



**The Weekly Bulletin**  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.*

PRELUDE

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

Healey Willan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song;

**People: God has become my victory.**

Leader: The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

**People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see.**

Leader: Give thanks for the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

*Alleluia*

Albert Lowe

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN 233

*The Day of Resurrection!*

Lancashire

*The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

**Unison**

**Merciful God, even in the midst of a joyful Easter season, we find it difficult to remain steadfast to your call. We are quick to forget the good news of the resurrection. Forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone. Please remind us of the hope we find in you.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mike McLeod

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our eyes that we may see the truth of your Word. In seeing, may we believe, and in believing, may we act. Amen.**

PSALM READING

*Psalm 118:14-29*

Pew Bible, page 534

*The leader will read the even numbered verses; the congregation will respond by reading the odd numbered verses.*

ANTHEM

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Vernon Hoyle

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

(Refrain)

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. (Refrain)

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. (Refrain)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 5:27-41*

Pew Bible, page 115

SERMON

*Evangelism*

Mr. Drumheller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

hymnal, page 35

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 159

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

Kingsfold

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mrs. Ayscue

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death*

Georg Philip Telemann

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

hymnal, page 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN 238

*Thine Is the Glory*

Judas Maccabeus

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

\*All who are able may stand.

**We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today.** If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

**The acolyte today is Ethan Richards.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Palmer.

**We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering** for hunger today.

**Ushers:** Heather Kilde, captain; Jim Carter, Michelle Cumming, David Kilde, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Mandy & Phillip Brown, Alternates **Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Mary Kesselman **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Cora Harrison **Preschool Partners:** Melissa Eudy & Dona Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Joan Belsan; Debby Johnston **Children’s Church:** Virginia Currie; Jacob Palmer

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Mike Dearstyne (brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns), Ted Biggers (friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples), Dick Kolk (friend of Lynn & Martha White), Connie Watson (sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke), Dexter Efird. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the common area outside the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 11.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2016 are: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Phillip Brown, Jim Sawyer, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

**Focus: Helping Mothers & Children Survive & Thrive**

**Letter Writing Sunday, April 24**

**9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship in the pit stop**



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Ending hunger is more than just providing enough food to survive. It is also having the right foods for good nutrition – providing a diet rich in protein and carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals for health, growth, and strength of both bodies and minds. This year, we focus on mothers and children because they are the most vulnerable groups to hunger and malnutrition. Women are primary caregivers of children and comprise nearly half the world’s smallholder farmers. Being a smallholder farmer means living on the edge – climate change, natural disasters, and variety and quantity of food that can be grown on a small plot of land – seriously limits what the family eats. Help make a difference for women and children by joining letter writers in the pit stop on Sunday, April 24. We will have writing material and information to help compose a letter to our congressional leaders.

**Bread Bakers Needed for Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign...**If you make quick breads, sourdough breads, or yeast breads, and can supply some for the *sale* table on April 26 as part of the *Bread for the World* letter writing campaign, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498). Remember that all donations for the bread are given to SCCM!

**Backpack Food Program**



**Donations Needed:** Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Snack Crackers, Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Next Backpack Food Program Packing Date is: Wednesday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**Covenant Bible Study**

**Tuesday Mornings**

**April 5-May 19 at 10:00 a.m.**

It's not too late to engage in this outstanding Bible study. The final 8-week session is *Trusting the Covenant*. We'll begin on April 5. To sign-up and/or to get a book, contact Kyle (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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**First Family Gathering  
Wednesday, April 6**

**Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m.  
in the Chapel**

**Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym**

Spring has sprung. Let's get together for a meal!

On the menu: Roasted Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potato Bar, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water, and Lemonade

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**Volunteers Needed for First Family**

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, April 6 at 3:45 p.m.
- Meat, Fruit, and Veggie crew: Wednesday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, April 6 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to help☺.

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**The SERRV Spring Catalog for 2016 is available!  
Check it out & place an order!**

Catalogs are available in the church office. An order will be placed on Monday, April 18.

# Share A Bloom...

Support Hospice of Stanly and give a potted gerbera daisy to your mother, co-workers, staff, friends, wife, teachers, husband, or anyone!

You can pick up your daisies at the Hospice office or we'll deliver for you!

*For delivery, all orders must be received by April 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Free delivery available in Stanly County, 9am-5pm*

## Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>



### \$10

Each gerbera daisy will be in a wrapped 4 1/2" pot

# Courage Blooms

Your gift to Hospice allows us to continue our focus on the comfort of our patients—and the spiritual, emotional, psychological support we provide to both patient and family alike.

### How To Order?

- **Mail** orders to Hospice: 960 N First St. Albemarle, NC 28001  
Checks payable to: Hospice of Stanly
- **Phone:** The Hospice office (704) 983-4216 & place your order with a credit/debit card
- **Online** at [hospiceofstanly.org](http://hospiceofstanly.org)

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**OR**

I will pick up my purchased gerbera daisies at the Hospice office.



For more information call Hospice at 704-983-4216



Pull up your  
rocking chair &  
join our

**mini-**

**Rock-A-Thon**

to renovate the  
**Stanly County**  
**Adult Day Health Care facility**

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**Free  
refreshments**

**Sunday, April 17**

**Prizes**

**1:30pm-4:30pm**

**Stanly County Senior Center**

**283 North 3rd Street**

**Albemarle**

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To register, contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016.



**Coltrane L.I.F.E.  
Stanly County  
Adult Day  
Health Care Center**  
**Mini-ROCK-A-THON**

## **Overview**

1. The Mini-Rock-A-Thon will take place on Sunday, April 17, at the Senior Center (283 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Albemarle) from 1:30pm–4:30pm.
2. All proceeds will be used for the Capital Fund to renovate the Adult Day Health Care facility in Stanly County.
3. Any age person can sign up to rock, but children (15 and younger) must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
4. You are responsible for bringing your own rocking chair (unless you reserve one). Wear comfortable clothing.
5. Please remember this is rocking for a purpose – to gather money to renovate the Adult Day Health Care Center facility located on First Street. Contact family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to sponsor you in the Mini-Rock-a-Thon. You can get a flat donation or hourly pledge. Make checks payable to Coltrane LIFE Center with Stanly County written on the memo line.
6. The top fundraiser will win a prize.
7. Snacks and drinks will be provided for those who rock.
8. For more information about the Mini Rock-A-Thon, contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 3

#### *Ten-Cents-A-Meal*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Planned Giving Task Force
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

### Monday, April 4

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle)
- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Tuesday, April 5

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

### Wednesday, April 6

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am First Family Meat, Fruit, & Veggie Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 3:45 pm First Family Set-Up Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer (chapel)
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner (gym)
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
- 7:05 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

### Thursday, April 7

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Friday, April 8

*Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway*

### Saturday, April 9

*Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway*

### Sunday, April 10

*Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 4:00 pm SNL Set-up for Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 7:00 pm \*Session

**\*childcare provided**

**SCCM NEED FOR APRIL:  
CANNED FRUIT**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### APRIL

- 04-Wes Eudy
- 05-Steve Blalock
- 06-Ed Myers
- 07-Angie Earnhardt  
Russell Karr
- 08-Joyce Lambert
- 09-Ashley Maust
- 10-Murphy Hall  
Holden Taylor

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### APRIL

- 07-Thomas & Salem Taylor



**TO SIGN-UP FOR THE  
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT  
AT CAMP CARAWAY  
APRIL 8-10**

**For more information,  
contact Matt  
([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)**

**or  
704-982-2722).**