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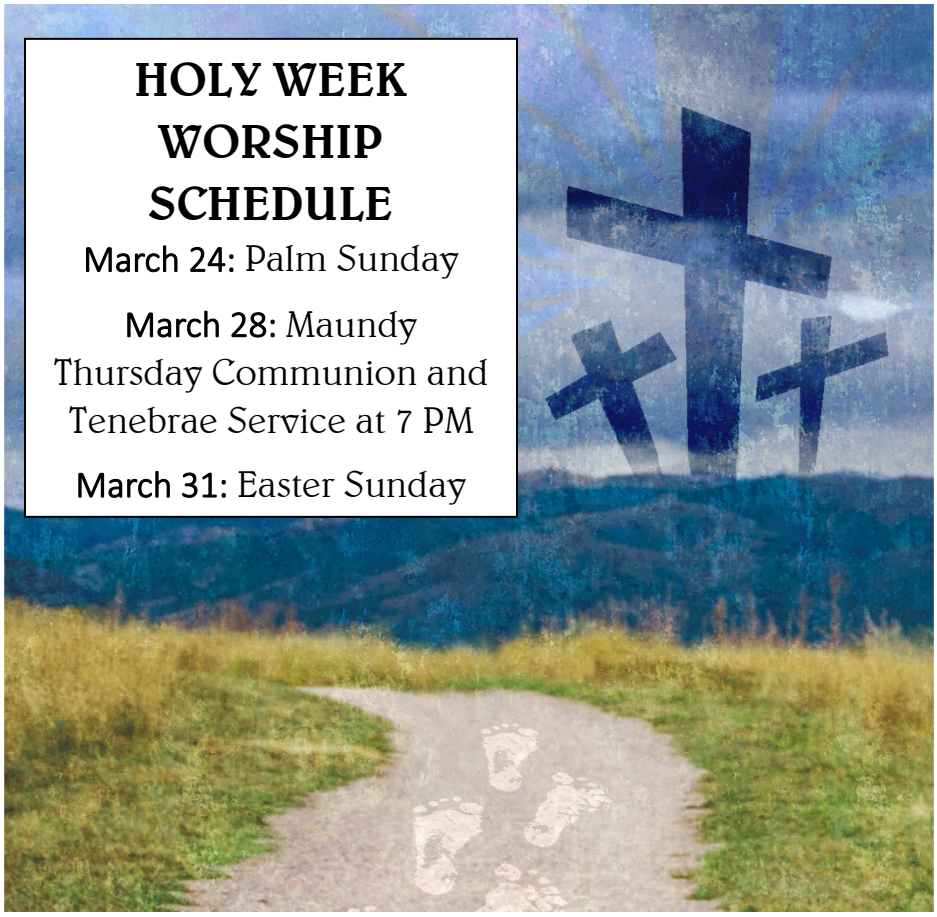
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

MARCH 2024

Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service at 7 PM

March 31: Easter Sunday

Monthly Scripture: - For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

March Preaching Schedule

Mar. 3	Mark 11:15-19	Dr. Keith Thompson continues His Series on Mark's Gospel/Communion
Mar. 10	Mark 6:30-44	Guest Preacher: Steve Eason
Mar. 17	Psalm 51:1-12	Dr. Keith Thompson/Daily Change
Mar. 24	Mark 10:46-52	Dr. Keith Thompson/Palm Sunday
Mar. 31	Mark 16:1-8	Dr. Keith Thompson/Easter Sunday

Faith + Housing Social Impact Summit

Join the Brevard-Transylvania Housing Coalition for the Faith & Housing Social Impact Summit. They are hoping to bring people of faith together to help impact their communities by exploring ways to create social change in Transylvania County. Clergy and congregants from all faith backgrounds are welcome!

Brevard First United Methodist Church is hosting and providing refreshments at this FREE EVENT.

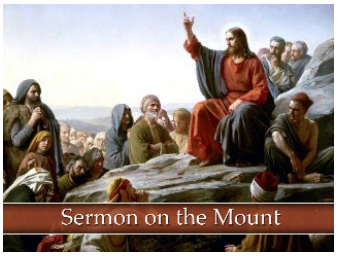
Register online at:
https://form.jotform.com/240176424797161

Have Questions?
Contact:
impact@sharinghouse.org.

2024 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION **Personnel Ministry Team** Mike Stewart, Chair/Lead Elder Richard Black, Elder Keith Thompson, Staff **Property Ministry Team** Richard Black, Chair/Lead Elder Carlton Ward, Elder Danny Hollingsworth, Elder Gregg Hall, Staff **Interior Subcommittee** Brenda Monk, Chair	**CHURCH FAMILY DIVISION** **Membership Ministry Team** Rick Clark, Chair/ Elder **Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team** Richard Ambler, Chair/Lead Elder Ginny Bradford, Elder **Kitchen Subcommittee** Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder	**OUTREACH DIVISION** **Outreach Ministry Team** Mike Stewart, Chair/Lead Elder Danny Hollingsworth, Elder Frank Porter, Elder John Allemeier, Elder
FINANCE DIVISION **Finance Ministry Team** Frank Porter, Chair/Lead Elder Frank Anderson, Elder John Allemeier, Elder **Generosity Ministry Team** Frank Anderson, Lead Elder Danny Hollingsworth, Elder Keith Thompson, Staff	**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** **Publicity Ministry Team** Janice Hiner, Chair/Lead Elder Carlton Ward, Elder Tammy Nye, Staff **Information Technology Subcommittee** Frank Anderson, Chair/Elder Tammy Nye, Staff	**PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL DIVISION** **Preschool Ministry Team** Richard Ambler, Chair/Elder Casey Barrow, Staff Keith Thompson, Staff
CARE GIVING DIVISION **Board of Deacons** Ann Hinze, Co-Chair Jo Stewart, Co-Chair	**SPIRITUAL LIFE DIVISION** **Worship Ministry Team** Janice Hiner, Elder Michael Helman, Staff Keith Thompson, Staff **Christian Education Ministry Team** Hayden Pollack, Chair/Lead Elder Frank Anderson, Elder Rick Clark, Elder **Earth Care Subcommittee** Martha Spencer, Chair	**STANDING COMMITTES OF THE SESSION** **Committee on Ministry** Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder **Garden of Remembrance Trustees** John Stroup, Chair **Nominating Committee** Ginny Bradford, Chair/Lead Elder Janice Hiner, Elder

Christian Education Ministry Team



Sunday School Offerings for March will go to Boy Scout Troop 703.

The Faith and Life Sunday School Class meets at 9:45 AM every Sunday morning in the Davidson River Room just off the Davidson River Hall. They are studying the Sermon on the Mount based on a DVD and book by Dr. Amy Jill Levine. **Visitors are always welcome.**

A new idea for Lent/Easter!
Join the **Searchers Class** during Sunday School for a deeper dive into scriptures related to Lent and Easter. This is a discussion class, led by members, based on one of the lectionary passages assigned for the day. Come check us out! ED #9 in the Education Wing behind the sanctuary. Contributions to the discussion are welcomed but not obligatory! **All are welcome.**

Outreach Ministry Team

El Centro and Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church welcome Yesica Rosales Miranda as El Centro's new director!

FAITH BUILD UPDATE

Work on the exterior of the Habitat Faith Build house was completed last week. After the drywall is hung, volunteers will be needed for interior painting. If you're interested in helping, please contact Mike Stewart at mikestewart49@msn.com or (704) 502-6646.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 703

The Boy Scouts from Troop 703 will be in the Davidson River Hall selling Baled Pine Straw for the first two Sundays in March. $8.00 per bale.

EL CENTRO APPOINTS A NEW DIRECTOR

Welcome Yesica!!!

Sometimes it seems like the breaches in our world are only widening. There is so much inequality and injustice — and the situation is being made worse by crises like conflict and climate change.

But the great challenge and privilege of our faith is that we are called to be repairers of the breach and to live in solidarity with our siblings in Christ, wherever they might be.

We will receive this offering on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, to help restore hope, provide food to the hungry and accompany the poor and oppressed by supporting the following three life-giving programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- *Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.*
- *Provides support for refugees.*

Presbyterian Hunger Program

- *Takes action to alleviate hunger and care for creation.*
- *Addresses the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.*

Self-Development of People

- *Invest in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice.*
- *Educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.*

Plans are underway for making the sanctuary a beautiful expression of praise for our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. Flowers will be placed throughout the sanctuary to commemorate loved ones.

This plan presents an opportunity for church members to contribute a flower in honor or in memory of someone special to you. An insert will be placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday listing the names of the contributors and their honorees.

Please return this form, along with your payment, by putting it in an offering plate or by turning it into the church office by **March 17, 2024.**

You may take these flowers home after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWER FUND ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR PHONE: _____

Please write exactly how the listing should appear in the bulletin insert:
Example: Mr. & Mrs. John Doe in memory of/or in honor of Cynthia Smith.

IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF: *Please circle one:* *In Memory of* *In Honor of*

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Plants are $15 each.

Quantity: _____

DEADLINE TO ORDER MARCH 17, 2024

Please make your check payable to B-DRPC - $15 per plant

Note: *Any flowers not picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter morning will be donated to those who are sick or homebound.*

Earth Care Subcommittee

In 2023, we continued doing the things we've been doing for the past 10 years as an Earth Care Congregation. Our church recycles, has an Earth Care Sunday, landscapes with native plants, uses LED light bulbs, and keeps HVAC systems and appliances in good repair. In 2023, we installed a new energy efficient dishwasher in the main church kitchen, replaced 3 water heaters with energy efficient ones, replaced the refrigerator in our Preschool, and replaced the boiler system in our manse with energy efficient mini split HVAC units. We also put down new Preschool playground mulch that is made from recycled tires and began the process of converting 4-ft fluorescent bulbs and outdoor flood lights to LED.

<u>Our two big projects in 2023 were:</u>

1) Installation of additional solar panels so that all our energy needs are now met using solar energy. We added 49 more panels to what we already had on the roof. Our total panels now should cover about all our electrical usage for the building depending on how many cloudy and sunny days we have each month. The new panels went live in January 2024.

2) We replaced the single pane windows and deteriorated wooden window framing on the Sanctuary windows. The new windows are double pane, so more weather-resistant, and the frames are aluminum outside with wood inside, improving both the aesthetics and energy efficiency. Since project completion we have seen an average monthly reduction of our natural gas bill from $1,310 to $443.

Additionally, we have continued to host monthly Community Dinners, welcoming everyone in the community, using non-disposable dishes and utensils. Our Sunday Coffee Hours have expanded, again using non-disposables.

We continued to participate in the Transylvania County Creation Care Fellowship, a coalition of Creation Care teams from several local churches.

We are delighted to report that Styrofoam recycling, originally proposed by the TCCCF, is now run by the Transylvania County Solid Waste Department.

The heavens are telling the glory of God; And the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)

PRESBTERIAN WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on March 7 at 1:00 pm in the church lounge. Moderating the meeting will be Jo Stewart, and the lesson discussion led by Sue Hyde. Visitors are always welcome! For more information, call Sara Kellar, 828-883-2747.

Women on Wednesdays
APOSTLES CREED STUDY

Bob Edmunds will be presenting a study of the Apostles Creed for the four Wednesdays in March beginning March 6. We invite the women of this church as well as those in the community to join us.

Join us Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Church Lounge
Brevard-Davidson River Church, Brevard, NC

Church Family Fellowship

Annual Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate with our annual Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 from 11 AM – 1 PM. The event will take place in Davidson River Hall and on the church front lawn.

Lunch will be served in Davidson River Hall - bring a blanket if you'd like to picnic on the lawn! We will share the story of Easter and, of course, have an egg hunt!!! Pray for nice weather!

Following the egg hunt, we will serve hot dogs, macaroni 'n cheese, and Easter themed cupcakes.

This is also a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to join in fellowship!

Rain or Shine – We hope to see you there. It's always so much fun!

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CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, March 17th

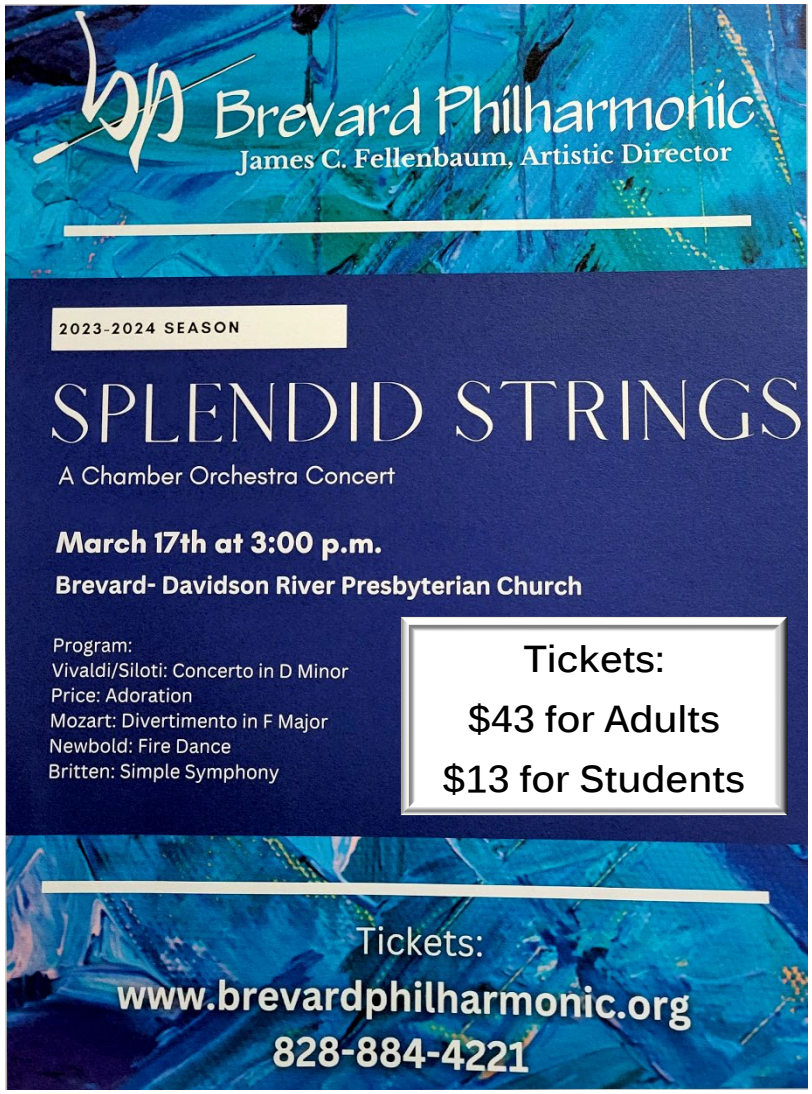
Brevard Philharmonic's Splendid Strings – A Chamber Orchestra Concert, Sunday, March 17th at 3:00 p.m.; Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. **A ticketed concert: $43 for adults, $13 for students.**

Thursday, March 21st

Student Recital – featuring Brevard College students **Eliza Greenwell, voice and Hannah Sonnenberg, flute.** Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Eliza is one of our Choir Scholars who sings with our Chancel Choir and Hannah has played flute numerous times for our worship services. They will be accompanied by Michael Helman and Vance Reese. **All are welcome to attend this free recital.**

Sunday, April 14th

Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m. at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, **The Blue Ridge Symphonic Brass** will be presenting a concert as part of our B-DRPC Concert Series. As a local brass group, they draw players from all over Western North Carolina. **This concert will be free and open to the public.**



MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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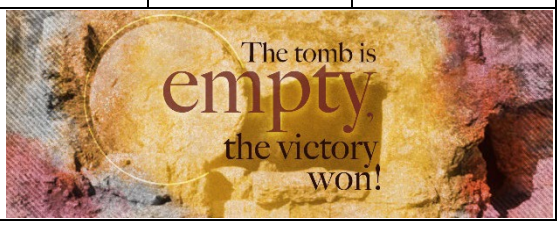
3 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am Communion	4	5 PWP MT 12:30 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	6 Preschool Book Fair Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Christian Ed., 4:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	7 Preschool Book Fair Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle, 1 pm	8 Preschool Book Fair Church Family Fellowship MT 9:00 am	9 Preschool Book Fair
10 Preschool Book Fair Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am *Steve Eason, Guest Preacher*	11 Preschool Book Fair Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Membership MT 3:00 pm	12 Preschool Book Fair Worship MT, 1 pm Publicity MT 2 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	13 Preschool Book Fair Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	14 Preschool Book Fair Outreach MT 9:30 am	15 Preschool Book Fair Brevard Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) Rehearsal in Sanctuary, 7-9:30 pm	16 Preschool Book Fair **Memorial Service for Norm Macoy at 11:00 am** BPO Rehearsal 2:00-4:30 pm
17 Preschool Book Fair Worship–8:30 & 11 am Daily Change Offering Brevard Philharmonic – "Splendid Strings" 3:00 pm	18 Preschool Book Fair	19 Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm Westminster Ringers 5:15 pm	20 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	21 Brevard College Sophomore Recital 5:30 PM	22 Session Stated Meeting 9:00 am	23 Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt 11 am -1 pm
24 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am **Palm Sunday**	25 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	26 Westminster Ringers 5:15 pm	27 Women on Wednesdays, *WOW* 9:00 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	28 **Maundy Thursday** 7:00 pm	29	30
31 Worship – 8:30 am 11:00 am **Easter Sunday**	**MT = Ministry Team**					

MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Debbie Webb – Mar. 1st
- Sharon Ward – Mar. 4th
- Thomas Nielsen – Mar. 5th
- Doug Hart – Mar. 8th
- Bill & Kay Fleming – Mar. 9th
- Mitch McCullers – Mar. 9th
- Ann Hinze – Mar. 10th
- Beth Champion – Mar. 11th
- Eloise Marable – Mar. 11th
- Norm Masterson – Mar. 11th
- Martha Snow – Mar. 11th
- Matthew Champion – Mar. 13th
- Don Bieger & Dori Miller – Mar. 14th
- George Poor – Mar. 14th
- Jerre & Jane Kennedy – Mar. 15th
- Bill & Eloise Marable – Mar. 15th
- Peggy Hanson – Mar. 17th
- Sherrill McCullers – Mar. 18th
- Stephanie Ramsey – Mar. 19th
- Benjamin Ramsey – Mar. 20th
- Dick & Nancy Stricker – Mar. 20th
- Everly Burchill – Mar. 21st
- Charlie Landreth & Andi Williams – Mar. 25th
- Mike Stewart – Mar. 26th
- Meredith Baldridge – Mar. 27th
- Frank Porter – Mar. 27th
- Larry & Linda Goodwin – Mar. 28th
- Larry & Carroll Sitton – Mar. 28th
- Kevin Duval – Mar. 30th
- Maggie McLauchlin – Mar. 31st

GLIMPSES FROM B-DRPC CHURCH HISTORY

The Following is Found in the SERVICE OF

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION INSERT OF January 14, 1973

SEAL OF THE PRESBYETRIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.

Out of the Reformed tradition of the Presbyterian Church rooted in the Bible and its symbolism, has come the Official Seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. It was designed in 1887 by Dr. R.P. Kerr, then pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA, and Dr. Walter W. Moore, then professor and later president of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

The Seal was designed by these two leaders, at the request of the Committee on Publication, which wanted an identifying Seal to use on its materials. The Committee gave its approval to the Seal in 1891, and it gradually became, in the minds of most Southern Presbyterians, the Seal of the entire Church.

It was not until 1956, however, that it was adopted as the General Assembly by the General Assembly as the Official Seal of the Church.

The entire design is a symbolic representation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Each element of the design is a symbol that tells a story:

Seal of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America.

THE DOVE is the Holy Spirit descending from Heaven.

THE STAR is Christ, the Lord of the Church.

THE SHIELD is the Church itself, united and strong.

THE BURNING BUSH is the Indestructible Church.

THE LIGHTED LAMP is the Witnessing Church.

THE LAUREL WREATH represents the Victorious and Triumphant Church.

THE SCROLL carries the Latin inscription which means “the light shineth in the darkness.”

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