

GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2022

Celebrate Easter TOGETHER

As you know, during Lent this year, we are studying together The Lord's Prayer. One thing that keeps coming back is the use of 'our/us' language. It reminds us that we live in the midst of others, and our faith is a communal one.

We are supported by others. Our joys matter to those around us, and others' grief matter to us. That is why we strive to serve brothers and sisters (though we may not know them personally) both in our community and in the world.

Hope to celebrate Eater with YOU! Christ is risen indeed! Keiko



Let Us Worship Together!

Community Sunrise Service
6:30am at Mount Hebron Cemetery

9:00 am – Easter Worship

Also, during worship, three students will be confirmed! Please support them as they commit their faith and choose to be a part of God's work in the world.



Also Mark Your Calendar NOW!

**Church-wide
Potluck Lunch
May 15
More info is
to come!**

Holy Week 2022

Palm Sunday– April 10

9:00 am Palm Sunday worship
10:30 am Downtown Outdoor Celebration (at historic courthouse)

Maundy Thursday – April 14

7:00 pm Joint Maundy Thursday Worship at Greenwood

Good Friday

Noon: Community Good Friday Worship at Christ Episcopal Church (114W Boscawen St)

5:00-7:00 pm: Self-Guided "Stations of the Cross" at Cunningham Family Field (1366 Greenwood Rd)



Holy Week

Calling all children and families!

Children's Easter Fun

Saturday, April 9

11:00 am

Come join for egg hunt, games and much more!





An Easter Prayer for United Methodists

(by Rev. Michaela Youngson, from umc.org)

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

Gracious God, We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.

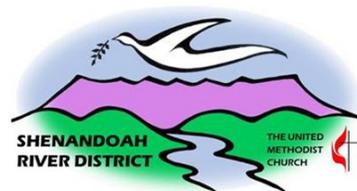
Winchester District News

The Winchester District Office will be moving on May 2nd.

The New Address for the District Office will be: 78 Brook Creek Road, Toms Brook, VA 22660

New Office hours will be Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

We will also have a new phone number: 540-433-2382



Proposed new logo if new district is approved at Annual Conference



United as One in Worship

240th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference
June 16-18 in Hampton, Virginia

After two years of conferencing virtually, they are planning an in-person session this year.

Annual Conference Kit Collection

This year the Annual Conference Kit Collection will be taking place on June 4th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will be collecting the items at Duncan Memorial UMC.

We will be collecting Hygiene and Cleaning Kits to be sent to UMCOR. Can/Food items and any other traditional kit items will stay within in the Winchester District.

More information is to come in coming weeks!



Confirmation class at "Rise Against Hunger" on March 6! They packed 28,000+ meals!



THANK YOU! CCAP Easter Giveaway Donations

Thank you to all who have donated toward CCAP Easter Giveaway. All the items were taken to CCAP to be distributed to the local families.

**** As a friendly reminder... when donating items from your pantry, please check the expiration date. CCAP cannot accept expired items.**



Let us Prayer for One Another...

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND

Those who have health challenges, Those who serve others, All schools (students, teachers and staff)

Those who are lonely, All ministries in Winchester—including WATTS, CCAP and others

Those who grieve, The peace in the world—especially the situation in Ukraine

Our friends and family at Greenwood:

Paul Haltzl, Coleman Lauderback, Paul Helsley, Harold Anderson, Larry Crane, Gary Sibert, Tasha Moomaw, Liam Starr, Don & Monti Vanness, Phyllis Tinsman, Laura Jahnke, Quick Family, Carolyn York, Carl & Beth Stickley, Joe Ganci, Megan Eileen Davis, Charlotte Mae Brasnan, Dora Bell Lowe, Daniel Schneide, Amber Calvert, Connie Tilley, Barbara Kern, Farrah M, Susie & Larry Bell, Susie Sencindiver, Gary & Brenda, Linda Clem, Kaiden Wright, Shaw Family, Robbie Swartz, Barbara Ritter, Mossy Stemberger, Nancy Orndorff, Dan Roach, Mable Carter, George Martin, David Powers, Harry Powers, Daniel Whitney, Bonita White, Carrie Eichelberger, Marion Clowser, Beverley Soule, Donna Belle, Donna Kay Stemberger, Steve Jones, Kara Stemberger, Marshall Lorant, Larry Braithwaite, Ashlee Saxon, Ed Lambert, Brenna Taylor, Roger Stover, Bob Saville, Jace Anderson, Margie Galderisi, Jay Hepner, Family of Bobby Anderson, Shirley Pierce Family, Caitlyn Roy, Charlie & Pat Dunn, Linda Fenner, Dixie Townsend, Eva Moxley, Remy McDonough, Ryan Hardy, John Brill, George, Sonja, Diane, Joanne, Kimberley, Linda B, Dana, Laurie, Residents at Green Valley Greenwood UMC

Health
Minute

SPECIAL EDITION



I would like to thank all those who helped make the bake sale and fundraiser a success on March 26, and 27th benefitting the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. The people of Winchester and the surrounding area came out and were very generous in their giving. We made \$5,447.00 in cash sales and donations over the weekend. This does not include the donations made by those who used the QR code at the table in order to make a donation to UMCOR through Market Street's online giving portal (*Note: Online giving total was \$715, that bring to **the grand total of \$6,162!***). The weather wasn't great but as you can see it didn't deter people from wanting to help their brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Thank you all again for helping to make this event such an amazing success!

Jeff (second picture from left), Angelika, Alexander (top), and Sophia Swift

Happy Easter, Church Family! As we start to prepare for the events of Holy Week and our Easter Sunday celebration, I find myself thinking of fond memories from past years. Of course, there are those from Easter Egg Hunts when I was a child, of participating in past Easter cantatas, and super early Sunrise Services. However, one of the most special Easter memories I have is Easter Sunday in 2014—the day Lucas was baptized. I love that on the day we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death and what that means in our lives, that my son was dedicated to the Lord. Every Easter I remember that day, and I think about the words, “Remember your baptism and be thankful,” and I’m thankful not only for my baptism, but Lucas’ as well, and that he is on his own faith walk with Christ.

This Easter Sunday, our congregation will be blessed with several of our youth joining the church. What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus and Easter! I hope many of you will be able to join us for this wonderfully joyful occasion.

We would also like to invite you to all of the special Holy Week events taking place this month, including:

- 1) The Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children on April 9th
- 2) Maundy Thursday Service on April 14th at Greenwood UMC
- 3) Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at the Cunningham Family Field

All of these events are wonderful ways to celebrate Jesus and the true gift of Easter. Hope to see you there!

Hugs,
Heather Littleton—Lay Leader



Thank you for your ongoing support!

UMW’s Backpack Ministry

Items Needed:

Individual mac & cheese

Individual Peanut Butter crackers

Individual fruit cups, applesauce

Individual cereal boxes & cereal bars



Let us LEARN and GROW together! Lay Servant Training May 21, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at Duncan Memorial

A list of classes offered will be shared soon. We will have the Basic Class as well as some Advanced Class offerings. It is for those who need to recertification as well as those who are exploring Lay Servant Ministry. More info is to come!



Thoughts on Stewardship



From Defying Gravity; Break Free from the Culture of More by Rev. Tom Berlin (p.90)

...Generosity has played a profound role in my Christian transformation, enabling me to depend more fully upon God and celebrate what Christ is doing in the world. One of my greatest joys now is to join with others who also enjoy giving their time, talent, and finances so that together we can help advance God's kingdom here on earth. In many ways, the practice of generosity gave me purpose in life. In so doing, it freed me from many of the concerns and anxieties I had carried. It changed more than my checkbook; it changed my identity and character to that of a steward.