

THE REFORMER

“A Family of Grace...Growing in Faith...Sharing God’s Love”

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MARCH WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 4: Third Sunday in Lent

Jesus drives merchants from the temple (John 2:13-22). When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection.

Sunday, March 11: Fourth Sunday in Lent

To explain the salvation of God to Nicodemus (John 3:14-21), Jesus refers to the scripture passage from Numbers: just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted on the cross.

Sunday, March 18: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival (John 12:20-33). Here Jesus’ words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Sunday March 25: Palm / Passion Sunday

We remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem, where he goes to face his death. The passion reading in Mark’s gospel presents Jesus as the one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

*Worship services will be streamed via the Reformation Facebook page each Sunday in March at 10:30. They will also be posted on the Facebook page for later viewing.
Sermon manuscripts can be found on the church’s website: reformationtaylorsville.org.*

NEWS AND NOTES

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

Bible Study, titled *The Road to Coronation*, will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Craig for the link.

MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, MARCH 11

We will prepare and serve meals at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. Please contact Dianne Gwaltney if you are willing to provide individually wrapped desserts or help with the distribution.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL – SUNDAY, MARCH 14

The Council will meet via Zoom at 7:00. Scott Patterson will lead devotions.

VIDEO EQUIPMENT has been installed and will be used to stream the service, beginning February 28. The service will continue to be streamed each Sunday, even after we return to in-person worship.

HOLY WEEK

On Maundy Thursday (April 1), Pastor Craig will offer opportunities for you to remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his death and receive the sacrament he instituted on that night. Times will be 12:00 noon, 3:00, and 7:00.

Good Friday Tenebrae service (April 2) will be streamed on the Reformation Facebook page at 7:30 p.m. We invite you into this time of reflection as we remember the suffering and death Jesus endured as the sacrifice for our sins.

Easter Sunday service (April 4) will be held at 10:30 (in-person and online). You are invited to join us for this festive service as we worship the resurrected Lord and give thanks for his victory over sin, death and the devil.

EASTER LILIES to decorate our worship space can be ordered through the church. If you would like to place a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, the cost is \$10 each. Orders can be made by contacting Blondell Cline or signing up on the church bulletin board. Deadline is Sunday, March 21. Please make checks payable to Pastor Craig.

THANK YOU

- ▶ to all who helped with Mobile Café in February
- ▶ to the congregation from the families of Jean Fox and Lorraine Campbell for the prayers, cards, visits, and other expressions of sympathy shown to them during their time of loss.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Congregation Council met on Sunday, February 14th, 2021 via Zoom with ten members present. Glenn Deal opened with devotions. President Yoder called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved as presented to council members. Treasurer's report was reviewed with one question, and then approved as presented. Pastor's report was given.

Memorial Garden is securing bids for trimming the trees in the garden.

Evangelism committee has decided, due to COVID-19, they will not hold a dental clinic in March.

Property committee reported they have not had any response from roofers regarding the leak in Reformation Hall. Leslie met with someone from Sunrise Appliance about the ignitors on the stove top and the oven thermostats. It was decided to not make repairs at this time.

Worship and Music reported there will be three opportunities for members to come to the church on Ash Wednesday for the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Old Business:

Installation is tentatively set to begin February 15th on the new video equipment. A motion was made, seconded and passed to apply for a grant from the NC Synod's Peeler/Casey fund for \$5,000 to help supplement the cost.

Sherry Hart made a motion to return to in person church service on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Motion was seconded by Glenn Deal and was approved by council.

New Business:

Motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$250 to Habitat for Humanity. Donna White, Pastor Craig, Glenn Deal and Kenneth Warren will each donate \$25 to cover meals for workers one Saturday during the year. Donna White asked that the congregation be notified that she and Brandy Honeycutt will be collecting for Relay for Life through the end of April.

STEWARDSHIP THROUGH FEBRUARY

Weekly Need	3509.00
Receipts YTD	20,074.22
Over(Under) YTD	(7,997.78)



PRAYER CONCERNS : Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Dave Ridenhour, Colleen Hammer, Richard Puett, Amy Krohn, Mary Wike, Richard Byrd, Wayne Beck, and Elaina Elder

GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND/CURRENT FUND

In memory of Stephanie Schultz

Virgil Schultz

In memory of Leon Bowman

Amy Krohn

In memory of Lorraine Campbell

Amy Krohn, John & Sherry Lackey, Frances Fincher, Wanzl, Doug Raymond and Amanda , Willie & Sylvia Feimster, Becky & Tony Gaines, Amelia Watts, Amanda Ventura, Carol & Anthony Ventura,

In memory of Jean Fox

Jan & Perry Austin, Willie & Sylvia Feimster, Allen Fox, Eugene & Sue Owings, Mary & Connie Mack Harrington, Mae Little, Ruth, Barbara & Steve Cummings, Phil & Ruth Deal-Lackey, Roberta Pearson, Sharon Godfrey, Sarah Lail, Denny & Barbara Teague, The Larry Starnes Family, John & Maxine Hawkins, Randy & Cindy Swartz, Phyllis Connell, Amy Krohn, John & Sherry Lackey, Tony & Becky Gaines, Amelia Watts, The David McKinney Family, Bob & Ann Johnson

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



3 Andrew Deal
4 Janet Mitchell
5 Sharon Roseman
5 Daniel Roseman
13 Dianne Gwaltney
16 Cory Wagoner
19 Shawn Cox
23 Shawna King
26 Leslie Gwaltney

3 Sherry & John Lackey
29 Shirley & Dale Childers
29 Dana & Mike Yoder