



# Cooks Creek Courier



## Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday** is at 10:30 on April 10 - We will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and prepare for the events of Holy Week.

**Good Friday** worship will be at 7:00 pm on April 15 - Join us for this heavy day as we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice.

**Holy Saturday** prayer vigil from 9:00 am-12:00 pm - The sanctuary will be open for a time of individual prayer, come for as long as you feel called. We will have printed prayer guides and prayerful music playing.

### **Easter Sunday**

- ◆ Family Breakfast at 9:30 - we will have a hot breakfast of breakfast casseroles and other great food in the fellowship hall for all ages. There will be no Sunday School.
- ◆ Worship at 10:30 - once you are filled up and perked up, join us in celebrating Jesus' resurrection!

## Ramblings from the Reverend

Greetings in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I pray our little newsletter finds you well. There is a lot going on in ministry this month, so be sure to give this a read! To stay in the know week-to-week, make sure you sign-up for our weekly email at [cook-s creekchurch.org/connect](mailto:cook-s creekchurch.org/connect).

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# April

	Liturgist	SS Care	Nursery	Pre-school	Acolyte
3	Steve Smith	Jennifer & Brandon Fadeley	Katherine Lyons	Dianne Reynolds & Pam Bocock	Ella Blosser
10	Robin Wallace	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Whitney & Paul Eberly	
17	Barret Dalrymple	Katherine Lyons	Shelley & Charlie Newman	Katherine Lyons	
24	Nancy Myers	Katherine Lyons	Katherine Lyons	Adonica Miller & Billy Lilly	Teagan Bocock

**Elders on Call:** Jim Suter - 540-433-1063 and Fran Smith – 540-421-0837  
 If you have an urgent need and can not get in touch with Pastor Seth, please call the Elder on call.

**March Attendance:**

6 - SS 25 W 73 We are also thankful for  
 13 - SS 24 W 90 the 30-50 who faithfully  
 20 - SS 11 W 68 watch online and listen  
 27 - SS 21 W 83 via telephone.

## Prayer Needs

- Jimmy & Evelyn Miller
- Tucker-JD and Diane's grandson
- Terry & Linda Morris
- Karen Moats
- Dennis Early
- Mike Simmons
- Ronald Miller
- Fred Simmons
- Tom May
- Lois Burkholder
- Kathy Lyons
- Norma Bowman's family in her recent passing



## Church Information

**Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Seth Normington 540.236.2900  
 Office Administrator: Martha Shank 540.567.8117  
 Organist: Teresa Simmers  
 Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Lyons  
 Custodian: Jean Will

**Session**

Clerk of Session: Mark Williams  
 Administration Team: Mark Williams, Brenda Moyers  
 Mission Outreach Team: Terry Morris, Jeff Heatwole  
 Congregational Care Team: Becky Pierce, Fran Smith  
 Christian Education Team: Kate Dudley, Gerald Harper  
 Property and Grounds Team: Jim Suter, Brad Miller, Ray Heatwole  
 Worship Team: Don Myers, Skip Wallace

**Church Committee Leaders**

Youth Advisor: Kate Dudley  
 Cemetery: Brad Miller  
 The Sunshine Gang: Craig & Nancy Miller, Bob & Patsy Scott  
 Sanctuary Decorations: Jana Miller  
 Historian: Nancy Myers

## Prayer Ministry

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*1 Peter 1:3*

### A Jellybean Prayer for Kids

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you so much for creating me and everything in this universe (green jellybean). I admit that I have sinned (black jellybean) and have fallen short of your glory. But I want to thank you for going through with God's plan, even when it was scary for you (purple jellybean). Thank you for dying for my sins and the cross (red jellybean) and shedding your blood for me so that I could become pure as snow (white jellybean). I know that you will do everything you said you will do and that one day I will be in heaven with you (orange and yellow jellybean). For now, I wait in hope and excitement for when I will see you face to face (pink jellybean). Amen.

- Hope Bolinger

### A Prayer for Resurrection

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you had plan, that you made a way.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, reminding us we are safe with you and that your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Thanks be to you God, for your indescribable gift! To you be glory and honor, on this Resurrection Day, and forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

- Debbie McDaniel

CHRIST  
IS RISEN  
INDEED  
*Alleluia*

*Blessings,  
Becky*

## Mission and Outreach Team

### Open Doors

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with our week. We appreciate the meals cooked and the servers.



### Mission Trips

Ideas for a mission trip this summer are still being discussed. It may be that we will do a couple of close proximity trips. These trips will be close enough to our area, that you can do 1 day or a few days. As soon as details are finalized we will have more information.

## Ramblings from the Reverend, continued from page 1

Our Holy Week schedule is:

**April 10 at 10:30 am** – Palm Sunday worship followed by Trail Talk (and luncheon)

**Friday, April 15 at 7:00 pm** – Good Friday worship with visual stations of the cross

**April 17 at 10:30 am** – Easter Sunday! Hot breakfast at 9:30, hot worship with communion at 10:30. Sunrise service at the West Ruritan Park at 6:30am with light refreshments.

Our new sermon series, *Miraculous Mercy*, kicks off on Easter Sunday. Jesus' ministry was all about mercy. He showed mercy to everyone who was in pain. In this sermon series, we will spend eight weeks looking at how God shows us mercy in Jesus Christ. It is through God's mercy that Jesus came to our world to live a perfect life, teach us what God is really like, then suffered and died on the cross to pay for all our sins, and rose on Easter to prove that God is victorious over everything—even death! God literally died to be merciful to you! Come hear and experience God's mercy in your life!

April 17	Easter Means It's a New Day of Mercy
April 24	God Can Use Anybody
May 1	God's Mercy and My Failures
May 8	Mercy Forgives
May 15	Rev. Bradley Long, Frontier Fellowship
May 22	How Much You Matter to God
May 29	Your Ministry of Mercy
June 5	Showing Mercy to Your Family
June 12	Being an Agent of Mercy in the World

*God Bless,*

*Seth*

### *You are Invited!*

The Congregational Care Team invites you to participate in a day trip to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, May 4th, to spend the day at the Museum of the Bible.

This is an opportunity you don't want to miss!



For more information, see page 8 or check out the Connect Table at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

# Cooks Creek 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	Bridgewater Retirement Community 302 N. 2nd St. Room 353 Bridgewater, VA 22812	Lois Frye 10/25	White Birch Communities 847 Oakwood Dr. Rockingham, VA 22801 540-236-5918
Tom & 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 Miller 7/30	4463 Mt. Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-908-8316 millerhomestead@comcast.net	Terry & Linda Morris T 4/9 L 3/1	3935 Sunnyside Dr. Suite B 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	<b>CCPC MEMBERS AT VMRC</b>	
Mary Ann Brown 6/1	Bridgewater Retirement Community Unity Household Room 360 302 N. 2nd Street Bridgewater, VA 22812 540-564-0640	Lois Alexander 4/1	1401 Virginia Ave Crestwood, Cedar Room 101 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3574
Eddy & Mary Ellen Wampler E 9/15 M 3/23	335 Westview Street Dayton, VA 22821 540-879-2257 Eddy – 540-383-5653	Nelson Alexander 11/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Walnut 330 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-6511
Mary Ann Morriss 11/11	Summit Square Retirement Community 501 Oak Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980 540-941-3157	Jimmy & Evelyn Miller J 5/31 E 4/24	1401 Virginia Ave. Crestwood, Hickory Apt. 303 540-564-6527
Jean Ratcliff 5/23	5366 Snapps Creek Rd. Singers Glen, VA 22850 540-833-6604	Mable Branner 4/3	1401 Virginia Ave. Redbud 224 Harrisonburg, VA 22802 540-564-3352

## Thank You

Dear Cooks Creek Bereavement,

Our whole family thanks you for providing the refreshments after Charlise's service. You ladies were a great comfort and help to us. We are so thankful for your love and support.

*With Love,  
The Miller Family*

Thank you to all those that made our recent week of hosting meals at Open Doors a success whether you supported this mission financially, with food, with your time volunteering, etc. We served about 65 guests/staff per night and provided grab & go breakfasts. We also appreciate our brothers and sisters in Christ from other churches, organizations, and businesses that assisted us in covering meals and volunteering.

*Adonica Miller*

Dear Cooks Creek Family,

I want to thank everyone for all their acts of kindness during Raymond's extended illness. After his passing, the cards, calls and prayers meant so much to me. I am especially grateful for all the contributions made in his memory.

*May God bless you all,  
Jean Ratcliff*



## Thank You

## Announcements

Sarah Layman Graf, Cooks Creek choir director, resigned her position on Sunday, March 20th. Sarah has been with us for 18 years, faithfully leading our choir, handbells, Children's Choir and many other activities which enhanced our worship experiences here at Cooks Creek. Her contributions to our worship experience and our music program will always be remembered. We wish Sarah and her family God's blessings.

*The Worship Team, Choir and Handbells*



*“Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection.”*

*—Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

# Food Pantry Report

**Beginning Balance February 1, 2022**

**\$23,464.94**

## DEPOSITS

Individual Contributions	\$5,590.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$371.75
Civic Organizations	\$9.27
Businesses	\$1,450.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$7,421.02</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Bread	\$195.00
Hot dogs and Hamburger	\$894.35
Eggs	\$206.50
Food Purchases to fill Bags	\$2,586.72
Milk Vouchers (Finder's Keepers 21 gal. - \$81.79 Sharp Shopper 63 gal. - \$249.42)	\$331.21
Produce Vouchers (Bananas- \$81.95, Apples- \$176.48, Grapes-\$135.80)	\$394.23
Toilet Tissue Purchase	\$419.30
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$5,027.31</b>

**Balance as of February 28, 2022**

**\$26,149.76**

The balance in the treasury continues to grow even as the cost of items increases. The increase in the balance this month is mainly due to memorial contributions for Charlsie Miller. Also, a donor again reimbursed the pantry for the hamburger. The pantry paid for the eggs since it was the host for this month. We were pleased that Bridgewater Foods gave us a sale price on toilet tissue, so each family received a 6-pack equal to 12 rolls of this necessary item. This was good because food stamps do not cover paper products. We thank Chad Barnett for making this possible by bringing these and dispensing them from a box truck on Thursday evening. Our good balance will allow us to provide this next month also along with the left-over packs stored in the pantry. The pantry served 51 fami-

lies Thursday evening and gave approximately 1,550 pounds of food in the prepacked bags. Two deliveries instead of four were made on Saturday, and five emergency bags were given in February. One of our clients passed away this month.

Thanks to all from the various churches who worked the distribution on Thursday. It was cold and rainy, but it always warms our hearts to know that these folks get not only food but a kind word. Greenmount COB will host the pantry on Thursday, March 24. They will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family.

In March the West Rockingham Food Pantry will have provided food for those in need in our area for 13 years. In January we were saddened by the passing of Charlsie Miller, the founder of the pantry. Charlsie was

the one who first recognized the need for the pantry and worked tirelessly to bring it to fruition.

From helping to write the bylaws, a necessity for a nonprofit organization, to overseeing the renovation of the basement in Cooks Creek Church as the distribution site, Charlsie was a driving force. Through contributions and contacts and considerable physical labor of Charlsie and her husband Jerry, the pantry was equipped and continued to be well stocked. Charlsie's love for the Lord and her desire to follow His teachings in Matthew were contagious as others began to experience the joy of contributing their time, talents, and resources to put the pantry on sound footing. Charlsie's influence continues as many contributions in her memory will provide for the needs of others.

*Bea*

**MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

Transportation by Quick's Bus Service – bus fee has been paid  
55 seats are available to church members and staff

**Tentative Plans:** (subject to change)

Arrive at church: 6:10 – 6:25 am, bus departure 6:30 am

TBD: Bus stop after 6:00 pm for dinner

Arrival back to church: on or after 9:00 pm

Reservations and money are due to the church office no later than **SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022**  
All tickets purchased are non-refundable after April 17th.

**MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE TOUR**  
**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Museum - Early Group Admission:**

\$13.99 per person: General Admission

\$17.99\* per person: General Admission + 1 additional attraction or a guided tour

\$24.99 \*per person: General Admission + 2 additional attractions or a guided tour

\*Plus tax, if applicable

**Discounts:** All attendees receive a 10% discount on any one item purchased at the gift shop.

**Attraction Descriptions**

**Washington Revelations (Flyboard Theatre) – 6 Minutes**

From the Supreme Court to the Lincoln Memorial, wonder at the memorialized impact of the Bible as you soar past monuments on a panoramic flight around the capital of the United States of America. This revolutionary ride highlights the Bible's presence permanently etched into some of our national monuments and landmarks. Guests must be at least 42 inches tall to ride.

**Explore! A Virtual Reality Tour of the Lands of the Bible! – 9 Minutes**

Visit the lands of the Bible on a shoestring budget! This all-new virtual reality experience offers an exciting tour of 34 of the most famous biblical sites. The state-of-the-art attraction allows you to soar across the Sea of Galilee, climb the stairs to the Temple Mount, explore the path of the good Samaritan and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre during midnight services. If you've never been to these fascinating places or even if you've been 100 times, you won't want to miss this new attraction.

*\*The Virtual Reality experience can only be added in the +2 option.*

**Guided Tour Descriptions**

**Museum of the Bible Highlights Tour – additional cost – 1 hour**

This tour will introduce you to the permanent galleries and their rich collection of artifacts, attractions, and highlights to better guide your experience at Museum of the Bible.

(Explores Floors 1, 2, 4)



museum of the Bible

# HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.

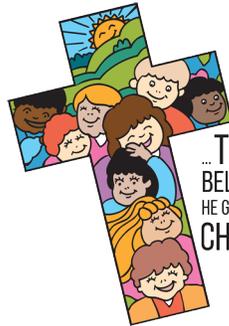


### What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

### What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.



...TO THOSE WHO  
BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,  
HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME  
CHILDREN OF GOD.

JOHN 1:12, NIV

## Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

# Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

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

"As a \_\_\_\_\_ looks after his  
H S V K S V I W

\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ is  
H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V

\_\_\_\_\_ them, so will I \_\_\_\_\_ after my \_\_\_\_\_.  
D R G S O L L P H S V V K

I will \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

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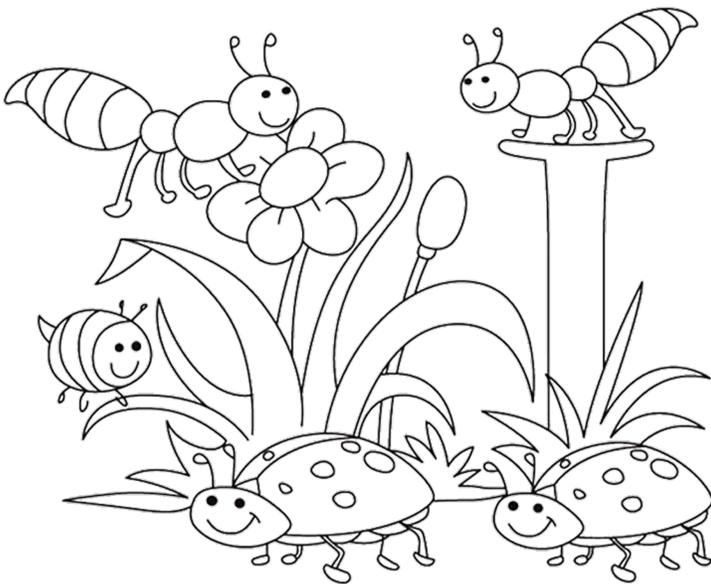
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and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. You are my  
H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

\_\_\_\_\_ ... and I am your \_\_\_\_\_."  
H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, injured, strengthened, weak, sheep, God



## Easter Word Search

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

APOSTLES  
CROWN  
LAMB  
PRAYER  
RESURRECTION  
SON

CHURCH  
FAITH  
MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RISEN  
SUNDAY

CROSS  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
TOMB



# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Hosanna!</i> 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <i>Good Friday Service</i> 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> Prayer Vigil-9-12
<b>17</b> Sunrise Service- 6:30 am Family Breakfast- 9:30 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Session @ 6:30	<b>26</b> Courier Deadline	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Food Pantry 4-6		

## BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Lois Alexander   | 9 - Terry Morris       |
| 3 - Mabel Branner    | 12 - Mary Etta Cornett |
| Sydney Carrier       | 15 - Megan Swope       |
| Heather Funkhouser   | 16 - Carlie Newman     |
| Alexis Hogan         | 22 - Shelley Newman    |
| Jana Miller          | 23 - Whitney Ebely     |
| 4 - Gannon Holsinger | 24 - Evelyn Miller     |
| 5 - Patty Pence      | 27 - Deacon Miller     |
| David Scott          | 28 - Debbie Bosserman  |
| 6 - Collin Wallace   | 30 - Maeve Brown       |
| 7 - Sarah Phillips   |                        |



## ANNIVERSARIES

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

## Dates to Remember

- 10 - Trail Talk following Worship
- 15 - Good Friday Service at 7 pm
- 17 - Easter Sunrise Service at West Rockingham Ruritan's at 6:30 am
- 17 - Easter Service and Communion
- 25 - Session at 6:30 pm
- 26 - Courier articles due by 8 am
- 28 - Food Pantry from 4-6 pm