



March 2024

Sundays

8:00a.m.	H.E. Rite I
9:15a.m.	Adult Christian Education
10:30a.m.	H.E. Rite II

Wednesdays

10:30a.m.	Healing Service
12:00pm	Lenten Noon Services
6:00pm	Lenten Dinners

Fridays

5:00pm	Stations of the Cross
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Coming Up

March 2	Men's Club	8:00am
March 4	St. Elizabeth's Guild	12:00pm
March 12	Book Club	10:00am
March 12	Lion's Club	6:30pm
March 23	TRCC	3-5:00pm
March 26	Townes Homeowners	4:30pm

Love One Another

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard Jesus and the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

In this reading from Mark's gospel, a scribe asks Jesus which, among the six hundred plus commandments in the Jewish law, was first having priority over the others. And Jesus promptly points out and summarizes all these into two. He combines the first sentence of the Jewish Shema prayer from Deuteronomy 6:5: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" with its complementary law from Leviticus 19:18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus first teaches us that the greatest of all commandments is to love God with our whole being because God is the foundation and source of love. As we are reminded in 1 John 4:19, "We love because God loved us first." It is only by loving God that we truly learn how to love. Immediately Jesus follows it up with loving your neighbor as yourself because once we put God at the center of our love, we learn how it is to genuinely do the same for our neighbors.

Loving one's neighbor is simply the natural and necessary extension of true, wholehearted love for God, because our neighbor is made in the image of God. To love our neighbor as we love ourselves means that we should care for others in the same way that we would care for ourselves. It means acting with compassion. We should be a companion to those who are lonely with the same eagerness that we seek companionship when we are lonely.

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We should value the lives of others to the same degree as we long to be valued. We should feel the same urgency to relieve our neighbor's suffering that we feel to relieve our own. We should extend the same patience and forgiveness to our neighbor that we grant to ourselves. And we should pray for others with the same zeal and devotion that we pray for ourselves. To love our neighbors as ourselves is hard work. It takes intention, sacrifice, and courage. So today and for the rest of this Lenten journey, I invite you to practice love -practice loving yourself, your neighbor, and your God.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP 231-22)

The Rev. Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan



Thank you to Denise Watkins at Sky-Vue for hosting a "Souper bowl" fundraiser and donating all the goods to St. Andrew's Food Pantry. On Super Bowl Sunday, people were able to bring in 3 canned items for free admission into Sky-Vue and those goods have been generously given to us to help out our community. Thank you to Knox Porter, Crystal Wimes-Anderson, and Stepheny Houghtlin for bringing the canned goods in.

H Y M N S T O R Y

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Today Christians around the world are remembering the resurrection of our Savior. If you are celebrating Easter in an English-speaking church, there is a good probability that you have sung or will sing the hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."



For about 300 years now, this hymn and its variants have been sung in English churches to commemorate and celebrate that Sunday morning about 2000 years ago when Jesus Christ walked out of his tomb, demonstrating that he had forever triumphed over sin and death for both himself and all his people.

The earliest forms of the hymn can be traced back to a Latin text from the 14th century. In 1708 the four Latin stanzas were translated into English and published by J. Walsh in *Lyra Davidica* under the title "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today." A few decades later, in 1739, a modified version was published by John and Charles Wesley (Charles is pictured above) in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* under the title "Hymn for Easter Day." It is this version, later shortened and supplemented with the "Alleluia" refrain, that has become the hymn that remains so popular today.

Rise Against Hunger at Calvary Episcopal Church 10,000 meals were packed!



Sky-Vue Skateland
a day ago · 🌐

Bring your group to the rink for a fun time of fellowship. This Dad was a rink DJ during his teen years in SC. He enjoyed skating with the youth from St. Andrew's Episcopal Youth on Sunday afternoon. He still has skills!
#skyvueskateland #rockymountnc #iloveskyvue #familyfun #65skyvue #65yearsoffamilyfun #weekendvibes #weekendfun



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Ron Jancso
found the
baby Jesus
this year in
the King
Cake!

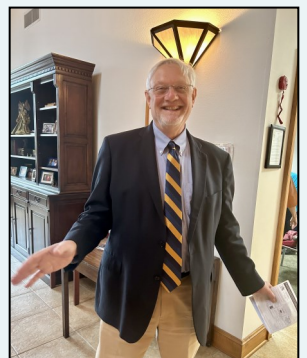


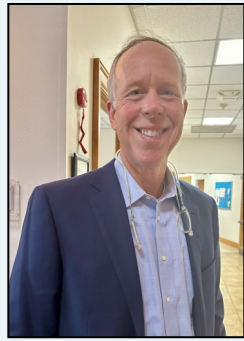
EYC skating around town!

St. Andrew's Youth highlighted on Sky-Vue
Facebook page.

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Confirmation and Dedication of the Labyrinth





Rainy weather didn't stop our youth from enjoying the labyrinth after the dedication from the Bishop.



Ice Cream sandwiches were enjoyed by all after the service!



March 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

3

8:00am HE Rite I
9:15am Adult CE
10:30am HE Rite II
10:30am Children's Chapel
EYC meets at 11:45am
Rev. Pat Hanen
The Third Sunday in Lent

4

St. Elizabeth's Guild
12:00pm

5

Food Pantry 9-11am

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Food Pantry 9-10:30am
Healing Service 10:30am
Worship & Lunch 12pm
Lakeside Baptist
Lenten Dinner 6pm

7

1

Men's Club
Breakfast 8:00am

2

10

8:00am HE Rite I
9:15am Adult CE
10:30am HE Rite II
10:30am Children's Chapel
Rev. Pat Grace

11

Tar River Adult Choir
7:00-9:00pm

12

Food Pantry 9-11am
Book Club 10:00am
Finance 6:00pm
Lion's Club 6:30pm

13

Food Pantry 9-10:30am
Healing Service 10:30am
Worship & Lunch 12pm
St. Paul's UMC
Lenten Dinner 6pm

14

Food Pantry 9-11am
Tar River Children Chorus
4:30-6:30pm

16

17

8:00am HE Rite I
9:15am Adult CE
10:30am HE Rite II
10:30am Children's Chapel
EYC meets at 1pm Sky-Vue
Rev. Pat Hanen
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

18

Tar River Adult Choir
7:00-9:00pm

19

Food Pantry 9-11am

20

Food Pantry 9-10:30am
Healing Service 10:30am
Worship & Lunch 12pm
St. Andrew's
Lenten Dinner 6pm
Vestry 7:15pm

21

Food Pantry 9-11am
Meals on Wheels 10:00am
Tar River Children Chorus
4:30-6:30pm

23

24

Palm Sunday
8:00am Morning Prayer
9:15am Adult CE
10:30am Morning Prayer
10:30am Children's Chapel
Rev. Adele Hatfield

25

Tar River Adult Choir
7:00-9:00pm

26

Food Pantry 9-11am
Lion's Club 6:30pm

27

Food Pantry 9-10:30am
Healing Service 10:30am
Grandparents Day at St. A's
Preschool

28

Food Pantry 9-11am
Tar River Children Chorus
4:30-6:30pm
Maundy Thursday Service
7pm

30

31

Easter Sunday
8:00am HE Rite I
9:15am Adult CE
10:30am HE Rite II
10:30am Children's Chapel
Rev. Pat Hanen





2024

LAY/LEM READERS

March 3
8:00 Albert Corinth
Tim Knapp

10:30 Sarah Dial
Sandy Suggs
Linda Hutcheson

March 10
8:00 George Earp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Elizabeth Pope
Jeanie Armstrong

March 17
8:00 Ramona Orzell
Tim Knapp

10:30 Brad Earle
Martha Lamm
Linda Hutcheson

March 24
8:00 Tim Knapp
Tim Knapp

10:30 Martha Lamm
Sandy Suggs

March 31
8:00 George Earp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Brad Earle
Elizabeth Pope
Jeanie Armstrong

ACOLYTES

March 3
Walker Wells
Jack Lea

March 10
Walker Wells

March 17
Mericle Family

March 24
Landon Newcomb

March 31
Mericle Family



Elements

March 3
Keeter Family

March 10
Strandberg Family

March 17
Rollings Family

March 24
Lea Family

March 31
Pons Family



“Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they may become white as wool”.

-Isaiah 1:18

USHERS

March 3
Angela Reid
Jim Royal

March 10
Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill

March 17
Linda Hutcheson
Jan Arnold

March 24
Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci

March 31
Angela Reid
Jim Royal

GREETERS

Rita Coggins
Dotsy Royal

Kitchen Clean Up

Jan Thurkill

Pantry Distributors

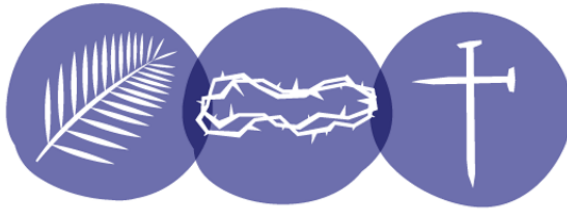
Tuesday—Patty Kennedy
Wednesday—Tommy Parker
Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter

Pantry Volunteers

Betty Bunn
Kaye Dowd
Tom Jenkins

TOGETHER FOR

LENT



Join us each Wednesday
during Lent for worship at
noon and lunch to follow
as our churches come
together and journey
towards the cross.



FIRST CHURCH
First United Methodist Church Rocky Mount

February 21

Englewood
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

February 28



Lakeside
Church

March 6



March 13
@ St. Paul UMC



St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church

March 20

LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS HOSTED BY THE MEN'S CLUB AND OTHERS

6:00 PM DINNER

6:30 PM COMMUNITY PROGRAM/ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The Menu WILL INCLUDE KID friendly options
(registration is not required, contribution accepted for meals)

March Dates :

March 6 Program: Holy Cross School in Belize with John McHenry
Menu: Chicken Pastry/ Chicken Tenders

March 12 Program: Hymn Singing
Menu: Spaghetti/ Chicken Nuggets

March 19 Program: Learning about the Labyrinth
Menu: Chili/ Chicken Tenders



A very productive Vestry Retreat with help of our terrific facilitator, Dale Smith!

Easter Medical Debt Jubilee for the Rocky Mount Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

There's a story in the Gospel of Luke about Jesus visiting the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. When he's invited to read, he opens the scroll of Isaiah and reads the beginning of the 61st chapter:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” (Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19)



The year of the Lord's favor is known in the Old Testament as the year of Jubilee—the end of a seven-year cycle in the Law of Moses given in Leviticus and Deuteronomy. In the year of Jubilee, the Lord said to the People of God, “you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed,” (Deuteronomy 15:1-2).

Last year, the pastors and people of a small group of Wilson, NC churches raised the funds to abolish nearly \$5.7 Million of medical debt in Wilson County and Edgecombe County. This year, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is partnering with other parishes in the Rocky Mount Convocation and the Diocese to remove the remaining \$4.5 Million of medical debt in the counties making up the Convocation: Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe, Warren, Halifax, and Northampton. We encourage all of our neighbors in these cities and counties to join our effort to provide a financial jubilee to our neighbors.

Our goal is to raise the \$17,767 necessary for RIP Medical Debt to purchase and abolish the \$4.5 Million of medical debt in these counties by the end of the Easter season on Pentecost Sunday. In the season that we especially remember Jesus' victory over the grave and our freedom in him from the debt of sin, we will help abolish crushing medical debt in these counties. We are grateful for the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina's commitment of a \$5,000 challenge grant toward this goal! If, by the grace of God and the generous hearts of you our neighbors, we exceed our goal, we will contribute toward relieving the enormous level of medical debt in Johnston County (over \$14 Million), where we hope another campaign will be getting underway soon with the same deadline in mind.

We invite all of our neighbors with the will and means to contribute generously to this campaign by clicking the donate button for our campaign on the RIP Medical Debt website. Alternatively, you can mail a check to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church with “RIP Medical Debt” written in the memo line (202 N. Goldsboro St. Wilson, NC 27893). Every Wednesday, we will wire funds that we have received to RIP Medical Debt and those sums will be added to our campaign display on the website.

St. Andrew's note: This is a very legitimate worthwhile project for the convocation to undertake. The majority of debt is from Nash County. We originally discussed this with Fr. Paul from Wilson who is heading it up but after evaluating it, we decided we needed to do something on our own to support the Hudgins family. We will be announcing plans for a fundraiser soon to address their needs. Our effort doesn't preclude the importance of relieving medical debt in Nash County. My hope is that as a parish we can participate in both efforts but wanted everyone to have a clear understanding of the situation. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.—Pete Armstrong, Senior Warden

Lenten Suppers



EYC Fun!

Sidney and Liam Mericle, Lauren and Meghan Renck, Landon Newcomb and Maddy Mericle using the internet to learn about St. Matthew and how to serve in Ping Pong. Great Sunday!!

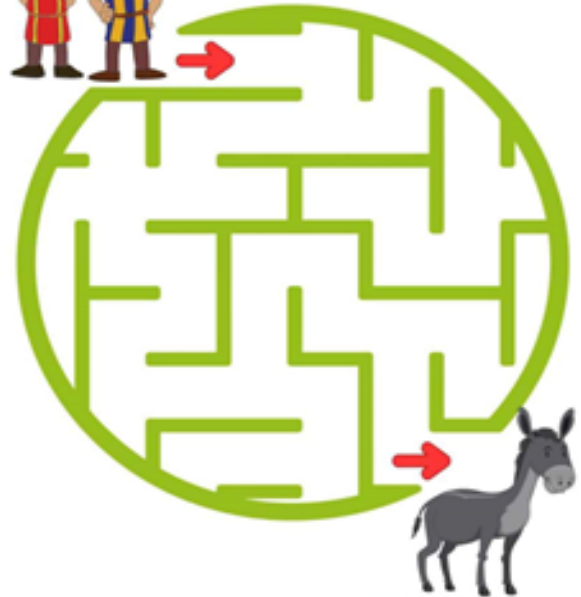


KID'S PAGE

Palm Sunday



Help the disciples find the donkey for Jesus



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People Wave Palms to Jesus

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donkey
Hosanna
Jerusalem
Jesus
palms
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Palm Sunday



Blessed is the king who
comes in the name of
the Lord. Peace in
heaven and glory
in the highest



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Our Parish Family

Holy Week Schedule:



Passion Palm Sunday, March 24

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Holy/ Maundy Thursday March 28

7pm Holy Thursday Service

Good Friday March 29

Noon Good Friday Liturgy
5pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday March 31

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:50am Easter Story
10:00am Easter Egg Hung
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II



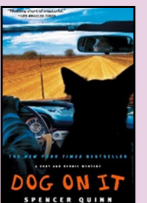
**Let Us Welcome the
Confirmed:
Brad Earle
Lora Pons
February 11, 2024**



The Men's Club is meeting Saturday,
March 2nd at 8am.

We will pack backpack food bags every Sunday morning after the 8am service. We will pack food pantry bags on Sunday, March 17th after the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall.

St Andrew's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 10am. We're reading Dog-Gone-It by Spencer Quinn. Everyone is welcome!



St. Elizabeth's Guild meets on Monday,
March 4th at 12:00pm.