

April 2018

# North Spray News



## A LINE FROM LEM

By Lem Hardison, Minister

### Let's Celebrate Easter!

People have different ideas about what Easter is all about. Some think of it as a secular observance designed to usher in the season of Spring. Some think of it as a day for children to hide and hunt eggs and overindulge in eating chocolate bunnies. Despite how modern culture may attempt to reinvent this day of celebration, Easter is the Christian commemoration of Christ's death, and three days later, His resurrection from the tomb, and all of the freedom and victory that those events entail. The resurrection lies at the center of everything we believe.



**April 1<sup>st</sup> is a special day.** Some call it April Fool's Day. **We call it Easter and we want our entire church family to help celebrate.** The day will begin with an Easter Sunrise Service at the Morehead Fair House, next to Fair Funeral Home, at 6:45 am, followed by donuts, juice, and coffee. Here at North Spray, Sunday School is at 10. Our fellowship reception time in the fellowship hall is at 10:30. Worship will begin at 11:00 am. Come help us celebrate!

See You Easter Sunday,  
Lem

### Special Happenings...

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

**Easter Sunday**  
April 1

The **Church Office** will be **closed** on **Easter Monday, April 2**, in observance of the holiday.



**Earth Day**  
Sunday, April 22

**Earth Stewardship Sunday will be observed on April 22.** We will have a **food drive** especially for CCM on that Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable items and place them in the collection box at the door.



**Administrative Professionals' Day**  
Wednesday, April 25

**All of our elders** are invited to come and join our pastor in prayer at **9:30 each Sunday morning** as we prepare for the day ahead

### Birthdays for April

Caleb Wakefield	2
Chase Stultz	4
April Stacey	6
Maelyn Goodman	9
Sylvia Brown	10
Felicia Heyward	11
Noah Dalton, Elizabeth Key	15
Ciarra Hernandez	19
Sara Hankins	24
Mason Davis	27
Barney Walker, Jr.	28
Tim Bailey, Angie Strader	30



### Anniversaries for April

Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon	1
Clay & Mary Lee Perkins	3

### Service for April

#### Communion

1 – Jo Dell Murphy/Maddie & Carley Reynolds

- 8 – Debra Moore/Sydney & Sierra Butler  
 15 – Mary Barrett/Betty Eggleston  
 22 – Jerry & Michelle Walker  
 29 – Paul & Annette White



**Note: You do not have to be here early to prepare communion. We have a volunteer who does that. You are only responsible for cleaning up after service.**

### Deacons

Bill Bailey  
 Marilyn Hardison  
 Bobbie Hill  
 Annette White



**Elders  
and  
Deacons**

### Elders

Paul White  
 Heather Wakefield

### Money Counters

Michelle Walker  
 Obera Harris



### Greeters

Betty Eggleston is happily serving as our greeter on a weekly basis. If she should not be here one Sunday, her backups will be:

- 1 – Annette White  
 8 – Clay Perkins  
 15 – Barney & Lou Strutton  
 22 – Obera Harris  
 29 – Charles & Louise Washburn



### Worship Leader

- 1 – Lem Hardison  
 8 – Marilyn Hardison  
 15 – Annette White  
 22 – Bill Koontz  
 29 – Paul White



### Children's Church

- 1 – Heather Wakefield/Chesni Hopper  
 8 – Beth Lewis/Maddie Reynolds  
 15 – Jo Dell Murphy/Carley Reynolds  
 22 – Mary Barrett/Ciarra Hernandez  
 29 – Debra Moore/Maddie Boothe  
**(See new guidelines below)**



### Youth Teachers

Mary Barrett  
 Beth Lewis

### Bulletin Board for March/ April

Worship Committee

**Note: If you are unable to be present on your designated Sunday for any of the above services, please call someone to fill in for you.**

### Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please call the church office and let our secretary know the date and all pertinent information. (Please note that there are standing dates for Easter lilies and poinsettias at Christmas)

### New Children's Church Guidelines

**As of March 2017, these are the guidelines for Children's Church:**

An assigned adult with 1 teen will take the small children out of worship after the Youth Sermon. **All children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up will stay in the sanctuary for the entire service.** The only exception will be if you are the assigned teen helper for that Sunday. Helpers are 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade teens. We are hoping that you will only have to serve once every 2 or 3 months. This is dependent upon whether we get the additional help we need. We are still looking for **3 additional adults** to help. If you are willing to help, please see Debra Moore.

### Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM)

*By Sylvia Brown, Editor*

**The CCM food pantry is located at the Leaksville Moravian Church.** The food pantry is open 9:30-12:00 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. They are no longer taking calls before distributing food bags. Those in need should just go to the church and they will be assisted once a month.

We are asked to bring food on the **first Sunday of each month** and place it in the box in the hallway. There is always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits.**

**CCM is more than a food closet.** You may also give monetary donations to help clients with medications, utilities, rent, and for purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931.



All of your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.

## Salvation Army Service

We are serving meals at the **Salvation Army** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays each month. This month our date will be **Friday, April 20**. Our thanks to those who serve so faithfully. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please see Bobbie Hill.

## Youth Yak. . .

By Heather Wakefield

**Mark Your Calendars:** Dates have been set for **Vacation Bible School 2018**. The dates are **July 22-July 25**, and they will meet **here at North Spray**.

The next **VBS meeting** will be on **Thursday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room**. VBS leaders, mark your calendars and plan to be present. We're planning a fun time as well as a spiritual time. We look forward to hosting this event here at North Spray.

## Women at Work. . .

### Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President



The **CWF** has **boxed greeting cards** (priced on box), **lemon flavoring** (\$2.50 per bottle), and **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. These may be purchased from any member of the CWF. Money can be given to Michelle Walker or the church office. These items are in the closet just beyond the coat rack in the hallway.



## Men at Work. . .

### Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

By Charles Washburn, President



The **CMF** will meet again on **Monday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Church Street Station**. All of our men are encouraged to attend. Prayer meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

## F.Y. I. (For Your Information)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

Our last Destination Unknown trip was on Saturday, March 17. It was a combined trip of youth and adults to see the movie, "I Can Only Imagine" at a theater in Winston Salem. After the movie they enjoyed dinner at the K & W Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed a fun and inspirational trip.



We are still participating in a fundraiser with **Recycling Fundraiser** (formerly EcoPhones), which will accept **inkjet cartridges, all cell phones, all tablets, and select other portable electronic devices**. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, drop them in the box in the corner of the Communion Room. Please support our church by recycling your used electronics. See Thomas Knight if you have any questions.

**Join us for our Fellowship Reception, each Sunday, 10:30-10:55 a.m. in the fellowship hall.** Doughnuts, biscuits, and drinks are available, along with great fellowship before worshipping together.

**Each Monday night** some of our members are meeting at the church to pray for our church. We share prayer concerns, pray, and share communion beginning at **6:30 p.m. Come, join us!**

Paul White, one of our elders, is available each Sunday after worship service in the Searchers' classroom to pray with you or for you and any special needs you may have.



## A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair

Our **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring a **collection of hygiene products for our county's Women's Shelter**, which is under the supervision of Help, Inc. Hygiene products needed include but are not limited to: **shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste/brush, feminine products, wet wipes, deodorant, and cotton swabs. Children and infant hygiene products are needed as well.** A box has been placed in the hallway for you to place your donations in.

The next **meeting of the board** will be on **Monday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m.** All committee chairs are encouraged to attend or send a report from your committee. Prayer meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

The **Thursday Bible Study group** meets each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room. Come and join us!

## Financial Facts for Jan/Feb 2018

**Balance on Hand Beg. Of Period      \$20,684.50**

Income/General Offering	13,922.72
Income/Special Offerings	450.00
Income/Faithraisers	708.00
Income/A.S. DeHart Scholarship	0.00
Interest Income	2.97
Money Market Interest Inc.	.98
Income/Other Sources	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Income for Period</b>	<b>\$15,084.67</b>

Expenses from Budget	18,390.17
Expenses/Special Missions	225.00
Expenses/Special Funds	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses for Period</b>	<b>\$18,615.17</b>

**Balance at End of Period                      \$17,154.00**

### Other Fund Balances:

Money Market Balance	\$5,869.87
Van Fund Balance	9,789.21
Memorial Fund Balance	3,894.84
Bettie McBride Mem. Fund Bal.	22,630.67
Parsonage Maint. Fund Bal.	642.44
Cherway Camp Fund Bal.	1,886.08
AS DeHart Scholarship Fund Bal.	1,111.00



## REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS: (\*NSCC members)



### Immediate Needs:

- Belle Banks – 1305 Wentworth St., Reidsville
- Carlton Estes – UNC Rockingham Nursing Center
- \*June Gatewood – UNC Rockingham Nursing Center
- Doug Gold – esophageal cancer – Friend/classmate of Thomas Knight, 6309 Island View Dr., Concord, NC 28025
- \*Marilyn Hardison – 200 Wilson Street
- \*Betty Hicks – Penn Nursing Center, Room 116, Reidsville, 27320
- Bob Hocutt – 514 Washburn Avenue
- \*Bob Johnson – 140 W. W. Irvin Road, Stoneville - In Home Hospice Care
- Joan Jones - 4079 NC Hwy. 65, Reidsville, 27320
- \*Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive
- \*Ralphine Light – 443 Lawrence Street
- Jennifer Lineberry – Friend of Don and Thomas Knight – Non – Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- \*Norma Mabes – Litchford Falls Healthcare/Rehab, 8200 Litchford Road, Raleigh, NC 27615
- \*Kathryn Metro – 408 Highland Drive
- \*Iris Newby – 211 Short Union Street; w/grandson
- Chris Rice – PO Box 4366 (1215 Ridge Ave.)
- \*Frances Stephens – Cancer/Hospice Care – 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704
- Martie Stephens – Alzheimer's Unit at same Nursing Center that Frances is in. Use Same Address
- \*Barney Strutton – 334 Pine Road
- \*Charles & \*Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148
- \*Faye & \*Melvin Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville, 27320

### Ongoing Needs/Homebound:

- \*Tim Bailey – PO Box 1004 (443 Washburn Ave.)
- Bill Balsler – 6127 Elmwood Circle, Charlotte, NC 28214 – w/his son, Rick
- \*Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street
- Jan Bell – River Trace Nursing & Rehab., 250 Lovers Lane, Washington, NC 27889
- Hazel Compton – Roger's mother – Brian Center
- \*Jewel Cooper – Room 103, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center, 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, NC 27025
- Lynda Cuthbertson – 404 Ziglar Road, Ridgeway, VA 24148
- Tootsie Dyson – 714 Church Street
- \*Betty Eggleston – Room 191, UNC Rockingham Rehab/Nursing Center
- Jim Good – 526 N. Bridge Street
- Shirley Gray – Mike's mother – 651 Roberts Road
- Marge Hager – Paul White's sister

Malta Hagler – Betty Shively's cousin/Bill Koontz's aunt – 230 Hidden Valley Drive, Apt. 257  
 Gayle Hand – Chris' mother – Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Highway

\*Nancy Hankins – 402 The Boulevard  
 Ron Hardison – 5209 W. Wendover Ave., High Point, NC 27265

\*Diane Kennon/Chase Stultz – 340 Daniel Adkins Street

Geneva Lawson – Nursing Home in Banner Elk – Severe Dementia

\*Lillie Meeks – Room 15, Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Hwy.

\*Vera Mae Morris – Bayberry #14, 511 Carolyn Ct.

\*Kim Morrison – 200 Wilson Street

Peggy Pendleton – Room 405, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville

Arlene Shively – Betty's daughter –in-law

Bobbie Shough – Bayberry, 511 Carolyn Court

\*Van Shropshire – Room 501, Brian Center

Jill Slaughter – Room 306, Brian Center

Vicky Terry Slaughter – Patty's cousin

Bill Southard – Brenda's Husband – 1144 Ellett Ave.

\*John & April Stacey – 1106 Harris Street

\*Nathan Townsend – 657 County Line Rd., Reidsville

\*Foot Washburn – 1229 Harris Street

Joan Washburn – Charles' sister-in-law - Brian Center, 226 N. Oakland Ave.

Joyce White – Frankie's mother/Nancy's sister – 206 Howe Street

Margaret Willard – Friend of Sylvia Brown – 501 Barnwell Street, Thomasville, NC 27360

#### Coming in May 2018...

Sun., May 13 – Mother's Day

Sun., May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

Mon., May 28 – Memorial Day Observed; Office Closed



**Attention Graduates!** If you are graduating from high school or college this year, we need to hear from you. We will need the **school you are graduating from and the date, any special honors or superlatives you have earned, your future plans, and a picture of you.** For college graduates, we will also need to know the **degree you have earned.** Please email your information and picture to Thomas Knight at [tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com](mailto:tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com), **by Sunday, May 13.**

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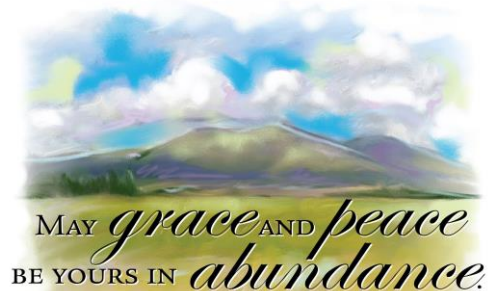
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Office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



**Please note: Due to the cancellation of our Palm Sunday activities because of the weather, we have rescheduled our worship, hotdog lunch, and Easter egg hunt for Sunday, April 8. Make plans to be here for this special day!**



1 PETER 1:2, NRSV



### The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED is for the blood He gave.

GREEN is for the grass He made.

YELLOW is for the sun so bright.

ORANGE is for the edge of night.

BLUE is for the sins we made.

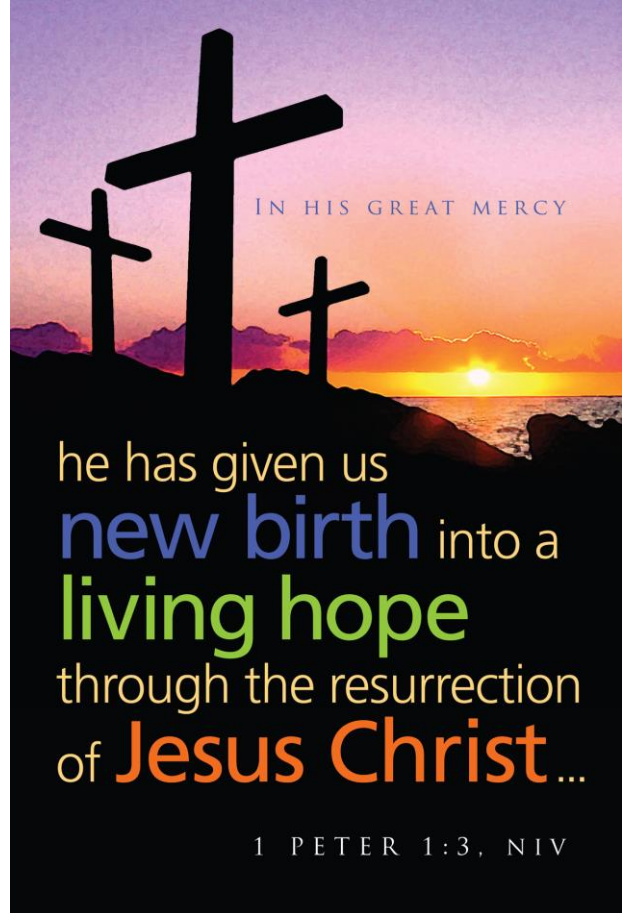
WHITE is for the grace He gave.

PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow.

PINK is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet,  
is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.

Happy  
EASTER!



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