



HENDERSONVILLE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Let's Talk Easter!

March is full of amazing opportunities to plug into the life of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church. Whether it is through volunteering in the nursery or Children's Ministry, becoming a staple in the Youth and Families Ministry, or using your talents and gifts to join or lead a small group, get involved with Sunday School, or even help with leadership in one of the two services - March is a great time to get involved!

There is beauty in our faith tradition. During March, we continue celebrating Lent and remembering the depth of God's love for us in Christ Jesus. We remember what Jesus accomplished on our behalf, and we celebrate the gifts of salvation and adoption afforded us in Jesus.

We also get to remember the faith tradition in this place, which has been taking place for 172 years. We have the benefit of standing on the shoulders of others who invested in this ministry and this place so that those they had not met might be able to gather in worship and celebrate the Risen Lord!

For it is the promise of the empty tomb fulfilled which gives us the opportunity to gather each and every Sunday to celebrate the new life we have in Christ Jesus!

It is because of the generosity of others that we can gather in this place today and celebrate Resurrection Day together!

Beginning this month, you will be hearing more and more about our Capital Campaign, and how you can participate in the opportunity to invest in a place so that others, whom we have not met yet, will be able to gather to celebrate the Risen Lord!

During Holy Week this year, we will be hosting two special services of worship
- Maundy Thursday communion service on March 28 at 7:00 pm &

Good Friday Tenebrae Service on March 29 at 7:00 pm.

We invite you to join us for these two wonderful worship opportunities, and experience the road to Easter in a different light this year!

And plan to invite your neighbors, friends, and family to our Resurrection Day service on Sunday, March 31, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary! It is going to be an amazing time of worship! We look forward to worshipping with you!

“What a Blessing!”

That was a quote from one of our members who was blessed by the Needs Board!

Let me clarify - the person quoted was blessed by MEETING THE NEED of a sister in the faith! WOW! That is the heart of what we were seeking to accomplish - Generosity which reflects Jesus to the world, while serving others with the love of Jesus!

In the 6 weeks leading up to Lent, we were able to share and meet 53 out of 57 needs within the Church Family. Just like the church in the book of Acts, we saw a need and met it! Thank you for participating in this experiment with me. I wanted to see if today's church could act in similar fashion to the early church Jesus instituted. We met prayer needs, financial needs, labor needs, companionship needs, legal needs, furniture needs, service needs, all in the name of Jesus Christ! What a blessing!

We have already heard requests to bring the Needs Board back throughout the year. The Session will prayerfully consider this and see how we might be able to encourage this practice in the future.

We did end this six week period with a couple unmet needs. Two had larger dollar figures attached. If you would like to give a portion towards one of the two, you can come by the office and talk with Pastor Rob. Thank you for your participation!

This was a blessing beyond measure!

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Bluegrass Bash

Let's Celebrate the March Birthdays!

March 2 Joyce Schoch, Wayne Shaffer,
Becky Thrower
March 3 Matt Perry
March 4 Carol Price
March 5 Bill Eadie
March 6 Frank Ahern, Dona Mennella
March 8 Kathy Haynes
March 10 Chuck Rouse
March 11 Jane Waddell
March 12 Hannelore Bozeman

March 13 JoAnn Fain
March 14 Mel Hatch, Wendy Umberger
March 18 Carlin Compton, Hal Hunter
March 21 Ginger Houlton
March 22 Gib Campbell
March 23 Charles Reed
March 25 Richard Thomas
March 26 Betsy Price
March 27 John Spencer
March 30 Kathy Gagnon
March 31 Nancy Campbell

OCC

Praising God for a new record of shoebox gifts in 2023!

“The numbers are in! Join us in praising God for 11,330,126 shoebox gifts collected worldwide in 2023, and 10,051,570 in the U.S., the most that have ever been packed and donated nationwide. Each of the 11,330,126 shoeboxes represents a child and a Gospel opportunity made possible through your partnership in ministry. We praise God for you!

Millions of these children will go 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.

Save the date for the church Rummage, Plant and Bake sale April 27



Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool

Sharing is a fundamental skill in life, and it's one that children need to learn. Children of preschool age are not fond of letting others play with their toys or giving up other things they see as their own. Preschool helps a child learn this important life skill of sharing, which in turn helps foster friendships. And we share with them the message of God's love.

These little ones have been in school for 100 days so far and to celebrate, our PreK class dressed up as if they were 100 yrs old. Enjoy the snapshots!

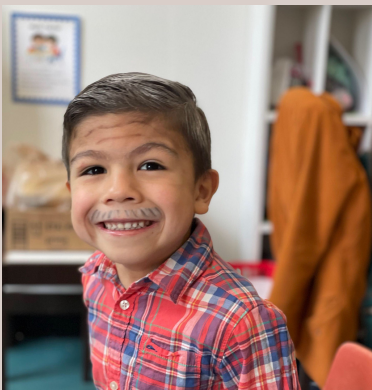
One hundred days of sharing God's Love...

One hundred days of learning and growing...

And less than 100 days before the end of the year!

We aim to pack a lot of learning into our school year, but nothing is more important than letting these little ones know that they are loved both by us and by God.

Join us at 11:00 am on March 22nd for our Easter program in the Sanctuary where they can sing about God's love for you. And watch for our Easter tree going up in the elevator lobby this month where you will have the opportunity to share some love with our classrooms.





HPC Youth had a great time together in February. In addition to our weekly Youth Group meetings, we held some special events! Those included a Super Bowl Party with our own halftime entertainment, and the High School MODGNIK retreat at Bonclarken.

Please contact Pastor Charles if you have questions or are interested in being involved with our youth group. Also, please be praying for our summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Serge, which will be July 19-26.



Library News

by Carolyn Baker, Librarian

This Lenten season there are a few Easter books that offer inspiration and interesting reading. “The First Easter” by Peter Marshall is a dramatic narrative compiled by Catherine Marshall of the most beautiful Easter messages and sermons of her late husband. Next, “A Child’s Story of Easter”, “The Story of the Easter Robin”, “Little Colt’s Palm Sunday”, “The Story of Easter”, and “The Thornbush,” all offer sweet reading about the last days before the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Read one with your child or Grandchild and share the story. In addition there are 3 videos to check out, “Jesus”, “Risen”, and “Jesus of Nazareth”.

Please enjoy the beautiful books of the Lenten season and many more in the warm and inviting library of your church.



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CHILDREN'S SUMMER INTERN

Are you a high school graduate or college student who enjoys working with children? Are you interested in impacting the next generation with a love for God and helping them grow in their faith?

If so, head to our website to check out HPC's Children's Summer Intern program!

APPLY NOW!

www.hendersonvillepc.org



Apply
Online
At

www.hendersonvillepc.org
(under Children's Ministry tab)

Or ask *Stacy McClelland*
for more details and
application



KID'S CLOTHING SWAP

APRIL 15-21ST

FREE!

Bring 5 Outfits/ Take
Home 5 Outfits

See Mrs. Katrina for a
token and details

ACCEPTING CLEAN CLOTHES
IN GOOD CONDITION

SIZES NEWBORN TO
YOUTH



- Have a collection of newborn to youth children's clothing in good condition? Are they looking for new owners?

- ***Share the blessings!***

- Collection begins
April 7th-13th

WORSHIP

Special Worship Opportunities!

During the Season of Lent, we will have some special opportunities for Worship as we journey together to the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

Thursday, March 28, 2024 @ 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of the Last Supper Jesus celebrated with His disciples. This is unlike any service during the year. Come enjoy being in the presence of God, and celebrating communion together as the church around tables with grapes, a plethora of breads, juice, singing, discussion, and prayer.

Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 7:00 pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

We will meet in the Sanctuary for a remembrance service of the actions which took place during the unjust arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus. The Choir will lead this service, which will include congregational singing, a darkening of the Sanctuary, and a stripping of the Chancel. Come experience the depth of Love God demonstrated for you on that Friday, so many years ago.

Sunday, March 31, 2024 @ 10:00 am - Easter Sunday Worship!!!

We will gather in the Sanctuary for a combined service to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We will be led in worship by our Chancel Choir and our Contemporary Praise Team. We will draw from the historical elements of worship on Easter and will proclaim Jesus Resurrection to the World!

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UPDATE DEADLINE
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Return Service Requested



A poster for a "Bluegrass Bash!" event. The background is dark green. In the top left, there are white musical notes on a staff. Below them, the text "Bluegrass Bash!" is written in a bold, orange, serif font. Underneath that, in a smaller white font, is "Sunday, March 17th, 2024" and "7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall". To the left of the center is a small, square photograph of a person playing a violin. To the right of the center is a large, vertical, white, dotted-line decorative swirl. To the right of the swirl is a large, vertical, dotted-line rectangular frame containing a photograph of an acoustic guitar. At the bottom left, there is a white rectangular box containing the text "Liberty Road" in a large, orange, serif font, and "Band" in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font below it.

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Liberty Road
Band