



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

Many of you remember the 1980 film “Fame.” Your brain in queuing up the lyrics of the song even now:

(Fame) I'm gonna live forever
(Fame) I'm gonna learn how to fly
(High) I feel it coming together
(Fame) People will see me and cry
(Remember my name)

(Fame) I'm gonna make it to heaven
(Fame) Light up the sky like a flame
(Fame) Oh I'm gonna live forever
(Fame) Baby, remember my name

Not a Christian song to be sure. The musical is about the gritty determination of four teenagers to prove they can make it at the NY High School of Performing Arts. The decision to pursue a career in the competitive dance world is indeed a hard one. But back up, dear reader: do you want to live forever? For this pastor, the answer is “yes” but not as the songwriter meant it. I don't give a fig about this world's adulations or fame. I want to see Jesus and to live forever in my new heavenly body where, as the old Appalachian song says, “the soul of man never dies.” And what about flying? Jesus says in Matthew 22 that “at the resurrection...people will be like angels in heaven.” As for “lighting up the sky”, I'll let Jesus take care of this: “The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.” (Revelation 21:23). With Jesus as my Savior, I believe “I'm gonna make it to heaven” all because of His grace bestowed to me, a sinner. This Easter, let's celebrate the wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus because it gives all believers incredible hope of heaven. Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen!

Rusty



The Palms and Easter Lilies have been given...

**In memory of Christina Davis
by Sandy & Joan Davis**

**In memory of my parents,
Dave & Jackie Ford
by Susan Ford**

**In memory of my parents,
Roy & Stella Gotshaw
by Marsha Wilson**

**In memory of Dennis Watt
and Patty Lynn
by Marie Watt**

**In honor of Laurie Fite,
Ladies Bible Class teacher
by Smitty Ervin**

**In loving honor of
Harry & Betty Johansen
by Gail B. Bachman**

**In memory of Martha Gaddy
by Jimmy Gaddy**

REJOICE!

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.

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Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Line 4 _____

Paver 2

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

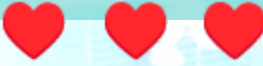
Line 4 _____



2026 Easter Egg Hunt
Thank you, LuAnn
and volunteers!!



**Sharing beautiful
smiles from Spring
Park Assisted Living.**





Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 2, 2026—church office closed

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

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 3, 2026

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Bridge)

Saturday, April 4, 2026

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

Sunday, April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service (Social Hall due to rain)

8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Social Hall)

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Decorate Cross & Photo (Sanctuary)

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

Monday, April 6, 2026—church office closed

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Quilting Guild (S.H.)

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

No Supper or Program

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

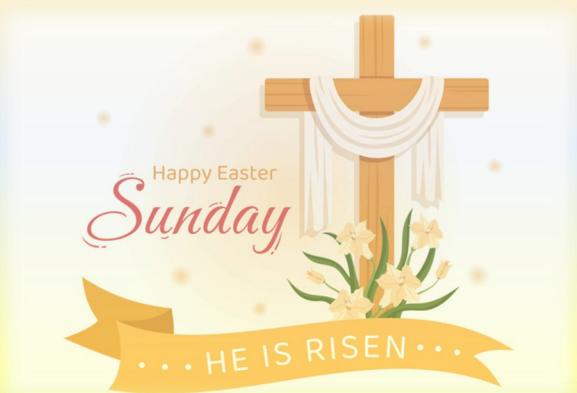
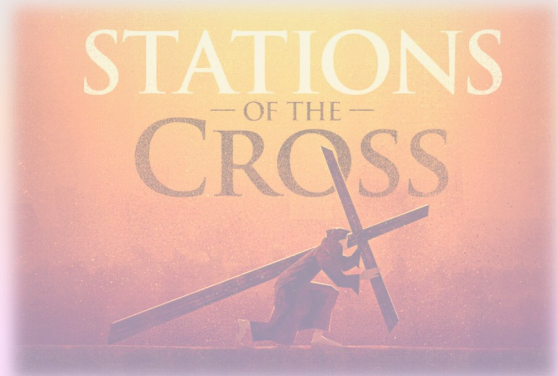
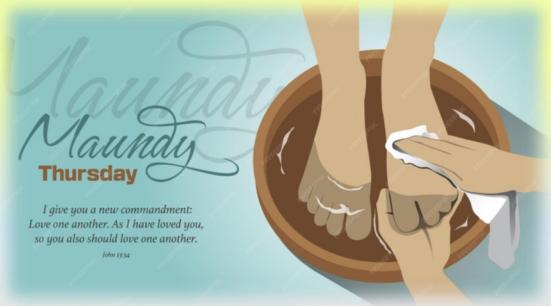
Sunday, April 12, 2026

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)





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 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.

March 1	\$4,213.50
March 8	\$3,725.00
March 15	\$5,851.00
March 22	\$5,008.40
March 29	\$1,402.00
Total	\$20,199.90

ATTENDANCE

March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)
 Contemporary Service—24
 Traditional Service—46

Prefer to pay your tithe online?



SCAN ME

