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The Loudon Lamp

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Thursday – Church **Office Hours** 8 – 1:00
- Tuesday – 6:30 **Session Meeting**
- Wednesday – 6:00 **Handbell Practice**
- Thursday –
 - 5:00 **Pastor's Class** for Lent
 - 6:00 **Maundy Thursday** (Tenebrae Service)
 - 7:00 **Choir Practice**
 - Saturday – **Easter Egg Hunt** (home of the Brewsters
 - 12:30 Youth 4th grade plus come early to help
 - 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones
- Next Sunday – **EASTER!**



EASTER SUNDAY

7 – Community **Sunrise Service** at Loudon Memorial Gardens.
9 – Gather for **Fellowship** with coffee and conversation.
9:30 – **Sunday School** for all ages in the classroom. John Napier has the virtual class, and the Seekers, Men and Women's classes will study "Christ Dies and Rises to New Life", Matthew 27:39-40, 45-54; 28:1-10.
10:25 – **Welcome & Announcements** scrolling before Worship.
10:30- Worship The Choir will present *It Was Finished Upon the Cross!* The Handbell Choir has two specials. We have twins, Jovie and Jaylie Brewster being dedicated. The Message is *I'll Be Back* from Claire and Mark. Griffen has our Children's message. Sunday hymns will be: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, *Christ Arose*, and *He Lives*. Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12. Our April Introit is *Crown Him with Many Crowns* and our Benediction is *Lead Me to Calvary*. Come early for a good seat. There will be **overflow seating** set up in the Fellowship Hall to watch on the big screen.

HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday (www.loudoncp.org to watch last Sunday's worship)
- Monday – Read John 12:1-11
- Tuesday – Read John 12:20-36
- Wednesday – Read John 13:21-31
- Maundy Thursday – Worship and Communion at 6:00
- Good Friday – Read John 18:1-19:42
- Holy Saturday – Read Matthew 27:57-66
- Easter – Worship with us at 7:00 (Loudon Community Gardens) and 10:30.

PASTORAL CARE

We **welcome Josh Binkley and daughter Ava** to our church family. Josh and his wife Ellie (Narvel) and Ava are a precious addition, and we will be in prayer for Ava as she accepts Christ as Lord of her life!!

Our thoughts and **prayers** this week are needed for: Tim Guider, Gary Hendrix, Rich Gasper, Carol Delaney, Linda Nixon, Mary Russell, Jeff Pipes, Ashley Wyse and Kathy Waller.

We are sharing in a **hymn challenge** where we 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 to it 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!!

Our **Annual CP Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 19th at 2:00 PM at the home of Merian and Rick Brewster. 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 in 4th grade and above are asked to meet at 12:30 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

4/13/25: \$14,189.60 Building Fund: \$1,500.00 Church Attendance: 114 Online Viewers: 19
Sunday School: 71 Online Viewers: 11

Memorials given in memory of Blanche Randolph by Steve and Beverly Harrison, Mary Sue House, Larah McConkey.

Memorial given in memory of Eric Stanford by Steve and Beverly Harrison, Larah McConkey

Memorials given in memory of Janie Wilkerson by Kim and Deb Handy, Paul and Jane Brakebill, Steve and Beverly Harrison, Mary Sue House, Larah McConkey, Jim and Joy Whaley

In honor of Steve Harrison, Bo Harrison, and Trey Dyer from Karen Finkle

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Session**, April 15th at 6:30
- **Maundy Thursday** worship, April 17th at 6:00
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 19th at 2:00-home of Rick and Merian Brewster
- **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!
- **Men’s Fellowship**, Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:00, Crew #3

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Here is an Organ update from Barger & Nix. They have created a Dropbox folder for our organ rebuilding and they will be adding photos to that folder as things move forward. At this point, the console is cleaned and the new wood parts are in the design and stain/finish testing stage. The new platform for the pipe cabinet is built and painted, and they are working steadily on the casework that goes below the original organ casework in front. They have started matching stains and finishes for that casework as well as stripping and preparing the center panel for color matching.
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/r4q1gbayqxfkobzexomix/AM7uKXiZqUtUPyIcz3Iir7Ao?rlkey=7ezm8kgydgw14b74fuctbvfbI&st=kxu5bbre&dl=0>

CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Sign up on-line at <https://forms.gle/mo8pixQb4CywFRq96> and let Griffin know you are registered. The church will send a check to cover all of our camper fees. If you need help registering or with transportation, also see Griffin. You are going to have a wonderful time at camp this year!

CLINIC/MISSION BUILDING

The Session approved the total clean out of the building. LuAnn Jarnagin is leading a task force and dates to note:
*May 3rd Reassessment of all items.
*June 14th all remaining items to Dumpster and final clean out.

PRAYER LIST

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, Tim Guider, Ben Norvell, Sue Napier, Megan Cavanaugh, Stephanie Newman, Kathy Waller, Mable Wallace, Amanda Llansua, Barney Akins, Mary Russell, Carol Delaney, the Family of Sharon Courtney-Hatcher, 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, Loudon CPC for your hospitality and kindness during our visit on April 6. It was wonderful to feel so welcome! We enjoyed worshipping with you. The “Spirit” in your congregation is joyful and hope-filled. Blessings as you love and serve the Lord and your neighbors in Loudon.
Jen and Chuck Newell

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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