



The Grapevine

The monthly newsletter of
First Presbyterian Church, Mount Airy, NC

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HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/ Communion

**April 9
6:30pm**

Maundy Thursday Journey with Christ

**April 9-10
Midnight – 8:00 a.m.**

Children's Easter Celebration

**April 11
3:00pm**

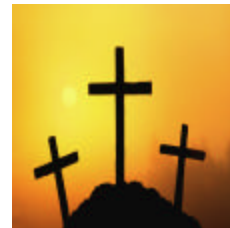
Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil

**April 11-12
9:00pm - 7:00am**

Easter Sunday Worship & Celebration w/ Communion

**April 12
10:00 a.m. (Please note time change)**

**No Sunday School
Flowering of the Cross**



Church Financial Update

Total Contributions Received for March:	\$ 18,231.05
Total Contributions Received for 2009:	\$ 71,931.02
2009 Budgeted Pledged & Non-pledged Giving:	\$ 248,494.00

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit your articles for the May newsletter no later than **Monday, April 20th**. Any items received after this date will be published at a later time.

Yokefellow Ministry

April Food(s) of the Month:
Dried Beans, Cooking Oil

Cents-A-Bility Offering

Bring your offering to worship on **Sunday, April 5th**. Remember - your small part can make such a big difference!

CE Meeting

Monday, April 20th
6:30 p.m.
Ladies Parlor

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on **Friday, April 10th**, and **Monday, April 13th**, to celebrate Good Friday and Easter Monday. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Session Meeting

We will have our monthly Session meeting on **April 19th** at 8:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will examine our new class of confirmands at this meeting. **Please note the time change in the meeting.**

SESSION DIGEST

From Stated Session Meeting held on March 15, 2009

Shasta reported that 5 Beacons have applied to the Presbyterian Youth Council - Laura Belk, Daniel Hatcher, Shelley McCluskey, Holly Mills, and Cody Swicegood. Session approved all five applications.

Session unanimously welcomed into church membership - Andrew and Laurie Stroupe and their children, Daniel, Lydia, and Anna. Their first friends will be the Mills family.

Treasurer's report: Pledged receipts remain ahead of budget as some 2009 pledges have been paid in full. Some expenditures are over budget year to date, but will be used in coming months. An anonymous donation of cash stock was received, and disposition of the funds will go to help pay off our line of credit, some capital expenses, and specified benevolences. Cash accounts are in good shape.

Worship & Music Ministry Team reported that the choir is working on some special music for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Missions Ministry Team reported that the team is continuing to look into the establishment of a charity clothes closet. Holly Mills passed out copies of a letter of appreciation from the Mills family, thanking the church for its support during their mission trip in Mexico.

Discipleship Team reported that time and talent surveys will be mailed out this week to all members of the congregation. March 29th will be Spring Discipleship Dedication.

Personnel Ministry Team made a motion that staff receive the week following Easter off as a paid holiday (April 13-17), since the church was not able to give staff pay raises this year due to budget constraints. The session approved this motion.

Green Ministry Team reported that people are needed to sign up for recycling pick up from church. He has met with a purveyor of socially & environmentally friendly produced coffee to see if the church can begin using this. First Presbyterian has been entered in the Cool Congregation Carbon Footprint contest. He reviewed our current carbon footprint.

Evangelism Ministry Team reported that her team is having difficulty getting addresses for our college students. Some helpful suggestions were made in the discussion which followed.

Christian Education Ministry Team reported that the Lenten Bible studies are going well. She reminded the Session to review the meal assignments. There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday, and worship will be moved to 10am.

The session passed a motion approving the administration of Communion for Maundy Thursday evening.

April Ushers and Lockup

Head Usher: Tim East
Side Usher: Josh Clark
Alternate: Lee Daniels

Little Church Volunteers

April 5 Jim & Amy Robertson
April 12 Nancy & Joseph Dixon
April 19 Kim & Mariah Branch
April 26 Gloria & Taylor King

Flowers for Sunday Worship

April 5 Lib Burke
April 12 Easter Lilies
April 19 Mary Botkin
April 26 Moody Family

Worship Nursery Volunteers

April 5 Sam Brown
April 12 Lisa Dodd
April 19 Julia Ann Banfield
April 26 Betty Street

Covered Dish Lunch

Bring your favorite dishes and join us immediately following worship on **Sunday, April 26th**, to help celebrate our new class of confirmands as they become vital members of our congregation.

**Confirmation Update
(For Confirmands, Their parents & Mentors)**

Dates to Remember...

- ◆ **Sunday, April 19th (required)** : Sessional examination at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall; bring your Statement of Faith; arrive at 8:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Sunday, April 26th**—THE BIG DAY—Confirmation Sunday; followed by a celebratory covered dish lunch

Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 will meet on **Tuesday, April 7th**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Ladies Parlor.

**Vacation Bible School
Helpers Needed**

It takes a lot of people to make a VBS run smoothly. Would you be willing to assist? We need lots of volunteers. We've got a wide variety of opportunities available. Call Shasta or Sandy Bowers to sign up.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for June 14-17 for a wonderful VBS. We will have classes for all ages—preschool through adult. Pre-registration begins Sunday, April 19. Please sign up to attend.

Bob Chilton Memorial Bible Study

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
8:00 a.m.
Good Life Café

Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating from high school or college/graduate school this year? Yes? Then, **we want to know!!** Please call or e-mail Shasta by **Sunday, April 19th**, and give her the following information:

- ◆ Your full name and your parent's names
 - ◆ Where you're graduating from
 - ◆ What your plans are for the future
- ◆ The degree you will be receiving if you're graduating from college

Your church family wants to share in this time of celebration with you! Please send Shasta your info ASAP.