



# MARCH

Update



## PASTOR'S LETTER:

Dear Hendersonville saints,

Lent is upon us. It is six weeks until the Super Bowl of the Faith!  
It is six weeks until we gather to celebrate Resurrection Day!

Historically, many in the church practice the “giving up of something” during Lent. For instance, some give up chocolate, coffee, screen time, etc. for the six weeks of Lent. This is a nice practice. But Lent was supposed to be a time of giving up sinful temptations or sinful activities. Chocolate might be amazing, but it should not be sinful, unless you are a glutton. The same for coffee or screen time, or many other things. The ancient idea for Lent was to give up sinful temptations or activities by **TAKING ON** a new activity or spiritual discipline. This **TAKING ON** would prepare your heart and mind for Resurrection Day, and focus you on the promise of Christ’s return, while mortifying the sin in your life in the process!

How are you approaching Lent in 2026?

Maybe this year on this Messy Lenten Journey, you choose to take on the practice of repentance – you daily reflect and review what God is exposing in your life which might be hurting your faith walk and repent.

Maybe this year on this Messy Lenten Journey, you chose to take on the practice of prayer – you set aside time when you would usually be idle and spend time going before God to give him Praise, while listening for His voice speaking to you.

Maybe it is the practice of reading or memorizing Scripture, the practice of radical forgiveness, the practice of worship or even the practice of fasting in order to hear the voice of God more clearly.

I hope you will leverage the season of Lent to intentionally be a season of Spiritual Growth and invigoration, so that this Resurrection Day might be the most exciting and transformative Easter you’ve experienced in a long time!

I hope to see you in worship as we tackle the I AM statements of Scripture.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lenten sermon series**  
beginning Sunday, March 1:  
Who do you say I AM?
- **Women in Ministry** meeting  
Monday, March 9th
- **Bluegrass Bash**, Sunday,  
March 15th





# WOMEN

## *in Ministry*



### Women in Ministry

A Special Presentation: Irish Traditions

Join us on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall with special guest, Gayle Stepp

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:



**Marilyn Stark**

The Laurels of Hendersonville  
290 Clear Creek Rd  
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# OPERATION Christmas Child



## Praising God for a new record of shoebox gifts in 2025!

The numbers are in!  
Join us in praising God for 12,205,900 shoebox gifts collected worldwide and 10,906,661 from the USA in 2025.

HPC sent a total of 2413 boxes. Each shoebox represents a child and a Gospel opportunity made possible through your partnership in ministry. We praise God for you!

Over five million of these children went on to complete The Greatest Journey discipleship program, learning from faithful Ministry Partners in their region about how to follow Christ and share the Gospel with friends and family. Gospel opportunities that are now headed to over 100 nations around the world!

Please continue to pray with us. We are asking God to open the hearts of these children and their families to receive the Gospel in faith. Please also pray for the Ministry Partners who will be leading outreach events and teaching discipleship classes throughout the year." ***As reported by Samaritan's Purse***

## Rummage Sale!

- Mark your calendar for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026!
- Currently accepting items that are clean and in good working order for the sale.
- Items can be brought to the OCC room (#212).

### We cannot accept the following:

- Clothing
- Computers and printers
- Toys
- Books
- Old box type TVs
- Upholstered furniture with stains



# BLUEGRASS *Bash*



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Joyce Schoch	March 2	Wendy Umberger	"
Matt Perry	March 3	Carlin Compton	March 18
Carol Price	March 4	Hal Hunter	"
Frank Ahern	March 6	Gib Campbell	March 22
Norman Hatch	"	Richard Thomas	March 25
Dona Mennella	"	Betsy Price	March 26
Vicki Altmeyer	March 8	Suzanne Dorsey	March 27
Kathy Haynes	"	John Spencer	"
Chuck Rouse	March 10	Linda Boyle-Smith	March 29
Jane Waddell	March 11	John Bayne	March 30
Hannelore Bozeman	March 12	Kathy Gagnon	"
JoAnn Fain	March 13	Nancy Campbell	March 30
Mel Hatch	March 14	Mel Russell	"

# CREATIVE

## Beginnings Preschool



Find more information at  
<https://www.hendersonvillepc.org/>  
Click Preschool



Let us shout joyfully  
to the Rock of our  
salvation.  
Psalm 95:1



# YOUR TALENTS ARE *needed*

## Interested in serving on a HPC tech team??

Your contribution can be made from the comfort of your own home.

HPC is looking for support with:

- Graphic design for promoting church events
- Support with the monthly church Update
- Maintaining church website content



## Interested?

Contact Stacy McClelland:

- Email:  
[webmaster@hendersonvillepc.org](mailto:webmaster@hendersonvillepc.org)
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## Training Provided!

Pastor Rob & Stacy are seeking help from anyone interested in growing their technology skills.

We hope you might join us in helping to provide vibrant HPC communication!





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