

The Family Times

A monthly newsletter for family and friends of First English Baptist Church

April, 2019

On my mind . . .

As I write this article for the April 2019 Family Times, today is the day before two moving trucks pull up my parents' driveway to “extract” them from their home of more than 50 years. Both healthy and well in their 86th year, Mom and Dad are (thankfully!) completely in charge of this whole process. After pondering and planning for many years, they decided that the time is now to downsize from a spacious but isolated 4-bedroom house on five acres of the North Carolina mountainside, to a 4-room corner apartment in a planned retirement community and surrounded by other senior adults, many of whom are already their friends. In March, Annie and I traveled to NC to offer emotional encouragement and as much sorting and packing as we could all tolerate.

I am extremely proud of my parents in following through on a most difficult life change. They have spared my two sisters and me many difficult decisions by making their own tough choices and executing them. No one I know wants nor welcomes leaving their home for good. Places and spaces carry so many memories. And familiarity, routines, predictability ease the rough edges of life's daily disruptions and deeper traumas. My parents have been blessed with relative life stability; the last move they made was in 1968. They have never had nearby neighbors, and have always treasured their privacy and independence. . . .

And now life changes.

But of course, life is a constant current of change, is it not? Some change, like the coming of spring, is obvious and predictable, but much change happens while we are watching something else, maybe taking years, decades, centuries to become obvious. And change, in my experience, always includes losses and gains. Sometimes, the losses are much more prominent than the gains.

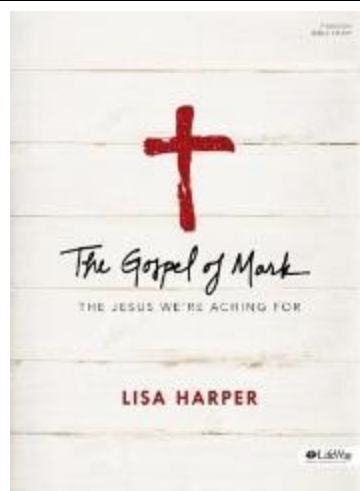
This liturgical season of Lent highlights change. In Lent we remember how the disciples cope with the sudden changes of Holy Week when their friend and teacher Jesus is tragically and violently taken from them, only to return even better than before—as Lord and Savior. Their lives are never the same afterward.

What will the remembrance in 2019 of the Crucifixion and Resurrection bring to you and me, where and who we are today? Only God knows but I hope you will choose to be with your church family in these days of change to find out.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Lee





Women's Bible studies will begin again on Monday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We will start a new video study on "The Gospel of Mark" by Lisa Harper on Monday, April 1. Cost of books is \$15 which is payable at the first class. Please join us whether you are new to studying the Bible or one of our longtime attendees. We would love to have you join our fellowship!!!



Strawberry Ridge

will perform a bluegrass concert downstairs in our social room on **Sunday, April 7, 2 - 4 p.m.** Free will offering will be collected. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for finger food donations.

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 8:30 a.m.

Speaker: Bonnie Shoemaker
Topic: Child Sexual Abuse and Bullying



Saturday, April 20, 8:30 a.m.
@ Perkins Restaurant
in Buckhorn.



Spaghetti Dinner

We want to THANK everyone for helping, donating, and of course enjoying all the food. We had such a nice time cooking. BIG KUDOS to Char Outt for coordinating the festivities - Hannah Gray

A big THANK YOU to Steven Shaffer for the great spaghetti dinner pictures! Much appreciated!





Pictures and comments are from our Facebook page - check it out!

Please send photos and information you would like to post to:

Jen Powers -
jenpowers74@yahoo.com

or

Travis Culver - travisc73@gmail.com



BCE Update

APRIL VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday School

Age 3 - Grade 6: Kristina Culver
Grades 7-12 Travis Culver
& Annie Barnhardt

Children's Church

4/7 Madison Culver
4/14 Palm Sunday - Becky Tappe
4/21 Easter Sunday - Jen Powers
4/28 Carolyn Sweeney

The next BCE meeting *t.b.a.*

Announcing FEBC's New Youth Group:

AB YOUTH

For kids of all ages
Kick Off Event: April 7th at Noon
Pizza Party and Games



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Blast off with us on a mission to Mars!
Adults and teenagers are needed to
be Shuffle Captains.

Sign up today in the narthex or see
Kristina Culver for more information!



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

We need lots of stuff for our mission!
If you are able to help, please see our
display in the narthex, take a card
with a needed item written on it
and bring it back to us before VBS.



AUGUST 3 - 7
6:00-8:30 P.M.

For everyone ages 3 and up!

To register, visit our table in the
narthex or call (570) 784-1241.

Even if you don't volunteer, please stop by Mission Command during VBS.
You will be able to witness our kids (and volunteers) having lots of fun
learning about the power of God.





Thanks to lots of loving hands, almost 150 Linus blankets were displayed on the church pews. Pastor Lee then blessed them during the Sunday church service. These blankets were taken to Lewisburg to be distributed to area children's hospitals to warm and comfort young patients.



Dalton Riley has joined the Keystone Job Corp. He would love to hear from his church family, so if you would like to drop him a card of encouragement, his address is:

Keystone Job Corp.
Attn: Dalton Riley
235 W. Foothills Drive
Drums, PA 18222



New address for Anna Viola Wolff
61 Swan Road Millville, PA 17846
(She is now living with her granddaughter.)

Thank you

I would like to thank you for the generous gift of cookies I received, it is nice to know I am always in your thoughts and prayers.

- **Thank you**, Cordell Tappe

May Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, April 22, by 10 a.m.
E-mail submissions to
febc700@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m.m.	2 Finance Comm. 5:30 p.m. Diaconate Bd. 7:00 p.m.	3 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Choir 7 p.m.	4 	5	6
7 Strawberry Ridge-Bluegrass Concert 2-4 p.m.	8 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m.m.	9 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	10 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Choir 7 p.m.	11	12	13 Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
14 	15 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m.m.	16	17 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Choir 7 p.m.	18 Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.	19  Good Friday Service 6 - 7 p.m.	20 Men's Breakfast @ Perkins in Buckhorn 8:30 a.m.
21 EASTER Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. Breakfast 7 a.m. Service 9:25 a.m. Egg Hunt 10:45 a.m.	22 Women's Bible Study 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m.m. Newsletter Deadline	23	24 Pastor's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Choir 7 p.m.	25 	26	27
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Birthdays

1 Doug Lynn	18 Cole Swisher
2 Ken Maneval	19 Cardy Pursel
3 Teri Kulp	21 Charlie Brooking
4 Dalton Riley	22 Sarah Moscatello
5 Alison Gordner	23 Marcy Kreischer
Heather Romanot	24 Jason Schaeffer
Kristina Culver	25 Alexis Wildt
Som Long	26 Allisa Depoe
6 Jordyn Siciliano	27 Wayne Michael
9 Jason Bennett	29 Nicole McCaffrey
Devon Rupert	Erin Shoemaker
11 Shirley Hoffman	
John Millhouse	
12 Kyra Tappe	
14 Karen Yerges	
15 Tate Hunsinger	
Jamie Lowthert	
16 Bob Persun	
17 David Johnson	
Kyle Shoemaker	

Anniversaries

1 Anna and Harold Kashner
12 Sheila and Mark Jones
14 Julie and Rick Lown
26 Charlene and Dave Outt
27 Judy and Bill Snavelly
30 Melisa and Chad Thomas

Volunteers

DOORKEEPERS

Eileen Kovach & Charlene Outt

GREETER

Jean Cleaver

USHERS

Beth Fenstermacher, Terry Lehman,
Ginnie Kocher & Joanne Pileski

COMMUNION

OUTREACH

Eileen Kovach, Sally Morrison
& Peggy Shrawder



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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

*Enjoy last week's service every Sunday
from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., on
WHLM 930AM and 94.7FM & 104.3FM.*



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Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday Worship, 9:25 a.m.

Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday
Evening Worship with Communion (7 - 8 p.m.)

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday Worship (6 - 7 p.m.)

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Events

6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Worship Service

7:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

9:25 a.m. - Easter Worship

10:45 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

