



# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

## APRIL 2021

Dear Friends,

So many colors rising forth from the earth each day! Spring is here. It's hard to miss the Signs of New Life all around us.

New life is occurring in the midst of our congregation as well. New ministries taking place – forming and reforming -- as we adapt to our circumstances and the needs around us.

In the same way we identify the gorgeous flowers and trees outside our windows, I want to specifically name just a few of the life-giving ministries in our midst.

- **Clothes Closet Ministry:** created order forms to hand out to folks; including Meals on Wheels clients.
- **Children's Ministry:** Covid safe movie night
- **Saturday Lunch Ministry:** Adapted the Monday night meal framework to help alleviate hunger on weekends.
- **Tuesday Book Studies:** continued steady presence throughout the months of the pandemic.
- **Ministry conversations and connections** from people who found our church online.
- **High School Youth flourishing,** thanks to Jeremy Lovell and Stacy Sosebee-West
- **Community Garden Partnership** with "Kidz Dreamz Club," school-age children attending this after school program help tend garden.

Thanks be to God for the new life around us! We will continue to adapt and see where God is planting new seeds.

**APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>, EASTER SUNDAY, will be our first in-person Sunday worship! Here's a bit of what to expect:**

- Temperatures and attendance will be taken at the door.
- Masks will be worn, we have plenty of extras if you need one.
- Some pews will be taped off and seating will be limited to a few in each pew to maintain social distance. This means some of you will have to sit closer to the front.
- No congregational singing, but still plenty of beautiful music!
- Even though we won't share hugs or handshakes right now, we can still greet and share peace with one another in other ways.
- Bulletins set up ahead of time so that you will know that no one has touched these items for days.
- Offerings may be received on your way in or out of the church.
- Bathrooms are available; we have disinfectant spray for you to use afterwards.
- These precautions may seem excessive. They are important so we don't increase the chances that someone may be exposed to COVID-19. Doing these things show that we care about the health of everyone. How would we feel if someone caught the virus at church and became sick?
- If you don't feel well, **please stay home.**

As we progress through the coming months, we will monitor and may need to revise. You will be kept informed. I appreciate your willingness to adapt.

I can't wait to see you!!

*Elizabeth*

## WELCOMING STATEMENT

If you are searching for a place to experience God's wondrous and inclusive love, we invite you to join us at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington, NC.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ORGANIST



Hello Everyone! My name is Christopher Kiser, and I am elated to be joining you at FRUCC as pianist/organist. I am 26 years old, from Lexington and began taking piano lessons when I was 8 years old. My interest in music began several years before I started official lessons as my grandmother was also a church organist/pianist. She was a church organist for 77 years and that love of music and ministry was transferred to me through her. Through my elementary and high school years, I competed in many competitions on the state and national levels. Shortly after beginning lessons, I started playing the piano for church at age 11 and my love for music and church has grown ever since. I studied piano performance at UNCG and UNCSCA and have played for many well-known choirs and singers across the country. I have also accompanied and directed over 30 community theater musical productions. Once again, I am thrilled to be coming to FRUCC to worship with you all and am looking forward to meeting each of you.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Sam & Karen Kuespert Yates on the birth of a son, Milo Thomas Yates, born Friday, March 26, 2021 at 5:00PM. Milo has two big sisters, Parker and Penny. Proud grandparents are Eddie & Belinda Yates.

## MARCH MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

### IN MEMORY OF MARY BERRIER

Lee & Ellen Bouchard

### IN HONOR OF VICKY GRAY'S BIRTHDAY

James & Alice Gray

### IN MEMORY OF DAWN SHAAK

Frankie Byrd, Class of '63

### IN HONOR OF MIKE & LYNN BROWN

Lee & Ellen Bouchard

## NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Rev. June Grubb

***Living the Resurrection: Easter Season***, a new Sunday Morning Bible Study via ZOOM, will begin April 11th at 9:15AM

Easter is not a day, it is a season. So our new Bible study sessions will be a six-week series which brings us up to Pentecost. The joy of Easter needs to sustain us until the Spirit can launch us into the next phase of experiencing the "kin-dom" of God.

The twentieth-century humorist, Evan Esar said, "Easter is the only time when it is perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket." Who knows what that means? It is about leaning into Easter with all your faith, with all your hope. *Living the Resurrection* is about putting all your spiritual eggs in the basket of new life...new hope. It is our hope that through this long, important series, we can try on our new Easter clothes, living into what this gift is all about.

We call ourselves Easter people, but what does that mean? How do we live in the real world as those who are fully committed to the promise of Easter? What does it look like for a community of faith to grab hold of this new way of living, this new way of being a part of the "kin-dom" of the Resurrected One?

We will focus on the lectionary text found in John's gospel, which are stories that follow the resurrection of Jesus. Our question throughout this series is, "How does this help

me live today?"

Grasping an historical understanding of the text is always a valuable exercise, and we will do some of that as we go through the series. But in the end, it is about application. It is about more than just understanding what happened; it is really about living the Resurrection, right here and now.

There will be no Bible Study on Easter Sunday, but the series will pick up on April 11th with the following gospel text and session titles:

### **April 11: John 20:19-31**

"Unless I See"

### **April 18: Luke 24:36b-48**

"Touch and See"

### **April 25: John 10:11-18**

"Listen to My Voice"

### **May 2: John 15:1-8**

"Abide In Me"

### **May 9: John 15:9-17**

"No Greater Love"

Also, Festival of the Christian Home  
(Mother's Day)

### **May 15: John 17:6-19**

"We Are Yours"

### **May 22: Pentecost Sunday**



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

### Holy Week at First Reformed UCC March 28 - April 4, 2021

#### Palm and Passion Sunday

10:45am Worship live-streamed via YouTube

#### Monday - Saturday

7:30pm Nightly online worship service  
(Facebook / YouTube)

#### Stations of Holy Week

4 - 7pm Maundy Thursday

12 - 3pm Good Friday

Bring flowers / potted plant to leave  
for decorating Easter cross

#### Easter Sunday

10:30am In-person Worship, Sanctuary  
After worship, as a sign of blessing  
and new life, we will scatter  
wildflower seeds in front of the  
Center Street breezeway.



### Stations of Holy Week:

A Walk-Thru, Multi-Sensory Worship Experience  
for All Ages.

Thursday, April 1, 4 - 7pm

Friday, April 2pm, Noon - 3pm

The Sanctuary  
First Reformed UCC  
104 E. Center St. Lexington NC

Travel the path  
Jesus walked the last  
night of his life.  
Holy Communion served.  
Covid Precautions followed.

Questions? [church@frucc.org](mailto:church@frucc.org)





# CLOTHES CLOSET

Jerry Lovell, Clothes Closet Chairperson

The **Outreach Ministries** here at First Reformed continue to grow to better meet the needs of our community. Plans have been put in place to provide both meals and clothing to as many people as possible, ultimately combining the two ministries. St. Stephen's, Macedonia, Grace, and First Reformed churches, along with Open Hands and Meals on Wheels are all actively engaged in supporting these outreach projects.

Due to continued Covid guidance, people are not yet allowed to shop for themselves from The Clothes Closet, which is located on the lower level of our Education Building. Part of the collaboration of these groups is to distribute order forms for items from The Clothes Closet.

Volunteers from First Reformed are vital parts of each of these programs. Every Sunday, Grace Episcopal has volunteers, on a rotating basis, to cook and hand out lunches and order forms for clothing. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday breakfast is available at St. Stephen's, along with Clothes Closet order forms. On Saturdays, First Reformed is the site for lunches that can be picked up and order forms are available there, too. *(This ministry is only a few weeks old and is growing; going from 20 to 55 meals served in less than four weeks!)* For these groups, Clothing Closet orders can be picked up through the week using Open Hands or at the next regularly scheduled meal date.

Meals on Wheels has greatly expanded our clothing ministry. Volunteers have order forms available to give clients on the routes and return them to the Church Office when the requests are completed. The orders are filled and can be delivered on the next visit by Meals on Wheels.

In the scriptures, we are told that those who feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and offer shelter are serving angels without even knowing it. Angels are being served!



Here is an example of one order form that was received by The Clothes Closet. This request has a powerful message, highlighting an example of the extreme need in our community; the order could be filled (along with additional items) because of your donations.

First Reformed is in the process of making space available for those in need during the frigid temperatures that we can have here. This should be available for use next winter.

	SIZE	HOW MANY?	DESCRIPTION: ex: jeans, leggings, sweat pants. Long sleeves	DATE IN:	DATE FILLED:
Coats	E Lg	1	I don't have Any		
Shirts	E Lg Free	?	I have Two Tees		
Pants	34/32	?	I have one Pants		
Shoes	M	?	Ev got one per.		
Other	Any	?			

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SATURDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

Saturday Lunch Ministry continues to grow thanks to the continued support of our volunteers! On Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> team three actually ran out of food! Jerry Lovell quickly reacted with some pizzas from next door for back up! Thank you, Jerry! Team three fed 55 people, which ran very close to the 58 served on Sunday at Grace Episcopal!

**We can use volunteers every other month for the fourth Saturday of the month, so reach out to the church if you would like to help during that day.** We see this program continuing to grow and be very successful thanks to all of the folks that are contributing service time or preparing meals for the program.

Thank you Dr. Davis of the Southern Conference for the grant of \$2,000 to help launch the Saturday Lunch Ministry Program!

### IMMEDIATE PRAYER PARTNERS

One responsibility of the Board of Evangelism is to involve church members in the well-being of one another. One way this is done is through intercessory prayer. Praying for another person is a powerful ministry that connects us more deeply to others and amplifies the needs before God.

Sometimes prayers are needed/wanted due to emergencies or other unexpected circumstances beyond the concerns in our weekly bulletins. Our prayer ministry, **Immediate Prayer Partners**, is coordinated by Patti Lovell. You may contact Rev. Horton, the church office, or Patti Lovell with your prayer request. It will then be shared with volunteers who have **made a commitment to offer intercessory prayer immediately when they receive the message.** Depending on the volunteer's preference, communication can be via texts, emails, or phone calls.

If you would like to volunteer to be an **Immediate Prayer Partner**, please contact Patti Lovell at 336-309-9302.

### BOARD OF EVANGELISM MEETINGS

Monthly meetings for the Evangelism Board have been changed to the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month. Meetings are held via zoom and will begin at 6:30PM.

### YOUTH NEWS

Meetings for the **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** scheduled for April and May 2021 will be held on the **1st and 3rd THURSDAYS** of the month at 5:30PM via ZOOM. Jeremy Lovell and Stacy Sosebee-West are leaders for this group. **(Group will not meet Maundy Thursday.)**

### DVD MINISTRY

If you are unable to watch Sunday church services via Facebook or YouTube, our DVD Ministry program may be a way you can "feel present" at these services. DVD copies are mailed out the week following each service. If you are interested in receiving a DVD, please contact the church office.

### BE THE CHURCH WINDOW CLINGS

The Board of Evangelism has plenty "**BE THE CHURCH**" Window Clings still for sale. These are similar to bumper stickers, but they cling on glass instead and can easily be moved from place to place. Proceeds will go to the church's general fund. The cost is \$5 each. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact the church office.



### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

If you happen to miss a week of our worship services and other events that are shared on our Facebook and YouTube pages, they will remain on **Facebook** and **YouTube's** history, so you may go back to watch any time.

# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...MARCH 2021

To comply with Governor Roy Cooper's requests to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, Consistory members met virtually via Zoom

## **Board Reports**

### **Evangelism (Renee Walsh & Dave Fulton)**

- The church has made \$180 from the sales of "Be the Church" window clings.

### **Faith Formation (Alane Holste & Smithie Parrish)**

- Parents met to discuss Faith Formation for the children. We will continue with High School youth meetings weekly on Zoom.
- The group will continue to explore ways to work with Middle School Youth.
- Younger children will meet for a movie and pizza night March 19, still maintaining safety guidelines and protocols.
- The group has begun organizing for a search for the Director of Faith Formation.

### **Property Management (John Smith & John Maze)**

- Dry Tech started work on Education Building roof on February 24th. Work has been completed, and they have been paid.
- Thanks to Mike Price, John Maze and John & Vicky Gray for planting the tree and shrubs in front of the Education Building breezeway.
- Thanks to John and Vicky Gray for donating the plants for the landscaping in front of the Educational building.
- Thanks to Buddy Lohr for repairing wall cabinets in small kitchen in the basement. Permission was given to donate dishes that were stored in these cabinets to American Children's Home.

### **Business Management & Stewardship**

(Harriette Murphy)

- Finance & Budget Report for February 2021:
  - ◊ Average Weekly offering for February: \$5,164
  - ◊ (Average weekly offering needed to meet the budget \$5,889)
  - ◊ General Fund: \$19,690
  - ◊ Music Fund: \$9,323
  - ◊ All bills are current.
  - ◊ Online giving continues to be adequate. Vanco fee is \$2.75%.

### **Old Business**

#### **Returning to in-person worship:**

The Board of Worship and Sacrament met. Lisa Nelson reported that Easter service can take place in the sanctuary, with Fellowship Hall if needed. All precautions will be used including temperature checks, contact tracing, no congregational singing. A survey about attendance

will be sent to members and regular visitors. Rev. Horton feels it's time to shift from recorded services to in-person worship. Preparations are being made for a "Walk-Thru Stations of Holy Week" in the Sanctuary, which will include Holy Communion. An abbreviated Easter service will be live-streamed as well as in person. We will follow State guidelines for attendance capacity.

#### **Basement clean up:**

Rita Lohr and Cliff Lopp surveyed the 2 storage areas in the basement for items of interest for the History Room. All items of historical value were removed.

#### **Organist search:**

After interviewing, the Music Committee recommended a candidate for the organist position. The Executive Committee met and offered a contract.

#### **Appointing Pastoral Relations Board:**

Raeann Allred has received some names for this board. The purpose of this board is to support the minister.

#### **Saturday Lunch Program**

After the first weeks, the program is going well. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact John Maze.

#### **Clothes Closet:**

- Clothes Closet is going well. Jerry Lovell is very active with this. Saturday Lunch Program and Meals on Wheels coordination has been very effective. Request forms are in the office for special orders from the closet.

#### **New Business:**

- Susie Smith will co-chair Board of Congregational Life with Mike Price.
- Immediate Prayer Partners is now in place with Patti Lovell chairing this committee. Information has been shared in the newsletter, bulletins and weekly email.
- Renee Walsh reviewed responsibilities of the Board of Evangelism. The outside church signs will be updated with the time of worship service. Rev. Horton said that the time of worship service will change to 10:30AM so we will not have to change signs again for the summer schedule.
- Rev. Horton is also looking at Middle School Youth and Sunday School for the future.

**Next Consistory Meeting:** April 11, 2021



# FIRST REFORMED COMMUNITY GARDEN IN TRANSITION

Edgar Miller

After a successful decade of producing fresh harvests for Pastors' Pantry and Open Hands Ministry of Davidson County, the First Reformed Community Garden is looking to become more sustainable in the future. This year we have been unable to find workers from Open Hands for some of the more physical labor in the garden, for which they were paid a living wage. If you know of someone who might be interested in serving as a volunteer or paid onsite garden coordinator, please let Edgar Miller know ([edgarmiller@gmail.com](mailto:edgarmiller@gmail.com)). The position involves working about 10-12 hours per week on a variety of tasks in the garden.

While we would prefer to have an on-site coordinator long-term, in the interim we are encouraging different organizations to "adopt-a-garden bed." For example, our church's Girl Scout Troop 2160 has adopted the potato beds. They planted potatoes and onions on March 13 and will periodically check on the beds, weed them when necessary and harvest the potatoes when they are ready.

We also are working with the local "Kidz Dreamz Club" to give the extended daycare kids an experiential learning experience about growing their own food. They have been assisting with vegetable bed weeding and preparation. The Kidz will be adopting the metal garden beds to grow cucumbers, carrots, spinach and basil this Spring.

Other garden beds in need of adoption include the perennial blueberry and asparagus beds and the pollinator garden, as well as the annual summer garden bed, which is currently planted in cover crops but in the future will have peppers and eggplants. Please let Edgar know if you're interested in adopting one of these beds, and he'll get you started and tell you all you need to know. The asparagus should be popping up through the soil any day now and the blueberries are off to a great start, so whoever adopts those are going to be in for some savory and sweet treats.

In addition, we're continuing to partner with the Davidson County Local Food Network and Cooperative Extension to hold "grow your own" gardening workshops and to use the

garden as an educational resource to help food-insecure individuals and families learn how to grow their own produce. This has long term implications for the overall quality of life and good health outcomes for our community.

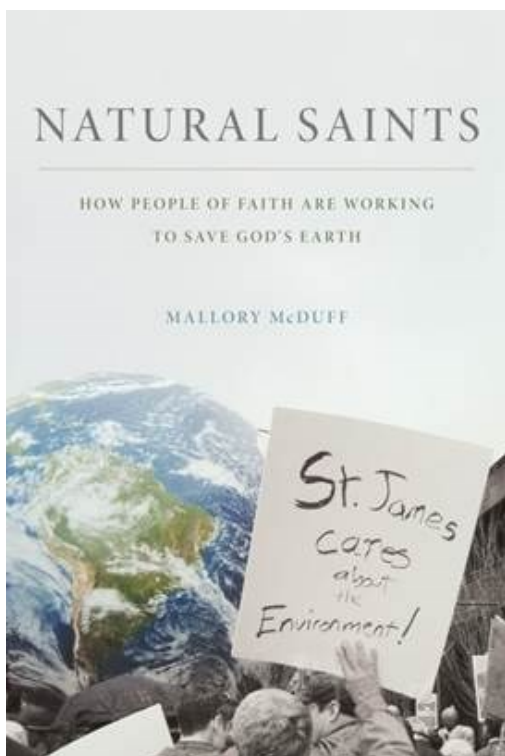
As always, we are appreciative of the church members' support and welcome your ideas on how we can better engage the congregation in our garden ministry. Also, please consider a donation to the Community Garden Fund, which is critical for the garden's long-term sustainability.





## NEW ADULT EDUCATION BOOK STUDY

A new book study will begin on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Edgar Miller will facilitate this study of the book *Natural Saints: How People of Faith Are Working To Save God's Earth*. Author Mallory McDuff has collated stories of faith groups and organizations who have tackled various aspects of environmental issues.



The important topics included for discussion throughout this book coordinate well with Earth Day celebrations in the month of April. The Adult Education Team encourages members of the congregation to join us in the study.

Several copies of the book will be available in the church office after Easter or you may order your own copy from your favorite bookstore.

**About the Book:** *Natural Saints* shares the stories and strategies of contemporary church leaders, parishioners, and religious environmentalists working to define a new environmental movement, where justice as a priority for the church means a clean and safe environment for all. Author Mallory McDuff shows that a focus on God's earth is transforming both people and congregations, creating more relevant and powerful ministries. As a result, people of faith are forming a new environmental movement with a moral mandate to care for God's earth.

### **McDuff Highlights Eight Key Ministries:**

- protecting human dignity
- feeding the hungry
- creating sacred spaces
- responding to natural disasters
- promoting justice
- making a pilgrimage
- educating youth
- bearing witness

With two daughters in tow, she traveled across the country to document environmental actions grounded in faith. This journey transformed the author's own faith and hope for a sustainable future. Congregations and individuals seeking to integrate care of creation into their faith community will find inspiration and concrete advice in the lives of these natural saints.

**You may join this book study Tuesday evenings via ZOOM at 7:00PM HERE:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691635471?pwd=d1JLRtV2K1dhZW85K1JwcUJXLTZDZz09>

**Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471**

**Passcode: 524570**

## REMINDER:

IN-PERSON WORSHIP WILL START BACK ON  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH  
**NEW WORSHIP TIME: 10:30AM!**

Covid safety protocols will be in place including temperature checks, social distancing, wearing masks, contact tracing, reduced worship time and no congregational singing.

# JOHN'S RIVER VALLEY CAMP: SUMMER 2021

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Johns River Valley Camp is making plans to provide Outdoor Ministry opportunities during the summer of 2021, albeit on a scaled down basis. COVID protocols will be in place in an effort to create a safe environment. Camps will be provided for Campers grades 4-12. Church youth groups and others are asked to inquire about our "Hospitality Model" where you work with our staff to plan and provide a retreat experience which meets your group's unique needs. We also continue to invite groups to plan Mission Camps involving meaningful projects and ministry opportunities.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 13-18: "Hospitality Model" or Mission Camp

June 20-25: "Hospitality Model" or Mission Camp

July 4- 9: "Hospitality Model" or Mission Camp

During these weeks you are invited to work with our Staff to create a retreat experience which is custom designed for your group.

Cost with Food Service: \$75 per day per participant

Cost without Food Service: \$50 per day per participant

Contact us today!

June 27-July 2: Middle and Senior High (Grades 7-12)

Campers will hike to Harper Falls, bike the Virginia Creeper Trail, kayak the Johns River and more. (Cost: \$425)

July 11-16: Junior Age (Grades 4-6)

Campers will enjoy aquatics, hikes, games, campfires and more. (Cost: \$400)

August 6-8: Family Camping:

Enjoy the grounds with your family and plan your own weekend retreat with meals provided. (Cost: \$50 per day per participant)

## COVID SAFETY MEASURES INCLUDE:

All lodging is in climate controlled lodges. No communal bathrooms.

Camp nurse employed.

Camps limited to 30 participants

Shortened weeks (Sunday - Friday)

Food served individually instead of family style. Four per table.

## CONTACT US

Phil Hardy (Executive Director)

Phone: 336-266-1617

Email:

phardy.frv@gmail.com

Website: [www.jrvc.org](http://www.jrvc.org)

## REGISTRATION:

Cut out this section and mail to:

PO BOX 119

Collettsville, NC 28611

(along with a \$30 deposit or register online at  
[www.jrvc.org](http://www.jrvc.org))

\_\_\_\_ June 27-July 2: Middle High/Senior High (Grades 7-12) Cost: \$425 (Directed by Staff)

\_\_\_\_ July 11-July 16: Junior Camp (Grades 4-6) Cost: \$400 (Rev. Randy Orwig, Director)

\_\_\_\_ August 6-8: Family Camping...Cost: \$50 per day per participant (Total: \$100 for the weekend)  
# in Family \_\_\_\_

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Entering in Fall of 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

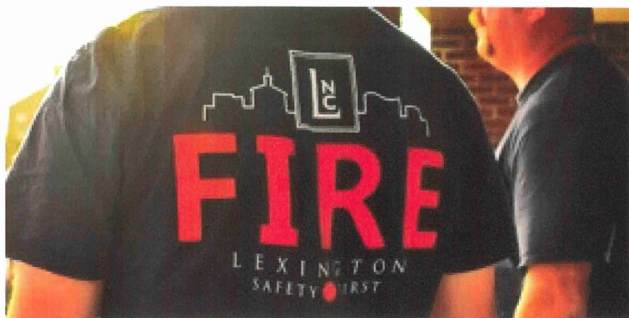
Special Dietary or Health Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Some of the children of our church enjoyed "Dinner and a Movie" on Friday, March 19th. Supper was Domino's pizza and plenty of good movie snacks, like popcorn and candy, were enjoyed while watching *Inside Out*. There was plenty of room to spread out with pillows, blankets and beanbags.

Thank you Renee Walsh, Bella Gentry and Jeremy Peterson for setting things up and organizing the meal and snacks and supervising. Caroline, Kyndell, Ethan and Lucas look like they enjoyed their time together after being apart for so long!



### LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A FIREFIGHTER

LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A  
PRACTICE PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST & LEARN ABOUT HOW YOU  
CAN JOIN OUR TEAM!

**APRIL 17, 2021**  
**1 PM**  
**STATION 1 • 200 E. CENTER ST.**  
**LEXINGTON, NC**

To register, email [JDEverhart@LexingtonNC.gov](mailto:JDEverhart@LexingtonNC.gov) or call  
336.248.3935. Please let us know if you have gear or if you will  
need us to provide gear.

If you wish to try our practice agility test you must be at least 18 years old, show a photo ID, and sign a release of liability waiver; or if under 18, have a parent/legal guardian present who can sign the waiver. The parent/legal guardian must also show proof of guardianship by birth certificate or other legal documentation. Protective gear, instruction, and demonstration will be provided by fire department personnel at the event. LFD will attempt to accommodate all that are interested, however gear sizes are limited.



**REMEMBER IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
RETURNS EASTER SUNDAY IN THE  
SANCTUARY**

**NEW TIME FOR WORSHIP: 10:30AM**



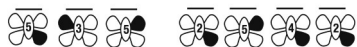


# Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).

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W N M D O U Z A Q T B J

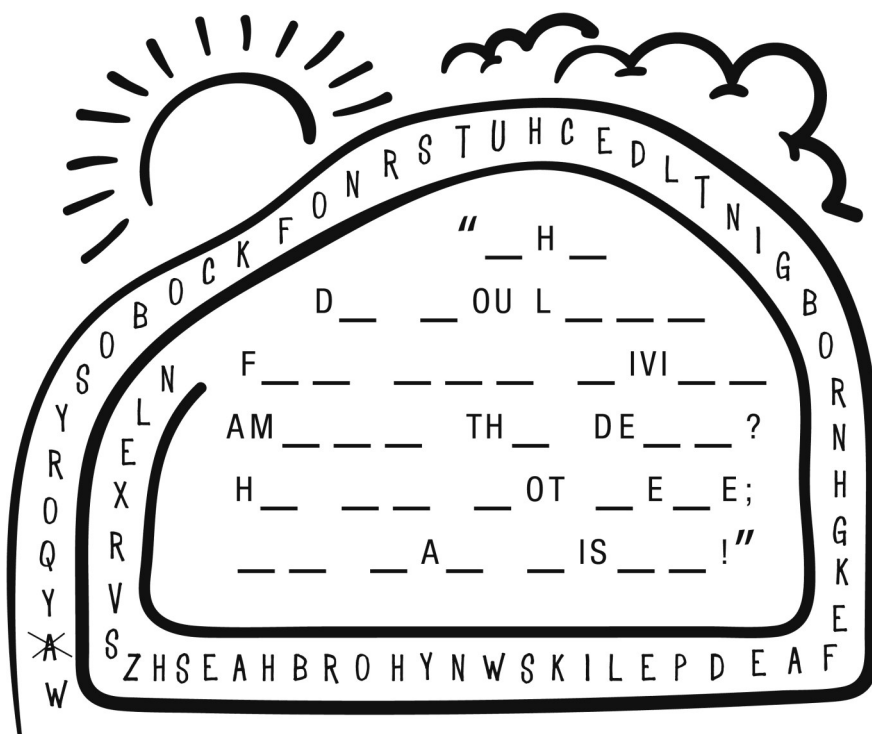
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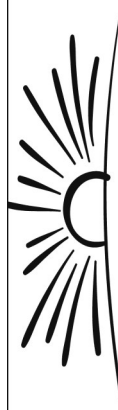
## EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

**Directions:** Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV



## SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

### What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

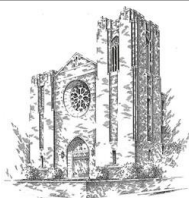
### What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>IN PERSON WORSHIP STARTS BACK ON EASTER SUNDAY</b>  <b>NEW WORSHIP TIME: 10:30AM</b>				<b>1</b> Maundy Thursday  4-7:00PM Worship Stations (Sanctuary)	<b>2</b> Good Friday  Noon – 3:00PM Worship Stations (Sanctuary)	<b>3</b> 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
				HOLY WEEK >>	>>>>>>>>	>>>>>>>>
<b>4</b> EASTER SUNDAY  10:30 In-Person Worship & Live Streaming	<b>5</b> EASTER MONDAY  <b>HOLIDAY Church Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b> 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Work Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>11</b> 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER  9:15 Adult Sunday School via Zoom  10:30 In-Person Worship & Live Streaming  12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom  12:15 Consistory Meeting via Zoom	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom  6:30 Board of Evangelism Meeting  7:00 Book Study via Zoom	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Work Day  5:30PM High School Youth via Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>18</b> 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER  9:15 Adult Sunday School via Zoom  10:30 In-Person Worship & Live Streaming  12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom  7:00 Book Study via Zoom	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Work Day	<b>23</b> <div>DEADLINE for Articles for the MAY 2021 Newsletter</div>	<b>24</b> 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry <p>(pick up at Open Hands today)</p>
<b>25</b> 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  9:15 Adult Sunday School via Zoom  10:30 In-Person Worship & Live Streaming  12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom  7:00 Book Study via Zoom	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Work Day	<b>30</b>	

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**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Larry Link  
Ashlee Snider
- 5 Caroline Hooper
- 7 Mike Brown
- 8 John Potts
- 9 Eulene Shepherd
- 11 Clifton Murphy
- 12 Kyle Winters
- 15 Chris Fulton
- 18 Amy Smith Golden
- 20 Cynthia Crowell Little
- 22 Nadia Freeman
- 24 Becca McKerlie
- 26 Hence Walser  
Sylvia Walser
- 28 Emma Hartle  
Pam Sink
- 29 Kay Crouse  
Katherine Skipper

**APRIL  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2nd  
Joe & Cathy Browder
- 10th  
Jeremy & Ellen Peterson
- 13th  
Lee & Ellen Bouchard
- 14th  
Brian McKerlie & Mike Price
- 17th  
Mike & Laura Perry
- 21st  
Casey & Keri Hartle
- 22nd  
Edgar & Kivi Miller

**OUR CHURCH AT  
PRAYER**

**OUR MEMBERS:**

**Marzell Crofts**  
(Mtn. Vista Health Park, Denton)

**Katherine Skipper**

**Heidi Hutcheson**  
(recovering from surgery at home)

**Lisa Price**

**Deanna Michael**

**OUR MEMBERS AT HOME  
AND IN CARE FACILITIES:**

**Peggy Bates**

**Janelle Bunn**

**Ruth Essick**

**Pattie Everhart**

**Lib & Jimbo Hinkle**

**Marguerite Leonard**

**Bob Shaak**

**Lib Sink**

**Carolyn Spivey**

**Adena Wall**

**Brookdale: Vogen Everhart**

**OUR FRIENDS:**

**\*David Driver**

**Nicole Holste**  
(Alane Holste's sister-in-law)

**Wendi Greene**  
(Bill Robbins' sister)

**Ashley Thomason Hutcheson**  
(Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's  
daughter-in-law)

**Barbara Miller**  
(Eddie Yates' mother)

*\*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. To add a name to the prayer list please call the church office (336-248-2617).*