



*A note  
from the pastor*

## REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

I have heard American kids say that they wished Christmas could “be everyday of the year.” Last week, Adelaide asked the kids in the children’s moment what their favorite holiday of the year was. No surprise, someone (I couldn’t see from the high pulpit) answered “Christmas”, and when asked why, responded “presents.” My own brother answered a similar question years ago with an ungrammatical reply, “Get me hands on me presents” to a stunned Sunday School teacher. Of course, in some cultures, the “Twelve Days of Christmas” are observed with a small present each day for kids.

What about Easter? What if it could be celebrated everyday or at least, multiple times per year? Twofold answer: A) It already is, liturgically speaking and B) for Christians, *everyday* should be Easter. In 2026 (Year A of the Revised Common Lectionary), we celebrate the seven Sundays of Easter from April 5 to May 17 (which is also Ascension Sunday). Then, we arrive at Pentecost. Secondly, this Sunday we are singing three Easter hymns? Why? Because it is still Easter, folks! We are singing “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” (UMH 304), one of my favorites. (That’s not why Laurie picked it, however.) Our hymnal has enough Easter hymns for congregations to sing throughout the Sundays of Easter. Some are more known than others, but all of them are lifting up the Name of our glorious, resurrected Savior.

Here’s a memory verse that would be good to tape on your mirror or your fridge that proves that everyday should be Easter:

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die,  
yet shall he live.” (John 11:25)

Now that’s something to celebrate 365 days of the year!

In Christ,  
Rusty

# Easter Sunday 2026



= YOUNG AT =  
**HEART**  
SLIGHTLY OLDER  
**IN OTHER PLACES**



**MARK  
YOUR CALENDAR!**

Young at Heart will meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. We are pleased that The Foothills Flute Choir under the direction of Nancy Smith will present a beautiful program of music for us. This will be a wonderful day of friendship, fun, music and luncheon. A call team will contact you for reservation. Plan to attend for an enjoyable day. The price is \$7.00 per person.



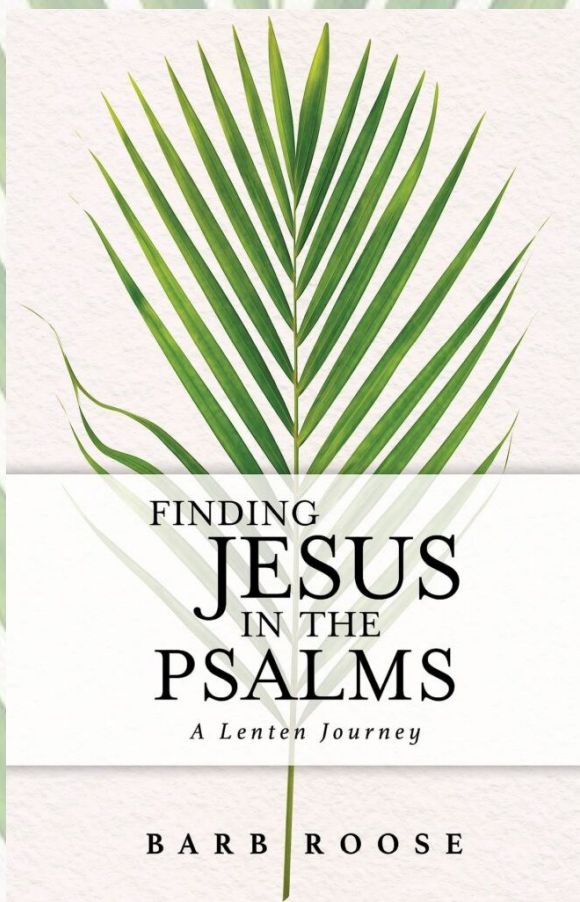
*Foothills*  
COMMUNITY CHOIR

A graphic featuring a musical staff with several notes in shades of blue and purple. The word "Foothills" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font across the staff, and "COMMUNITY CHOIR" is written in a smaller, black, all-caps serif font below it.

APRIL  
15

# Wonderful WEDNESDAY

🍴 | Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., and program at 6:45 p.m. for just \$7 per adult! First-time visitors and children eat FREE! menu: chicken salad with croissants, lettuce, pasta salad, fruit salad and strawberry pie. Please sign up by NOON on Monday so our wonderful volunteer cook(s) can prepare accordingly!





# Let's Go to the **HONOR TOWER**

Join us on Saturday, April 25th  
from 1-3pm for a visit to the Honor  
Tower!

This activity is free, full of fun and full  
of history, so all you will need is some  
sunscreen and a water bottle!

**Located in Unity Park  
in Downtown  
Greenville**

RSVP by Wednesday, April 22nd  
(864)631-9252

*Let's Connect*

Lee Road UMC Youth

## **PARK CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERING!**



Greenville is a beautiful  
city, let's give back and  
keep it clean!

**Join us on Saturday May  
9th from 9-11am  
at North Main Rotary Park**

RSVP by Wednesday, May 6th  
**Adelaide Kiser  
864.631.9252**

**2026**

# MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



- + **Lenten Mission (March) – Break The Cycle Global, Rapha House, Kenya. Brooklyn Cole (Richard Hamilton’s niece) will be invited to speak to our church.**
- + **May – Kairos Cookies baked by UMM for Tyger River Long Weekend (May 7-10)**
- + **Mother’s Day (May 10) – Annual Epworth Mother’s Day Offering - to support our conference children’s home in Columbia**
- + **June – Charis Scholarships / Indonesian Mission Trip**
- + **July – Collect school supplies for Hollis Academy**
- + **August 16 - Homecoming: Celebration of Missions of the Church**
- + **September – Epworth Workday Offering**
- + **November 4-17: Indonesian Mission Trip: Solo, Indonesia (Pastor, Laurie, Cindy, Susan)**
- + **November – Kairos Cookies baked for Tyger River Long Weekend (Nov. 12-15)**
- + **December – Choose your own personal charity such as Toys for Tots, etc.**

# 2026 Surround the Cross

Purchase brick pavers in memory or in honor of family members and friends. The pavers will be added to the existing pavers in the courtyard surrounding the cross and will be dedicated on Homecoming Sunday. Order forms can be found in the Narthex and The Bridge Foyer. If you have questions, please call Marsha Wilson (864) 238-0052.

## Paver Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Pavers Ordered (\$100 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Given \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want your pavers to say? You are limited to 4 lines of 17 characters each line. The brick company will automatically center your message from right to left. Please put your letters on the line you want them to appear on. Enclose payment and Order Form in an envelope and turn in to the church office or offering plate.

### Paver 1

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4 \_\_\_\_\_

### Paver 2

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4 \_\_\_\_\_

# Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild



## QUILTING Greenville Style



April 24 – April 25, 2026 | 10-6 Friday | 10-4 Saturday

Shriners Hejaz Greenville Event Center  
119 Beverly Rd, Greenville, SC  
Cost \$8.00 per person

Raffle Quilt Featuring  
Greenville Landmarks

Local Vendors

Children's Activities

Quilt Demos

Mystery Bags

Food & Beverages  
(available for purchase)

Raffle Baskets

Silent Auction

Free Parking

ATM

Quilts of Valor presentation - 11 am | Saturday | April 25



## Upcoming Events

### **Thursday, April 9, 2026**

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Friday, April 10, 2026**

### **Saturday, April 11, 2026**

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Sunday, April 12, 2026**

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

2:30 p.m. Remodeling Team Meeting (Conf. Room)

### **Monday, April 13, 2026**

6:00 p.m. HR Team Meeting (Conf. Room)

7:00 p.m. Campus Team Meeting (Conf. Room)

### **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

11:00 a.m. Young at Heart (S.H.)

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

### **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Kids Program (Bridge)

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal (S.H.)

6:45 p.m. "Finding Jesus in the Psalms" Study

### **Thursday, April 16, 2026**

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Friday, April 17, 2026**

### **Saturday, April 18, 2026**

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Sunday, April 19, 2026**

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)



April showers  
bring May flowers

### Church Staff

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To add to or delete from the list, please call the church office.

**Special Prayer Requests**

- Cindy Jones
- Linda Hand
- Geno Cope
- Ann Huntley
- Rev. Jim & Carolyn Gilliam
- Gail Bachman
- Don Sandor
- Harry & Betty Johansen
- Steve & Monica Frantz
- Gene & Nancy Johnson
- Max & Susan Cromer
- Mary Jo Gay



There will be a celebration of life service for Vince McNeese on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Lee Road UMC (a couple of months from now). The family will receive friends from 10-11:30 AM at the church, memorial celebration of life service at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary, followed by a meal for the family in the social hall.

Residential Care

Linda Black, Bob Elson, Jim Crain, Annette Hunter, Natalie Smith, Gene & Nancy Johnson, Sadie Murphy, Max & Susan Cromer, Catherine Hamill, Jim & Carolyn Gilliam

At Home

Ann Huntley (Hospice)  
 Mary Jo Gay (Hospice)  
Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Nephew of: Linda Black, Mckelvie Wilder, Sandy & Joan Davis

Niece of: Gene Turner, Richard & Stephanie Hamilton

Cousin of: Alida Weber

Family of: Don Sandor, Patsy Kleman

Friends of:

Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Alida Weber, Trace Silvers, Susan Ford, Pastor Rusty Godfrey

2026 Tithes & Offerings  
 Thank you for giving toward the budget. Your faithfulness is much appreciated.

April 5	\$4,455.00
April 12	
April 19	
April 26	
Total	\$4,455.00

**ATTENDANCE**

- Maundy Thursday Service—32
- Good Friday Service—39
- April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday)
- Sunrise Service—32
- Combined Easter Service—94

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



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