

Announcements *and reminders for this week*

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men of the church are invited to meet weekly at 8:30 a.m. for Bible study and group fellowship. And it's a perfect time to join, as they are just starting a new 11-week study of Jesus' parables. This group is still meeting offsite, so for more information, please contact Fred Carter at 804-639-1259.

365 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

This is Week 18 of our daily Bible Reading Plan. This week, during your 12 minutes a day of reading, you will be reading more of the Psalms, as well as portions of 1 Samuel and 1 Chronicles. Much of the reading will focus on David as he becomes King, conquers Jerusalem and about his plans for the Temple. Keep up the good work of reading the Bible each day. Even if you fall behind, take time to catch up one day this week.

ENDOWMENT CORNER

The Endowment Committee is seeking grant request applications for the 2021 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 Dawn, in the church office. Grant applications are due May 31, 2021 at 12 noon. Monies for grants funded will be available at the beginning of July. The Endowment Committee is grateful for all the contributions to the Fund that allow for grants to be made to programs and projects that enrich our community. *Food for thought: "The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit."*

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

As the Thursday Morning Bible Study continues, anyone is welcome to join us on Thursdays at 10AM on Zoom. We are studying Christian M.M. Brady's book *Beautiful and Terrible Things - A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief and Hope*. If you would like to join with this amazing group of people to read, study and enjoy one another's fellowship, please contact Barbara. Books are still available - just call and stop by the church anytime!

PARENT/ADULTS CONCERNED ABOUT YOUTH

Thank you to all who came last Thursday evening. We are especially grateful to Sarah and Brad Sladek who led healthy and optimistic conversations with 23 disciples who attended. Out of that meeting we now have 13 names of passionate disciples who will now compose our TBC Youth Team. Thank you ALL for attending.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation class will be meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please continue to be in prayer for these young people and for their mentors, as they look forward joining the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date! Do you have our next blood drive on your calendar yet? The American Red Cross will be here on Sunday, May 30th from 8AM until 1PM. *Remember: One pint of blood can save up to three lives!*

Discipleship Opportunities *on our calendar this week*

Sunday, May 2:

9:00 a.m. Adult Discipleship Hour (Zoom)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)
2:00 p.m. Youth: Confirmation (FH)

Wednesday, May 5:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (offsite)
6:30 p.m. Disciple Fast Track (Zoom)

Thursday, May 6:

10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (SY)

Saturday, May 8:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry

Sunday, May 9:

9:00 a.m. Adult Discipleship Hour (Zoom)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)
2:00 p.m. Youth: Confirmation (FH)

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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May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

Resurrection to Love Won Another

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please remain seated & silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.

PRELUDE *Above All* *arr. Mark Hayes*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Dear friends, we gather in the name of the God of love, we gather in the presence of the God of love.

Silent Reflection: So let us worship the God of love.

One: Dear friends, we gather as children of the God of love, we gather as sisters and brothers.

Silent Reflection: So let us learn to love one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Gift Can We Bring*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we sometimes despise others. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation, at times, are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of love to those who had betrayed him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing in all of creation that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Let us live with the love of God.

Silent Reflection: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM *Sing a Mighty Song* Griner/Gawthrop
*Singers! Awake and arise!
Lift up your voices as the waves of the sea. Sing a mighty song!
Make the very earth resound, for the Lord delights in the song of the heart.
Sing ye! Arise!
Woven with melody, thy word is sweet to my soul.
In concert, confirmed in harmony, thy yoke is easy.
O blessed am I, that I may sing my devotion.
Singers! Awake and arise! Sing ye!
Let all who have breath give praise,
for the song of the righteous is a prayer unto God. Sing alleluia! Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Lamentations 3:22-33, 1 John 4:7-21*

SERMON *Resurrection to Love Won Another*
Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

Silent

Reflection: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The May communion offering will support TBC Youth Retreat & Mission trips. Gifts will be collected all month. Please designate 'Youth' on your check, offering envelope or online donation.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *There Is a Fountain* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Silent

Reflection: Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, and our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Power of the Cross arr. Carol Tornquist

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

The flowers on our chancel . . .
are placed in loving memory of his daughter Karen, given by Ted Dixon.

Please be advised . . .
that The Brandermill Church posts pictures and videos
of various events online and in printed materials.
Services will be broadcast via live stream and digital recording.
We do not identify children by any means.

TBC's 5Ws of Worship
While you are here today, we respectfully request that you follow our 5Ws of Worship:

- 1. Wear a mask -**
for those 2 years and older, fully covering your nose & mouth,
from the time you leave your car, while you are in the church,
until you return back to your car
- 2. Wash or sanitize your hands -**
when you enter/leave the building
- 3. Watch your distance -**
keep 6 feet between you and others at all times,
sorry folks, no hugging or handshaking just yet!
- 4. Wave your greetings -**
also greet your friends with "air hugs" and "air high 5s" -
and for now there's no singing or speaking during worship
- 5. Welcome everyone! -**
includes all ages, for now there will be no nursery or childcare

*For anyone unable to meet our 5Ws of Worship,
we ask that you join us from home for worship online.*

Discipleship Opportunities

praying for each other

PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lacey Lee, Horst Arfert, Marie Ball, Marian Hartig, Eleanor Curtis,
Barbara Dove, Dottie Arnaudin, Harold Binhammer, Ethel Miller,
Tim Hodges, Muriel Barton, Rev. Marg Kutz,
David Lescault, Rin Barkdull, David & Judy Smith,
Jenn Inman, Wayne & Elizabeth Paul, Jimmy Barrack, Rev. Silva,
Evan Farmer, Stacie Shive, Sydney Davis,
Barbara Dove, Casey Coble, Paul Plunkett & family

Our love and sympathy to the Johnson family, as Nan's mother died last week.

*Thank you for the amazing prayers and blessings that have been shared
through blue card emails during this past year. Pastor Jim has sent over 250 emails,
containing over 4800 messages, and the recipients have been so grateful!*

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

As we welcome everyone back to church, we are in need of 6 attendees each week to serve as greeters, ushers, and to help maintain the 5Ws. No previous experience is required. For more information, please contact Chuck Davis at charles.davis@westrock.com or at 804-677-2903.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Now that we are back in the Sanctuary for in-person worship, we would like to return to our time-honored tradition of placing a live flower arrangement on the altar each Sunday. Arrangements are \$50 and may be taken home following the service or picked up on Monday. Sign-ups for altar flowers will be handled via email for the remainder of this year. Just look at your calendar and choose a date (May 23rd or later) that holds significance to you and your family -- honoring a birthday or anniversary, or remembering a loved one. Send Dawn an email requesting the date. She will reply with a confirmation and reserve that date for you or reply with a message indicating that the date is already filled. Once your date is confirmed, you will email your flower dedication to Dawn for printing in the bulletin. Payment is due two weeks before your confirmed date. *Thank you!*

THE SUNDAY PARK FOOD PANTRY

We continue to serve our community every Saturday morning from 10AM-12PM. To fill boxes every week, we continue to need your generous donations! The list of needed items will vary week to week, based on the variety of donations received. Please review the list below for items needed *this week!* Thank you for your continued support! We need: Boxed Cereal, Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars, Canned Green Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, Canned Fruit, Bread / Muffin Mix and Fruit Cup Packages. *Thank you!*

SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Continuing today, May 2nd, our adult Discipleship classes are meeting at 9:00AM. Both the Current Events class and the History of Christianity class will be meeting via Zoom. Please contact Barbara for the Zoom links. For security reasons, the links are not published, but sent by email only.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

Continuing next week for the service on Sunday, May 9th, we will publish a link for worship registration in both the Monday and Thursday eNews. As long as we are required to contact trace, registration for worship is necessary. Anyone having difficulty with the online registration process is encouraged to contact Dawn in our church office and she will handle your registration.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are welcome in worship! We've missed you and when your family is comfortable to return safely, we look forward to seeing you again! If you are still worshipping at online, remember to check our weekly eNews every Thursday afternoon for children's bulletins, lessons and coloring pages to help keep you connected! If you have any questions, please email Barbara.