



# The Messenger

## April 2019



### **“The Paschal Mystery”**

Every year when we come to Holy Week, the Church celebrates the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is this historic week when Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Jewish holy days of Passover (pesah-passover, and the root of paschal), and then is crucified, buried and rises again on Easter.

This week changed history as we know it, and billions of people will join with us in celebrating the mystery of our salvation in Christ's once and for all death and resurrection. It is such an important week in the life of the Church that it cannot be contained in one Sunday, and the power of Easter is so magnificent, that we celebrate for an entire season of 50 days (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost).

This year we will celebrate the entire salvation drama with these services/opportunities:

- Palm Sunday (April 14) - one service at 10:45 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday (April 18) evening service at 7:00 p.m. (celebrating Holy Communion)
- Good Friday (April 19) evening service at 8:00 p.m. (Service of Tenebrae)
- Easter Vigil (April-19-21) - a time of waiting and prayer
- Early Easter Service (April 21) at 7:30 a.m. (Though technically, it will not be at sunrise, we will celebrate the women coming to the grave early in the morning in the cemetery.)
- Easter Breakfast—8:30-10:00 a.m.
- Easter Service—10:15 a.m. in Sanctuary (a full celebration of Easter full of music, proclamation, and response)

(More detailed descriptions of these services on page 3.)

### **The Easter “Season”**

Many think that Easter is just one Sunday of the year, and that things go back to normal after April 21. Well, think again. We will celebrate Easter for the entire “Great 50 Days.” Preaching and worship will celebrate Resurrection themes from Easter Sunday until Pentecost (June 9). It is a great season for baptisms and the renewal of baptismal vows. (If there is anyone wishing to be baptized, please let the pastor know.) It is a season of joy and celebration so you will notice it throughout worship and responses. Prepare yourselves for an Easter to remember!

*Michael Rich*

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### Happy Birthday

Birthdays are important because they indicate a special moment when God selected us to live in time. That further indicates that we are very special to have been chosen by Him to serve in His Kingdom in this generation! So let each of us share that special day by phoning, or writing a note to that special person in our congregation. (P.S. Please inform the church office when additions or corrections are in order.)

April 2	Dot Parker
April 3	Reagan Hall
April 4	Juliana Palmieri
April 4	Ella Kate Abernathy
April 7	Brian Nelson
April 8	Keith Palmer
April 9	Monica Mayer
April 10	Tassie Moose
April 13	Abigail Holdscaw
April 15	Julie Howard
April 15	Corbin Michael
April 15	Teresa Binkley
April 16	Connelly Greene
April 18	Gary Thompson
April 21	Jim Parsley
April 21	Johnny Allen
April 23	Benny Howard
April 23	Gwyneth Reiman
April 24	Hayden Maas
April 25	Sharon Bell
April 26	Alan Hale
April 26	Mack McCaslin
April 27	Bowden Moore
April 27	Kara Obed
April 29	Kirby Cook
April 29	Colleen Pellor
May 1	Kathy Hall
May 1	Rosie Sailstad
May 1	Jonah Boggs
May 3	Latt Stutts
May 4	Kelly Johnson
May 5	Travis Kiser



### Our Faithfulness in Worship Attendance

(The first figure is the attendance for the 8:45 service and the second figure is the attendance at the 10:45 service.)

Feb. 3, 2019	60 + 115
Feb. 10, 2019	50 + 104
Feb. 17, 2019	55 + 113
Feb. 24, 2019	67 + 118

### Preaching in April

- April 7, 2019—4th Sunday in Lent  
 Scripture: John 12:1-8  
 Sermon: Martha and Mary
- April 14, 2019—Palm Sunday  
 Scriptures: Luke 19:28-40 +  
 Passion Narrative—Luke 23:1-49  
 Meditation: The Longest Week
- April 18, 2019—Maundy/Holy Thursday  
 Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 +  
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
 Meditation: A New Commandment
- April 19, 2019—Good/Holy Friday  
 Scripture: Passion Narrative from John  
 Worship: Tenebrae Service + Meditation at  
 The Cross
- April 21, 2019—Easter Sunday  
*Sunrise/Early Service*  
 Scripture: Luke 24:1-12  
 Meditation: An Idle Tale
- Main Service*  
 Scripture: John 20:1-18  
 Sermon: "I Have Seen the Lord"
- April 28, 2019—Second Sunday of Easter  
 Scripture: John 20:19-31  
 Sermon: The Week After



### With Grateful Thanks

*Thank you, Rehobeth family, for your most generous response to the food drive for the Christian Food Pantry of Sherrills Ford. Your contributions of a variety of meat products and other foods, as well as paper products will meet the needs of many families for several weeks.*

*You are wonderful examples of a living faith, one that not only enriches the lives of members of our congregation, but also reaches many beyond our church walls.*

*When we meet the needs of people in our community, we always let them know that all of us have, at one time or another, needed to rely on others and that we believe that they will be able to pass on this kindness in the future. We give them understanding and hope for the future and an example of the love Christ asks us to share.*

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## Susanna Wesley Circle

The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet on Monday, April 1 at 12:00 noon at the home of Evelyn Campbell, 4583 Kiser Island Road, Terrell, NC. Please contact Evelyn at (828) 478-3069 if you plan to attend. We will be watching the video "War Room."

## Kidz Connection

Children ages 4-12 are invited to attend Wednesday evening activities starting at 6 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Free dinner provided followed by music, crafts, games and mission.

## Mission Opportunity—Serving at The Corner Table

Rehobeth will be serving lunch at our local soup kitchen, The Corner Table in Newton, on Thursday, April 4. We need 10-12 volunteers on that date to serve lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We also need volunteers to help cook and prepare the meal beforehand on Wednesday, April 3 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Rehobeth fellowship hall. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Janet Prestwood at 704-654-9472 or [jeprestwood@gmail.com](mailto:jeprestwood@gmail.com). The Corner Table is located at 122 N. Main Ave., Newton. Serving at the Corner Table is fun and fulfilling.



## Palm Sunday

All are invited to our special Palm Sunday service that will take place on Sunday, April 14 at 10:45 a.m. Please note that there will be only one worship service that morning. We hope everyone will join us for this celebration at the beginning of Holy Week.



## Easter Egg Hung (rain or shine)

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 14 from 2-4 p.m. at the Connor Recreation Center. Have an afternoon of fun with the entire family including Egg Hunt, crafts, relay races, cake walk, games and prizes, music and FREE hotdog supper. Hope to see you there! For more information call 828-478-2518.

## Youth Group

All youth in the 6th-12th grades are invited to attend Sunday evening activities at 5 p.m. In the Family Life Center. Free supper provided followed by fun and fellowship.

## Mae Howard Circle

The next Mae Howard Circle meeting will take place on Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. All ladies are invited and more than welcome to attend.



## Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Come celebrate The Lord's Supper during a special service on Thursday, April 18 in the sanctuary. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. Everyone is invited.



## Tenebrae Service

A Tenebrae service will be held in the sanctuary on Good Friday, April 19. The service of Tenebrae, which means "darkness" or "shadows," dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. Since this is a "service of darkness," the service will begin at 8:00 p.m. All are invited.



## Come Worship With us on Easter Sunday!

There will be two opportunities for worship on Easter Sunday this year, with a special time for fellowship. An early sunrise service will be conducted in the cemetery starting at 7:30 a.m. Following this service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for breakfast served by our United Methodist Men. We will also have a traditional service which will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please note that this service will start at a special time. This way, all will be able to come enjoy breakfast in the fellowship hall between the 7:30 or 10:15 services.

## Memorials

*In Memory of: Gene Kendall  
Given by: Lori & Neal Wyant*

*In Memory of: Ann Stutts  
Given by: The Barnette Family*

*In Memory of: John & Edna McGee  
Given by: Hilda Horn*

## Welcome New Members

We welcome Derek and Alaina Harmon along with their daughters Colbie and Blake who joined Rehobeth Church on February 24, 2019. It was an extra special day for Colbie and Blake as they also received the sacrament of baptism. Derek and Alaina come to Rehobeth by transfer from Wheelersburg Baptist Church in Wheelersburg, Ohio. Their mailing address is: 7330 Bay Ridge Dr., Denver, NC 28037 and Alaina's phone number is: 704-516-2893.

We also welcome Harriet Sellers who joined Rehobeth on February 24th. Harriet comes to Rehobeth by transfer from St. Mark's Lutheran in Claremont, NC. Many of you already know Harriet as she is Jeremy Strong's fiancée. Her address is 3902 Will Proctor Street, Denver, NC 28037 and her phone number is 828-308-1401.



*Let us kneel before  
the Lord, our Maker!  
Psalm 95:6*

## Power of Prayer

How often have we considered the power of prayer? Have we wanted to sit with someone else and pray for our families, our church and pastor, our nation and its leaders? Perhaps there is a neighbor we are concerned about. How many times do we find ourselves in need of prayer? Prayer is our conversation and lifeline to God. Rehobeth is offering a 10:00 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. Sunday morning prayer time in Room 101 (between the Youth Director's office and the stairs). This will be a prayer room of privacy with an assurance of confidentiality, a room where peace and hope abound. There will be someone waiting to pray with you. If for some reason you are unable to come personally, but have a request, you may leave your request in the prayer box inside. God has told us that where two or three are gathered, there He will be also. Come experience the power of prayer together.



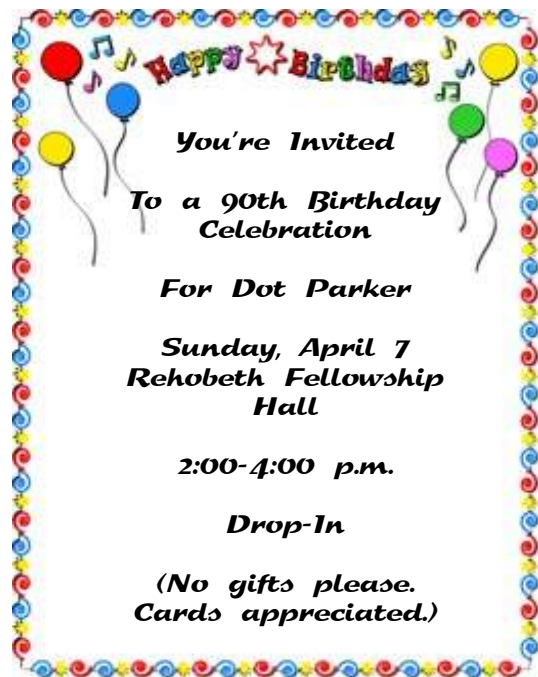
## Welcome Café

Even though there will be only one worship service on Palm Sunday, April 14, we WILL be having our Welcome Café in the fellowship hall of the Family Life Center from 9:30-10:45 a.m. We encourage everyone to stop by on the way to Sunday School or before the 10:45 service for refreshments and conversation. This is a great time to gather and meet new friends.



## Prayer Vigil

As has been the custom at Rehobeth church, a prayer vigil will be held in the sanctuary from the end of the Tenebrae service through the beginning of the sunrise Service on Easter morning. This can be a wonderful time of personal reflection and renewal. Be sure and sign up on the list on Sunday morning or call the church office for a time slot.



## Health and Wellness

### Colon Cancer Awareness

Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of death from cancer. Colon cancer affects all races and ethnic groups and is most often found in people above the age of 50.

If everyone above the age of 50 were screened regularly, 6 out of 10 deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented. The facts are proven that early detection saves lives. Talk to your doctor and discuss if it is time for you to schedule a colon screening. Eat healthy, be active, and quit smoking. All of these factors have been proven to decrease the risk of developing colon cancer.



### Blooming Cross

On Easter Sunday, we are going to have a Blooming Cross as part of our worship experience. You are invited to bring fresh-cut flowers from your yard, garden, or flowering trees and place them on the cross, which will be in the narthex before the 10:15 service. The cross demonstrates rebirth from winter, symbolizing Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the beautiful life He brings to our hearts through His Holy Spirit.

### Thank You!

*I want to thank my church family for your prayers, cards, and well wishes before, during and after my hip replacement surgery. Jan and I are truly blessed to belong to a caring church. With your prayers and God's love, I trust my hip will heal quickly.*

*Grace and Peace,  
Fred Liska*