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The Loudon Lamp

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday-Thursday-Church Office Hours 8-1:00
- Wednesday-
 - Pastor's Class for Lent meets at 5:00
 - 5:30 Cumberland Kids
 - 6:00 Handbell Choir Practice
 - 7:00 Choir Practice
- Saturday-Presbytery of East TN meeting at Greeneville CPC 8:30-2:00
- Sunday, April 6th-Celebrate Communion!



THIS SUNDAY-April 6th

9 – Gather for **Fellowship** with coffee and conversation.

9:30 – **Sunday School** for all ages in the classroom. Griffen has the virtual class, and the Seekers, Men and Women's classes will study "Christ's Once-for-All", Hebrews 9:23-10:4, 10:11-14, 19-25. The Young Adults meet up the back stairway with Merritt Brakebill for Bible Study. Come and share with us!

10:25 – **Welcome & Announcements** scrolling before Worship.

10:30-Worship – Mark is back to lead us in the Celebration of The Lord's Supper. A special guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Pam Phillips-Burk from our Denominational Office, has the message, *Prequels and Sequels*, from Isaiah 43:16-21. Griffen has our Children's message. Our April Hymn of the Month is *Grace Greater Than All Our Sin*. Our Sunday hymns will be: *Standing on the Promises*, *Who Is He?*, and *Break Thou the Bread of Life*. Scriptures: Philippians 3:10-14, John 12:1-8. Our April Introit is *Crown Him With Many Crowns* and our Benediction is *Lead Me to Calvary*. Kim Greenway has our flowers for April! Join us!

PASTOR'S LENTEN CLASS

This Wednesday at 5:00 Mark will lead us in a time of Reflection (John 17:20-23), Review (What do we believe, Section 5 of our *Confession of Faith*, and Remembrance (we'll spin the wheel for answering your questions). Join us live or virtually as we prepare for Easter!

PASTORAL CARE

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Joe Malloy, Paul Brakebill, Vennah Haga, Rich Gasper, Tim Guider, Janet Jones, Jane Sampson, Gary Hendrix, Bonnie Ferguson, Linda Nixon, Julianna Pinkston, Ashley Wyse, Megan Cavanaugh and Kathy Waller.

We are sharing in a hymn challenge where we all listen to and learn one hymn a month. At the end of the year, we will have 12 hymns embedded in our hearts and souls. For the month of April, we are doing "Grace Greater Than Our Sin". You can Google this hymn and find many options for listening. Listen at least once a day for the month of April. I will post one on our Facebook page or I will be happy to get you a copy of the words/ music. Absorb the truth of the words and the comfort of the melody!!

It is that time of year we ask for **donations of candy** for our annual egg hunt. Please bring individually wrapped candy for CPW to place in treat bags. We ask please no nuts or chocolate as it melts. **Please have to the church by April 6th.**

Our Annual CP Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19th at 2:00 PM at the home of Wiley and Courtney Brakebill. This is for children of ALL ages and we invite you to bring a treat to share and join us in a time of fun and fellowship!! All children 4th grade and above are asked to meet at 12 to help hide eggs.

Graduate Sunday will be May 18th where we honor our high school college and graduate school graduates. If you have a graduate, you would like recognized In our Lamp, please get the information to Beth, Griffen or Kim by April 28th. For high school graduates we would like to have a picture and a brief bio.

TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE

3/30/25: \$2,422.00 Building Fund: \$579.00

Online Giving for March: Offering-\$2,405.00

Building Fund: \$450.00

Church Attendance: 86

Online Viewers: 10

Memorials given in memory of Blanche Randolph by

Joe and Martha Malloy, Vennah Haga, Bonnie Ferguson, Bob Richesin

Memorial given in memory of Eric Stanford by Joe and Martha Malloy.

Memorials given in memory of Janie Wilkerson by Joe and Martha Malloy, Bonnie Ferguson.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Presbytery** meets at Greenville CPC April 5th-8:30-2:00
- **CPW** (all women), April 9th at 1:00
- **Maundy Thursday** worship, April 17th at 6:00
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 19th at 2:00
- **Easter Sunday**, April 20th
 - 7:00 Sunrise Service at Loudon Memorial Gardens
 - 9:00 Fellowship and Donuts/Coffee
 - 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 - 10:30 Morning Worship– No childcare as we encourage all the children to be in worship...Handbell and Voice Choirs will perform...come early for a seat!

VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEANING

Many have expressed interest in helping Rhonda and Rich with the various maintenance duties. There is a checklist on the bulletin board (outside the office) and you are more than welcome to come and check off whatever you are able to help with week to week. Rhonda will continue to work as time allows but with everyone pitching in that wants to, we should be able to pick up the slack until she is back to covering it all for us. Thank you to all who can help! The work list will repost every Tuesday.

COUNSELING

Pastoral Counseling is something that I have offered through my many years of ministerial experience. I have recently added scholarship and professional training to my skill set as I am entering my third and final year to complete a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Therapy. To complete one of the necessary clinical requirements, I need 50 hours of counseling sessions, and I would like to invite those in our community of faith to consider making an appointment. All sessions are confidential, and my areas of expertise include grief, marriage, addiction, relationships, and life-changing events, and spirituality. Therapy sessions are at no cost to you. To schedule an appointment, please contact me on my private email at loudoncppastor@gmail.com or call me direct at 865-924-2732.

PRAYER LIST

The family of Blanche Randolph, family of Janie Wilkerson, family of Ginny Curtis, Linda Nixon, Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, John R. and Carrie Newman, Janet Jones, Rich Gasper, Mary Alcorn, Cayla Couch, Gary Hendrix, Ashley Wyse, Vennah Haga, Tim Guider, Ben Norvell, Jane Sampson, Sue Napier, Megan Cavanaugh, , Stephanie Newman, Joe Malloy, Paul Brakebill, Kathy Waller, Sue Napier, Mable Wallace, and unspoken.

SPECIAL SUMMER DATES

Junior Camp (3rd -5th grades) June 1-6, 2025

Youth Camp (6th grade – High School) June 8-13, 2025

General Assembly will be meeting at the Airport Hilton in Alcoa - June 15-20th.

VBS – Vacation Bible School – Sunday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 1st.
Director – Griffen Smith.

SWIM PARTY for children and youth, Wednesday night, July 2nd.

THANK YOU

Thank you each and everyone for the prayers, the cards, the calls and texts, the hugs and tears. The delicious food and the love that went into preparing and delivering it. The remembrances made and shared, the memorials for my mom, Janie Sue Wilkerson. The beautiful service by Pastor Mark and Beth. There is never a better time to be loved and prayed for than when your heart is hurting.
Love you all, Leigh Ann Wisham and family.

OUR STAFF:

Rev. Mark Hester: Pastor
Beth Brakebill: Director of Music, Education, & Pastoral Care
Claire Pinkston: Accompanist
Kimberly Wilks: Administrative Assistant
Rich and Rhonda Gasper: Building and Maintenance
Katie Parkin: IT Support
Griffen Smith: Pastoral Asst., Dir. of Children/Youth Activities

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