



# Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church COURIER

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## Drive-Thru Communion on Easter Sunday



We are happy to provide a drive-thru communion experience for Easter Sunday from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Pastor Seth will lead the communion liturgy on the Easter Sunday worship video ([cookscreekchurch.org](http://cookscreekchurch.org)) and you are highly encouraged to engage with the worship before coming to the church. Once at the church, we will serve special individually sealed communion wafers and juice to you in your car. Do not get out of your car! We look forward to seeing you (in your car!) on Easter Sunday!



## Stay Connected

These are different and somewhat difficult times for everyone. While we are encouraged to stay home, that doesn't mean we can't stay connected. Let's remember to reach out to one another. Those that are in retirement and nursing homes are especially feeling isolated as they are unable to receive any visitors. Their day would be brightened by your cards, notes and phone calls! See page 10 for addresses and phone numbers.



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## Ramblings from the Reverend...

I am writing to you on the morning of Wednesday, March 25. Who knows what might develop by the afternoon? It is odd that the speed of world developments seems to have increased as most of our daily activities have dramatically decreased.

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## Volunteers this Month



	Acolytes	Hospitality	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery Care	Preschool Care
5	Kylee Hughes	Lou Pence	Ken McNulty	Michele & Bart Bridges	Autumn & Hunter Barnett	Robin & Skip Wallace
12	Communion	Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	Don Myers	Natalie & Brian Bocock	Nancy & Craig Miller	Patsy Scott & Becky Pierce
19	Beau Switzer	Winnie Williams	Catherine Carrier	Kathy Lyons & Lynn McNulty	Natasha & Ryan Blosser	Phyllis Simmons & Jana Miller
26	Hollis Switzer	Lana Higgs	Robin Wallace	Whitney & Paul Eberly	Whitney & Paul Eberly	Karen & Rick Moats



### Dates to Remember:

- 1,8,15,22,29- Bible Study at 7 pm (see page 6)
- 7 & 21 - Prayer Gathering at 10 am and 6:15 pm (see page 6)
- 12 - Drive-thru Communion at the church 11 am-12 pm
- 23 - Food Pantry 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 27 - Session at 6:30 pm via Zoom
- Courier deadline

**Greeter/Elder on Call:**  
 Jim Suter: 540-433-1063  
 Mary Etta Cornett: 540-810-4530  
**Usher:** Linda Smith  
**Bus Driver:** Gary Pence

### Attendance Last Month

March	SS	Worship
1	69	112
8	65	114
15		
22		
29		



### Prayer Corner

Lois Kreider  
 Emily Hill



Caroline Stilwell - Bruce & Carole's daughter-in-law, who was recently diagnosed with cancer

### Session

#### Class of 2020

Dianne Brown  
 Mary Etta Cornett  
 Phyllis Simmons  
 Dick Travis  
 Karen Moats

#### Class of 2021

Chad Barnett  
 Tom Bocock  
 Bob Scott  
 Adonica Miller  
 Don Myers

#### Class of 2022

Mark Williams  
 Terry Morris  
 Jim Suter  
 Brad Miller  
 Becky Pierce



### Open Doors

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making Open Doors 2019-2020 a tremendous success at our church. It takes an army to pull off this mission, and God's army is powerful at CCPC. We extended our week in March by a couple of days due to the church following us being unable to host, and the CCPC troops really rallied. There were many nights where we had over 40 guests show up, which is the shelter limit. We provided the overflow a hot meal before returning them to town. A couple comments most frequently shared by our guests about their stay with us are:

"This church has a glow about it. It's very warm and welcoming."

"Thank you for letting us stay longer and not putting us out on the streets."

When our guests moved on to the next church that stepped up who had never hosted before, several of our members continued to volunteer there. That speaks volumes about the heart of our church family. We are not defined by the walls of our church building; this is truly an outreach mission. Thank you, again!

### Dick Miller Fund

Thank you to those that give to this fund. We continue to receive requests, investigate each, and decide as a team how to best handle each case. It's anticipated that we may receive more requests in the weeks to come as our neighbors are struggling amid lay-offs, reduced work hours, empty store shelves, etc.

due to COVID-19. Please prayerfully consider giving to this fund.

### Budgeted Funds

In March, CCPC used budgeted funds to support these local missions:

#### First Step

First Step provides emergency shelter and support to individuals and families in crisis due to domestic/family violence, dating violence, etc. There is a 24 - hour Crisis Hotline available. They also have individualized safety planning, voluntary case management, advocacy, and court accompaniment services.

<https://www.firststepva.com>

#### People Helping People

People Helping People is a cooperative ministry of churches in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County helping people in emergency crises with resources and guidance. They assist with utilities, medical needs (medicine, transportation to appointments, food for diabetics and children), and employment needs.

<http://peoplehelpingpeople-harrisonburg.org/>

*Mission & Outreach Team*

### Prayer Ministry

*"From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15*

Parents and children, as school has been canceled for the rest of the school year, to help fill the family time together at home I have included a list of 10 activities to learn more about the Bible while studying

God's word. During your time together you will be able to use the Bible, learn how God uses people to do His will, and what it says about being a Christian.

**Ten worshipful ideas are:** 1) memorize "The Lord's Prayer" and recite it together as a family (you can also sing the prayer); 2) read Bible stories; 3) make a chart and memorize one or two verses every week, then place a check or star every time you memorize a verse; 4) create LOVE or THINKING OF YOU cards to send to a friend, someone who is sick, an elderly person in a nursing home or homebound, or church member; 5) make an alphabet book from A to Z using names of people, places and events from the Bible and illustrate each page using markers or crayons; 6) Google VEGGIE TALES and watch several videos, then write your own Bible story using your favorite vegetables as characters; 7) say the names of the books of the Bible together and locate each book by using your Bible, then have a family Bible Drill to see who can find a specific book of the Bible first; 8) list the names of the books in the Old Testament and New Testament and then write them in alphabetical order; 9) write down any questions you may have about the Bible and research answers to your questions-examples are: what is the shortest verse or the longest verse in the Bible, what does the Bible say about \_\_\_\_; 10) use your Bible to find names of men, women, and children God used to tell His story to us and make a booklet.

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## Ramblings from the Reverend

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...We are living in what we all hope is a unique period in our lives and in world affairs. These moments will doubtlessly appear in the later chapters of children's history textbooks decades from now. It is strange to think in those terms, but that is where we find ourselves. How are we to live in times such as these?

I have always been interested in history and I'm sure that comes from my mother, the history major. Some of my earliest memories are going to the local museum where she led activities around Native American history and culture. Even as an elementary school student, I would look back and wonder in amazement at how great people in history acted in times of crisis – for these are the times that define greatness in the historical eye. Abraham Lincoln likely wouldn't be so noteworthy were it not for the Civil War. After all, how many other 19th century presidents can you name? I was taught in school to lionize the great heroes and so I did. Growing up in Washington state, I was far removed from any of the historical places I learned about and could not imagine the places or the people were anything like my places or my people. They were myths. Larger than life itself.

For two days one summer in high school, my teammates and I were extras in a movie. I was fortunate to meet a couple of the

stars and chat with them. One had recently been on a very popular show geared towards teenagers and the other was on a famous (or infamous) sitcom on Fox. I had watched both shows and it was very strange to see these people from TV right in front of me and converse with them. While they weren't heroic leaders, it suddenly hit me that they were people just like me. Regular people. If they were a regular person then everyone else must be a regular person, too. Some people's actions have an outsized effect on others and the world, but they were just people, too.

This realization altered my life dramatically. Being a Gen Xer, I immediately took it in a negative direction: there are no heroes, no one is special, authority is a scam, and everyone should be regarded with suspicion. It wasn't until I started studying the writings of Johann Baptist Metz, a German theologian who was drafted into World War II and deeply affected by the horrors of the Holocaust, that the true nature of history started coming to me. History tends to take a handful of people, lift them up beyond the normal confines of humanity, make some of them purely good and others purely evil, and make the drama of events unfold in terms of that handful of people. It is as if only about 10 people fought World War II.

But where does history account for the regular people, like you and me, like my grandparents and

their grandparents? Perhaps like my family, your family has never had anyone in it that was famous or noteworthy as far as history and posterity are concerned. Yet, my paternal grandfather served in the Army in WWII, my maternal grandfather was an officer in the Navy, my paternal grandmother painted warplanes in Boeing factories, and my maternal grandmother had her first child. Where would the war effort have been without them and the millions like them? Regular people make history happen.

Is it not the actions of us regular people that truly determine the direction of our world? Is it not our own thoughts, attitudes, prayers, conversations, and actions that will chart the course for our lives, our families, our neighbors, our church, and the world? In times of crisis, these are magnified and ripple through history. The lives you and I lead in this moment will matter more to next year and to the decades to come than our choices did a month ago. Praise the Triune God that He has and continues to form us into greater Christ-likeness so that we can evermore live our lives in surrender to Him and in love and service to our neighbors! For we do not live in vain, our lives have tremendous value and meaning. This affliction will pass and the joy of the new morning will dawn.

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**Ramblings cont.**

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you. 13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient,

but the things that are unseen are eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:6-18 (ESV)

These words written 2,000 years ago persist and insist that we look to the future with hope. The future is this afternoon, it is next week, it is next year, and it is until Jesus returns in glory. So do not lose heart. Live boldly and with purpose being led by the Holy Spirit. Your response to this moment matters. How will you live?

Blessings,

Seth

**Coming Up in Worship**

The present situation has led me to take our weekly sermons and worship celebrations on a more week-to-week basis than typical. I invite you to join us for our recorded worship online. It will always be posted by 9:00 am Sunday morning (but is usually online by Saturday) on cooks creekchurch.org. Also, a new feature! For those who do not have internet or a smartphone, you can now hear an audio recording of the worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Call 605.313.4415 and when asked, enter access code 119669. This is a long-distance call (but it's the only cost-effective option we have at the moment).

**Prayer Gatherings**

We will continue with our prayer gatherings in the month of April. In these trying and uncertain times, it is good to gather in prayer. You will be able to join via video conference or telephone. Connection information will be sent in the weekly email updates. If you do not get the email updates, please check your spam folder and if they aren't there, please call the office to be added to the email list.



Our prayer gatherings will be on Tuesday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 21 at 10:00 am and 6:15 pm.

**Bible Study**

Pastor Seth will be leading a weekly Bible study on Wednesdays in April at 7:00 pm. We will be looking at Easter-themed texts in the Gospel of John. You will be able to join via video conference or telephone. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/798213937> to join the meeting with your internet device. Or call 646.876.9923 to join by telephone and enter 798 213 937 for the meeting ID. Join us starting April 1 – no foolin'!



**Prayer Ministry cont.**

Most of all pray together as a family. God is listening and wants us to praise Him as we ask for His guidance. Have faith in God knowing He is in control. Stay healthy by washing your hands and cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or use the inside of your elbow.

As church members we will continue to pray not only for members of our community, the United States, and the world, but also for our children, youth & college students. Mail a card letting them know they are a child of God and that you are lifting them up in prayer during this designated time they are spending at home.

*Blessings,  
Becky Pierce*

**Nursing and  
Infant Care Room**

The Congregational Care Team is pleased to announce the creation of a "Nursing and Infant Care

Room" to support our mothers who seek a private, quiet place to care for their young child while at church. The room includes a comfortable rocking chair, baby changing table, and basic infant care supplies. The room can be accessed from the hallway behind the front of the sanctuary. The Nursing and Infant Care Room is marked with a "Nursing Room – Please knock" sign.

**Resources**

For those of you with young children at home looking for ways to keep them entertained, here is a link to some activities provided by Children's Bulletins.

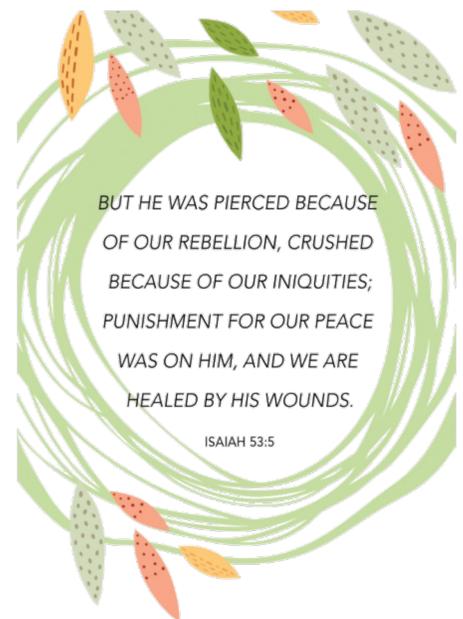
[www.childrensbulletins.com/covid-19-childrens-activities-for-churches](http://www.childrensbulletins.com/covid-19-childrens-activities-for-churches)

**New Directories Available**

If you have not picked up your directory yet, they are available at the church at the main entrance



between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Be sure to check off your name and if you are picking up one for someone else, be sure to cross their name off too! If you can't make it to the church and would like a copy of addresses and phone numbers, please call the office (540.867.5117) and we will be happy to email that to you.



**Financial Snapshot through March 2020**

Income	\$53,714.75
Expenditures	\$79,272.36
	(\$20,150.32)



These are strange times we are in today. We have choices in how we will respond. Thank you to those who have continued to make tithes and offerings to continue the ministry of Cooks Creek! We continue to run with our full staff and a couple of us are putting in longer hours than if things were "normal". Since we have had to cease meeting together in-person on Sunday mornings, our giving has dropped more than 80%. We know this is a precarious time, but God calls us to trust in him: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you (Psalm 9:10). Please prayerfully consider your giving. We look to have online giving operational soon. In the meantime, you may mail or drop off your contribution at the office (Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00). Our address: 4222 Mt Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Thank you for your support.

**Thank you for blanketing the world with love!!! We appreciate all who participated in the Church World Service Blankets+ program. Please note the following contributions:**

**In Memory of...**

Mike & Ellen Liskey  
 Mike Liskey  
 Wallace Brown  
 Morgan Brown  
 Elbert & Lorene Judd  
 Betty Rossheim  
 Nancy Swope  
 Herman K. And Anna Mary Simmons  
 Floyd & Elaine Merica  
 Dr. Richard N. Atkinson  
 Lucy Pierce  
 Willard & Lola Mohler  
 Garold & Katie Myers  
 Herb Sams - "Pop"  
 Elizabeth Swank  
 Lawrence Ritchie  
 Lee Roy & Wanda Price  
 Jack & Cricket Boccock  
 Janet Mills  
 Richard Weaver  
 Marian & Bill Knabbe  
 Emily & Stephen Stilwell  
 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Suter, Jr.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pence, Jr.  
 Brownie Cunningham  
 Brownie Cunningham  
 Mildred Smith  
 Ray Frye  
 Rev. & Mrs. H. G. Allen  
 Levi Eberly  
 Levi Eberly  
 Howard & Margaret Burkholder  
 Sue Brukholder Brown

**Given by...**

The Liskey family  
 Chad & Dawn Barnett  
 Mary Ann Brown  
 Mary Ann Brown  
 Mary Ann Brown  
 Mary Ann Brown  
 John Rossheim  
 Her family  
 Fred & Phyllis Simmons  
 Fred & Phyllis Simmons  
 Fred & Phyllis Simmons  
 Bill & Becky Pierce  
 Don & Nancy Myers  
 Don & Nancy Myers  
 The Hughes family  
 Mary Etta Cornett  
 Wanda Ritchie  
 David & Susan Price  
 Their family  
 Mary Ruth Circle  
 The Weaver family  
 Bruce & Carole Stilwell  
 Bruce & Carole Stilwell  
 Gary & Patty Pence  
 Gary & Patty Pence  
 Helen W. Suter  
 Steve & Fran Smith  
 Steve & Fran Smith  
 Tom & Gail Frye  
 Jody Meyerhoeffer  
 Matt & Rachel Switzer  
 Paul & Whitney Eberly  
 Their grandchildren  
 Phillips family

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**In Honor of...**

**Given by...**

Nelson Miller  
 Carolina Lizeth  
 Our children & grandchildren  
 Jordan & Addison Bridges  
 Louise Wilson & Betty Blue Miller  
 Bill & Patty Burkholder

Phyllis Miller  
 Sojourners Compassion Child-by Bea Morris  
 Carole & Bruce Stilwell  
 Norman & Linda Smith  
 Ronald & Gloria Miller  
 Their family

*If you notice that we missed any names, please notify the church office so they can be listed in the May Courier!*

**And don't forget to do good and share with those in need.**

**Hebrews 13:16**



Dearest Church Family,

The love and respect felt for our Dad have surely been evident. During the slowly aggressive deterioration of his body and mind, displays of thoughtfulness continued: greeting cards, garden produce, phone calls, goodies, and visits. The Mary Ruth Circle always kept supplies of treats at hand for all occasions. Dad really enjoyed company and may not have admitted he remembered names, but the joy was on his face. He often clasped greeting cards received in the mail in his hand for hours. He never lost the love of his church, the members of his young adult class nor his Berean Sunday School Class. We cannot forget the meals from Feed the Flock. The people delivering those well-anticipated meals always had kind words for Dad. We are so grateful for each of you and the part you played in Dad's life. The loving gestures, words, and cards following the memorial service were so touching and appreciated. God was the center of this gentle, kind husband, dad, and grandfather. He lived his life as he believed. For that and all of you, we are most grateful.

*Love from The Mike Liskey family*

Dear Secret Folks of CCPC!

Thanks so much for the \$25.00 Shell gift card - both Craig and I have been honored with this gift! Your notice of work for our church is an inspiration.

*Thanks again!!*

*Craig & Nancy Miller*

Dear Cooks Creek Family,

We want to thank you for all the

lovely cards and congratulatory wishes that we received in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. It was quite a surprise as each day we opened the mailbox to find more and more cards. Thank you to Martha, our superb office manager, for helping our daughters, Cheri and Erica, set up this surprise card shower. Since our girls are insisting that we stay in, it was so heart warming to receive all of the special messages. We are so appreciative of supportive family members and such a loving church family.

*Love and blessings to you all,*

*Fred & Phyllis Simmons*

Thanks!

Thank you to all our ministers in the name of Jesus Christ who served our brothers and sisters through our extended Open Doors hosting (and those who are volunteering at other host sites!) and the West Rockingham Food Pantry. Thank you for service to God's children!

*Pastor Seth*



## COOKS CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY

*Keeping in Touch with Members and Friends*

One of our most important ministries is to love and care for one another. All of us can participate in this by reaching out with phone calls, cards, visits and prayer. We want to remember the words of our Lord: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34



Dennis Early 2/2	Bellaire at Stone Port 1684 Port Hills Dr. Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-810-3168	Mary Ann Brown 6/1	Bridgewater Retirement Community Assisted Living Room #336 302 N. 2nd Street Bridgewater, VA 22812 540-564-0640
Dorothy Harper 7/19	White Birch Communities #6 847 Oakwood Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-236-5906	Mary Ann Morriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157
Tom and Luanne May T 4/11 L 4/29	1235 Quince Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-476-3205	Lois Frye 10/25	White Birch Communities 847 Oakwood Dr. Rockingham, VA 22801 540-236-5918
Jerry & Charlsie Miller J 7/30 C 3/5	4463 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-908-8316 millerhomestead@comcast.net	Pam Sonner 3/20	229 Emerson Lane Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-217-0805
<b>CCPC MEMBERS AT VMRC</b>			
Nelson Miller 12/25	Bridgewater Retirement Community Unity House 302 N 2nd St. Bridgewater, VA 22812	Emily Hill 3/1	1501 Virginia Ave. #210 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-574-3840
Pete & Ann Rhodes P 6/1	624 Erickson Ave. Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-434-9473	Lois Alexander 4/1	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Cedar Room 101 540-564-3574
Wanda Ritchie 1/19	68 Cooks Creek Rd. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-434-1944	Nelson Alexander 11/24	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Walnut Room 330 540-564-5611
Mary Elizabeth Smith K 10/11	Living Waters Senior Care 379 N. Main St. Timberville, VA 22853 540-896-4558	Millie Harman- DeVall 4/15	1285 Shank Drive Apt 323 Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler E 9/15 M 3/23	335 Westview Street Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2257 Eddy – 540-383-5653	Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527
		Bonnie Wampler 3/13	Brunk House 1316 Woodland Park Circle Harrisonburg, VA 22802 (Off Oak Drive, 4th house down the row)



# FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Beginning Balance February 1, 2020	\$14,569.79
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	
Individual Contributions	\$105.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$685.00
Total Deposits	<b>\$790.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Bread	\$69.30
Meat (Hamburger)	\$357.60
Eggs	\$65.40
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$1058.55
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 60 gal. - \$200.90 Red Front 131 gal - \$418.84)	\$619.74
Total Disbursements	<b>\$2,170.59</b>
Balance as of February 29, 2020	<b>\$13,189.20</b>

It looks as though there was a big drop in the balance this month, but because of the distribution date so close to the end of the month, about \$15,000 that came in late is not included in this balance. Also, reimbursement has been made for the eggs but is not reflected in the report. Attendance was also down this month, which is not unusual this time of the year, but we don't know why. We served 70 families, two who said they were there for the first time. An approximate total of 2,000 pounds of food was given in the prepacked bags. This month we took First Step three dozen eggs, three loaves of bread, and three milk vouchers. They have an on-site pantry for their guests but do not stock these items.

Vertical Connection, the mobile clothes bank, again provided lots of men's, women's, and children's clothes and shoes free to anyone who wanted them. Gloves provided by the Dayton United Methodist Church were available this month, also.

Finders Keepers and Red Front have always redeemed our milk vouchers. Since Red Front is closing,

we are most grateful that Sharp Shopper has agreed to accept the milk vouchers, so our families will still have a choice of two stores where they can get free milk during the month.

We thank Diane McCurdy's tennis team and the Lifeline Sunday School Class from Cooks Creek for hosting the pantry this month, and two people from Greenmount paid for the eggs. A lady who lives in the community saw our sign out front and came in one day and asked if she could help sometime. So she volunteered with us this month, and the new pastor at Greenmount also came and helped. It is such a joy to see how various people in the community work together to help our neighbors who need a helping hand! The host for the March 26 distribution will be Greenmount Church of the Brethren. They will provide a dozen eggs and an inspirational insert for each family. We will plan to serve 85.

As I write this report the second week of March, not only our community but the whole world is adjusting to the effects of the coronavirus pan-

demic. No cases have been identified in our area at this point, so we want to continue to provide food to those who depend on us, but we think it is wise to follow the advice of medical experts. We are going to block the entrance to the ramp and put up posters telling them to stay in their cars until we open at 4:00 p.m. We will have each car drive around and register at the front then proceed to the lower parking lot to receive their bag of food.

Panic is not helpful to anyone, but we all must take seriously what the medical and community leaders ask us to do as they try to prevent the spread of this disease. Rules designed to keep us safe are meant for everyone's protection. Someone who thinks it's smart to dare the rules and prove how fearless he is could jeopardize a lot of people. Psalm 139:14 says, "I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." We should honor our Creator by taking care of our bodies, His marvelous creation.

*Bea Morris*

# Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



**What you need:**

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

**What you do:**

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.



## PUZZLE

### Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.*

And he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, and gave  
 it to them, saying, "This is my \_\_\_\_\_ given for you; do this in  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of me." In the same way, after the supper he  
 took the cup, saying, "This \_\_\_\_\_ is the new \_\_\_\_\_ in my  
 blood, which is \_\_\_\_\_ out for you."  
LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

# HAPPY EASTER!



## EASTER WORD SEARCH



EASTER  
EGG  
BASKET

CANDY  
BUNNY  
SPRING

FLOWERS  
CARROT  
SUNDAY

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# April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 7 pm	2	3	4
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6	7 Prayer Gather- ing @ 10 am & 6:15 pm	8 Bible Study 7 pm	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 <i>He is RISEN</i>	13	14	15 Bible Study 7 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Prayer Gather- ing @ 10 am & 6:15 pm	22 Bible Study 7 pm	23 Food Pantry 4-6	24	25
26	27 Courier deadline  Session @ 6:30 pm	28	29 Bible Study 7 pm	30		

## BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Lois Alexander   | 12 - Mary Etta Cornett |
| 3 - Mabel Branner    | 15 - Megan Swope       |
| Sydney Porco Carrier | 16 - Charlie Newman    |
| Jana Miller          | 22 - Shelley Newman    |
| 5 - Patty Pence      | 23 - Whitney Eberly    |
| David Scott          | 24 - Evelyn Miller     |
| 6 - Collin Wallace   | 28 - Debbie Bosserman  |
| 7 - Sarah Phillips   | 30 - Maeve Brown       |
| 9 - Terry Morris     |                        |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Ronald & Gloria Miller
- 10 - Bill & Becky Pierce
- 20 - Jimmy & Evelyn Miller
- 22 - Bret & Beth Phillips

## SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

