

Discipleship Opportunities through Fellowship & Mission

SEMICIRCLE - Women are invited join us on **March 16th** at 7 p.m. at Lynnae Giordano's, 3215 Regatta Pointe Court. Our speaker, Dr. Susan Schmidt, is a poet and an environmentalist, and a friend of Elizabeth James.

FEED23112 - Helpers needed. Feed23112 needs a few volunteers to help man the pantry on Saturday, **March 21st** from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Dale Gentz at 804-317-7554 or dlgentz@yahoo.com.

MUSIC BY THE LAKE CONCERT - Join us on Sunday afternoon, **March 22nd** at 3 p.m. as we welcome the **David Esleck Trio**, celebrating the music of Nat King Cole and Dave Brubeck. This concert is free and open to all, so bring a friend *and jazz up your Sunday afternoon!*

SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP - Saturday **March 28th**, 8 - 11:30 a.m. *Rain date: Saturday April 4th*, 8 - 11:30 a.m. Needed items: 3 leaf rakes, 2 rakes for leveling mulch, 2 pitch forks, 2 leaf blowers, 3 tarps, 1 weed whacker, 1 chain saw, 2 wheelbarrows, 1 utility trailer for leaves & trimmings. All are invited to lend a hand in beautifying our church grounds and help us get ready for spring! If you can help, please notify Tom Doyle and state items you will bring. Call or text Tom at 804-901-0670 or email: tdoyle56@verizon.net

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS - Dedicate a colorful Easter potted flower to help decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday! Flowers are a great way to honor a loved one and again this year are only \$10.00 each. Envelopes were mailed with your March contribution packet and extra envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY**. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the office by **March 30th**. For those dedicating flowers, please take them home to enjoy, following the 10:30 service on Easter.

ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUESTS - The Endowment Committee is seeking grant request applications for the 2020 funding year. The grant requests should support the church values and mission. The Endowment committee is looking for new, innovative programs, projects and missions not currently being funded in the church budget. Applications can be obtained from the church office or check your eNews for a clickable link. Grant applications are due **April 8th** at 12 noon. Monies for grants funded will be available by the middle of May. The Endowment Committee is grateful for all the contributions to the Fund that allows for grants to be made for programs and projects that enrich our community.

SPRING FESTIVAL - The Spring Festival is Saturday, **April 11th** from 10 to noon. Make plans to join us for Easter Egg hunts which will begin at 10:15 and lots of springtime crafts and games. Camp Hanover will be here also to showcase their summer camp programs.

SPRING FESTIVAL CANDY and springtime stickers and novelties are needed for the "candy bar" at the Spring Festival. Children hunt for plastic eggs that have been stuffed with tickets and then "shop" the candy bar. Each ticket allows them one piece of candy or treat. Since some of our children are sensitive to certain ingredients, we also offer an allergy free table with pencils, erasers, stickers, etc. Donations of these items as well as individually wrapped pieces of candy may be left in the box in the mission closet or handed to Barbara Flynt.

Lent.

A season of spiritual preparation.

Spend it with us.

Lenten Study: *The Walk* Wednesdays, through April 1st • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday April 5th • Service at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 9th • Service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 10th • Service at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Festival April 11th • 10 a.m. - Noon

Easter Sunday April 12th • Services at 6:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Discipleship Opportunities on our calendar this week

Sunday, March 15:
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class (CR)
9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (MP, CL, YR, LL)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY)
11:45 a.m. HS Youth Group (OFF)

Monday, March 16:
9:30 a.m. MAP (SY)

Tuesday, March 17:
3:00 p.m. Bible Study (OFF)

Wednesday, March 18:
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (CL)
6:30 p.m. Lenten Study: The Walk (FH)
7:35 p.m. Branderbells (SY)

Thursday, March 19:
10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study (CL)
2:00 p.m. Knit Wits (CR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (SY)

Friday, March 20:
9:00 a.m. MOPS (FH, NSY, MP)

Sunday, March 22:
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class (CR)
9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (MP, CL, YR, LL)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY)
11:45 a.m. Acolyte Training (SY)
3:00 p.m. Music by the Lake Concert: David Esleck Trio (SY)
4:30 p.m. MS Youth Group (YR, MP)

SAVE THE DATE! Spring Grounds Clean-up
Saturday, March 28th • 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

SY - Sanctuary CR - Conference Room MP - Multi-Purpose Room CL - MP Classroom
LL - Lower Level YR - Youth Room FH - Fellowship Hall NSY - Nursery KT - Kitchen
Choir - Choir Room FC - Family Classroom NAR - Narthex CY - Courtyard OFF - Offsite

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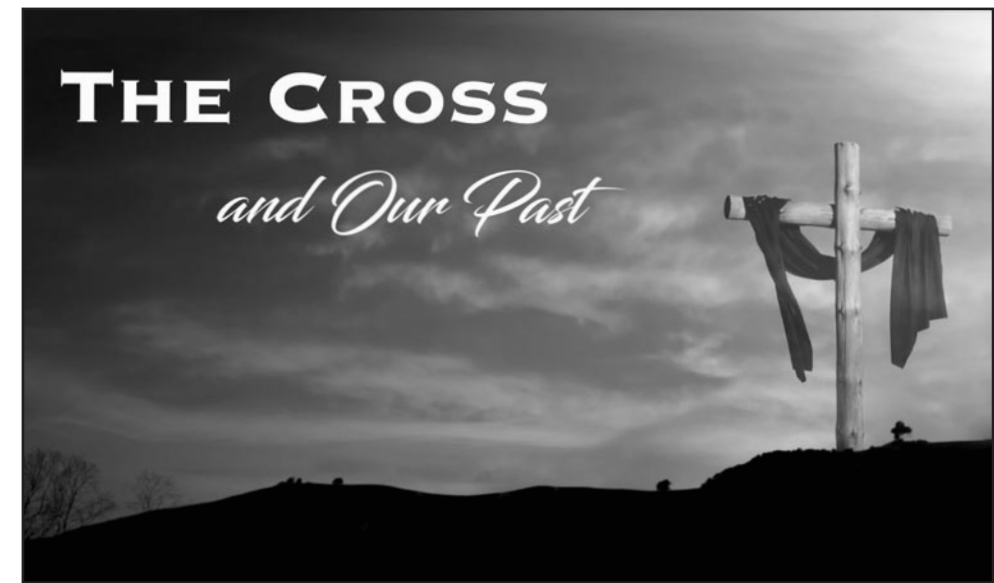
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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THE CROSS

and Our Past

March 15, 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

The Cross and Our Past

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**(Please stand as able)*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please print your name and pass the attendance register, found at the end of each row. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about The Brandermill Church, please provide your email address and we will send you our weekly eNews. Hymns and Responses are also projected on the screens for your convenience. We ask that you silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.

WELCOME

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Joel Raney

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Many: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Many: let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

* HYMN FWS 2022 *Great Is the Lord*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The proof of God's love is this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (*based on Romans 5:8*). And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* HYMN BCH 298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 5:1-11 (page 917)*

SERMON *The Cross and Our Past* *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

ANTHEM *I Believe* *Mark Miller*
The Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* *arr. Forrest*

* RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept the offering we bring, O God, in response to the love which you have poured into our hearts. May our lives bear witness to that love in all we say and do. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN BCH 580 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

* BENEDECTION

* RESPONSE *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

POSTLUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* *arr. Joel Raney*

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Dr. Jim C. Dunkin, Pastor
Rev. Terry K. Eum, Associate Pastor

Lay Leader Bill Harp	The flowers on the altar celebrate the birth of their son Pearce, given by Chris & Alaina Chaffee.
Hospitality Ushers Wyn & Becky Holbrook, Tim Grider, Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen, Dennis Lacey	
Attendance last week: 276	
Acolyte Clara Monstello	

The Brandermill Church . . .
where YOU are always Welcome!

Large Print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

In the pew bookrack are 3 books that you may use during worship: the Bible, a hardback hymnal with the church logo on the cover (listed as BCH in the bulletin) and a paperback hymnal supplement, The Faith We Sing (listed as FWS)

Children age 3 and younger are invited to come to the nursery (for the entire worship service or after the Children's Message), where our Nursery workers will share music, stories and free play, allowing their parents to fully participate in worship.

Worship bags, blue for younger/early readers and green for older elementary children, are available in the baskets under the table in the narthex.

Children's Bulletins are available from our ushers.

Forgot your sweater? A Prayer Shawl may be borrowed from the usher stand for use during the service. Please return as you leave today.

Rocking Chairs are available in the back of the sanctuary for parents who would like to rock their infants.

Be advised that The Brandermill Church posts pictures and videos of various events online and in printed materials. We do not identify children by any means. If you would prefer your child's likeness not be used, please see an usher before you leave the service today.

Discipleship Opportunities
praying for each other

CHURCH FAMILY
 Flora Williams, Ethel Miller, Mike Fedoriw, Lacey Lee, Bill Kump, Marcia Dixon, Roland Davis, Sara Bottorf, Audrey Julian, John Bliedorn, Reese Taylor, Ally Klotz, Marilyn Valeri, Horst Arfert, Gwyn Westerfeld, Irene Thompson, Nancy Strite, Santa Gunn, Stacy Paulette, Wayne Paul, Bob Boatright, Shirley Bare, Darlene Bowers, Linda Cosby, Frances Dorris, Jim Allen, Danny Blankenship

HOMEBOUND
 Marie Ball, Alice Palmer, Pauline McFarlane, Eleanor Curtis, Barbara Dove, Dottie Arnaudin, Harold Binhammer, Patricia Hubbard, Jim Moye, Margaret Cosby

Our love and sympathy to Ed & Gayle Pittman, as their daughter Jennifer, died on Tuesday.

The extended prayer list is available in the entrance hallway.

Discipleship Opportunities
through Christian Education

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR - As Lent continues, this is an excellent opportunity to invite children to think about the season as a time of personal reflection to consider about how Jesus wants us to live. Each week connects a practice with an aspect of worship.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP HOUR - The Adults continue to have two options during the Discipleship Hour. The Current Events class uses the *Wired Word* curriculum which is emailed each Thursday. The class members volunteer to facilitate the lesson which is always on an event in the news the past week. This class meets in the classroom off the Multipurpose Room. The Bible Study class continues with *Exploring the Old Testament*, from The Dickinson Series. Under the leadership of Steve Begg, members of the class are exploring both the writings and the historical contexts that gave those scriptures birth. This class meets in the Multipurpose Room. Both classes begin at 9 a.m. and meet for one hour each Sunday morning. All are invited and welcome to join us! *Note: All Adult Discipleship Classes will meet together on Sunday, **March 29th** in the Multipurpose Room to hear from our travelers to Brazil and about a possible, future trip this summer to build a new church. The discussion will begin at 9:00 a.m. Come hear from Adam and Jim, and learn a few words in Portuguese.*

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We are continuing our 6-week Lenten study from the Being Reformed series, *Illuminating Lent*, authored by Donald McKim. Contact Barbara Flynt to receive a book and to get your name on the email list for the class.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is just 5 months away! This year's theme, *Rocky Railway - Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through*, is sure to be a HUGE hit! We will host VBS here **August 3rd - 7th**. THE VBS registration link is now up and running at: <https://vbsproevents/p/brandermillvbs>. Register now and get a break on the fee. If you register and pay by Memorial Day, you pay only \$20.00 for the week. The cost raises to \$25.00 on May 26th.

LENTEN STUDY - It's not too late to get a copy of *The Walk*, our Wednesday night Lenten study, and either join us on Wednesday's nights through April 1st or read along at home. Contact Barbara Flynt for more information.

Discipleship Opportunities
through Youth Ministries

YOUTH GROUP - Instead of evening youth group, high schoolers are invited to meet at Panera following worship for an informal lunch gathering.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Chili cook-off through donations, chili making or purchasing a ticket. We had a wonderful evening together!