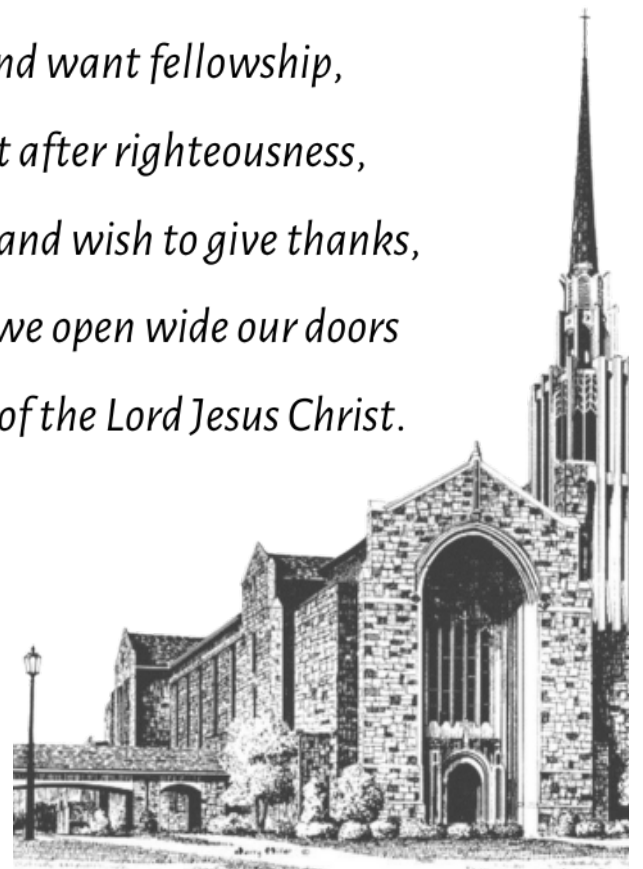


# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

## WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*  
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*  
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*  
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*  
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*  
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*  
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*  
and to whoever will come -- *we open wide our doors*  
*and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00**

*Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.*



# WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

## Order of Worship

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30th, 2025

Sanctuary

11:00 am

#### PRELUDE

*Beautiful Savior*

arr. Bill Ingram

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray, and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

#### INTROIT

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

CANDLER

*Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray, give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER      Congregation reads bold print

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN No. 585

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

ST. LEONARDS

*May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.*

*May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.*

*May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life, and ev'rything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.*

*May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea, Him, exalting, self abasing this is victory.*

*May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.*

#### Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Notebooks during the announcements.

If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

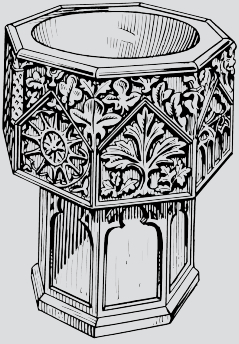
#### CARING CARDS

We share the names of some of our people who would be blessed to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

Sympathy to the family of Norma Brown, who passed away 3/17.

Recent Hospitalization:  
Aaron Reeves

WE REJOICE IN THE  
BAPTISM of Parker  
Reid Hughes  
born on 12/16/2024,  
son of Mary and  
Byron Hughes.  
Grandson of Debby  
and Richard Nifong  
and Leigh Hughes.



ABOUT  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For quick  
information about  
Children's Church,  
please scan me!



PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parker Reid Hughes

*After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:*  
Will you who witness these vows encourage Parker in the faith and do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ? **We will.**

*After the baptism, the pastor addresses the congregation:*  
Let us welcome Parker as our newly baptized member of Christ's church.

**We welcome you and receive you into the fellowship of the church. We promise to surround you in a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ, so that you may confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people, to the glory of his name. Amen.**

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*(Children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Joel Raney

† DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-2 (Pg.947)

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## † APOSTLES’ CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*universal

*(The Altar is open for prayer.)*

## † HYMN No. 603

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

ASSAM

*I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; no turning back, no turning back.*

*Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.*

## † BENEDICTION

## † The CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

*Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.*

## † CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

## † POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

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WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism  
Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation  
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions  
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation  
Chancel Choir  
Handbell Choir  
Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts  
Mr. Chris Ward, organist  
Mr. Kyle Brown, usher  
Mr. Ken Marsh, usher  
Mr. Rex Walser, usher  
Mr. Gene LaPrade, usher  
Mr. Tom Talbot, usher  
Miss Brielle Keunnen, acolyte  
Mr. Nathan Peters, acolyte  
Mr. Christian Smith, crucifer  
Miss Caraway Chilton, Bible

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Kathryn Linfors Field and Dallas Ralston George on March 29th, 2025.



JOIN OUR  
MEMBERSHIP

APRIL  
13th



Are you considering making Wesley Memorial your home church? We invite you to join with others on April 13th! Connect with one of our five pastors on staff after service or call our Pastoral Ministry Manager at 336-812-4808 with any questions. Let us help you get plugged in, so you can be a part of what God is doing here at Wesley Memorial!

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Do I need to take a class before I join?**

No! If you are a baptized member of another congregation, you may join by transfer. Otherwise, you may join by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

- **Can I take a class before I join?**

Yes! Although we don't require you to take the 2-part Welcome to Wesley class, we highly recommend it as it is an introduction to what Wesley Memorial stands for and what we believe. The next class will be available on October 12th & 19th.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan the QR code on the left to receive a free welcome gift (to scan the code, use your phones' camera and follow the provided link)!

Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

Nursery childcare is available (infants - 2 years old) Sunday mornings for the 9:45 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. service. The nursery is in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need assistance in locating the nursery, one of our ushers will be glad to assist you.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, March 31</b> 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Lent Small Group (for all ages) Ball & Bible Lent Small Group (for all ages) Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Media Center Adult Wing D201 Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D201 Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, April 1</b> 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D212 Adult Wing D201
<b>WEDNESDAY, April 2</b> 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Lent Small Group (for ages 40+) Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6th - 12th) W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Disciple II Lent Small Group (for ages 60+) Lent Small Group (for couples with school-aged children) Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D208 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Susanna Wesley Class Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, April 3</b> 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
<b>SATURDAY, April 5</b> 1:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial School's SpringFest	Dining Hall
<b>SUNDAY, April 6</b> 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Lent Small Group (for all ages)	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing D201

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [wesleymemorial.org/calendar](http://wesleymemorial.org/calendar)  
 Visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](http://wesleymemorial.org/announcements) for our announcement board

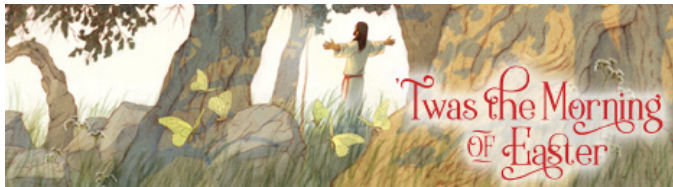
### Wednesdays @ Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Hall. The menu for April 2nd is spaghetti with meat sauce, zucchini, and squash.

### Monthly Food Collection

The Missions team rotates our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center. **Next Sunday, April 6th, donations will go to Macedonia Family Resource Center. Bins will be placed outside all three services.** Please consider bringing items as you feel led— your generosity helps provide for neighbors in need. Thank you!

### Experience the Easter Story in a New Way



Step into the Children's Ministry Hall and journey through the Easter Story in a unique and meaningful way. One classroom has been transformed into a quiet space where people of all ages are welcome to walk through and reflect on this powerful story. Beautifully enlarged pictures bring each moment to life, guiding you through the events of Holy Week. As you enter, simply press play on the audio player. Come, listen, & experience the story of Easter in a way that speaks to your heart. Come by whenever you are at the church.

### Easter Memorials

Our worship spaces will be decorated with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. To place an order in remembrance or celebration of a loved one, kindly reach out to Isabel at 336-812-4808 or [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) before April 11. Each lily is priced at \$26. In lieu of flowers, contributions can also be made to the Lenten Offering in honor or memory of a loved one.

### Generosity Forms

A spiritually healthy follower of Christ is constantly growing in all spiritual practices including the spiritual practice of generosity. The goal we learn from scripture is to give generously. Will you take your spiritual generosity to the next level? Scan the QR code to visit [www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley)





### Easter Flower Delivery


Celebrate Easter by delivering flowers to REACH members of our congregation, including those who are homebound. Join the Congregational Care Team on Friday, April 11th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Drive through the porte cochere at the narthex side entrance to pick up flowers for delivery. Help us share Easter joy with our church family!

## JOIN US FOR A MORNING WITH Dr. Gerald McDermott



 Saturday, April 12th

 Location: Sanctuary





 Lecture: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Dr. Gerald McDermott, renowned theologian, author, and speaker, will offer **two powerful lectures** exploring the rich meanings of **Baptism and Holy Communion**—two of Christianity's greatest gifts. He is a leading scholar on Jonathan Edwards, Anglicanism, Israel's role in redemption, and Christian-Jewish connections. His newest book, *A New History of Redemption* (2024), centers on Israel's place in salvation history.

#### Why Attend?

- Deepen your understanding of Baptism & Communion
- Gain insights from a globally respected theologian
- Explore Christianity's Jewish roots
- Engage in meaningful discussion

#### Additional Highlights!

-  Books will be available for purchase
-  Stay after for Stained Glass Tours with Tucker Mitchell
-  Free event; registration encouraged.
-  To register, contact the front desk.

**Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the most respected voices in Christian theology today.**

### Senior Adult Council Outing: Carolina Core Game

The Senior Adult Council is sponsoring a group outing to the Carolina Core Soccer game on Sunday, April 13! This special event is part of Faith Sunday, where church groups will be recognized on the Jumbo Tron and have the opportunity to meet players on the field after the game. Game time is 3:00 PM, and gates open at 1:00 PM for church groups. The opponent is Chattanooga. Tickets are \$14 each for a group of 10–30 people, and children under age 2 are free. Seats are general admission. Reservations will be accepted through April 9—please call the church office to reserve tickets for the senior adult group!



**WESLEY MEMORIAL KIDS PRESENTS**

# EPIC EASTER 2025!

**3PM. SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
**IN THE GYM**

**AN EXCITING & INTERACTIVE SHOW**  
**PLUS OUTDOOR EGG HUNT!**

REGISTER AT  
[WESLEYMEMORIAL.org/EASTER](http://WESLEYMEMORIAL.org/EASTER)



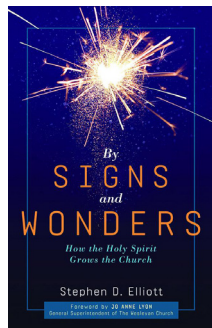
**FAMILIES WITH KIDS OF ALL AGES WELCOME!**

### Contemporary Worship Time Change

Beginning on Easter Sunday, April 20, our Contemporary Worship service will move to 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:45 a.m. This new time will remain in place going forward. Additionally, Children's Sunday School will also begin at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to worshipping with you at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate the risen Christ together!

### Signs and Wonders: How the Holy Spirit Grows the Church

In this six-week study, you will take a look at how to more effectively share your faith in Christ. In addition to learning more about the role of the Holy Spirit in the work of evangelism, we will also explore individual spiritual gifts and how your gifts can be used to grow the body of Christ. Starts Wednesday April 23rd. Led by Rev. Clark Chilton. Location: Brand X classroom. Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm. Book provided (\$15). Register at [wesley memorial.org/wonders](http://wesley memorial.org/wonders) or call the front office at 336-884-2204.



### The Benevolence Fund

This fund is used to meet needs in our community. If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to the church and mark them "Benevolence Fund."

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the pivotal moments of Jesus Christ's last week, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection, shaping both history and the Christian faith. Through the Sacred Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—we immerse ourselves in His journey, pausing to remember His sacrifice, meditate on His teachings, and renew our commitment as His disciples today. Through worship and contemplation, we allow the events of Holy Week to shape our lives and bear witness to Christ's transformative power. Below is a preview of the Holy Week calendar.

#### Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

- 7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. EPIC Easter Event 2025 (Fellowship Hall)

#### Wednesday, April 16, 2025

- 5:30 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel
- Holy Communion and Anointing of Oil*

#### Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
- Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper*

#### Friday, April 18, 2025

- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

#### Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)
- Candlelight service and baptismal reaffirmation*

#### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Columbarium
- 7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

### Adorn our crosses for Easter Sunday

Help our crosses bloom on Easter Sunday! Bring flowers (purchased or from your garden) to adorn the crosses outside the Sanctuary and Bridge Cafe entrance starting Saturday, April 19, 2025.

On Easter Sunday, enjoy a free digital image and 4x6 photo print from a professional photographer.

Photos will be taken by the flower crosses outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. We look forward to celebrating with you!



## **Volunteers needed to serve North Carolina Mountain Hurricane Survivors**

The aftermath of Hurricane Helene afforded our congregation the opportunity to assist our neighbors with their immediate basic needs in Weaverville by providing food, clothing and generators as well as homeless care kits for people living in Asheville and Burnsville. As needs shifted in western NC, we stepped up again-helping families stay warm by funding propane in Newland and Elk Park, contributing to the rebuilding of cabins at Camp Linn Haven and assisting a first responder and his family in Elk Park as they recover from flood damage.

Just as our recent hands-on ministry with "Rise Against Hunger" gave us the opportunity to fill meal bags for the Phillipines and this past Saturday's "Merge" event serving our local missions. Now, we have the opportunity to be HIS HANDS and FEET and serve our friends in western NC in person. As mentioned briefly in recent newsletters, we will be participating alongside folks from the Roanoke Rapids area and specifically the Seaboard Lions Club (who last Thanksgiving sent 200 volunteers and served 5,000 meals to the Newland/Elk Park area of Avery County). Would you consider joining us for part of your Easter weekend? You can still be home for Easter Sunday with your family.

Below is a tentative schedule for the weekend:

### **Good Friday (April 18th)**

Between 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm: Lead volunteers meet to see what can be set up at Cranberry Middle School and the Ag Center in Newland (weather permitting)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Private mental health sessions will be conducted at Cranberry Middle School.

\*\*\*Tentative: Possible meal for volunteers after 6:00 pm at the Elk Park Inn.

### **Saturday (April 19th)**

7:00 am - 10:00 am: Final set-up for Easter egg hunt/game at Cranberry Middle School (Will be advertised for all of Avery County)

9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Volunteers needed to assist in manning check-in desk for those seeking mental health sessions at Cranberry Middle School

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Photos with Easter Bunny, popcorn, cotton candy, free pizza for kids at Cranberry Middle School

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Easter egg hunt (Volunteers needed to oversee and clean-up. Afterward, will go to Ag Center in Newland).

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: While Easter egg hunt is taking place at Cranberry Middle School, other volunteers will be at Ag Center in Newland prepping for community dinner and assisting in setting up for entertainment/games

4:00 pm - Until.....Entertainment begins at the Ag Center with bands and individual vocalists; dinner served and volunteers begin delivering to rest homes and shut-ins

### **Easter Sunday (April 20th)**

Sunrise Service (@ this time) will be at Veterans' Park in Newland

If this sounds like something you may feel led to participate in, here is some basic and general information you will need to know and the planned schedule for what is taking place between Elk Park and Newland, NC for this Easter weekend.

- 1) First, you will NOT be required to sign a waiver. (However, it is our desire to maintain a list of volunteers who are committed to going to be able to communicate and update as we get closer to the Easter weekend). For the present, you may text or call Ken Gulledge @ 336.442.1741 or the church office at 336.884.2204.
- 2) There is no age limit as long as there is an accompanying responsible adult.
- 3) There will be volunteer opportunities Friday afternoon through Saturday night if you wish to participate. (Note: Most opportunities will be Saturday between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm).
- 4) At present, the most likely gathering and sign-in site will be at the Cranberry Middle School located at 6230 N. US Hwy. 19E., Elk Park, NC.
- 5) At present, lead volunteers will meet after lunch to see what can be done Friday afternoon regarding set-up @ the middle school and the Ag Center in Newland (weather permitting).

This is a wonderful chance to serve and connect with your mountain neighbors. Whether you join us for a few hours or the entire weekend, your presence will make a difference. This opportunity is opened to people of all ages. We do ask for you to sign up in advance by calling or texting Ken Gulledge at 336.442.1741 or you can call the church office at 336.884.2204 and leave your name and number.

# Sermon Growth Notes

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Key Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_

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