



# THE MESSENGER

LIVING AS CHRIST'S DISCIPLES WITHIN OUR HEARTS AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

April 2014

## Holy Week Services

**April 13: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.** Palm Sunday Worship Services

**April 16: Noon– 12:45 p.m.** Holy Wednesday Community Service at First Antioch Baptist Church

**April 17: 7:00 p.m.** Living Last Supper

**April 18: 9:00 am–3:00 p.m.** Good Friday: Sanctuary open for meditation & prayer

**April 19: 10:30 a.m.** Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

**April 20: 7:00 a.m.** Sunrise Service

**7:30 a.m.** Easter Breakfast

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.** Easter Worship Services

## Living Last Supper Holy Thursday - April 17th

You, your family and friends are invited Thursday, April 17 for the production of the "Living Last Supper," a powerful portrayal of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Each disciple tells their own story and about their various experiences traveling with Jesus. Holy communion is celebrated during the drama.

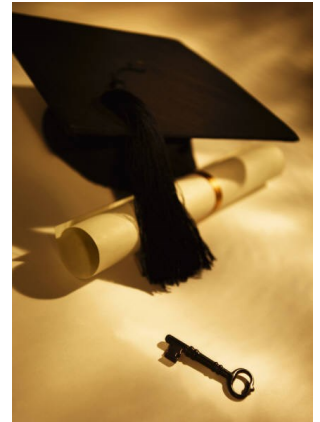


## The Church Office Closed in Observance of Easter

Good Friday & Easter Monday

## Omar Ball Memorial Scholarship

It's that time of year ~ our high school graduates are getting ready to begin a new journey to college or the work force. During this exciting time, Powhatan United Methodist Church is offering the Omar Ball Memorial Scholarship to those seniors who will be attending college (four year or other-wise) and who are actively involved in our church. Applications are available in the church office and are due by May 1. *Good Luck!*



## Play Ball, Church League Softball!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in The Commons, outside the church office. Ages 14 and older. Need more details? Call Doug Chaffins at 598-8778.

## Church Work Day

There will be a work day at church on Saturday April 5th from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your yard tools and join the fun. Contact Allen Minter if you have any questions. Rain date is Saturday April 12th.

## Free Recycling Event

Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Powhatan Fairgrounds. Tires, old appliances, and electronic recycling. (\$7 fee for televisions) For more information contact the Powhatan Extension Office at 598-5640.

## MUSIC & ARTS APRIL 2014

### THE POWHATAN LENTEN CHOIR PRESENTS:

*A SEASON OF PROMISE*

A PRAISE GATHERING CANTATA FOR PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

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Living Last Supper Holy Thursday

April 17th

7:00 PM

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### EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

VOICES OF VICTORY SING AT 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

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APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

THE FAITHMEN TRIO SING AT 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

### Work Day at Shalom Farms

Saturday, April 12

Carpool leaves church at 8:30 a.m.

& returns to church at 12:30 p.m.

Begun in the fall of 2008, Shalom Farms is a nonprofit community farm project with the goal of increasing food security in the Richmond region, particularly in low-income urban neighborhoods. Together we grow healthy food, family, and friends.

Using a **GPS** device you can get there by entering the following address – We are located directly **across the street** from:

1033 Rock Castle Road  
Goochland, VA 23063



### Just Older Youth

Age 55+

**NEED A GOOD LAUGH?** Join us for the April Joy Luncheon on Wednesday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commons. Our program, "Side by Side" will be presented by Gail Timberlake. You will enjoy fun and humor with 5 friends on a "road trip"~~~they call themselves the "Ya Ya's". They have traveled the world together-well, maybe a little piece of the world-for over 25 years! The theme revolves around friendship, laughter, healing and the fact that friends are actually good for you.

### Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends April meeting will be held on Monday, April 7 at 10 a.m. Cassandra Dodson will provide our devotions and Phyllis Sciarrone will provide our refreshments. All ladies of the church are cordially invited to meet with us. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Kathy Allanson at 794-4333 or Jeanette Reames at 492-4922.

### The Monday Night Circle

The Monday Night Circle (MNC) will meet 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 28th at the home of Sally Marchand, with Mary Bradstock as dessert hostess. The MNC serves the Lord through both our church and our extended community. A good time will be had by all. For more information or for a ride please contact Kim Bradham @304-3380 or via email at [jenns-ma@gmail.com](mailto:jenns-ma@gmail.com).

### Powhatan United Methodist Men (UMM)

The UMM will prepare breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Worship Service in the Christian Life Center.



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN



### Christ is Risen!

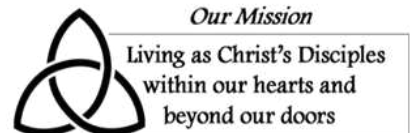
April brings two more weeks of preparation for Easter Sunday - that wonderful occasion for us to gather once again and highlight God's victory over death. It's the time when our voices resound with the phrase "Christ is Risen - He is Risen Indeed!" What a wonderful proclamation for us to shout for all to hear. Life and death are no longer the same because of Christ's empty tomb. Jesus died, was buried, and rose after three days in the grave. That is what we celebrate on April 20.

Gladly though, that doesn't happen only one day out of the year. As a matter of fact, we recall this Easter message every Sunday when we gather to worship. Even during Lent, none of the 40 days include Sunday. Instead, each Sabbath is considered a little Easter. Truly, that is reason for us to celebrate every week, praising God for who He is and what He has done.

And so, as we draw closer to the Lord during Lent - through prayer, confession, and forgiveness - know that the journey does not end on Easter Sunday, April 20. Instead, we are given the chance to listen to our Shepherd every week as a community of believers. Through that time of worship we recognize our need to be a follower of Christ not only on Sunday but every day of our lives. That's what the empty tomb does - it redefines life for those who follow this crucified and risen Savior. Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. God worked in the past. God is working now in the present, and God will work in the future.

"Christ is Risen - He is Risen Indeed!"

Lord Bless,  
Pastor John





To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Just when I thought I couldn't love this church more, you *shower* me with support and prayers during my mother's illness and death. I've been blown away by the words of encouragement, food, hugs, cards, visits, and my lovely quilt from the Prayer Shawl Ministry! You are a shining example of our Savior's compassionate heart, and I can't express what it has meant to my whole family and to me. Thank you. I will surely miss this place.

Brenda Bell



### SERMON & SCRIPTURE FOR APRIL

April 6: Psalm 130, Call, Wait, Hope, Love

April 13: Matthew 27:24-44, Passion Sunday?

April 20: Matthew 28:1-10, He's Back!

April 27: John 20:19-31, He's Real and I Believe

**THE POWHATAN FREE CLINIC**—from Ms. Farrell: “Please express our thanks to the group that provided dinner to the Clinic. Everyone enjoyed the meal and liked the variety of food. The dessert was wonderful. Thanks for making our volunteers feel special.” Our thanks go to Cassie Dodson and Pat Williams for serving this month. Next month The Circle of Friends is scheduled to serve on Monday, April 14.

Thank you all for the prayers and cards that I have received over the last 8 months. I feel so blessed to be a part of a wonderful and caring church family. Thank you Pastor John for being there and saying a prayer before each one of my surgeries they gave me much comfort. It has been a tough road and hopefully this will be an end for a while. Each of you has made it easier for me with the concerns and prayers. God is good. Sincerely, Terri Lynne Hogston

To our church family, thank you for all the cards, prayers and visits during Donald's knee replacement surgery and recovery. We could feel all your presence. Donald and Malene Sykes

I would like to thank all of my PUMC members for their visits, cards and prayers during my stay at Spring Arbor. I miss all of you and again thanks for your caring concerns for me. —Margaret Ball

## POWHATAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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## TAGG Team News

\*TAGG: Teens Accepting God's Grace

### Chocolate Dipped Easter Eggs: Chocolate and Coconut!

We'll be delivering/selling the eggs on Palm Sunday, April 13, and at the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 at 10:30 a.m. Let's bring those orders in from the outside! The more we sell the cheaper your mission trip will be!

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt:** April 19. We need to be there at 10:30 a.m. to hide the eggs. I just need a few good workers and one really cuddly Easter Bunny. (Has anyone seen the suit?) We'll be delivering/selling the Chocolate eggs then, too. Who's in? It's the first day of Spring Break .....if y'all get one! (Just kidding!)

**Easter Sunrise Service:** April 20, 7 a.m. Then stay for breakfast!! I'd love to make this our best service ever! I need a commitment from you that you'll be there! That way, it's so much easier to plan! Let's talk! (That's "nice talk" for text me that you'll be there!)

**Confirmation Class:** We're on the homestretch!

**Next meetings:** Apr. 6, 13

\*Service project at Shalom Farms (with the congregation) on April 12

\*Baptism (for those not yet baptized) will be on April 26 at the James River

\*Confirmation is at 11 a.m. Worship Service on April 27

### Summer Mission Trip:

We're signed up for Passport Missions at Averett University in Danville, VA: July 7-12. Activities include a morning of teaching, Bible study, games, and worship. Afternoons include mission work in the local area. Nightly parties! We'll be staying in the dorms at Averett.

Cost: \$150 for the whole week: Lodging, food, activities, transportation! I'd like to challenge you to raise at least half of that money on your own, and consider that as part of your service/commitment to God and preparation for the trip!

Want to get psyched? See [passportcamps.org](http://passportcamps.org)

### Upcoming Calendar for PUMC Youth: (updated 3/20/14)

- Apr. 6 **Biscuit Bake!**  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
**Confirmation Class 7:30-8:30 pm**
- Apr. 12 **Shalom Farms with Confirmation Class.** Open for anyone to help!
- Apr. 13 **Palm Sunday: Handing out / Selling Easter Eggs**  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
**Jr. TAGG Team 4:30 – 6 pm**  
**TAGG Team 5:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Confirmation Class 7:30-8:30 pm**
- Apr. 19-27 Spring Break for PCPS
- Apr. 19 **Children's Easter Egg Hunt: Selling Chocolate Eggs! 10:30 a.m.**
- Apr. 20 **Youth Run Easter Sunrise Service 7 am**  
Breakfast  
**Worship Service 8:30 am – Youth help!**  
Sunday School 9:45 am
- Apr. 27 Sunday School 9:45 am  
**Confirmation Sunday 11:00 Service**  
**Jr. TAGG Team 4:30 – 6 pm**  
**TAGG Team 5:30 – 7:30 pm**



## Children's Church

*Children age 4 – second grade dismissed for children's church (11am)*

Communion Sundays have been filled with our children's participation! We are hopefully going to capture our kids' attention with more children/youth involvement in the service. We have many opportunities including, scripture reading, singing in the children's choir, special music performance, and acolyte services (for 2nd graders and above). If your child would like to be involved during these services, please contact Julie Layman.

For the month of April, Children's Church will only be offered the 27th. (Due to a communion Sunday, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday)

We are still in need of more children's church volunteers! With the children staying in the sanctuary more often, I would like the rotation of volunteers to be once every three months. Many hands make light work! If you feel called to serve the Lord in this manner please contact Julie Layman.

Look for the **new pew cards** in the sanctuary during service. The pew cards were designed to offer the whole congregation suggestions in how we can assist our children during worship.

## Children's Sunday School

Many fun things are happening in Sunday school! Start Sunday morning off right, worship the Lord with your body 9:45a.m. (holy yoga with Julie Layman), voice 10:00a.m. (music with Pam Funai), and mind 10:15 – 10:45a.m. (lesson, snack, and activity with Brian Griffen, Kathy Allanson, Beth & Rodney Franklin, and Barb Otte)

We have almost completed the Holy Yoga interpretation of the Lord's Prayer and look forward to the children showcasing it in a Communion Sunday service soon!

Fun things are happening during the Lenten season. Our teachers are utilizing a Lent curriculum entitled Lent By the Numbers for this sacred season. I encourage you to come join the fun!!!! Any questions contact Julie Layman.

## Kids with Purpose(KWP)

*Kindergarten - 5th grade (note this is a change)*

On March 23rd Kids with Purpose met for Faith, Fellowship, Food, and FUN! KWP and families met after church for a potluck lunch, a group bible trivia game, and a bridge team building activity. The purpose of this month's fellowship was to get to know new members of KWP (due to the age change K - 5) and to answer any

questions new kids and parents had. Each individual that attended, was asked to bring \$1 or more to help KWP fund a small business loan through [kiva.org](http://kiva.org) (A non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty). Kiva provides small business loans to empower people around the world to change their circumstances with a repayment rate of 98.93%, AMAZING! **KWP is making a difference!** For more information on the age changes or how to become involved, please contact Julie Layman.



## Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza



**Date:** Saturday, April 19th

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Powhatan United Methodist Church CLC

**Cost:** Free!

**Please join us for a short program in the sanctuary prior to the Easter Egg Hunt.**

### Upcoming Children's Events at PUMC

4/6/14 - KWP Kairos Cookies Mission, 12-2p.m. in CLC  
Communion Sunday - no Children's Church

4/13/14 Palm Sunday - no Children's Church

4/19/14 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30AM

4/20/14 Easter Sunday - no Children's Church

6/23/14 - 6/27/14 BIBLE BOOTCAMP VBS

### [Help Our Children's Ministry Continue To Grow](#)

**Needed:** Children to read scripture on communion Sundays-Contact Julie Layman 598-4113

**Nursery Volunteers – Contact Allison Walters 598-4868**

**Children's Church Volunteers – contact Julie Layman**

**Children's Sunday School Teachers- contact Julie Layman  
Involved Kids!**

## Preschool News

We have never been more excited to welcome Spring! When even the children are saying "no more snow", it has surely been a rough winter!

This month at preschool we will explore 'Favorite Children's Books and Authors'. It is a great time for church members to get to know our preschoolers a little better by reading to our classes. Let us know if you have a favorite book you would be willing to share one morning.

Family Fun Art night is scheduled for Thursday evening April 3 from 6:30-8 p.m. The walls of the Christian Life Center gym will be decorated with children's art from this preschool year. We hope you will take a few minutes to visit the art show after church on Sunday April 6 and see the beautiful art our preschool children have been creating this year.

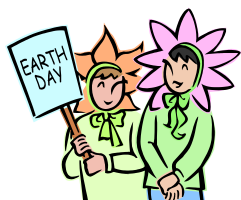
FYI- The last day to register for the fall of 2014 and receive a reduced registration fee is April 1.



## Relay for Life Team

We have a Relay for Life Team at our church called PUMC Team. The event is May 31st at 11 a.m. at the Powhatan Junior High School and the UMM will have a Fish Fry. We also are having a raffle for a lap quilt made by Jane Rager. All proceeds will go directly to the American Cancer Society. Give a donation of \$2 for one chance or 3 chances for \$5. If you would like to join the team please call Ellen Bondurant at 598-5165.

## Earth Day Celebration



Tuesday, April 22<sup>th</sup> from 4-6p.m. on the Courthouse Green in the Village of Powhatan

*There will be Children's Activities, Live Music & Food, Free Tree Seedlings, Educational Exhibits, Earth Conscious Vendors, Poster Contest Artwork Winners, and Vegetable/Flowering Plants for Sale*

## Powhatan's Festival of Fiber



Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m.-5p.m. at 3920 Marion Harland Lane, Powhatan

*The purpose of this festival is to celebrate and to share appreciation of the many fiber animals, fiber farmers and fiber artisans of the county and surrounding region.*

*There will be Vendors, Delicious Food, Fiber Animals, Demonstrations, Hands-On Fiber Crafts, Door Prizes and MORE! (Here is the website link for more information:*

<http://www.powhatansfestivaloffiber.com/> )

## Mark your Calendar

Holy Wednesday, April 16, noon –12:45 p.m.

Community Worship

First Antioch Baptist Church on Rt. 522

## Praying during Lent

Monday through Friday – 12:05-12:35 p.m. from March 6 -April 18 (no prayer service on April 16; join us at Frist Antioch Baptist for Holy Wednesday Community Worship.)

## World Service Kits

World Service Kits for UMCOR-- Health Kits - need - metal files or nail clippers, band aids, and large sturdy combs. Layette Kits - need - cloth diapers, sleep and play or night gowns, onzies, receiving blankets and baby wash cloths. If you have purchased items not on this list now, we can use them. Phyllis 403.3443



**PUMC EASTER EGG SALE**

Proceeds go to fund the Summer Youth Mission Trip

Peanut Butter Eggs dipped in Chocolate:

Number of Peanut Butter Eggs without names: \_\_\_\_\_

Names on Peanut Butter Eggs:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Please print name as you wish it to appear on the egg.***

***Please return this form by April 6. After that date no more orders for "eggs with names" can be filled.***

Coconut Eggs dipped in Chocolate:

Number of Coconut Eggs without names: \_\_\_\_\_

Names on Coconut Eggs:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Eggs without Names at \$5.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Eggs with Names at \$6.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make payment at time of order!***

**Women's Retreat 2014**

Several ladies from our congregation took the opportunity to attend the 2014 Women's Retreat, held March 14 through 16<sup>th</sup> at Nags Head. The theme of the Retreat was Deepening our Conversation with God – a continuation of Bishop Cho's theme for our 2013 Annual Conference, "Lord, Teach Us to pray."

During this enlightening and joyous weekend, we learned a wide variety of ways to pray including Holy Yoga (done to the Lord's Prayer), Lectio Divina, Praying in Color and Prayer Beads. We also heard moving testimony from several speakers / panel members sharing their conversations and walk with God throughout their lives. It was a wonderful time of learning and sharing !! Hopefully, we can get even more to go next year!!!

