

# THE *COMMUNICATOR*

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## KEVIN'S KORNER

Many Christians will use this time of the year to journey through the season of Lent. Lent is an opportunity to focus more intentionally and deeply on Jesus' suffering and death, leading up to the celebration of Easter. The pattern and significance of Jesus' death and resurrection are captured by Paul in Philippians 2:5-11. As you journey with fellow believers toward Easter, I encourage you to take the pieces of this Scripture passage (*in italics*) and use them to reflect on your own conformity to the way of Christ. Paul writes,

*"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:"*

By God's grace, experienced through faith, you have been brought into fellowship with Christ and with Christ's people. This is what God has done for you. What are some ways you can cultivate oneness in our congregation? As you pray, ask God to form deepening connections between you and others in our church, especially newcomers.

*"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."*

In response to Christ's self-emptying love for us, what are some ways that you can promote cooperation, rather than competition, in our congregation? As you pray, ask God to show you how you can take the power entrusted to you and use it selflessly, on a daily basis, for the good and benefit of others.

*"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!"*

In his suffering and crucifixion, Christ has identified himself with us in our humanity and secured the forgiveness of our sins. The cross is the central event in the story of our salvation. What are some things that can push the cross out of the center and onto the margins of your life? As you pray, confess these things and ask God to keep you mindful of the extent of Christ's sacrifice for your redemption.

*"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

God's purpose is to bring all creation under the Lordship of the crucified and risen Jesus Christ. While we wait in hope for God to complete his work of salvation, faith enables us to experience the effects of God's victory even now. As you pray, ask God to help you take your entire life and make it an act of bowing to the sovereign love of Jesus.

Now close your reflections with Paul's words to the Philippians: "...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." (2:12b-13)

Faithfully

Pastor Kevin

## FROM THE COMMUNICATOR STAFF

The Deacon of the Month for March is Steve Norbrey.

On March 3, 1931 President Herbert Hoover officially designated the Star Spangled Banner as the United States' national anthem. It was written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812 after observing the flag still standing following a nightlong British attack.

On March 10, the anniversary of her death in 1913, we observe Harriet Tubman Day. She is known for her courage in helping hundreds of slaves to escape to freedom in the north via the "underground railroad." She also served in the Union Army as nurse, cook, scout, and spy.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to change your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick was born in West Britain and spent his final days in Ireland preaching, teaching, and building churches. He is best known for using a three-leaf clover to explain the Trinity, (The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit) one body, three parts.

Spring begins on March 20!!!

In 1987, Congress officially made March National Women's History Month.

The Deacon of the Month for April is Geri Webb.

On April 1, Pastor Kevin will Celebrate his 18<sup>th</sup> year with us here at Grace Baptist Church. We wish you a happy anniversary and thanks for your service to our Lord and Savior. Also we want to recognize all that you do for all of us and for teaching the Day Care children about the Word through Bible teachings on Wednesday mornings.

THANK YOU!

April 15 is Tax Time!

Earth Day is April 22.

April 24 is Administrative/Professional Day.

## EASTER WEEK

April 14 is Palm Sunday.



**Holy Week....**

**April 18 is Maundy Thursday-**



The day of the Seder Meal and the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus. The night before He was crucified.

**April 19 is Good Friday-**

The day that Jesus was nailed to the cross, suffered, and died for us.



**Sunday, April 21 is Easter**

The day Jesus rose from the dead.

6:30 AM Sunrise service at Mt. Aventine

8:30 AM Easter breakfast

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Easter Service at Grace



## MARCH/APRIL NEWS FROM THE DAY CARE CENTER

By Amy Shumpert, the Day Care Center Assistant Director

March will bring weather related units with the coming of spring and windy days. It's a fun time to discover the science behind beautiful rainbows in the sky. We will enjoy riddles and rhymes while reading Dr. Seuss books in honor of his birthday, March 2. And don't forget to wear **GREEN** on March 17 (& March 15 here in preschool), or you may receive a little "pinch" from the leprechaun. We will create Leprechaun traps and search for his pot of gold at the end of the rainbows. We will end the month of March by wishing Pastor Kevin a very "Happy Birthday!" Spring and Easter are quickly approaching.

April brings us another month of celebration! We will study and learn about the blessed meaning of Easter. Jesus has died for our sins and indeed risen to save us and provide us with Eternal life! Charles County Public Schools will be CLOSED for Spring Break April 19-April 23. Grace Baptist Day Care Center will be OPEN every day to provide quality child care for our preschoolers and school-aged children during this time. Prior to spring break, the preschool classrooms will all celebrate **SPRING/EASTER** with a classroom party!

Registration for our summer program and the 2019-20 school year will begin on March 4 for children/families currently enrolled. Any available spots will be offered beginning March 22 to children on our waiting lists. External registration will begin on March 25, and continue until all spots are filled.

We pray that God continues to bless us with children to care for and teach. We strive daily to nurture and love each child as an individual, by providing them with a biblical foundation and a learning environment conducive to physical, academic and social/emotional development!

From our church/Day Care family to yours...  
HAPPY EASTER!



## SENDING HOPE

**Week of Prayer for North American  
Missions starts on March 3 thru March 10**

**Our Church Goal: 2,500.00**



### VBS NEWS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)

We are underway now in our planning for this year's VBS. We had our first planning meeting in January. The next meeting will be March 3. More details to come. This year's theme is "IN THE WILD"



### THE SCRIPTURES SAY...

*About Salvation through Jesus*

"Yet to all who received Him (Jesus), to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God..." John 1:12 (NIV)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for here is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (NIV)

## MINDY'S PEACE

By Mindy Adams

March- I can't believe spring is almost here. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on March 10. Also don't forget to wear green on St. Patrick's Day (March 17) or you can get pinched. The first day of SPRING is March 20.

Easter is in April this year. April 14 is Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday is on the 18, Good Friday is on April 19, and EASTER is on April 21. Grace will participate in the Sunrise service, starting at 6:30 AM at Mt. Aventine followed by Easter breakfast at 8:30 AM at Grace. Then at 9:45 AM Sunday School and Morning service at 11:00.

April showers bring May flowers. It also bring Earth day on April 22. I wrote this poem a few years ago and I want to share it again.

## JUST BECAUSE

Just because He loves you, He wore a purple robe.  
Just because He loves you, He wore a crown of thorns.  
Just because He loves you, He carried a cross upon His back.  
Just because He loves you, He died to save you.  
Just because He loves you, He was raised from the dead.  
Just because He loves you, He will come again.

*The following poem is from Richard Gold*

## MY GOD, MY GOD

By Richard Gold

My God, my God  
Have you forsaken your son  
Who was dying upon a tree  
His race He had run

He came to teach and save  
To show us the way  
But it was a cruel fate  
They worked on Him that day

But His death was not the end  
It was but the beginning  
For as they say in baseball  
It was the first inning

He rose up from the grave  
Salvation to all to give  
That by His life and by His death  
Eternally we might live

## GRACE'S RECIPE BOX

### Jewish Coffee Cake

By Mildred Hack

1 pt. Sour cream  
½ cup butter  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
3 cups flour  
2 tsp vanilla  
2 tsp soda  
3 tsp baking powder

Cream butter, sugar, and eggs together. Add flour, soda, and baking powder. Add vanilla to cream and beat into mixture.

Filling:

½ cup sugar  
½ cup nuts  
2 tsp. Cinnamon

Layer of batter, layer of filling; rest of batter, rest of filling on top. Bake 375° for 40 min.

### Fresh Apple Cake

By Bea Bower

3 cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 tsp. Salt  
1 tsp. Baking soda  
3 cups fresh cup up apples  
1 cup broken pecans  
3 eggs, slightly beaten  
1 cup Wesson oil  
2 tsp. Vanilla

Sift the first four ingredients together. Mix dry ingredients with apples and pecans. Add remaining ingredients. Bake in ungreased tube pan at 350° for one hour.

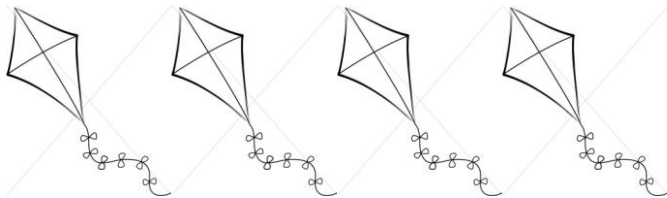
## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

### Birthdays:

Beth Rogerson	03/03
William Rozar	03/18
Cathy Stouffer	03/21
Donna Toma	03/27
Kevin Holder	03/28

### Anniversaries:

Tom and Christine Propes	03/07
G.C. and Faye Rogerson	03/22



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

### Birthdays:

Juanita "Nita" Elder	04/03
Don Bazzle	04/09
Steve Norbrey	04/09
Debbie McGuigan	04/18
Amber Krivitsky	04/20
Madison Toma	04/22
Angela Rozar	04/25

### Anniversaries:

Darrell and Nan Linville	04/28
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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

March 1 Fellowship Hall is Reserved  
 March 2 Deacons Meeting  
 March 3 Lord's Supper  
 March 3 VBS Meeting  
 March 5 Westside Stitchers  
 March 5 Girl Scouts  
 March 6 Bible Study  
 March 9 Movie Night  
 March 10 Daylight Savings Time  
 March 12 Girl Scouts  
 March 13 Bible Study  
 March 13 Day Care Committee Meeting  
 March 14 G.S.S.U. Meeting  
 March 17 St. Patrick's Day  
 March 19 Westside Stitchers  
 March 19 Girl Scouts Meeting  
 March 20 Bible Study  
 March 26 Girl Scouts Meeting  
 March 27 Bible Study  
 March 31 Church Council Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

April 2 Westside Stitchers  
 April 3 Bible Study  
 April 5 Fellowship Hall Reserved  
 April 6 Deacons Meeting  
 April 7 Lord's Supper  
 April 7 VBS Meeting  
 April 9 Girls Scouts  
 April 10 Business Meeting  
 April 11 G.S.S.U. Meeting  
 April 13 Movie Night  
 April 14 Palm Sunday  
 April 15 TAX Day!  
 April 16 Westside Stitchers  
 April 16 Girl Scout Meeting  
 April 17 Bible Study  
 April 18 Maundy Thursday  
 April 19 Good Friday  
 April 21 Easter Sunday – Sunrise service, breakfast, Sunday school and 11:00am service  
 April 23 Girl Scouts Meeting  
 April 24 Bible Study  
 April 28 Council Meeting  
 April 30 Girl Scouts Meeting

# MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Deacon of the Month:</b> <b>Steve Norbrey</b>					<b>1</b> 6:00pm - 9:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>2</b> 7:00am Deacons Meeting
<b>3</b> Lord's Supper 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service 12:30pm VBS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4:00pm Westside Stitchers  6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Movie Night
<b>10</b> Daylight Savings 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Day Care Center Committee Meeting  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00pm G.S.S.U. Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:00pm Westside Stitchers  6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service 12:30pm Council Meeting						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Deacon of the Month:</b> <b>Geri Webb</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:00pm Westside Stitches 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>6</b> 7:00am Deacons Meeting
<b>7</b> Lord's Supper 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service 12:30pm VBS	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Business Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:00pm G.S.S.U. Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Movie Night
<b>14</b> Palm Sunday 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am M. Service	<b>15</b> Tax Day!	<b>16</b> 4:00pm Westside Stitches 6:30pm Girls Scouts	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>18</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>19</b> Good Friday	<b>20</b>
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