- Approving a form to be used for Prayer List requests through the church office

We asked the Property Committee to review:

- Terminex Agreement for specifics and pricing
- Rental Agreement on the Mack Property and provide update

Reminder that our Congregational Event with the Bishop is scheduled for the Sunday after Easter, April 27th, after the 10:30 service with lunch to be provided by the Boy Scouts!

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 16th with classes for all ages!

Our next Council Meeting will be on Thursday, April 24th, to avoid meeting on Easter Sunday (April 20th).

April Birthdays

04/01

Carolyn Monts

Emily Shealy

04/04

Sarah Avent

04/08

Ben Freeman

04/09

Dale Hutto

04/10

Frauke Avent

04/13

Frank Taylor

Joshua West

04/14

Peggy Larrabee

04/15

Sharon Duke

Susan Gossett

04/16

Steven Jenkins

04/21

Alvin Sharpe

04/22

Casey Wilson

04/25

Jacob Feaster

Deana Gunter

Leigh Provost

04/26

Margaret Hollis

Jan Sharpe

04/30

Jennifer Boone

Stacey Lanford

Thank You

St. James and GraceNotes would like to thank Hazel Rawl for the handbell tree that she dedicated in memory of her husband, Sonny Rawl.

Memorials

Eunice Backman by Hazel Rawl

Sippin Charleston

St. James' OWLs present Sippin Charleston. On **Tuesday, May 13 at 8AM**, we will depart from St. James and head for Wadmalaw Island by bus and stop at Charleston Tea Plantation where we will get to taste, see, feel, smell and learn all about the art of making tea (included). While at the Tea Plantation, we will enjoy a catered box lunch (lunch included). Our next stop will be Irvin House Vineyards where we will taste and sample as well as learn all about wine making. We should return to St. James by approximately 7:15PM. The cost is \$80.00 per person for the day with payment in full needed by **April 24**. If you are interested in attending, simply fill out the form below attach a check payable to Capitol Tours and return them to Lynette Steele of Sammie Metts. Please join us for a wonderful time!



Sippin Charleston

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name you would like on your Name Tag: _____



We Pray for Our Members, Friends and Family:



Members

Virginia Hall
 Norma Moore
 Paul Pilkington
 Dollie Pounds
 Dot Shealy

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

Gina Amick - Niece of Russell Taylor
 Harold Boone - Brother of George and Evelyn Knox
 Courtney Cagle - Granddaughter of D. Pounds
 Darren Corley - Cousin of Randy Summers
 Richard Culliver - Student of Mot Caulder
 Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis
 Randy Dickerson - Friend of D & M Hines
 Kenny Drafts - Brother of Barbara Roland
 Chris Farmer-Friend of Joel & Lisa Tyson and Mike Long
 Donna Florence - Mother of Megan Joyner
 Ralph Frazier - Brother of Bobby Frazier
 Rachel Gould - Mother of Hank Poplin
 Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
 Vera Havird - Aunt of Miranda West
 Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West
 Billy James - Relative of Virginia Hall
 Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer
 Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler
 Judy McGee - Sister of Miranda West
 Cindy Miller - Friend of Tina Poindexter

Loretta Nettles - Cousin of Hilda West
 Alice Perkins- Friend of Margaret Hollis
 Colby Poplin - Nephew of Hank Poplin
 Frankie Pounds - Grandson of Dollie Pounds
 Jerry Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds
 Randy Pounds - Son of Dollie Pounds
 Janice Satterfield - Wife of J Miller's Nephew
 Fred Sharpe - Friend of Danny & Cheryl Austin
 Sandra Shealy - Friend of George & Lynette Steele
 Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
 Jerry Steele - Brother of George Steele
 Herbert Stockman - Father of S. Hollis & L. Long
 Bruce Walls - Brother in Law of Gwen Freeman
 Mary Jane West - Mother of Eric West
 Emily Whitten - Mother of Lynn Sloan
 Boyd Woodle - Brother of Dee Franklin
 Conrad Woodle - Brother of Dee Franklin
 Doughton Woodle - Brother of Dee Franklin
 Louise Woodle - Sister of Dee Franklin

Our Military Workers:

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
 Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
 Ryan Caulder - Son of Mot Caulder
 Brandon Harmon - Cousin of Mike Long

Our Shut-ins:

Mollie Harrison
 Jerry Hutto
 Roberta Pound
 Anna Ree Roland
 Kathleen Smith

Worship Assistants

April 2014

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Acolytes 10:30AM April 6 - Nick Roberts April 13 - Mattie O'Quinn April 20 - Mattie O'Quinn April 27 - Emerson Hibbs			1 9AM-Home School 6PM-Girl Scouts	2 6PM- Meal 6:30PM-Lenten Service 7PM-Choir	3	4	5 9AM -Sat. Sisters OPIN
Altar Guild April - Lisa Tyson			8 9AM-Home School 6PM-Girl Scouts	9 6PM-Meal 6:30PM-Lenten Service 7PM-Choir	10	11	12 10AM-Easter Egg Hunt
Lay Readers April 8:00AM 6 - Lisa Curtis 13 - Laney Strickland 20 - Laney Strickland Tammy O'Quinn 27 - Mike Long			15 2 PM-Harvest Hope 7PM-WELCA	16 7PM-Choir	17 12PM-OWLS Luncheon at Harbor Inn 7PM-Maundy Thursday Feast of Friends 8PM-Prayer Vigil	18 Good Friday 7PM-Adoration of the Cross	19 9PM-Easter Vigil
Ushers Bill Barley Allen Hollis Steve Pullie Olin Slice			22 6:30PM-Home School Award Ceremony 6:30PM-Girl Scouts	23 7PM-Choir	24 7PM-Council	25	26
Sound System Jan Sharpe			29 6PM-Girl Scouts	30 7PM-Choir			
	27 8 & 10:30 AM-Holy Communion 9:15AM-Sunday School 9:15AM-Women's Bible Study 3PM-C Confirmation 5PM-Youth 5PM-Guardian Angels 6PM-Handbells	28					
	20 6:30AM-Sunrise Service 9:15AM-Sunday School 10:30AM-Holy Communion	21 6:30PM-LMM					
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Sunday School: 9:15 AM

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM-2:00 PM



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