



## WALKERSVILLE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6204 BRADY ROAD, WAXHAW, NC 28173

MARCH 2020

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### **A Note from the Pastor...**

It's Lent, a time of preparation. This is the time when we are on a 40-day (not counting Sundays) journey to Easter, by way of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It all started in Egypt when the Passover lamb was chosen, the people prepared themselves to travel out of Egypt, and then the lamb was killed and its blood was put on the doorposts and lintel. The blood was to be a sign for the people. The blood of the lamb saved the people from death (Exodus 12).

While we can stop off at Isaiah 53 to be reminded of all this, ultimately, we arrive at the Passover Supper Jesus had with his disciples. The elements of the supper and the wine were meant to take the Israelites back to God's salvation in Egypt. Jesus gave them new meanings that draw us to Maundy Thursday when we also partake of the elements of the bread and the cup. We are drawn to Good Friday when we see how the blood of the Lamb cleanses us and saves us (1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 7:9-14).

Finally, throughout Lent we are drawn to Easter and the new life we have through a resurrected Jesus Christ. It is a journey. If you want to give up chocolate, coffee, TV, or anything else that's fine, but in the end, we must give up our lives just as Christ did, and be resurrected to a new life in Christ.

#### *Monday Thursday????*

No, it's not "Monday Thursday". It's "Maundy Thursday". "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum", from which comes our word, "mandate" (or command). It's based on Jesus' words that are found in John 13:34-35:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

#### *Good Friday*

It's difficult to say exactly when Good Friday began and there are various thoughts about why it is called "Good". An observance of the "Friday" crucifixion of Jesus Christ has been around since about 100AD. Sometime during the 4th century Good Friday was more officially made a part of Holy Week observances.

### **Sermons for March**

March 1: Mark 8:31-38 "The Walk to the Cross"

March 8 (Daylight Savings): Mark 9:2-10 "Face to Face"

March 15: Mark 9:30-37 "Who is the Greatest?"

March 22: Mark 10:17-31 "Ticketmaster"

March 29: Mark 10:46-52 "Not so loud?!"

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### *Wednesday Bible Study*

During the Wednesday Bible Study (every Wednesday, 3pm & 6pm) we have started a new study that utilizes the Old Testament acronym "CASKET" along with the New Testament acronym "EMPTY". What do the letters stand for? Come on Wednesday and find out!

### *Website*

Finally, the church website is up and running. If you happen to see a problem or even an error, please let Pastor Paul know. The site address is: [walkersvilleepc.org](http://walkersvilleepc.org).

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### **Weekly Reminders:**

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in the Youth Room

**Children's Choir Practice:** Mondays at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

**Adult Choir Practice:** Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

**Bible Study with Pastor:** Wednesday at 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the Library

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### **Walkersville's EPC Session Meetings Minutes**

The session of Walkersville EPC met on February 20, 2020 @ 7:00 pm in the church library. Elders present were: Boyet Twitty, Dean Haney, Hazel Norwood, Dennis Robinson and Jim McGee was excused.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Paul Rankin. Minutes from the January 23, 2020 meeting were read. Boyet Twitty made the motion to approve minutes. Dean Haney seconded the motion and session approved.

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

**Building & Grounds** – Danny Starnes will install lights over the serving window in the Fellowship Hall. Richard Belk will put handrails on new handicap ramp from Fellowship to main church building. Cost for handrails \$3,400.00.

**Christian Education** – Christian Education will meet in March to pick out VBS curriculum and date for 2020 VBS. We are in need of a VBS director. If you are interested, please let Debbie Robinson or any Sunday School teacher know. Christian Education will be in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt. Egg hunt will be on April 4, 2020 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**Congregational Care** – Continue to be in prayer for Marlene Brown and family, Jeffrey Norwood, Phyllis Norwood's sister Becky Adams and brother Brian Russell, Phil Keys, Linda Goodman and Lynn Dewlyn.

**Financial Report** – Dean Haney gave the financial report prepared by Beverly Haney. Boyett Twitty made the motion to approve. Session approved. Thanks to Beverly Haney for your continued support of the Lord's work here at Walkersville EPC.

**Mission & Outreach** - \$500.00 from the Men of the Church was given to Operation Outreach. Dennis made the motion to give \$500.00 to Mid-Atlantic Presbytery to help with meeting this year's budget. Dean Haney seconded the motion. Session approved. This is a one-time gift.

**Worship** – Ash Wednesday service will be February 26, 2020 at Walkersville. Maundy Thursday will be April 9, 2020 and April 10, 2020 will be a Tenebrae service here at Walkersville.

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**New Business** – Hailey Jarrell will be baptized on March 29, 2020. She is the granddaughter of Russell and Tammy Mosley. Location was moved for Mid-Atlantic Presbytery April meeting to Lake Forest Church in Huntersville, NC.

Session approved new pictorial directory sometime in April. Shutterfly will do the directory. Volunteers are needed to help with this effort.

There being no further business, Dennis Robinson made the motion to adjourn. Boyet Twitty seconded, session approved and Dean Haney closed in prayer.

Rev. Paul Rankin  
Moderator

Dennis Robinson  
Clerk of Session

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### **The Men's and Ladies Bible Study**

They meet on second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM

With Pastor Paul Rankin Wednesdays at 3:00/6:00 PM in Library.

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### **From the Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee will be including a Prayer List in the bulletin each week. If you wish to have someone's name listed in the church bulletin, please contact Clara McGee. Your request will remain on the Prayer List in the bulletin for one month. At the end of that time, the name you listed will be dropped from the Prayer List or you may ask Clara to continue to list that person's name.

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### **Senior Saints Luncheon**

55 plus luncheon is meeting the last Wednesday of every month at 11:30.

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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 Marlene Brown Family, Jean Price, Robby Griffin, Bryant Russell, Eric Thomas, Ronnie Craig, Barb Castner, Gregg Ross, Phil Keyes, Lynne Dewlen, Henry Parker, Becky Adams (sister of Phyllis Norwood), Linda Goodman, Jeffrey Norwood, Carolyn Griffin, Shelia Medlin, Matthew Stewart, Libby Kiser, Larry Schott, Jane Threatt, Marcie Barrell, Debbie Wallace, Phillip Carter and Iris Moser.

We extend sympathy to the family of Perry Brown.

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

Mrs. Jean Price, White Oaks of Waxhaw 700 Howie Mine Rd. Waxhaw, NC 28173

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

Bryant Russell, Monroe Manor, 1101 Baucom Rd, Monroe, NC 28110

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

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### **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!

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## **Operation Reach Out**

Wow, Walkersville!! What a blessing you are to the folks at Operation Reach Out. Let's continue to serve our God by helping others. Walkersville EPC has pledged to provide lunch once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We generally take chicken casseroles or soup or baked spaghetti or Walkersville Stroganoff (They're very appreciative of whatever we bring!), one or two sides, rolls, and a dessert. Please consider signing up for this ministry of our church.

We also donate items each month. Did you know that Operation Reach Out provides a food pantry? I copied this list from their website (<https://www.opreachout.org/>):

### **Always Needed:**

**Dry goods--cereals, rice, grits, dry beans, potato flakes, etc.**

**JELLY**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

**DRIED BEANS**

**RICE**

**CANNED SOUPS**

**OATMEAL**

**CRACKERS**

**MACARONI & CHEESE**

**CANNED MEATS**

**CANNED FRUIT**

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## **Women of Walkersville (WOW) News**

Okay Ladies, let's get ready for our Spring Luncheon! The date has been set for May 2nd at 11:30 am. We need everyone to help make this a special event. Debbie Rankin has invited Nancy VanAntwerp and Katie Balsley to be our guest speakers. If you can decorate a table, please let Debbie Rankin or Marsha Stirton know before our next Bible Study meeting on April 13th.

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## **Chicken and Dumplings**

March 7th will soon be here and then we'll have a few months to relax and rest up for the fall date of October 10th. Please note that this is **NOT** our usual date for chicken & dumplings. So please check your calendars and make sure **10/10/20** is open and you'll be available to help on October 10th. If you won't be available on 10/10/20, **PLEASE** let Marsha Stirton (704-579-2358) know asap.

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## **Daylight Savings Time**

Do not forget to Spring Forward your clocks on March 8<sup>th</sup>

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## **Quarterly Pot Dinner**

Sunday, March 29: Pot Luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service, with Game Day after that.

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## **Snowflakes and Dogwood Blossoms**

Isn't God amazing! We had sunny and rainy days then we look up and see beautiful snowflakes falling from the sky. In the mist of it all we look around and see beautiful Dogwood Blossoms reminding us that spring is close. Now is our time to prepare for **Lent and Easter!**

Our Adult Choir looks forward to being a part of the spring service during the Easter season. The music that tells the stories of Jesus's last weeks and days leading up to Easter morning are some of the most beautiful written. This is a time our choir loft should be filled with voices. This is the time we ask you to prayerfully consider joining us. Practice is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in our Sanctuary. We look forward to having God lead you to a choir seat.

Kids Choir is getting ready to play Chimes for worship in March. They are working really hard. There is a lot to learn and they are doing great. Practice is on Mondays at 4:00 PM. Tell friends and neighbors. We always have room for more.

In Christ,  
Sue and Marsha

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## **Good News and Praises**

In last month's newsletter, I told you that Violetta would be competing in Winston Salem during the 2nd weekend in March. Violetta will compete at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon (March 15) at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston Salem at the KPAC CUP Gymnastics Meet? If you're interested, see Bob or Marsha for more details.

Praise for a healthy baby born to Boyet Twitty's niece, Elise Avery Longino. Born 2-15-2020. Great granddaughter of Edith Twitty Long.

Happy Birthday to Edith Starnes Kimmerling on March 22, Lynn Twitty's only living aunt.

Birthdays for March  
Lisa Echols March 18  
Russell Mosley March 20  
Beverly Haney March 21

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## **Memorials for Perry Brown for Samaritans International**

Women of the Church  
Men of the Church  
Russell and Tamera Mosley  
Dennis and Debbie Robinson  
Rick and Alice Gay  
Bob and Fran Griffin  
Harvey and Linda Hess  
Bob and Marsha Stirton  
Boyet and Lynn Twitty  
Phillip and Karen Carter  
Bob McCain  
Betty Lou Mosley

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## The Trotters

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One summer Sunday afternoon in 1961, our friend Terri spent the afternoon playing with my baby sister Evelyn and me. We were having a lovely time-sharing Barbie clothes, playing Go Fish, and telling stories on our neighbors. Terri confessed that she was having so much fun that she did not want to go home.

“Do you think your mommy and daddy would let me spend the night here at your house if it’s okay with my mommy and daddy,” she asked.

My sister and I both laughed. Neither of us had ever spent the night out before. Mommy was adamant that spending the night out was not an option for her children. Neither were we allowed to have someone else spend the night with us. “Parents get enough trouble from their own young’uns,” Mommy said. “They don’t need other young’uns thrown into the mix,”

Terri and Evelyn declared the situation impossible, but I decided to play Devil’s advocate. “I think that if we use our smarts, our talent, and our creativity, we can get Mommy to say okay,” I insisted.

“How are we going to do that?” Terri wanted to know.

I thought for a few minutes, until I came up with an idea. “I think we should make up a song to sing to her. And we could dance, too,” I proposed.

“How are we going to do that?” asked Terri.

“First we have to think of a name for our group. Do either of you have a name you like?” I inquired.

Terri thought *The Singing Girls* would be a good name. I told her that would not work. Why, in no time we would have to change it to *The Singing Women*.

Evelyn liked that name *Three Little Kittens*. I told her that sounded more like a nursery rhyme than a singing group.

I could see clearly that I would have to think up a name myself. I examined each of us thoroughly and noticed that all three of us were wearing Trotters, black flat shoes with pointed toes. Every girl in school was wearing those shoes.

“I think that we should call ourselves the Trotters,” I announced. Terri and Evelyn thought that name was a winner, and so they agreed to it.

I wrote an introduction and a song in seconds, and for the next two hours we rehearsed. Our costume was our Trotters, a white tee shirt, and blue short-shorts; the only articles of clothing that all three of us had.

That evening, after supper, Terri, Evelyn, and I went into the bedroom and put on our costumes. Then we marched downstairs from our second-floor apartment to the front of the building, where all the women on the block gathered together at the cement porch to discuss the day's activities and solve the world's problems.

Terri, Evelyn, and I began dancing the Twist in front of them, all the while singing the introduction I had written:

We're the Trotters, Trotters, Trotters.  
We're the Trotters: Trot, trot, trot.

We're the Trotter Gang, Trotter Gang, Trotter Gang.  
We're the Trotter Gang; that's us!

The neighborhood women were delighted by our witty and unique presentation. They wanted more.

"We only have one more song at this time," I told them. "And we are going to sing that to my sweet mommy. But you can all listen."

Terri, Evelyn, and I began pumping our arms up and down, all the while dancing the Pony as we sang our song:

Oh, Mommy! Oh, Mommy!  
Oh, can Terri stay  
Overnight with us  
Until Monday!  
*That is tomorrow!*

This time the women responded with a thunderous applause. "What a great song!" they agreed. "You will have to write more!" they insisted.

"Why did you sing the song to me?" Mommy asked.

"Because you are the only one who can answer the question," I explained.

"What question?" Mommy wondered.

"The one in the song," I told her. "Can Terri spend the night with us?"

Mommy looked shocked and perplexed, as the women around her began murmuring about the situation and whether the question warranted a yes or a no answer. Some were taking bets on what Mommy would say.

Finally, Mommy spoke. "Linda, you know I don't allow my young'uns to spend the night out or others to spend the night in," She reminded me. "I got four young'uns, and that's all I can handle. I do thank you for the song, though. It was really nice. Maybe you can record it one day. Maybe Loretta Lyn will sing it."

Loretta Lyn never did sing that song. Today it exists only in my mind and on my blog. Not too long after that, though, I did get to spend the night out. But that's another story

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## **UP, UP, AND AWAY!**

By Layne Dewlen

I've been asked time and again since I retired if I missed flying. Silly question. I've missed it terribly. However, security was getting crazy even back then, and that I don't miss at all. In fact, it's the reason I don't fly on the airlines, BUT am I ever looking forward to my next flight when Jesus calls for His bride, (the church), better known as the Rapture. (1 Thess 4:13-18, and one of my favorites, Titus 2:13)

From the time I was old enough to remember until somewhere in the 1970's the Rapture was preached, taught, and sung about a lot, then it seemed to disappear from the scene. To me the strange thing is that according to 1 Thess 4:18 His promised coming is something with which we are to comfort one another. According to the verse in Titus we are to be LOOKING for His coming. Paul says in 2 Tim 4:8 there is a crown of righteousness waiting for him in Heaven, AND for "all them also that love His appearing." Wow! I don't know about you, but THAT is one crown I know I have waiting for me. (By the way, there are at least four other crowns spoken of in the Bible that will be given).

Quite a number of years ago I was watching a TV program that I liked by a man named Zola Levitt, a Christian Jew, a very talented man. He is now with the Lord, but I have not forgotten his teaching on the Jewish engagement and marriage of Bible times, and how it personifies the Lord's coming.

The prospective groom would go to the house of his prospective bride and would deal with the bride's father on the amount of dowry. When the deal was completed, the bride was called to see if she agreed to the marriage, A glass of wine was set before her, if she agreed to the proposal, she would drink the wine. At that point they were considered married, and the groom would tell his bride that he was going to go and prepare a place for her. When he got home, he started to build their new home. However, he could not go get his bride until his father said everything was ready.

In the meantime, the bride had no idea when the bridegroom would come, so she had to be ready at all times. She would take a ceremonial bath to make herself ready.

Many times, the bridegroom would come at night with great fanfare and little warning to take his bride. They would then go to the new home the bridegroom built, all the friends would gather, wedding vows were made, the marriage consummated with great celebration that would continue usually for a week.

How does all this fit? Jesus came looking for a bride. He came to His Father's people, the Jews, just as Jacob went to his people in the Old Testament. He placed before them His proposal and placed the glass of wine before them to drink at the Last Supper, which we commemorate as Communion. After the disciples drank. He told them He was going away to make a place for them. (John 14). We have taken our ceremonial bath as well in our baptism.

Jesus has been working on our abode for almost 2000 years. The Father could tell Him it's time to go get His bride anytime. When He comes for His bride, the committed believers, He will take to be with Him in Heaven. What a time of great celebration! You don't want to miss it! Anticipation!!



**March Roster**

**Committee of Month:** Session

**Nursery Workers:**

Mar 01 Kayleen Rankin

Mar 08 Nanci Beebe

Mar 15 Jessica Johnston

Mar 22 Debbie Rankin

Mar 29 Rhonda McManus

**Volunteers Needed**

**Newsletter Information**

If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send it to Harvey Hess by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may email the information to [harveyhess@bellsouth.net](mailto:harveyhess@bellsouth.net) or by phone or text to 704-516-6503. Thank you!

**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

**Session Members, Prayer Chain Contacts, and Committee Information**

2020 Session		
Elder	Phone	Term
Paul Rankin	814-279-5055	Pastor
Dennis Robinson	704-764-9025	3 Years
Jim McGee	704-709-7125	3 Years
Hazel Norwood	704-575-6258	2 Years
Dean Haney	704-533-1263	2 Years
Boyet Twitty	704-843-1245	1 Years

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

2020 Church Committees		
Committee	Chair	Clerk
Building & Grounds	Russell Mosley	Bob Stirton
Christian Education	Debbie Robinson	Gloria Norwood
Congregational Care	Bob McCain	Tammy Mosley
Fellowship	Alisa Pierce	Alice Gay
Missions & Outreach	Clay Murray	Betty Lou Mosley
Stewardship	Fran Griffin	Betty Lou Mosley
Worship	Lynn Twitty	Sue Thornton

# March 2020

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Communion	5:00 PM – Children Choir Practice	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 3:00/6:00 PM Bible Study	9:30 to 11:30 AM Community Playgroup		Chicken and Dumplings
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Daylight Saving Time Spring Forward 5:00 PM Hymn Singing at White Oaks	5:00 PM – Children Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study	6:30 PM – Cane Creek Cruisers Square Dance	4:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 3:00/6:00 PM Bible Study Operation Reach Out Meal	9:30 to 11:30 AM Community Playgroup		
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