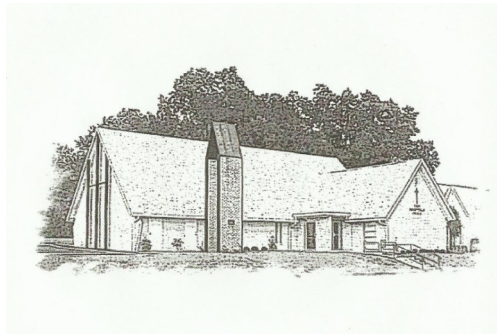




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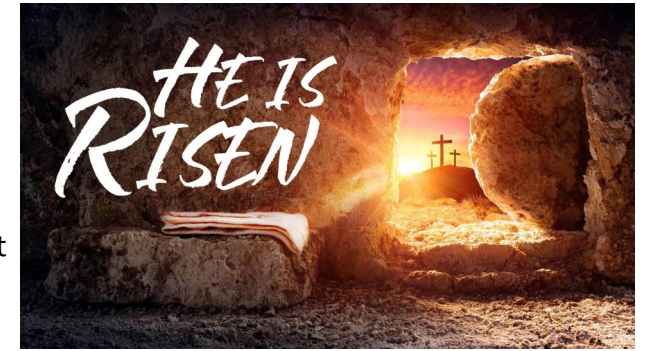


# Connections

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Suppose Mary Magdalene, holding her basket of anointing herbs, had simply backed away slowly from the open tomb rather than looking inside. The Bible encourages us to “Seek, and ye shall find.” It would be harder to imagine the kingdom on earth if we didn’t investigate practical ways to bring it about. It would be a challenge to reinvent our ministries without contemplating our evolving world. It would be impossible to know our neighbors without sincere wonder. Without searching our hearts, we couldn’t be the Christians we aspire to be. Searching isn’t a guarantee that we will like what we find. But without searching, we will not find our way closer to each other, the will of God or to God. [*@Presbyterian Outlook, March 2025*]



We invite you to use this time of Lent, especially Holy Week, to seek a deeper relationship with God, a new path on your walk with Jesus Christ, a stronger Faith with the help of the Holy Spirit in your life. Come and seek with us!

Guest Pastors:

4/6—Communion Sunday, Rev. Steve Newton

4/13—Palm Sunday, Evan Dolive

4/17—Maundy Thursday, Jimmy Chapman

4/20—Easter Sunday, Jimmy Chapman

4/27—Kenny Rigoulot, followed by Fellowship Luncheon

The **COMMUNICATIONS** committee remains busy and conducted a committee meeting in the first quarter on March 20th. With the approval from the session, the committee made the decision to no longer continue with any social media. We agreed to continue to update our website, brochure, and membership directory, and will diligently be working on those items.

Each month we collect newsletter submissions, conduct multiple proofreads of the newsletter draft, and sign off on the newsletter for publication and distribution.

If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is the fourth Monday of each month. Please send e-mail submissions to Liz and Kathy.

We are honored to serve the congregation.



### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

There are a lot of routine tasks that our team led by Steve oversees concerning our building and grounds. Steve is assisted by John T., John H., Charlie, and Tom.

Making sure the filters are changed for the air conditioner units, the cleaning of the ice machine, overseeing the yard maintenance and keeping an eye out for proper drainage on our property are a few of the tasks this team is responsible for.



If you ever see anything about the building that needs attention, please feel free to report this need to any of the men mentioned above, or to Jan. It turns out that they have some nifty carpentry skills and they love some power tools!

A huge thank you to Steve for seeing that our church documents will be properly shredded and for overseeing the cleaning of the carpets.

Thanks be to God for our building, and especially .... our church!  
~ Jan

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School class continues its Lenten study of the book *Meeting Jesus at the Table* through Easter. Then, the class will return to its study of *Faith Unraveled* which we will finish sometime in the spring. All are welcome to join.

~ Jimmy

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### FINANCE AT A GLANCE



<b>February 2025:</b>			
IN		OUT	BALANCE
\$8,020		\$5,085	-\$2,935
<b>January 2025:</b>			
IN		OUT	BALANCE
\$6,137		\$6,265	-\$128
<b>Year to Date:</b>			
IN		OUT	BALANCE
\$14,157		\$11,350	\$2,807

## DID YOU KNOW?



### C.E. Green Team

#### Council Actions

May 23, 2025

- Prayed together and shared joys and concerns
- Received prayer assignments for the next two months
- Assigned home communion servers for the next two months
- Assigned duty elders for the next month
- Heard the report of the Grace Presbytery Meeting of March 1
- Discussed the need for an Anti-Racism Policy required by the Book of Order
- Discussed if there was a need for a social media account
- Reviewed church finances



Patsy Reynolds

May 13, 1933 - March 21, 2025

## OUTREACH

The Outreach budget includes quarterly payments to Camp Gilmont to help support its programs. The camp is starting on a capital improvement which requires a separate funding source. On Sunday, April 27, Kenny Rigoulot will preach and then join us at the luncheon to share the camp plans. Please save the date and join us. Thanks to Jan and Kathy for helping coordinate these plans! Teamwork makes the dream work!

The Outreach Team has joined Chris Wheeler in her outreach to individuals who have lost their homes due to fire or weather. We are providing storage space for kitchen wares and towels in the Joy room. We managed to do some much-needed housekeeping while preparing the room. New shelving is coming.

Chamber mid-morning coffee is 9:30 **April 10** at Henderson Health and Rehab Center. We will have representation there to invite community members to our Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services.



Outreach Committee: Louise, John H., Lynn, John T, Kathy, Jan, and Sylvia

## FELLOWSHIP

There has been a change of date for our first fellowship luncheon! It has been changed to **Sunday, April 27**. The meal will be catered by Snowflake and Kenny Rigoulot will bring a program about Camp Gilmont. Come and enjoy delicious food and great fellowship as we learn more about Camp Gilmont. Thanks be to God for our church and for the opportunity to support valuable ministries in our midst!



In Christ's love,  
Jan, Mary, Suzanne, Kelly and Kathy

## MEMBER CARE

Because of God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ, in Christian response to help our neighbors, the member care committee unanimously agreed to serve a church member with home repair needs using undesignated funds approved by the finance team through the Session of FPC. All glory be to God!



Jan, Mary, Suzanne, Kelly and Kathy



# April 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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**Liturgists for April:**

6—Carol

13—Lynn

20—Jan

27—Suzanne



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Meals on Wheels

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**6** 9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship & Communion w/Steve Newton, **HIM Donations Home Communion**

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11:00 Worship Meeting

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9:30 Chamber Coffee at Henderson Health and Rehab Center

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Meals on Wheels

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**13** Palm Sunday

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship with Evan Dolive



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11:00 Worship Meeting

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**17** Maundy Thursday

2:30 L.E.A.N. Coalition  
5:30 Maundy Thursday Worship with Jimmy Chapman

**18** Good Friday

Meals on Wheels

**19** Great Vigil

**20** Easter Sunday

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman  
**One Great Hour**

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11:00 Worship Meeting

**22** Earth Day



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Meals on Wheels

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**27**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship with Kenny Rigoulot  
**Fellowship Luncheon**

**28**

11:00 Worship Meeting

Newsletter Deadline

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*Birthdays of the Month*

**April Birthdays:**

13 –Tom

17—Jetti

29—Lavonne