

# *Shepherd's Staff*

*April 2025*

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*Palm Sunday – Maundy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter Sunday*

## **Holy Week Service**

### **Sunday, April 13 ~ *Palm Sunday***

9:30 am    Worship Service ~ Procession of Palms

10:45 am    Sunday School

**Wednesday, April 16 ~ 2:30 pm—4:00 pm** Easter Egg Hunt

### **Thursday, April 17 ~ Maundy Thursday**

6:00 pm    First United Methodist, Norwood

7:00 pm    First Presbyterian, Wadesboro

### **Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday**

7:00 PM    Stony Hill United Methodist, Albemarle

7:00 PM    First Baptist, Wadesboro

### **Sunday, April 20 ~ *Easter: The Resurrection of our Lord***

7:00 am    Sunrise Service at Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge

8:30 am    Easter morning breakfast in the fellowship hall

9:30 am    Easter Worship Service

Celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received

Flowering the Cross

*Bring fresh flowers and greenery to flower the cross.*



Pastor's Corner: April 2025

*' If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. —2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

A few months ago, we and our friends at First Presbyterian Church of Wadesboro embarked on a new journey together: the journey of Shared Ministry. As we enter our 4<sup>th</sup> month of this undertaking, I can't help but reflect on some of the changes that have occurred since January. Not "everything old" has passed away, but there were some activities in Wadesboro had to go. Letting those things pass out of my hands gave me the chance to begin building relationships here, trying out new activities, and reflecting on how to adapt my personal ministry to suite the wider range of talents, perspectives, gifts, and needs that comes with having two churches in my care. All in all, I feel a renewed sense of call and a great deal of hope for Christ's continued work in both Norwood and Wadesboro. Some days, it feels like everything is becoming new.

As it is with my personal sense of call, so I hope it is with both of our churches. It is interesting to think through how the best parts of our J-Walkers program might be adapted and applied to Wadesboro's youth group...and vice versa. It is encouraging to not only add some Norwood pastors to my list of colleagues in ministry but to also watch our two churches' leaders get to know each other and share ideas during training events, presbytery meetings, and shared meals. And it is exciting to dream big and envision how we might collaborate with one another on future mission projects or special events.

Our first official collaborative event will occur on April 20 as we co-host a 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise service at the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge. Some of our recent visitors from Albermarle have been instrumental in providing the location and music for this service. While we will still have our own Easter service with Confirmation and Communion at 9:30 AM, I hope you can join our siblings in Christ from Wadesboro at the shelter by the pond (located near the entrance just off of Rt. 52). There, we will greet the dawn and hear the news that Christ is risen. May Easter Sunrise be the first of many joint activities in the years to come—so that together, we can support one another in making things new and reconciling the world to God through Christ.

As we pursue new opportunities with FPC Wadesboro, let us continue to live into similar opportunities in our own community... for nurturing our relationships with other churches and helping organizations in our own community is just as important as our developing a deeper relationship with our friends up the road. For instance, why not attend services at First United Methodist's 6:00 PM service?

As we continue to move towards whatever new things await us next, may God bless all our endeavors—as both an individual congregation and as a people committed to collaborating with other parts of Christ's risen body on Earth. And may we rejoice in the ministries of reconciliation Christ calls us to each and every day.

## Happy Birthday!

April 1	Wylie Lambert
April 1	Jessica Faulkner
April 3	Tyler Hatley
April 4	Sadie Jones
April 5	Cindy Edwards
April 6	Emma Faulkner
April 8	Hannah Moss Poplin
April 10	Palmer Solarek
April 11	Marion Lisk-Deese
April 13	Ashelyn Murphy
April 16	Jennifer Padilla-Gandos
April 20	Mitchell Russell
April 22	Art Smith
April 23	Lynzie Santucci
April 27	Ursula McRae
April 28	Evan Faulkner
April 29	Johnny Gibson

## Happy Anniversary!

April 3	Duane & Sandi Stutler
April 12	Greg & Leslie Solarek
April 30	Tommy & Ro Honbarrier



*Congratulations to Kaitlyn and Dom Siciliano on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Maddison born on Wednesday, April 2. Proud grandparents are Holly Murphy and Kevin Murphy.*



Pastor Heather will be in our office on Tuesdays/Wednesdays and Wadesboro's office on Mondays/Thursdays.



You can always call or email her for pastoral care concerns any day of the week.

Her number is (859) 940-6437.

Email: [heather.mcintyre@my.LPTS.edu](mailto:heather.mcintyre@my.LPTS.edu)

## Presbyterian Women

April 4  
10:30 am



Presbyterian Women invite all women to join them at the meeting on Friday, April 4 at 10:30 am. Following the brief study of Lesson #8, Devonna Morgan from SCCM and Shannon from The Community Table will present a program on SCCM. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the program.



## Fellowship Time & Egg Hunt

First Presbyterian Wadesboro invites us to join them at their Fellowship Time and Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13 immediately following their service and cantata. The meal should begin around noon in their Fellowship Hall with the Easter egg hunt to follow in the garden and playground.

## Mission Opportunities: Butterfly House Fundraisers

**Mr. Tequila**  
FAMILY MEXICAN RESTAURANT

**APRIL 8, 2025**  
136 S. MAIN ST.  
NORWOOD

FROM 3PM-9PM  
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS  
FROM THIS DAY WILL GO TO  
THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE  
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY  
CENTER.

"It shouldn't hurt  
to be a child."

**Butterfly House**  
Children's Advocacy Center

**iBRAVO!**  
MEXICAN GRILL

320 N. Main Street, Norwood NC 28128  
704-459-0066

10% of all sales on  
**Monday April 28th**  
from 5pm-closing  
will go to the  
Butterfly House  
Children's  
Advocacy Center

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## Flowering of the Cross Easter Sunday

You are invited to bring fresh flowers from your yard to worship on Easter Sunday to place on the cross. Greenery is also welcome! Any and all flowers will work, from azalea branches to dogwoods

There will be a form over the cross for you can place your flowers. As you place your flowers, you will be transforming our barren wooden cross into a beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from Jesus's death on Good Friday.

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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. It helps provide relief from natural disasters, feed the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Fish Banks are available on the table in the vestibule to collect change for **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

The offering is received on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Thank you for your generosity! When we all do a little it adds up to a lot.

One Great Hour  
of Sharing

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## Candy Donations Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

Donations of individually wrapped candy, small enough to fit in an egg, would be greatly appreciated!

Candy can be placed in the box at the table in the vestibule.



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***The Easter Egg Hunt will be Wednesday, April 16 from  
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm for children Grade 5 and younger.***

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*Let's send Easter Greetings to our Homebound...*

Dutch Snead  
8542 Whitley Road  
Norwood, NC 28128

Al Calder  
PO Box 92  
Norwood, NC 28128

Charlotte Benton  
42889 Will Road  
Norwood, NC 28128

Donald Farmer  
Universal Healthcare  
430 Brookwood Ave NE  
Concord, NC 28025

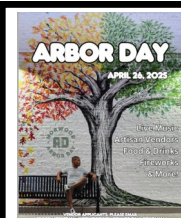
Harry Beeker  
Trinity Oaks  
728 Klumac Road Apt 120-B  
Salisbury, NC 28144

Patricia Mabry  
Taylor House  
319 Palmer St.  
Albemarle, NC 28001



J-Walkers  
Wednesdays  
2:30 pm—3:30 pm

Middle School Youth  
Wednesdays  
3:30 pm —4:30 pm



Norwood Arbor Day  
April 26  
An all day celebration!  
Car Show, Vendors, Food, Entertainment, more

## Information Board

Need to contact a Session Member, below is their contact numbers

Class of 2025: Jeff Russell ~ 704-699-5728  
Class of 2026: Cindy Edwards ~ 704-438-0270  
Class of 2027: Kaye Coble ~ 704-985-6463

Frankie Calder ~ 704-984-0952  
Kirk Wallace ~ 704-695-5177  
Charles Harris ~ 704-985-9163

### Session Meeting

Monday, April 21

5:30 pm

### Opening/Closing Church

April	Frankie Calder & Dale Morton
May	Cindy Edwards & Greg Lisk
June	Charles D. Harris & Jeff Russell

### Community Table Volunteers

Required Volunteer Hours  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

April 2	Kirk Wallace
April 9	Beverly Johnson
April 16	Susan Moss
April 23	Sylvia Parker
April 30	Finley Sutton

Volunteers are needed  
Please see Beverly Johnson

### Schedule for April--June

Starting April 6 and continuing through  
June, here is our Sunday morning schedule:

Worship: 9:30AM  
Sunday School: Following Worship

### Norwood Food Pantry Needs

Canned Soup & Crackers

Items always in need of: personal care items and paper products



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### ***Reminder: Our Services Are Online!***

Do you want to attend a service but can't make it in person?

You can always watch us on.....

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