



\_\_\_ April 2018 \_\_\_  
**A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT**

It's cold as we gather in the early morning for the Easter service outside. We shiver a little as the cold morning air seeps up through what we're wearing, it seems like winter just doesn't want to let us go. We sing "**This is the Day that the Lord has made. We will be glad and rejoice in it.**" And it **is** a day for rejoicing for Jesus Christ has beaten the big bully that we all face, death, and in His victory, we can have ours.

It was early that first Easter. A somber group of women carry spices to the garden tomb to finish preparing the body of Jesus for burial. Perhaps they too shivered in the early morning cold but it was not a shiver in anticipation of Joy was it? Perhaps they shivered or caught their breath as they find the stone rolled away from the tomb and two men in shining white clothes standing in the



place where Jesus' body should have been. "**He is not here but is risen**" (Luke 24:6), the men say. How strange the words sound in this place of the dead!

**"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more..." (Revelation 1:18")**

Jesus did not fail His disciples. He kept His word when on that first Easter morn He appeared to Mary Magdalene, who momentarily first mistook Him to be the gardener. And later to the doubting disciple. And also, to those on the road to Emmaus, who failed to recognize Him.

Maybe we are like Mary. Jesus comes to us in a form we don't recognize, perhaps in the form

of a friend in need. But we see Him as just another burdensome person with a problem and forgetting about our friends need, we go on our way. Or sometimes we are like those who were full of doubts. Or like the ones on the road to Emmaus who were "slow of Heart to believe".

But all these shortcomings and failures can be swept away in the joy that Easter brings, the conviction that Christ lives, that He is "alive forever more". This is the last, the most glorious stage of bearing His yoke. All the burdens are lifted. Only joy remains and, in that joy, as He promised, "ye shall find rest unto your souls."



**Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!**

Rev. George Walton  
Stated Supply Pastor

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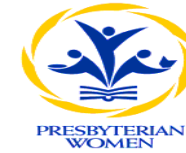


**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Adult Sunday School Class meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. For the month of April, we will study the following lessons:

- April 01st **He Has Risen (EASTER SUNDAY)**  
*Luke 24: 1-12, 30-35*
- April 08th **The Risen Lord Appears**  
*John 21: 1-14*
- April 15th **Follow Me**  
*John 21: 15-25*
- April 22nd **The Lord God the Almighty**  
*Revelation 4: 1-6, 8-11*
- April 29th **Blessings, Glory, Honor, Forever**  
*Revelation 5: 6-14*

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

A total of \$290.50 was recently collected for the Blanket Offering. The Blanket Offering is used to help those in need in more than forty countries. We are pleased to be a part of this important mission.

The Joint Circle Meeting will be held on April 9th and hosted by the Sunshine Circle. The Birthday Offering will be collected at this time. This offering is used to help improve the lives of women and children at home and abroad. Recipients are selected by the Birthday Selection Committee.

Plan to join us on May 6th for Homecoming.



Please bring your favorite dish to our Pot-Luck Luncheon following the service. Be sure to invite friends and family to join us on this special occasion.



Jackie Frie  
Buffalo Women

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**EASTER CROSS OF FLOWERS**

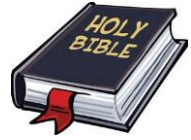


Please get your prettiest blooms ready for our **Cross of Flowers on Easter Sunday, April 1st**, as we joyously celebrate our Lord's Resurrection and our Redemption.

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# BABY ARRIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT



A Bible was presented on Sunday, March 25th to:



## Kenna Carpenter

Born on October 2, 2017

Daughter of Britt and Anna Carpenter

Granddaughter of Jeff and Lindi Renwick

Great Granddaughter of Jan Renwick

# PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25TH



BRITT, ANNA, KENNA, & JACKIE



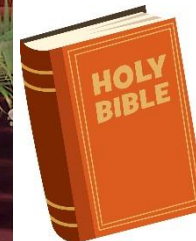
BRITT, ANNA, KENNA, JAN, & JACKIE



JEFF, LINDI, BRITT, KENNA, ANNA, JAN, CINDY, & JOHNNY



KENNA WAS BEING SO GOOD IN CHURCH!







# PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25TH



REV. MCDOWELL, CASH, & KEN



KEN IS BREAKING CASH IN  
FOR THE CHOIR

## SPRING AND LITTLE BOYS

There's something very special  
About Spring and little boys,  
They find a kind of magic  
In Springtime's many joys.  
They love to climb the hills afar  
And fish in creek or stream,  
Perhaps to lie on soft, warm grass  
To dream a happy dream.



'Tis then the outdoor beckons them  
As nature fills their heart,  
They search for all the happiness  
That April days impart,  
The buds that burst in beauty rare  
Neath skies of brightest blue,  
And every creature bids them share  
Each miracle in view.

There's golden sun to warm the day  
The whole world comes alive,  
With little violets by the lane  
And bees within the hive,  
A touch of all that's beautiful  
A million wondrous joys,  
It seems God smiles from high above  
On Spring and little boys.

~ by Garnett Ann Schultz ~



### Gift to the Church

In Memory of Beloved Family Members  
Jan Renwick



## Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.



Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.



Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

~ By Joanna Fuchs ~

**Remember with love and prayer:**

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Lynda Bowers, Sheila Brewer, Nellie Cox, Greg Deck, Frances Foushee, Barbara Jo Glass, Bobby Johnson, Karen Johnson, Sandie Lemons, Lois Martin, Shawn McNeill, Rev. George Walton, and Marc Walton

**FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS:** Robert Hardee, Inez Holt, Michael Holt, Richard Holt, Elaine McBryde, Kelly McNeill, Barbara Suggs, Doug Ury, and Allison Williams

**FRIENDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS:** William Anderson, Jarrett Blackwell, Susan Bristow, Larry Campbell, Noah Clifton, Henry & Nancy Douglas, Billy Edwards, Brenda Godfrey, Jim Griggs, Dallas Hurley, Kasyn Kolacinski, Addison McDonald, Stella Smith, Sandra Ward, and Emily Hurley Wright

**PLEASE GIVE NAME, CONTACT INFO, & REASON WHEN ADDING PEOPLE TO THE PRAYER LIST**  
**We want to encourage them with cards and let them know we are praying for them.**

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**WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS**

March 04, 2018 – \$1108.00  
 March 11, 2018 – \$1093.00  
 March 18, 2018 – \$1483.00  
 March 25, 2018 – \$1788.82

5 Cents A Meal Offering – \$72.71  
 Backpack Kids Offering – \$94.00

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**FLOWERS WILL BE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY DURING APRIL BY THE FOLLOWING:**

04/01/18 – **by WOC – Easter Sunday**  
 04/08/18 – **OPEN**  
 04/15/18 – **OPEN**  
 04/22/18 – by Charlene Winston in memory of her husband Christopher Winston  
 04/29/18 – by Mike & Missy Cersosimo in honor of their Wedding Anniversary on May 1st



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

April 03rd – Rev. Gilbert McDowell    April 17th – Bob Kelly  
 April 07th – Nelson Burke            April 19th – Raymond Bradley  
 April 10th – Mattie Kelly              April 27th – Pat Johnson  
 April 11th – Sandie Lemons          April 28th – Ellen Gordon

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

April 05th            Bob & Ann Christian Barraza  
 April 14th            Raymond & Susan Bradley

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - GREETER**

Apr. 01st            **COMMUNION – Pat Setzer**  
 Apr. 08th            Kathy Jolly  
 Apr. 15th            Buddy McNeill  
 Apr. 22nd            Lee Setzer  
 Apr. 29th            J. W. Bailes



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*My Church Family,*

*It is with love and gratitude that I send a big Thank You to each and every one of you that sent cards, treated me, made a phone call or just hugged me during our services during the passing of my big brother, Chuck. This is the one-year date of losing my daughter Kathleen also, so I have decided to take the FEBRUARY page out of my 2019 calendar.....*



*So, once again Thank you, my Church Family for always being a big support for me in good times and in times of grief.*

*Love, Sister Jan Renwick*



**PAT WITH HER LITTLE SIDEKICK, LILLY**

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**Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue of the newsletter will be Thursday, April 19th by 9:00 a.m.**

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**Gifts to the Church**

**In Memory of Chuck Zander (Jan Renwick's Brother)**

Nelson and Kathy Jolly Burke  
 Jean Wilberg  
 Buffalo Women

**In Memory of James Ray "Pete" Porter**

Sherry Fisher

**In Memory and Honor of my Father and Mother**

**J. B. and Rosie Lee Abernathy**

**For their Marriage March 15, 1941**

Patricia Abernathy Johnson





# Session Corner

## Highlights from Stated Meeting held Mar. 11, 2018

Rev. Walton has made contact with many church members this month. He made 7 home visits, moderated the Session meeting, attended Men of the Church, attended 3 Pastors' Prayer Meetings at Edgewood and made 16 telephone visits. He blesses our church family in many ways!

The Administration Committee will oversee the work on the front doors of the church to reduce the gap between the doors and make opening and closing of the church much easier. A professional carpenter will be hired to work on the massive doors.

To Implement the Calling Tree, follow these steps. If a need arises: Notify Janet, our church secretary, who will contact the Session members and both pastors. If a need arises after office hours: Notify Lee, Clerk of Session, who will contact Session members and both pastors. Each Session member will then make calls or send emails to inform those on his list. We hope this will ensure each of you get information in a timely manner.

Sunday School, led by Anne Collins, is picking up members but there is still room for YOU! With lively discussions the class is growing in popularity. One Sunday there were 12 in the class. Come join in!

Fellowship/Evangelism/Outreach is bringing back the Fifth Sunday Dinner. Stay tuned for more details.

Next Session Meeting will be April 8th at 12:05 p.m.

Lee Setzer  
Clerk of Session

## It's That Time of the Year!

When you are doing your Spring cleaning remember not to throw away your old prescription medications. Helping Hands Clinic,



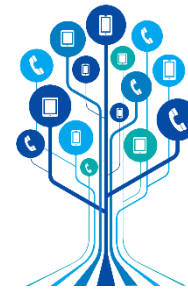
which offers free medical care, here in Sanford, is in need of them, even if they are expired. Please bring them to the church office or give to Kathy Jolly.

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## CALLING TREE

We are your church family! Let us know when you have a need! Just a few reasons to call:

- Going in for surgery
- Illness
- Death in the family
- Any other needs

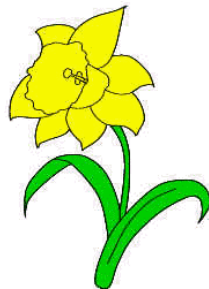


Call Janet at the church office, 919-776-7313, and let her know your need. She will contact the Session members who will activate the Calling Tree, so all of us can pray for you, visit you, bring you a meal or assist in any way we can! If it is after office hours, call our Clerk, Lee Setzer at 919-775-9692 and he will activate the Calling Tree. We are here for you!

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## Daffodowdilly By A.A. Milne

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,  
 She wore her greenest gown;  
 She turned to the south wind  
 And curtsied up and down.  
 She turned to the sunlight  
 And shook her yellow head,  
 And whispered to her  
 neighbor: "Winter is dead."



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SECRETARY, Janet Warner.....	353-3568
DISBURSING TREASURERS, Kathy Jolly.....	774-1997
Ken Frie.....	75-5097
RECEIVING TREASURERS, Nelson Burke.....	774-1997
Lee Setzer.....	775-7881
CHOIR DIRECTOR, Jim Monson.....	774-7263
ORGANIST, Pat Kelly.....	258-3908



## THE SESSION 2018

J. W. Bailes	Cong. Care & Fellowship	352-2017
Larry Collins	Worship/Christian Ed.	776-5592
Buddy McNeill	Worship/Christian Ed.	776-4844

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Karen Johnson	Worship/Christian Ed.	770-1709
Kathy Jolly	Administration Committee	774-1997
Lee Setzer	Clerk of Session, Admin. Com.	775-7881
Jean Wilberg	(Assistant Clerk of Session)	718-6009

TRUSTEES, Frances Foushee, Chair.....	775-7619
Bobby Johnson.....	776-4083
Buddy McNeill.....	776-4844

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