

2019

April Script Shores

Hampstead United Methodist Church

Skip's Scoop



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One of the greatest pieces that I have ever read came from the heart of Martin Bell, as in 1970 he published his Christmas/Easter masterpiece entitled "Barrington Bunny". (Found in *The Way of the Wolf*; if you look on-line for "Barrington Bunny" you will find the whole story!) What appears to be a children's story is, in fact, a deeply spiritual examination of self-worth and God-worth.

I say it's one of the greatest pieces because of its perfect linking of the Christmas and Easter events! It is as an evangelism tool that the tale really finds its purpose. When the story is done, the reader must be touched by the impact that each one of us can have in the lives of others. We have innumerable opportunities to give anonymous "gifts" to others, gifts that will make them feel loved. But the greatest gift of all that we have to share is the gospel of our Lord Jesus – the gift of salvation!

Jesus came to give us many things. Peace; love; hope-- I'm sure you can name a much larger list! But the gift of LIFE is the gift that keeps on giving throughout eternity! To be able to share your Savior with others, and to help them find the joy of the Loving Lord, the giver is just as blessed as the receiver, and both will rejoice—forever!

I encourage you to find a copy of Barrington Bunny, and read (or re-read, as the case may be) it. Look for the links between the Christmas coming of our Baby King and the Good Friday sacrifice of the Son of God. Understand that, like a poor little lop-eared bunny, everyone can make a huge difference in the way this world turns out!

Happy Easter!

See you in worship!

Skip



Lay Leader Message

This month's Script Shores message is a rewind from February 2016. For those that are new to HUMC or never read the article I thought I would repeat it this month.

How do we determine the Easter Sunday date each year? I have been asked that question in Sunday School classes as well as Disciple Bible Study Classes. According to Scripture Jesus' death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. In 325AD the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. From that point forward, the Easter date depended on the ecclesiastical approximation of March 21 for the vernal equinox. Easter is delayed by 1 week if the full moon is on Sunday, which decreases the chances of it falling on the same day as the Jewish Passover. The March equinox coincides with Easter Sunday and holidays that are related to it. These holidays do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian calendar, or the Julian calendar, which is still used by many Orthodox Christian churches.

The dates of many Christian holidays depend on the Easter date. Some of these holidays include: Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Ascension Day and Pentecost. So there you have it, how the Easter date is determined.

He has Risen, He has Risen indeed!!

—Steve Calarco, Lay Leader

Volunteers In Mission

Are you willing to donate a few hours on a Saturday to monitor persons who must complete "Community Service" hours?

These people have elected to serve their community instead of serving time incarcerated. Many are DUI or other bad choices for a minor offense. I will handle all of the paper work IF you are willing to give up a few hours to come show this person where to: pick up trash around our grounds, pull weeds from flower beds, clean up sidewalks etc.

Contact Peggy Harris 270-4780 or 7tricks@gmail.com if you can help.



Love
One Another

—Peggy Harris

Congregational Care Ministry Phone Team

The Phone Team is part of CCM - on this team we receive a name and phone number of someone who has requested a call. When we make the calls, we ask if they have any needs and, if so, we pass them on to the "Phone Team Coordinators." The individuals we call do not need to be members of the church - we reach out to anyone who has a need to speak with someone - *sometimes just a simple call to "check in" works wonders for people.* The calls can be made once a week, maybe every other week, or once per month based on the individual's request.

If you would like to become a part of the CCM Phone Team, please contact Barbara Jerrow at diamondshamrock1086@gmail.com and I will be back in touch regarding the process, etc., thank you for your consideration.

—Barbara Jerrow

HUMC Flower Guild Ministry

Have you ever wished you knew how to put together a flower arrangement for that special event at home or for a friend, like those baptisms, graduations, and weddings -or- do you have this talent already but not enough social events to use it? Our HUMC Flower Guild is just the place for you. Each new volunteer is paired with a designer to learn floral design with the added bonus of getting to know wonderful, loving, serving women of our church. Contact our group to be a part of this ministry. What better time than now to volunteer and learn in our current capacity. It is a beautiful, peaceful ministry that honors our God and those sponsored. The dedications for this month are on page 13 of the newsletter.



We appreciate your quick response to sponsor our altar flowers for **April!** Dates for the remainder of the year are still open to sponsor a loved one or a special event or celebration. You may want to consider "perpetual" sponsorship: date(s) saved for your loved one or celebration once or multiple occasions. You may contact the church office or call Cindy McLeod at 910-231-7465 or Brenda Sellers at 910-264-3864 to sign up.

"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field."

Isaiah 40:6b

Music Notes

Spring is here! Spring is here!!!

Or, at least, we all hope it will feel like it! As I am typing this article, Spring has already sprung, and yet we were under a freeze watch just this morning!! It has certainly been an incredible winter, and warmer days are surely to be ahead!! (Surely they are!!!!)

What surely IS coming up this month is Holy Week and all the music that goes with! The Easter Choir is in full chorus, ready to bring a variety of songs to our services, to get us through all the emotional highs, the lows, and the extreme highs again that is Holy Week, culminating on Easter morning!



Moving through Holy Week, we have songs to set the scene for each occasion. For Palm Sunday, you may just want to throw your arms up, and wave them in the air, like one of those inflatable “Wacky Waving-Arm Guys” as we sing the lively, *Sing Out Hosanna to the Lord!* (We won’t judge you!) We will also be singing *Triumphal Entry*, telling of Christ’s ride into Jerusalem to the exuberant sound of Hosannas from the crowd. Then, on Maundy Thursday, the Communion song, *And We Remember*, reminds us of the Last Supper that Christ shared with his disciples on the night he was betrayed. As we move into Good Friday, one of my favorite anthems, *They Crucified My Lord*, combines two lovely hymns, *He Never Said a Mumblin’ Word* and *Were You There*. I highly recommend these two anthems for your “musical awareness” of the emotion of these two events. At times, they are difficult to sing, past the lump in one’s throat. These poignant selections are not to be missed!

But Easter morning? Oh yes!!! We WILL sing with gusto, two songs of celebration of the resurrection of our risen Lord, *Easter Song* and *O, What a Glorious Day!* Let the Hallelujahs begin!!

We look forward to seeing you at ALL our Lenten services, as well as those during Holy Week! Ask your friends and neighbors to come with you, to hear the *other* side of the Christmas Story!

(And hopefully, by Easter, the weather won’t still feel like it’s Christmas!)

Yours in Song,

Patti

Congregational Care Ministry

GREETINGS FROM “YOUR” “CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY”

Greetings to the congregation of Hampstead UMC from “YOUR” Congregational Care Ministry (CCM). We realize we have bombarded you with handouts, announcements, and more handouts. We have done so out of love and care as we do not want to find out someone who needed care did not receive it. So, we ask ourselves, have we done enough to provide the CCM information to all of you. Then it came to us... Give them a TEST. We all love them, right? We have no doubt that you will all receive A’s. Here is a sample question with the answer provided.

Sample Question: How many of you can tell me the month and year the Congregational Care Ministry was introduced here at Hampstead UMC? The answer is: 1 year ago, this March!

Oh, did I mention, the answers to the test are provided on page 9? Of course, we know you will not look at the answers before completing the test. Ready? Begin.

First Question: What ministry provides meals to those going through a crisis, surgery, or death of a loved one. Meals are also provided upon the birth of a child?

_____.

Second Question: What ministry comes together to pray for those in need and distress?

_____.

Third Question: What ministry provides beautiful flowers to those unable to attend services? _____.

Fourth Question: What ministry sends cards to God’s people for all occasions.

_____.

Fifth Question: What ministry provides personal, confidential one-on-one support and compassion to those hurting due to life’s difficulties? _____.

Sixth Question: What ministry provides beautiful, blessed shawls to those in need ... including new Moms... offering comfort and care?

_____.

Seventh Question: What ministry visits those in need, providing care and companionship?

_____.

Eighth Question: What ministry provides a listening ear, care, and companionship. Keeping God’s people informed with a simple hello. _____.

Bonus Question: When you or someone you know needs love, support, and a helping hand... who you gonna call? _____.

(Answers to Questions 1 through Bonus are on page 9.)

Martha's Kitchen

Martha's Kitchen is open and running with Dixie Hampel as coordinator, Nancy Davis and Nancy Steiler as co-team leaders. We would like to invite our congregation to become a part of this mission. Martha's Kitchen is a food ministry intended to help "nourish" the physical needs of community members. Our purpose is to reach out to the Hampstead community, whether it be after a hospital stay, bereavement, or "just because" as a blessing and to show Christ's love. Here are some ways you can help:



1. Volunteer to make a favorite recipe for a casserole, main dish, dessert, or what you want to offer for our "inventory". You NEED NOT make a whole meal, but date, mark the ingredients (to avoid allergies), put in disposable container, and freeze away. We do have recipes used in the past.
 2. Volunteer to deliver a meal/dish to someone in need who has been suggested. They do not need to be Members of HUMC, just someone who needs us.
 3. Make or buy something fresh when needed or if we ask you to help.
- We will keep a list of who has done what so that no one person or family is overburdened or overlooked. To communicate with us, you can go to these people:

twilder@ec.rr.com drileycmc@gmail.com. This is the CCM team.

dixiecup46@yahoo.com; nsteiler@gmail.com; nancyd855@gmail.com

Please join us in this ministry in whatever way you are able. Tell us who and how we can help our community members. God bless you.



Preschool News

When I use the word "blessed" to describe how the teachers and I feel about our school, I truly mean it. We are reminded on a daily basis the depth of our blessings. Whether it's the expression on a child's face when they master a task; someone sending prayers and cards of encouragement; receiving supplies collected for us; all together, it reminds us how blessed we are to be a part of HUMC Preschool.

This month we look forward to learning about plants and insects. Patience is our character trait and Easter the devotion.

We will not be having Summer Camp this year. We hope to bring it back next year.

May all of you experience many daily blessings. More than anything, be a blessing to someone else!

Happy Easter!

Peace and prayers,
Judy



United Methodist Men



Recent news: Pallet shelter is close to becoming the pallet shed; Carolyn Taylor's, graciously donated, ramp has been relocated to Judy Harrelson's. A cleanup day is in process for John and Rhonda O'Janpa.

Upcoming news: continuing pallet shed work, next meeting April 6th at 8AM in the Youth Room.

Scott Sauls (senior pastor in Nashville, Tenn.) confided in a friend as to whether he, himself, was worthy of preaching the gospel after a recent "stumble" that he had had. The friend reminded him of his brokenness as a human, but also reminded him of this:

"Don't ever forget that Moses stuttered and David's armor didn't fit and John Mark was rejected by Paul and Hosea's wife was a prostitute and Amos' only training for being a prophet was as a fig tree pruner. Jeremiah struggled with depression and Gideon and Thomas doubted and Jonah ran from God. Abraham failed miserably in lying and so did his child and his grandchild. These are real people who had real failures and real struggles and real inadequacies and real inability, and God shook the earth with them. It is not so much from our strength that He draws, but from His invincible might. I am praying that He will give you courage in this quality of His."

When we say to ourselves (and others) that we are not talented enough, strong enough, lack the time, <insert excuse here>, remember these people listed above. Just like you and me, they had their shortcomings, their failures, their excuses. Ultimately, they persevered and did what God asked of them. And yes, with some it took a while, but they did it! How often do we find ourselves grabbing at excuses to keep us from stepping out in faith? Of not knowing if we can do what we see needs to be done? If we approach it with the "me, myself, I" mindset, we probably will stumble. That is, if we step out at all!

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5 NIV

If we actively strive to make God smile, then we will begin to realize that He is always with us, and guiding us as He sees the need. Let us not be afraid to take that step! A step that can transform the world, as well as ourselves!

...not my will, but yours be done. Luke 22:42 NIV

Shalom,

Al Smith

B. L. T.s Books, Lunch, Talk

Please join us Tuesday, April 23, 11:30am-1:00pm in the Youth Center, for fellowship and discussion of ***Good God, Lousy World & Me: The Improbable Journey of a Human Rights Activist from Unbelief to Faith*** by Holly Burkhalter.



“For over thirty years, Holly Burkhalter has worked as an international rights advocate for victims of genocide, rape, and injustice. Throughout most of her career, the heartbreak she encountered around the world—and in her own life—had convinced her that there was no such thing as a loving God. How could there be?”

Then, Holly discovered a new truth: God was there—in the grief, in the violence, in the questions. And God was good. It was the greatest, hardest, most radiant surprise of her life. Holly says this “I realized that my two choices—the existence of a loving God or the reality of evil—weren’t the only options. Option three is that God is good and the world is lousy. But wait. There’s more. God knows the world is lousy. Knows it, hates it, and wants us to do something about it...”

We currently have one book available to borrow from our library. Please contact me if you wish to purchase a book.

In May we will be reading ***Dare to Drop the Pose*** by Craig Groeschel.

Craig says “Stepping onto the platform to preach that morning, I admitted to myself that I was not a pastor first, but a regular, scared, insecure, everyday guy whose life had been changed by Jesus. And if Jesus really loved me as I was (I knew He did), then why should I go on trying to be someone I wasn’t?”

Why DO we fake it so much? Why do we spend so much time trying to please everyone else and make so little effort trying to please God? When Craig Groeschel asked himself those questions, he couldn’t come up with a good answer. So one day he decided to drop the act and start getting real. With that one choice, his life began to change in a big way. And yours can, too.

Craig’s passionate, funny, warts-and-all confessions and the lessons he learned will help you find your own path to authentic living and a deeper relationship with God.”

Our hope is that you will read these books and join us for fellowship and discussion. Please bring a lunch or snack for yourself. (And, bring a friend!)

—Cheryl Rootes

MUNCH—BackPack Meals Program

I just was informed that Lowes Foods will be donating all of their food collections to Share the Table! Since MUNCH is part of STT, items collected that are in our list of items will go to MUNCH!



I do not have all the details but this is clearly a big deal for our ministry. As I learn more about how this will work I will update folks through subsequent Script Shores.

Another reminder, I have removed the list of foods we normally receive in our Narthex since we don't have any area to receive them! I hope that people will continue with monetary donations. Just write a check to HUMC and put MUNCH in the memo field. Easy as that! I will continue to make every effort to get the best deals on food from these donations.

Again, thanks for your generous support of MUNCH!

—Chip Davis, HUMC MUNCH Backpack Program Coordinator

Congregational Care Ministry Test Answers!!

- (1) MARTHA'S KITCHEN (2) PRAYER TEAM... (3) FLOWER MINISTRY...
 (4) CARD MINISTRY... (5) STEPHEN MINISTRY... (6) PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY.
 (7) VISITATION MINISTRY... (8) PHONE PARTNER MINISTRY.
 BONUS: CONTACT DELORES RILEY 910-232-4773

(EMAIL: drileycmc@gmail.com) OR TRUDY WILDER AT 910-619-6579 (EMAIL: twilder@ec.rr.com)

Hampstead Incorporation Area Study

Learn the facts about Incorporation Hampstead Area Study. There will be an Open Community Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at Hampstead United Methodist Church. Detailed research findings are reported on the study website www.HampsteadNC.org

United Methodist Women

Hampstead UMW No Bake Sale on March 3rd raised \$669.00. After tithe the UMW had an income of \$602.10 for missions.

On Thursday March 14th, Hampstead UMW was able to hold their annual Game-A-Rama thanks to Cheryle Shaffer. Cheryle networked and found us a delightful location in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Deerfield Dr. There were 23 tables of happy participants who had great fun and good eats, thanks to all the workers who participated. Special mention to Vicky Crane with her bin full of St. Patrick's Day decorations and Nancy Davis and her many helpers who ran the kitchen. \$1,104.00 was raised.



Cape Fear Chorale

Celebrating 20 years of making music

Presents

Sparkling Choral Gems

Choral music of many styles and genres

Sunday, April 7 4:00 PM

Kenan Auditorium, UNCW

Jerry S. Cribbs

Artistic Director & Conductor

Libby Oldham

Accompanist



Free Admission

Donations Appreciated!

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Spring Festival

Saturday, April 13, 8am-2pm

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
107 Deerfield Rd. behind Port City Java, Hampstead

HUGE Yard Sale / Bake Sale / Raffles
Kids Activities / Vendors



HUMC Missions at Work

Clarence Lewis reports that the Boy Scouts are having regular meetings.

The photo is from the Pinewood Derby which was held on March 16.

Donations made in March were to Leap of Faith and UMCOR.

April opportunities to support our missions.

April 7. Youth Service Project

April 21. Mission of Hope

—Linda Dunn



Cards & Letters...

Dear Hampstead UMC Family,

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, phone calls, food and flowers. I am so grateful for the love and compassion I have felt in my heart. I hope to be back among you soon. God Bless each of you.

My love,

Peggy Rose



To the Prayer Shawl Group,

Thank you so much for remembering me by making a shawl and praying for me. I was so surprised to receive it and I really appreciate the work and prayers that went into it. You have a wonderful service and know that it is appreciated. Thank you so much and I loved the prayer also.

Best Regards,

Helen Van Neste

Anniversaries...

Name	Date
Jim & Betty Godwin	April 01
Jim & Michelle Wells	April 06
Craig & Treena Wolfenbarger	April 07
Frank & Brenda Gibson	April 09
Jon & Kerry McDaniel	April 09
Ken & Ruth Sheaffer	April 11
Neal & Wendy Purser	April 20
Matt & Mary Martin	April 26
Jim & Erin Hock	April 29
Allen & Janis Warwick	April 30



Birthdays...

Name	Date
Patricia Maynard	April 01
Linda Thomas	April 01
Grace Wolfenbarger	April 01
Matthew McIntyre	April 02
Ellie Hock	April 03
Rebecca Lawson	April 03
Beverly Batton	April 04
Angela Bridger	April 04
Tom Gertz	April 04
Barbara Jordan	April 04
David Piepmeyer	April 05
Brent Lawson	April 06
Charlie McDaniel	April 07
James Williams	April 07
Kiersten Shirley	April 09
Charlie Lane	April 10
Conne Schwarz	April 10
Tim Weaver	April 10
Rose Parker	April 11
Victoria Yates	April 12
Josh Martin	April 13
Alex Fennell	April 14
Chris Fennell	April 14
Megan Miller	April 16
Brad Thomas	April 17
Mindy Weaver	April 17
Harley Mullins	April 19
Tim Rootes	April 19
Diane Tomlinson	April 19
Melissa Capozio	April 20
Connor Rogers	April 21
Chelsea Szobody	April 21
Mike Sutton	April 21
Gigi Whaley	April 21
Alice Comstock	April 23
Elaine Myers	April 23
Vi Whitmore	April 23
Steve Calarco	April 25
Rose Fisher	April 25
William Mueller	April 25
Emily Pickett	April 25
Jody Pooch	April 25
Steve Zerby	April 25
Rick Brown	April 28
Colyn Miller	April 30



Altar Flowers



Date	Name
April 7	Ken & Ruth Sheaffer... "In celebration of our anniversary."
April 14	Carolyn Taylor... "In loving memory of my husband Gary."
April 21	Stephen & Brenda Sellers... "In celebration of Fia's 3rd birthday."
April 28	Mac & Linda Taylor... "In loving memory of our son, Jim Taylor."