



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 9 – We recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as joyful Jews waved palm fronds. Our choir presents the poignant cantata, *Hope in the Shadows*, reminding us that the light of Christ was soon to be threatened. This is a special opportunity to invite a friend to hear some great music. We receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering that day also.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 – Traditionally, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on this somber night, by the centerpiece of John's Gospel account was Jesus' surprising washing of Peter's feet. Readers will give us a new contemporary rendering of that account, and Pastor Mark will suggest that the sign of faith believers should perhaps be a towel instead of the cross. Our choir will sing and we will celebrate communion in the chancel passing around the cup and the bread within groups.

EASTER AT LAUREL – APRIL 16!

SUNRISE WORSHIP – This year there is no community sunrise service, but we at Laurel have decided to stage our own worship service at 7:00 am on Easter Sunday, April 16. It will be held outdoors weather permitting and will be open to the community. We'll celebrate the rising sun and the Good News that the tomb is empty: our Savior lives! We'll sing the familiar hymns of Easter and hear an inspiring message. Invite your friends to join us for this special time of

worship. (In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary.)

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – All sunrise worshippers are invited to stay for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Early birds for Sunday school or 10:00 am worship are welcome as well. Note this year we will hold the Adult Class at 8:45 am as usual, meeting in the Parlor.

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP – Our 10:00 am worship begins with the traditional joyous greeting of "He has risen indeed." Worshippers are invited to bring flowers from their gardens (or use those available at the worship service) to give life to our "**Flowering Cross**" in the sanctuary. Our choir will inspire us with joyful Easter anthems and Pastor Mark will once again give voice to the miraculous news that shook and continues to shake our world. Following worship, there will be an **Easter Egg hunt** for young children on the lawn. Easter Sunday is a particularly wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to come to Laurel!



Upcoming Events



- April 1** 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (IHOP on Broad)
9:00 am Spring Cleanup
- April 2** 8:45 am Adult Class
10:00 am Worship-Communion
Good Samaritan Offering
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
Ministry Team Meetings
- April 4** 7:00 pm Grace Group Alpha
- April 5** 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- April 7** 10:00 am Grace Group-Omega
- April 9** 8:45 am Adult Class
10:00 am Worship-Palm Sunday/Cantata, *Hope in the Shadows*
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
11:10 am Session Meets
- April 10** 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
- April 11** 7:00 pm Grace Group-Alpha
- April 12** 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- April 13** 10:00 am Grace Group-Omega
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- April 16** 7:00 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
8:45 am Adult Sunday school
10:00 am Easter Worship
11:10 am Lingering/ Easter Egg Hunt
- April 23** 8:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:10 am New Beginnings Team
- April 24** 10:00 am 2nd Presbyterian Walk in Ministry
- April 26** 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

April 30 8:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship-5 cents a meal Offering

***Choir meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm**

***LAMB's Basket 1st Monday and 4th Tuesday of each month**

****Faith Revival Church will meet each Sunday 6:00 pm. Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Fridays 7:30 pm, Saturdays 7:30pm**

*****Toastmasters meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays each month 6-8:30 pm**



The **Shepherd on Call** for the month of April is Dixie Mertens, she may be reached at 355-2257.



Sanctuary Flowers for April

April 2 - Barbara and Pete Rose, to the Glory of God and in memory of Pete's father, Richard H. Rose.

April 9 - Phyllis Perross, In memory of her sister, Muriel Perross.

April 16 – Easter Lillies

April 23 - Howard Lawrence -to the Glory of God and in honor of Clint Miller IV on his birthday.

April 30-Carolyn Stinger-to the Glory of God and in honor of our choir.



Happy Birthday to the following members and friends of Laurel!

- Pat Davis (6)
- Jane Cooper (11)
- Phoebe Toney (15)
- Larry Runyon (19)
- Clint Miller IV (23)
- Ann Leveridge (26)
- Britt Arthur (28)



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – APRIL 2

Laurel Church is governed by a group of nine ruling elders who form the Session. On Sunday April 2, you're invited to stay after worship for a brief meeting to elect new elders to the Session. Nominees from the Congregational Nominating Committee are: For a two-year term Duane Berger, Nana Sarfo-Kantanka, Rudy van't Riet and Becky Zolnai, and for a one-year term Peter Coulson. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Join us for this important moment to celebrate our Presbyterian heritage as a denomination governed by men and women set aside by the Holy Spirit for a special calling.

Join the men of Laurel on Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 am for fellowship and good food at IHOP on Broad (west of Costco.) And come back to the church for the Work Day to help us get ready for Easter visitors.



That's right! It's time for Spring Cleaning at the Church! Saturday April 1st at 9:00AM, join us for fellowship and fun, come help us spruce up and spiff up the church as we head into the Spring!



You're invited to join our adult class that meets each Sunday morning at 8:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sundays, April 2 and 9, we continue our study of the Season of Lent through the lens of the Lord's Prayer. On Easter Sunday, April 16, we'll look at the different resurrection accounts in the Gospels, comparing and finding new meaning in those separate retellings. Beginning April 23, the class will focus on women of the Old Testament beginning with none other than Eve! Join class leaders Pastor Mark and Michael Henderson for these provocative studies.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Sunday, April 9th.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Michelle McBane



Easter Breakfast will be held Easter Sunday (April 16th) following the sunrise service. We will also be hosting a lingering after the 10:00 service. Member Care and Mission has posted a signup sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to contribute food for this. This is a breakfast only for Laurel and the visitors we have that day. It does not include neighboring churches, so it is a smaller scale than last year. If you would like to provide food and are not coming to the Sunrise service please feel free to contact Marcy Deisher 804-883-6086 to arrange a drop off prior to Sunday.

2nd Presbyterian Walk In Ministry - you have another chance to help the less fortunate with a lunch served up by Laurel Presbyterian on April 24th. This is a very rewarding experience for those who have not participated in the past. We will meet at the church at 10:00 and generally return to the church by 1:30. We will car pool downtown so you do not need to drive there unless you choose to. A signup sheet is posted in the Narthex for this community service opportunity.

Marcy Deisher

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Operation Christmas Child

In April the Operation Christmas Child collection continues with stuffed animals. Please bring new small sized stuffed animals and place them in the box in the Narthex. Remember they have to fit inside a shoebox! Feel free to bring other

items as well; the monthly items are just a suggestion.

Virginia Randolph Education Center

Kimberly Almond at Virginia Randolph would like to make goody bags for the teachers. There are 15 teachers at the school. She is requesting the following items. Please place the items in the marked box in the hallway.

- *letter sized copy paper
- *post it notes
- *pens-blue, black and colored
- *#2 pencils
- *notebook paper
- *binder clips
- *non-permanent markers

Thank You,
Margaret Fitch

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April Fool Prank-April 1

Stare up at the sky. If you are out in a public place on April Fools' Day, you can try staring up at the sky. You don't actually need to be looking at anything, but it can be funny to cause other people to look up at something that isn't there.

Try getting others to stare up at nothing with you, to make the prank more convincing.

- You can try pointing to add even more emphasis.
- Try talking about what it is you are pretending to look at with your friends.
- Ask people if they see "it". Try to convince them that it's something small and try to get them to say they can see something that isn't really there.



*Prayer
Requests*

New additions to the list are in bold type

Let us keep the following people in our prayers,
sharing in both their joys and needs:

Our First Responders – Police, Fire, Rescue

Our Military Personnel

Corinne Augustine – mother of Carol Short

Lorraine Binford

Flash Bowlin

Vickie Chaplin

Jean Cole

Randy Duff – brother of Lorraine Duff

Susan Dyson

Lucille Hayes

Jimmy Hicks

Sherri Kolb, daughter of Vickie Chaplin

Anne Leveridge

Buddy Mallory

Eddie Ann Mathewson

Dixie Mertens

Shirley Milliken

Trudy Moolenaar

Richard Rader, nephew of Bonnie Poff

Cathy Roeder

John Schutrumpf

Jackie and Jan Stevens

Billie Summers

Andrea (Keller) and Dan Stone & family

Prayers for Ruling Elders

Prayers for friends and families

Prayers for the Middle East countries

Prayers for the homeless

Prayers for Laurel's mission

Prayers for New Beginnings

*If you know of someone in need of prayer or are
in need of prayer, please call Flash Bowlin at
672-6009*



Jesus Listens

Jesus listens when we pray
He hears every word
He knows our wants ----
He knows our needs
He knows which ones should be heard

The cries for Help come from the heart
The pain is very real
The body is no longer healthy and whole
We need His touch to heal

Our memory seems to play games with us
One day sharp and full of answers
The next, all we want to do is fuss

But God will take care of that
When we reach the blissful shore
We will be His innocent children
And live with him once more

By: Nancy C. Kinch 2017

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Healthy Tip: Got floss?

Flossing removes bacteria, food, and biofilm from between your teeth which reduces your risk of gingivitis, gum disease, and tooth decay. Flossing once a day can increase your life expectancy by six years!

Michelle McBane
Dental Assistant



Did you Know??

March 8, 1964 the Laurel congregation with 101 members moved to its present location on Staples Mill Road, and celebrated its Golden Anniversary. The membership of Laurel has fluctuated between the original 19 members and the greatest membership of 190 members. The March 8th celebration was followed by a week of spiritual enrichment services to further commemorate our 50th, and as renewal of the dedication of the congregation and their worship of Almighty God.

That same year the church purchased a new manse that was debt free by the end of 1985. The 1964 budget totaled \$22,146.80, with a "Ministry of preaching and pastoral care" item of \$6,300.00. During the building of the present structure, a Finance Committee was appointed. As stated in a document in the cornerstone in the northwest corner of the front entrance of the church, the Committee would have "the responsibility of raising the necessary funds to pay for the church building, and consisted of C. P. Ponton, Phyllis Perross and Lorraine Binford."

Cheers to the Committee. Great job!!!

Gladys Bowles
Laurel Historian

SPANISH and FRENCH STUDENTS NEED HOST FAMILIES IN JULY!!!

Have an amazing experience this summer! Host a student from Spain or France (ages 13-17) in your home for 3-4 weeks. Learn about their culture while he or she learns about living in an American family just being a part of what you regularly do. We have a variety of programs to suit your family's work or non-working schedule. Families receive stipends to help out with expenses. We can help work out transportation or vacation concerns. This will be a rich experience for your family!

Contact Debbie Hardy 909-3190 or
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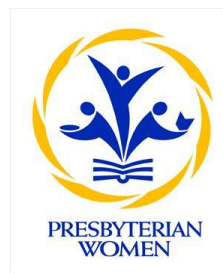


CAMP HANOVER IS OPEN FOR FUN!

Our neighborhood campground Camp Hanover is now accepting applications for overnight and multi-day camp opportunities for all ages of children throughout the summer. You can register at www.camphanover.org. Brochures and a list of summer camps are also available at the church.

To get a taste of camp life, families are invited to attend "Camp Fun Day" on Sunday, April 23 from 2:00-6:00 pm at the Camp. There will be nature walks, camp tours, a climbing wall, hay rides, fishing, boating, games and arts and crafts. Rain or shine, it's a free event for all ages.

Camp Hanover always needs volunteers for the camping season. RN's, LPN's, EMT's and paramedics are needed for each week of camp, especially to check out kids at the beginning. There are also openings for camp counselors (no experience necessary), drivers, cooks, dishwashers or those who can volunteer a few hours to check campers in on Sundays. Volunteers can sign up to work one week at a time. For more information, call 804-779-2811.



The Elsie Bradshaw Circle

Come and join our Bible Study at Laurel Presbyterian Church every 2nd Monday each month at 10:00 am. Serving God through...

Study and Scripture
Service and Stewardship
Seeking and Sharing

From the Stewardship & Property Team

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, Bob Anderson mentioned a sewer problem that will have to be addressed. We want to keep everyone informed as to why and how this project will be undertaken. Since December we have had numerous back-ups that made both restrooms unusable and we have had to have someone come in to snake out the clogs in the main sewer line that both restrooms feed into. Recently, Pete Rose had a plumber come in with a camera and he discovered that the old cast iron pipe that all the fixtures in both restrooms feed into has slipped down from where it joins the main sewer pipe located under the floor of the classroom next to the restrooms. This has been causing the backups and now since we have identified the problem, we are now concerned about a ground erosion problem around the connection which could potentially make things worse. This is why Pete Rose is getting estimates from different companies and we hope to get a plan in place so that we can begin the project as soon as Gingerbread Cottage is finished for the school year. The scope of the project, as we know it now, will require all the fixtures to be removed, the common wall between the restrooms to be torn down and the cement floor under the wall to be excavated down to access and replace the old pipe. After the sewer line is replaced and reconnected, there will be new connections installed for all the fixtures, the floor will be repaired, a new wall built and all the fixtures re-installed. Obviously this will cause quite an inconvenience to all of us as well as other users of the church and we hope we can address this issue prior to the start of the project. We hope to have more information available for you in the May newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact anyone on the Team.

Blessings, Carl Carpenter



LAMB's Basket
"...I was hungry and you fed me"
Matthew 25:35

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To view a map, click on the Map page.

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History

Prior to 2002, many Lakeside area churches had small food pantries. When the pantry at Christ Lutheran church began receiving referrals from Henrico County Social Services in 1999, demand quickly exceeded space. Pastor Eric Moehring coordinated an initiative among Lakeside area churches to form a larger food pantry in order to meet the growing need more efficiently. After two years of planning and a generous grant from Overbrook Presbyterian Church, LAMB's Basket opened in 2002 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The name is an acronym for Lakeside Area Ministries Board. All contributions to LAMB's Basket are tax deductible. Copies of IRS tax filings are available upon request.

Mission

LAMB's Basket provides food to needy families of Henrico County. Clients are referred by area churches and organizations such as Central Virginia Food Bank, Catholic Charities, and Henrico County Social Services.

Information on other food pantries can be made available on first visit to LAMB's Basket.

Hours of Operation

Client Hours Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10:00 am – 12:45 pm*

*(Doors close when 75 clients have been served.)

Clients may receive food twice per month for one year. After that time, reevaluation will occur.

During inclement weather, if Henrico County schools are closed, the pantry will be closed. Closing may occur for other reasons (excessive heat or lack of volunteers) without notice. If in doubt, call the office where a recorded message will give details.

Stocking Hours Monday, Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Deliveries are made during regular client or stocking hours or by arrangement with pantry staff.

Management

LAMB's Basket operates under the supervision of a Board of Directors. Officers include president, 1st and 2nd vice presidents, secretary, and treasurer. Committees provide leadership for fundraising, publicity, staffing, and other functions. Daily management is provided by a Pantry Manager.

LAMB's Basket functions totally on volunteer service from supporting churches and from the community at large.

LAMB'S basket contributions for the month of April are canned vegetables. Thank you for your donation.

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Keep the Earth clean and healthy!



Happy Earth Day!

April 2017

Task/ Responsibility	4-2-2017	4-9-2017	4-16-2017	4-23-2017	4-30-2017
	<i>Communion Sunday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
Usher Captain	Rob McBane	Bob Anderson	Wayne Deisher	Dixie Mertens	Ann Whitby
Usher Team	Michelle McBane	Eddie Ann Mathewson	Marcia Deisher	Carolyn Stinger	Michael Whitby
Usher Team	Carolyn Stinger	Karen Johnson	Judy Smith	LaVerne Miller	Becky Lolnai
Usher Team	Gladys Chamberlayne	Carl Carpenter	Jim Smith	Lorraine Duff	Gladys Chamberlayne
Sound System	Rudy van't Riet	Rob McBane	Bob Anderson	Rudy van't Riet	Rob McBane
Projectionist	Karen Johnson	Rudy van't Riet	Jacob Scarce	Karen Johnson	Rudy van't Riet
All month prep: Rick Short					
Lay Reader	Mary Scarce	Carol Short	Michael Henderson	Duane Berger	Carl Carpenter
Nursery	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)
Children's Church	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)	(Need volunteer)
Communion Prep	Michael Henderson				
Communion Prep					
Communion Captain	Dixie Mertens				
Communion Server	Michael Henderson				
Communion Server	Mary Scarce				
Communion Server	Steve Scarce				

If unable to serve your commitment, please contact another to serve in your place.
Thank you for volunteering

Consider Reading at Coal Pit Learning Center

"It is truly remarkable to have a school for low income children to attend. I thank God for the school because I am a single parent. It has been a great help to me."

Parent of Coal Pit student



"Why do it? It's this simple - the children love to have people come by to read to them."

"I just love those kids and I want to give them attention!"



Laurel volunteers

It's easy and fun. Call the number below to schedule a time to come by.



5101 Francistown Road Glen Allen, VA 23060 - Phone: 804-270-7502

(Poster by Duane Berger)

DEADLINE FOR GAZETTE – 19th OF EACH MONTH

Consider going paperless and receiving the Gazette via email. Just send me a message at the below address and I will take care of the rest. Brenda MacRae

Gazette email: pamacrae@comcast.net
804-672-3707

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