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The Loudon Lamp

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday-Thursday-Church Office Hours 8-1:00
- Wednesday-
 - CPW meets at 1:00 (all women invited)
 - Pastor's Class for Lent meets at 5:00
 - 5:30 Cumberland Kids
 - 6:00 Handbell Choir Practice
 - 7:00 Choir Practice
- Saturday-Phase II-Cleaning out the Clinic Building 8:30-11:30
- Sunday, April 13th-PALM Sunday!



PALM SUNDAY-April 13th

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

9:30 – **Sunday School** for all ages in the classroom. Beth has the virtual class, and the Seekers, Men and Women's classes will study "Christ the Atoning Sacrifice", I John 2:1-6, 4:9-17. 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 – The Cumberland Kids will process with palm branches. The Choir will present *Hosanna!* Mark's message is *Handing Jesus Over* from Luke 22-23. Griffen has our Children's message. Our April Hymn of the Month is *Grace Greater than all our sin*. Our Sunday hymns will be: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, What Wondrous Love Is This*, and *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*. Morning Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a. 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 (Luke 21:1-4), Review (What do we believe? Section 6 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!

EASTER MEMORIALS

If you wish to honor the memory of a loved one or someone special in your life please fill out the form found in the bulletin and return it by April 15th.

PASTORAL CARE

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Tim Guider, Gary Hendrix, Kathy Waller, Rich Gasper, Ashley Wyse, Amanda Llansua, Barney Aikens, and the Family of Sharon Courtney-Hatcher.

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!!

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 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

4/6/25: \$7,604.25 Building Fund: \$8,465.00

Church Attendance: 106

Online Viewers: 26

Sunday School: 60

Online Viewers: 9

Memorials given in memory of Blanche Randolph by Leigh and Pete Lamb.

Memorial given in memory of Eric Stanford by Leigh and Pete Lamb.

Memorials given in memory of Janie Wilkerson by Leigh and Pete Lamb, Linda Fellhoelter, Greg and Suzanne McNabb, Dean and LuAnn Jarnagin.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- CPW (all women), April 9th at 1:00
- 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

MORE PASTORAL NOTES

Congratulations to Beth for retirement from 11 ½ years of service to McGill Click FH. Recognition goes to Griffen as Presbytery licensed him to preach at the last meeting thus recognizing his continuous growth toward ordination. Salutations go to Claire for her Senior Recital for Maryville College at Clayton Center on April 22nd at 6:00. We have a great Worship Team!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

LOUDON COUNTY HABITAT for Humanity needs church volunteers. Would you like to be a part of the work crews that are building houses in Loudon? Sign ups are made online at <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/JE/wi157/gpoqdygr6>. Anyone can sign up to help. Efforts will be made to have a designated day for our church folks – watch for that news.

THANK YOU

The family of Blanche Randolph wish to express our most sincere appreciation for the many ways our church family has supported us during this time of loss. Ted, Lynda, Chase, Ashley, Parker, and Cooper Randolph, Ann Stafford and Claire Pinkston.

DEB RUPE

Our missionary friend is on her way to Pakistan. Be sure and see her letter to the church posted on the Bulletin Board.

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 Aikens, 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.

CLINIC/MISSION BUILDING

The Session approved the total clean out of the building. LuAnn Jarnagin is leading a task force and dates to note:

*April 12th delivery is planned for ear-marked furniture and if you have any furniture or items stored in the building, please come pick it up this day. All remaining items will be sold on FB Marketplace with any unsold items donated to Habitat ReStore.

*May 3rd Reassessment of all remaining items.

*June 14th all remaining items to Dumpster and final clean out.

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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