



# Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church COURIER

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EASTER  
CHANGES EVERYTHING

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## Easter Events at Cooks Creek



**Friday, April 2** - Join us for a reflective Good Friday worship service at 7:00 pm.

**Saturday, April 3** - We will have an Easter Saturday prayer vigil from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. You can come to the sanctuary at any point during that time for individual prayer and meditation. We will have a prayer guide and meditative Christian music playing. Come for five minutes or five hours.

**Easter Sunday** - Partake of the Lord's supper with us during worship service at 10:30, or as drive-thru from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

You are invited to attend the community wide Easter Sunrise Service, led by Gerald Harper, at the West Rockingham Ruritan Club on Sunday, April 4 at 6:45 am.

Everyone is welcome;  
bring a friend!



## RAMBLINGS FROM THE REVEREND

Greetings in the name of the resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that you have a blessed Easter season as we gather as the communion of saints bound together by our common calling in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery Care	Preschool Care
4	Collin Wallace	Jennifer & Brandon Fadeley	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Ashley Hughes & Katherine Lyons
11	Tracy Bosserman	Katherine Lyons	Natalie & Brian Bocock	Katherine Lyons
18	Skip Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Robin & Skip Wallace
25	Karen Moats	Katherine Lyons	Lee Anne & Donald Biller	Katherine Lyons

### Greeter/Elder on Call:

Don Myers - 540-435-1011

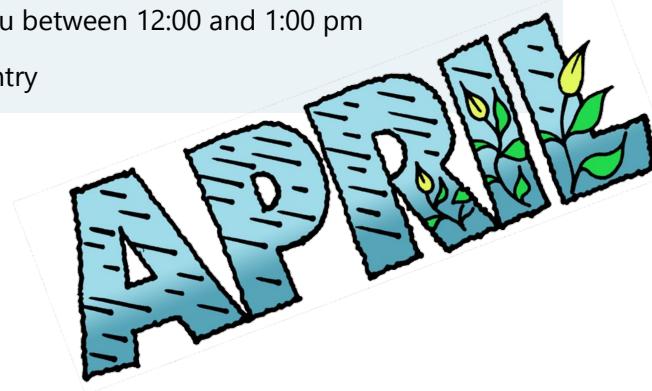
Skip Wallace - 540-476-2475

**Bus Driver:** Gary Pence



### Dates to Remember:

- 2 - Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
- 3 - Prayer Vigil from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 4 - Easter Sunday Communion - during worship and as drive-thru between 12:00 and 1:00 pm
- 22 - Food Pantry



### Prayer Corner

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Luanne May                | Tucker-JD & Diane's  |
| Jerry and Charlsie Miller | grandson             |
| Jimmy & Evelyn Miller     | Teresa Simmers       |
| Sue Haley                 | Terry & Linda Morris |

### Session

**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

**Class of 2023**  
Skip Wallace  
Ray Heatwole  
Jeff Heatwole  
Gerald Harper  
Kate Dudley

## Open Doors

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making Cooks Creek's weeks of hosting Open Doors 2020-2021 a success from meal planning, to food preparation, to serving, to shopping for or donating supplies/funds, etc. CCPC rallied once again to show love to those less fortunate. It seems they are going to extend the shelter season beyond the normal early April closing, so if anyone would like to assist Open Doors yet this season, please let Adonica know.

They are looking for meals, assistance with shelter cleaning while the guests are out of the building, linen laundry services at a laundry mat, etc. 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.

## Budgeted Funds

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

### First Step

This organization provides



emergency shelter and support to individuals and families in crisis due to domestic/family violence and dating violence. They offer a 24 - hour Crisis Hotline, individualized safety planning, voluntary case management, advocacy, and court accompaniment. You can visit their website for more information.

<https://www.firststepva.com>

## People Helping People

PHP is a cooperative ministry of several churches in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County who help people in emergency crises by providing resources and guidance.

They assist with utilities, medical needs (medicine, transportation to appointments, food for diabetics and children), and employment needs. Check out their website at <https://www.phpharrisonburg.org>

## **Prayer Ministry**

*"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."*

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

As we welcome springtime, we see winter's hidden beauty burst into life with radiant colors and sounds of life. We are also remind-

ed of the beautiful and perfect life of Jesus, His death on the cross, and His resurrection on the third day. Christians all over the world celebrate Easter morning by rejoicing that Jesus Christ rose from the grave. He is alive!

This year, take time to reflect on the women who



went to the tomb early that morning who said, "Who will roll the stone away?" (Mark 16:3) God knew their sadness and fears so He sent an angel to assure them that their Lord was alive. He is risen! He is not here.

To celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, upon leaving the Easter worship service Sunday morning, children of all ages are welcome to take home a special craft as a reminder that Jesus has risen from the grave.

Continue to pray for the members of CCPC, our children, youth and college students.

*Happy Easter!*

*Blessings,*

*Becky*



## RAMBLINGS FROM THE REVEREND

*Continued from page 1....*

As we continue to modify our communal life as a church due to the pandemic, I pray that you are not losing heart but rejoicing that God connects us in so many ways: in-person worship, livestream (or watching the recording), listening to the audio recording, and through the postal mail. We are so blessed to be a community united together by God!

I will attempt to be modern the week after Easter and have a "workcation". This will be the first time Gemma and I have been able to get away at the same time since we came here in July 2019. I will be busy preparing for our upcoming sermon series that we will launch April 18: The Future of Hope. We will work to clear up all the things we think we know about God's future and see what scripture really says about our hope in Christ, salvation, heaven, the future

of the earth, our bodies, resurrection, and more! You'll definitely want to join us each Sunday. I'll also use this week to sketch out the sermon plan for the rest of 2021.

I am excited to tell you that my good friend and colleague, Rev. Bradley Long, will be preaching on Sunday, April 11 and I will lead the rest of our worship time on the 11th. Bradley currently works in our area as a hospice chaplain and is working on his doctorate focusing on international mission work. He and his family have served as missionaries in Central Asia and they are originally from Virginia.

We are also ready to hire our nursery assistant(s)! Look for detailed information about this job and how to apply at [cookscreek-church.org/hiring](http://cookscreek-church.org/hiring). We are also finalizing our team to hire our new children's ministry coordinator. If you are interested in learning

more about being on the team, please contact myself, Bob Scott, or Gerald Harper. Please be in prayer for the people we will hire!

*God bless,*



### Financial Snapshot through March 2021

Income: 61,321.79

Expenses: \$75,468.00

Thank you to those who have continued to make tithes and offerings to continue the work at Cooks Creek.

To learn how you can give online, on your mobile device, through the mail, or in-person, please go to [cookscreek-church.org](http://cookscreek-church.org)

- ◆ Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.
- ◆ Knock knock. Who's there? Hatch. Hatch who? God bless you!
- ◆ What should you do after eating so many Easter treats? Eggs-ercise!
- ◆ Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? It might crack up!
- ◆ An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So that's why no one was in church today."





# Notes of THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00. Your financial support will go directly to supporting the work of our program.

Jayda and her three children have just entered the Bridge of Hope program. Jayda is transitioning to a new chapter in her life, but to do so, she has to face some very difficult obstacles. In Bridge of Hope's strengths-based program, she will have the support of holistic, whole-family case management as well as a social-support network of neighboring volunteers, walking with her. Jayda will also receive rental assistance for safe housing during the time in the program, as she works toward financial stability. All of this is possible because of your support.

Thank you, again, and may God bless you.

*Sincerely, Chris Hoover Seidel  
Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham Director*

Dear OCP Friends,

Thank you, on behalf of members, staff, and board for your recent donation to Our Community Place. Your generosity aids our mission to be an inclusive community of love, hope, and restoration.

*With sincere gratitude,*

*Lisa  
OCP Board*

To Friends at Cooks Creek,

Our family would like to thank you for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and passing of Nelson.

We are fortunate to have you as our church family.

*May God's richest blessing be with you.  
Phyllis Miller and family*



*Kind hearts are the gardens.  
Kind thoughts are the roots.  
Kind words are the flowers.  
Kind deeds are the fruits.*

*Take care of your garden  
and keep out the weeds.  
Fill it with sunshine,  
kind words and kind deeds*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

# CWS BLANKET FUND

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:

<b>Given by:</b>	<b>In Memory of:</b>
Sam and Donna Kay Ritchie	Our Parents
Becky, Joel and Meredith	Mike & Helen Liskey
Phyllis Miller	Nelson Miller
Donald and Lee Anne Biller	Nelson Miller
Helen W. Suter	Brownie Cunningham and Emily Hill
Joy Ritchie Pinard	Lawrence J. Ritchie
Ray Swope and family	Nancy Swope
Fred and Phyllis Simmons	Herman K. And Anna Mary Simmons
Fred and Phyllis Simmons	Floyd & Elaine Merica
Fred and Phyllis Simmons	Dr. Richard N. Atkinson
Fred and Phyllis Simmons	Kathi McClenney
Bill and Becky Pierce	Susan Brown
Bill and Becky Pierce	Bill, Sr. and Lucy Pierce
The Phillips Family	Sue B. Brown
Their Grandchildren	Howard and Margaret Burkholder
Steve and Fran Smith	Tap and Brownie Cunningham
Carole Stilwell	My Husband, Bruce
Carole Stilwell	Our Parents: Marian & Bill Knabbe, Emily & Steven
Carole Stilwell	Our Grandparents
Carolyn Wampler	Bonnie and June Wampler
Ronald and Gloria Wilson	Howard Wilson, Richard, Sr. and Betty Blue Miller
The Weaver Family	Richard Weaver
Ray Heatwole	Lynn Heatwole
Jody Meyerhoeffer	Emily Hill



<b>Given by:</b>	<b>In Honor of:</b>
Linda Smith	Jordan and Addison Bridges
Joy Ritchie Pinard	Luanne May
Wanda Ritchie (2 blankets)	Luanne May
Carole Stilwell	Our Children and Grandchildren
Ronald and Gloria Miller	Louise Wilson

**If you made a donation for a blanket and would like to add to this listing,  
please contact the church office for the May newsletter.**

### 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	Lois Frye 10/25	White Birch Communities 847 Oakwood Dr. Rockingham, VA 22801 540-236-5918
Tom and Luanne May T 4/11 L 4/29	1235 Quince Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-476-3205	Pam Sonner 3/20	229 Emerson Lane Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-217-0805
Jerry & Charlsie Miller J 7/30 C 3/5	4463 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-908-8316 millerhomestead@comcast.net	Terry & Linda Morris T 4/9 L 3/1	4248 Grattan Price Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-568-8448
Pete & Ann Rhodes P 6/1	624 Erickson Ave. Harrisonburg, VA 22801 540-434-9473	Curtis Long 11/23	6868 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-867-5127
Wanda Ritchie 1/19	68 Cooks Creek Rd. Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-434-1944		
Mary Ann Brown 6/1	Bridgewater Retirement Community Assisted Living Room #336 302 N. 2nd Street Bridgewater, VA 22812 540-564-0640	<b>CCPC MEMBERS AT VMRC</b>	
Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler E 9/15 M 3/23	335 Westview Street Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2257 Eddy - 540-383-5653	Lois Alexander 4/1	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Cedar Room 101 540-564-3574
Mary Ann Moriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157	Nelson Alexander 11/24	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Walnut Room 330 540-564-5611
Raymond & Jean Ratcliff R 8/5 J 5/23	5366 Snapps Creek Rd. Singers Glen, VA 22850 540-833-6604	Millie Harman- DeVall 4/15	1285 Shank Drive Apt 323 Harrisonburg, VA 22802
		Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527

# FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Beginning Balance February 1, 2021

\$21,036.47

## DEPOSITS

Individual Contributions	\$210.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$1,027.00
Businesses	\$320.00
Total Deposits	<b>\$1,557.00</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Eggs (reimbursed by Mt. Clinton Mennonite)	\$120.45
Bread	\$87.50
Hamburger	\$260.10
Food Purchases to fill Bags including ham	\$1,347.76
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 48 gal. - \$170.12 Sharp Shopper 31 gal - \$113.28)	\$283.40
Total Disbursements	<b>\$2,099.21</b>

**Balance as of February 28, 2020**

**\$20,494.26**

CORRECTION: In last month's treasurer's report there was a typo in the Total Disbursements. It should have been \$2,591.86, not \$2,501.86. The totals were correct.

Attendance was up in February, 64 households and 2 who came for emergency bags. Six were there for the first time. The father in a family that usually comes was at home after being hospitalized for two months with COVID and passed away early Friday morning. In these households, a total of 224 people received food. One of the families in the count is on disability and cannot come because their car was totaled in an accident several months ago. Heather Denman, Director of the Arc of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, was looking for a service project for some of the people in their program. She took food to this family and plans to do this every month with the help of a person in her program. A number of those who come pick up for others who are

registered with the pantry but can't come because of age, illness, etc. It would be good to have the names of several people who would like to be on a volunteer list to deliver food to our regulars who can't come for a real reason. Let me know if you or anyone you know would like to be on this volunteer list.

We thank Mt. Clinton Mennonite Church and others who helped for hosting the pantry in February. On March 25 Greenmount COB was host. Since many have gotten the virus vaccine and the COVID numbers are improving, we intend to resume registration inside in March.

Why is it that we have such love for new things, especially new growth, becoming obvious about this time of the year? The tree in my backyard has buds already! I've seen jonquils that are three inches high! The sun seems brighter and there are more hours of light each day, giving us more opportunity to

do different things. I always feel sorry for people, especially children, who live in areas where there's little change of season.

How ironic that the new vaccine we're getting is allowing us to look forward to the "old" ways becoming new ways of going to church and to school. And we're looking forward to registering the food pantry folks indoors this month where we can get to know the new people who have come to us when we couldn't talk with them and to renew friendships with the "regulars." Also, we're looking forward to offering a new produce voucher that we believe will be a welcome addition to the items they usually receive. All of these new things remind me of a line in my favorite hymn, "morning by morning new mercies I see." I trust that God also delights in new things He sees in us as we finally grow into new facets of faith He has been nurturing in us for a long time.

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# 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!



### Bible Quiz

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)

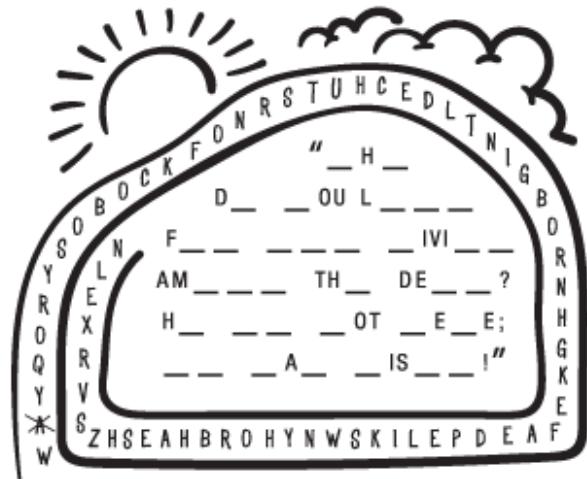


# PUZZLE

## 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

Answers? Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! (Luke 24:5-6, NIV)

### Easter word search

C	T	Q	Y	A	D	I	L	O	H	G	N	V	Y
B	E	A	S	T	E	R	M	B	M	N	R	A	P
K	H	J	P	A	S	T	E	L	O	T	D	S	N
B	L	O	O	M	I	N	G	H	E	N	E	N	Q
E	J	R	P	D	L	R	C	K	U	T	N	A	K
N	W	N	N	T	K	R	S	S	A	G	L	E	L
I	P	L	L	K	A	F	L	B	N	Y	B	T	
H	M	I	M	M	B	K	O	T	U	I	F	Y	L
S	K	R	E	P	C	C	L	U	N	R	L	L	P
N	C	P	F	G	O	F	W	L	N	P	O	L	L
U	I	A	W	H	G	L	Y	I	Y	S	W	E	M
S	H	N	C	R	Q	S	L	P	T	Q	E	J	P
Z	C	Y	D	N	A	C	F	S	N	C	R	V	X
M	A	R	S	H	M	A	L	L	O	W	S	K	Z

### Words to find



- APRIL
- BASKET
- BLOOMING
- BONNET
- BUNNY
- CANDY
- CHICK

- CHOCOLATE
- EASTER
- FLOWERS
- HOLIDAY
- JELLYBEANS
- MARCH

- PASTEL
- SPRING
- SUNDAY
- SUNSHINE
- TULIPS

# CALENDAR AND CELEBRATIONS

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# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Prayer Vigil 9 am-4 pm
4  HE IS RISEN Hallelujah	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Courier Deadline  Session @ 6:30 pm	20	21	22  Food Pantry 4-6	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## BIRTHDAYS

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



*Birthdays &  
Anniversaries*

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

