



WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD WAXHAW, NC 28173

APRIL 2023

A note from the pastor...

This is an exciting (and busy) time of the year. As we approach Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, we walk along with Jesus and his disciples to the cross and arrive at the empty tomb. When we begin to consider that Jesus not only takes us on his final journey to Jerusalem, but also the final road to a new heaven and earth we are to heed one primary command: *be ready*.

On Palm Sunday we not only join those who welcomed their king riding on a donkey, but in Revelation 7:9-10 there is another great multitude lifting up praise to the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb.

Within the events described in Revelation 19, everyone will find themselves at one of two banquets. Some are invited to the marriage banquet of the Lamb. However, there is another banquet to which all the birds have been invited to “gather for the great banquet of God” following the final battle between the armies of heaven and the armies of the Beast.

The only reason we have hope in this life is because of the hope we have in the next. The Lamb who was slain continues to be worthy of the praise of all creation because he has defeated the powers of sin and death. When we arrive on Easter Sunday, Revelation 21 & 22 give us the ultimate hope we have in a living Jesus Christ who brings about a new creation, both in a new Jerusalem as well as within all who have put their faith in him. Along with this new creation we have the sure and certain promise that Jesus Christ is returning.

Finally, on April 30 we move to Psalm 116 to answer the question, “How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?” This is a particularly wonderful question to ponder when we consider the LORD’s goodness at our times of greatest need.

I always like to make the request that of all the Sundays to make sure you make it to worship our God, it’s when I am not there. This is the case when Debbie and I are in North Dakota for Sarah’s wedding. On April 16 Jack Royston will use Psalm 148 as his text and on April 23 Zachary Leach will be preaching from Isaiah 40. Jack and Zachary are both students at Reformed Theological Seminary, please be an encouragement to them!

Sermon passages for April 2023:

April 2: (Palm Sunday) Revelation 7:9-12
April 6: (Maundy Thursday) Revelation 19:5-9; 17-18
April 9: (Easter Sunrise Service) Revelation 21:1-5
April 9: (Easter) Revelation 22:12-21
April 16: Psalm 148 (Jack Royston)
April 23: Isaiah 40 (Zachary Leach)
April 30: Psalm 116:12-14

Weekly Reminders:

Prayer Group: Wednesday at 4:00 PM in the Youth Room
Adult Choir Practice: Sunday at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary
Bible Study with Pastor: Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes

Walkersville EPC

Session Meeting Review for March 16, 2023

I. Prayer and Devotions (The Ruling Elder: Teach, Shepherd, Unify, Lead)

-Teach: 1 Corinthians 11:1—Be worth imitating. Find ways to teach. Find people to teach.

II. Approved: February 16, 2023 minutes (stated meeting)

III. Baptisms and new members

IV. Committee Reports: "How is each committee fulfilling the Great Commission?"

A. April 2023 Committee of the Month: *Mission & Outreach*

B. April 2023 Elder of the Month (from the Committee of the Month): *Betty Lou Mosley*

C. **Building & Grounds:** *Bob Stirton*

-new projector in the Fellowship Hall: continuing research (getting closer)

-We have Wifi/internet in Fellowship Hall!!

-a storage building is in place and in use

-gathering information for an electronic message board for our sign. Report to be given at a future meeting

-We will need 2, one for each side. Ongoing research.

D. **Christian Education:** *Larry Schott*

-next meeting: March 19, 2023

-Easter Egg Hunt: 4/1

-2023 VBS: July 31-8/3

-Sunday School teachers: Debbie Robinson & Sherri Simpson: younger children; Debbie Rankin: older children

-In the Fall we will need a preschool Sunday School teacher and a High School teacher

E. **Congregational Care:** *Dennis Robinson*

F. **Mission & Outreach:** *Betty Lou Mosley*

-April 2023 Mission of the Month: Project2Heal

-next meeting: May 17, 2023

-Next 2023 Chicken & Dumpling: September 16, 2023

-Project2Heal Yardsale: October 28, 2023

G. **Worship:** *Clara McGee*

-Next meeting: April 23, 2023

-2023 Communion dates:

Apr. 2, Apr. 6 (Maundy Thursday), May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Dec. 24

- Lenten season: Palm Sunday (4/2), Maundy Thursday (4/6), Good Friday (4/7), Easter Sunday (4/9-Sunrise Service, Easter Service) With breakfast between services
- Worship outside during the summer one Sunday/month (dates TBD)

H. **Finance Committee:** *Betty Lou Mosley*

- Next Meeting: May? October 12, 2023
- Change in Paul's Terms of Call (Medicare)
- Moving \$50,000 to a higher interest CD

J. **Nominating Committee:** *Clara and Betty Lou*

- Nominations will be brought to a May congregational meeting

K. **Fellowship Committee**

- Meeting on May 1, 2023 at 6:30pm to develop the responsibilities of the Fellowship

Committee

V. Old Business

A. Presbytery Report

1. Next Presbytery meeting: April 28-29, 2023 (Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC)
 - Dennis Robinson attending
 - Walkersville EPC has "volunteered" to help as greeters for the next presbytery meeting at Reformed Theological Seminary. (April 28, 2023, 8:30am-2pm)

B. Debbie Rankin resigning as secretary as of 3/31/2023

C. Pastor Paul (and Debbie) on vacation:

1. April 16: Jack Royston preaching (RTS student) April 23: Zachary Leach preaching (RTS student)
2. June 4: Brian Martin preaching, leading Communion
3. April 2023: No session meeting

D. Meet with Quinton & Caitlin Richardson on Sunday, 3/19 after church regarding membership

1. Send letter to Benton Heights PC.

E. New umbrellas worked out great. Larry will be looking for an umbrella stand.

VI. New Business

A. May 7, 2023: there will be a Congregational Meeting for the election of elders

B. June 25, 2023: Ordination and Installation of new elders

VII. Dates for use of the Fellowship Hall:

N/A

VIII. Close with prayer

Next stated Session meeting: May 18, 2023, 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (No April 2023 meeting)

Rev. Paul Rankin
Moderator

Clara McGee
Clerk of Session

The Men's and Ladies Bible Study

They meet on second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM, Men meet in Fellowship Hall and Women in the Bruce Powell Room.

Please help us update our prayer list

It is a blessing to be able to lift our friends and family up in prayer to our Lord as a community of believers. If there is a change or update for a prayer request, please let the church know by filling out a prayer card in the church pew or email (walkersvilleepc@gmail.com). Thank you.

The Congregational Care Committee

Have you noticed Walkersville is sending birthday and anniversary cards to members and friends of the church? The Congregational Care Committee would like to extend this ministry by sending cards to your friends and neighbors who need pray encouragement or to be remembered on their special day. Please let Audrey Schott, 704-774-1691, know their name and address and she will make sure a card is sent.

Christian Education Committee needs you:

If you love God's word and want to see others love it too, then consider joining the Christian Education Committee. As we desire to see of the children, youth, and adults of Walkersville and the community grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and the Bible. The committee has bi-monthly meetings to coordinate and plan for up-coming events and to pray for our church. Help us as we pray and plan for Sunday School (Adult, youth & children), Advent, Bible Studies, Lent, Little Angels, CREW Time and special events like the Easter Egg Hunt, and a Children's Christmas.

Food Pantry

The food pantry at Prospect is always in need of donations to meet the growing need. Canned soups and non-perishable items are helpful. Please bring them to the back of the church and let's see how fast we can fill up the barrel.

Needs List

*14.5 oz canned vegetables:

-green beans	-potatoes	-pinto beans
-sweet peas	-black-eyed peas	-navy beans
-chili beans	-pork and beans	-baked beans
-black beans	-corn	-creamed corn

*14.5 oz of canned fruit:

-fruit cocktail	-peaches	-pears
-pineapple	-mandarin, oranges	-mixed fruit

*Canned meat (does NOT require refrigeration):

-Spam or Treet meat	-ham	-tuna	
-salmon	-chicken		-stew beef

*Cereal:

Instant Grits & Oatmeal

*Miscellaneous Items:

-Macaroni & Cheese	-1 lb. bag of white or brown rice
-Jiffy corn muffin mix	-Saltine crackers
-Instant potatoes	-Jelly or jams
-Peanut butter	-Spaghetti sauce

- Canned soups
- Jello gelatin or pudding
- Dried beans 1 lb.

- Juice in 64 oz to 1 gallon size
- Pasta/spaghetti noodles 1 lb.

*Gently used clothing items:

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| -shirts | -pants | -blouses | -dresses |
| -sweatshirts | -sweaters | -coats. | |
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A Note from the Congregational Care Ministry Group

We have several friends who are suffering from injuries and other health problems who need our help through prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. Please minister in some way to Robby Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Larry and Audrey Schott, Clyde Norwood, Travis Price, Beth Simpson, Rachel Brody, Sheldon Medlin, Martha Allen, James Gordon, Sandy Brady, Linda and Phil Goodman, Clara McGee, Shirley Starnes, Reece Starnes, Mark and Nanci Beebe, Albert and Bo Starnes, Kaymon Carter, Frankie Norwood, George Huntley, Silas Simpson, Pat Schlappich, Bart Jackson, Rudy Robinson, Ann and Grady Rose, Barry Joyner, Suzette Barker, Mark Mull, Jerry and Alice Griffin, Remington Hargette Billy Norwood, Lynn and Layne Dewlen, Bryan Dean, LeeAnn Ventuo, Chris Starnes, , Phyllis Norwood, Doris and Brooke Rhoden Mary Edwards, Richard and Tyler Lee, Fran Griffin, Maggie Thompson , Richard Wieck, Pete Green, Wyatt Melton, Dawn Culp, Karen Trull, Bob O'Kelly, Katya Newsham, Pat Varner, Baby Kix , Rachel Tyson, Brenda Mosley, Wendy Trull, Carolyn Porter, Saylor Grace Hardy, Monty Brady, Tami Fowler, Logan Liuzzo, Pat and Joanne Cochran, David Pruett, Joyce Wooten and Doug Couick.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Brenda O'Kelly and Walter Norwood.

Please continue to send cards and remember in prayer our church members who are in assisted living homes:

Robby Griffin, Lee Forest Group Home, 1209 Pelham Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352

Travis Price, Brookdale Monroe Square, Room 44918 Fitzgerald St, Monroe, NC 28112-5679

Mission Committee

Mission Committee Recommendation

(These amounts are in addition to any fundraisers or special offerings for a specific mission or ministry.)

	<u>2023 Mission of the Month</u>	<u>Proposed Giving</u>
January	Help Pregnancy Center	\$1000
February	Ground 40	\$1000
March	House of Pearls	\$1000
April	Project2Heal	\$1000
May	The Shack (Prospect Food Pantry)	\$1000
June	The Shepherd's Place	\$1000
July	Missionary Month	
	Claire H.	\$3600
	Joyce Smith	\$1250
August	EPCWO: Elias & Caris Yohannes	\$1000
September	Pachycurare Christian School	\$1000
October	Operation Christmas Child	\$1000
November	Operation Reach-Out	\$1000
December	Faith Works Benevolence Outreach	\$1000

(From the Book of Order of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church)

Chapter 4: The Local Church

It is the primary mission of the local church to evangelize, making disciples by extending the gospel both at home and abroad, leading others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, providing for the nurture of that faith that all might worship the true God and grow in grace and in sanctification.

Good News and Praises

Happy Birthday and Anniversary

April

Lee Norwood-1

Rick & Sherri Simpson-4/2/77

Frances Gamble-3

Brody Batson-4

Nick & Gretchen Presson-4/8/90

Paul Warner-11

Jesse Parr-12

Rick & Iris Moser-4/14

Clay Murray-15

Riley Trull-18

Eric & Jessica Johnston-4/19/08

Robbie Griffin-20

Jayden Stirton-21

Mitzie Broome-23

Tommy & Phyllis Norwood-4/28



April Roster

Committee of the Month:

Mission & Outreach

Mission of the Month:

Project2Heal

Nursery Workers:

Apr 02 Rhonda McManus

Apr 09 Mark and Nanci Beebe

Apr 16 Jessica Johnston

Apr 23 Debbie Rankin and Serenity Johnston

Apr 30 Rhonda McManus

Volunteers Needed

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request that needs to be communicated through the prayer chain, please contact Clara McGee at 704-709-7125 or Gloria Norwood at 704-843-2352. They will ensure that the word gets out! Also, if you have not been receiving prayer chain calls and would like to be added to the call list, please let Clara or Gloria know this as well.

Newsletter Information

If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send it to Harvey Hess by the 15th of each month. You may email the information to harveyhess@bellsouth.net or by phone or text to 704-516-6503. Thank you!

Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information

2023 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Clara McGee Clerk of Session	704-709-7125	Class of 2023
Larry Schott	704-774-1691	Class of 2024
Bob Stirton	704-361-4888	Class of 2024
Dennis Robinson	704-291-0856	Class of 2025
Betty Lou Mosley	704-764-3339	Class of 2023

Prayer Chain – Call to Activate	
Clara McGee	704-709-7125
Gloria Norwood	704-843-2352

2023 Church Committees		
Committee	Chair	Clerk
Building & Grounds	Russell Mosley	Bob Stirton
Christian Education	Debbie Robinson	Gloria Norwood
Congregational Care	Bob McCain	Tammy Mosley
Fellowship		
Missions & Outreach	Clay Murray	Betty Lou Mosley
Stewardship	Fran Griffin	Betty Lou Mosley
Worship	Frances Gamble	Sue Thornton

April 2023

						1 11:30-1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt
2 Palm Sunday 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service Holy Communion	3	4 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	5 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	6 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday and Holy Communion	7 Good Friday 9:00-3:00 PM Prayer vigil 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service,	8
9 Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Sunrise Service Breakfast Afterwards 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	10 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study in Fellowship Hall Ladies Bible Study in Bruce Powell Room	11 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	12 12:15 PM Operation Reach Out Meal 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	13	14	15
16 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	17	18 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	19 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group	20	21	22
23 9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	24	25 11:30 Senior Luncheon 7:00 – 9:00 PM Square Dancing	26 3:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM – Prayer Group 5:30 PM Little Angel’s	27	28 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Presbytery of the Central Carolinas RTS-Charlotte, NC	29 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Presbytery of the Central Carolinas RTS-Charlotte, NC

9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service	30					
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