

McAllister Messenger

March 21, 2021

A Word From Your Pastor The Hope of Spring

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been blessed by several days of spring-like weather. The temperature soared up to 70 degrees a couple of times. This warmth has inspired some of the flowers in our front yard to peek their heads above ground. “Is spring really here?” they must be saying. “Is it time to blossom with our brilliant beauty for all the world to see?”

I know from experience that in mid-March, we are not necessarily done with winter. We can still get a cold snap or even a significant snow fall into the early days of April. Those warm days and those early-blooming flowers, however, do give us hope that spring is on the way. The arrival of daylight savings time, with it staying light longer into the evening, heightens this sense of expectation.

It is a lot like the hope we as Christians feel during this time of Lent. It is no coincidence that the word “Lent” literally means “spring.” The emotions we feel as we await the changing of the seasons and the season of Holy Week are much the same.

During Lent, we prepare ourselves for the observations of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. We engage in spiritual disciplines and prayer that recognize our need for Christ and the salvation he brings. It is a solemn season, but is done with that splash of hope in the back of our minds. It is done with the knowledge that Christ died for our sins and then rose from the dead to defeat sin and death for all-time.

Just as the hopeful signs of spring get us through these last few weeks of winter, we get through Lent with this knowledge of the beautiful end of the Easter story. So enjoy the warm days and the early blooming flowers when they come. And know that just as spring will eventually come in full, so will the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. It is the hope that keeps us going.

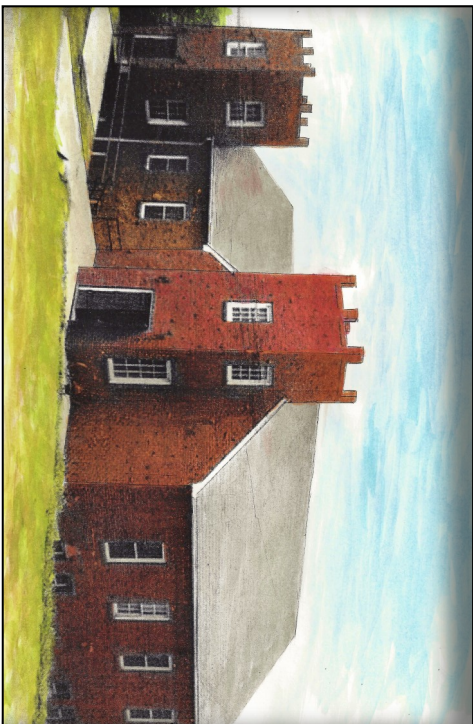
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The family of Joe Wimer, Sr. thanks you for your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you to Pastor Jim, Janet, Anita, Andy, Beth and all who helped (and especially Tammy) with Joe's "home going" service.

Love you each one, *Dot and Family*

"Dear Church Members,

Words will never adequately emphasize what your cards, words, thoughts and prayers meant to us during and after the death of my Dad (Joe Wimer). All of these things helped comfort and sustain us during the worst time in our lives.

Reverend Moss provided an uplifting service and worked so hard to be PRESENT for our family and Dad. Beth Dreszer and Tammy Scruggs-Duncan nailed it—they were angels with angelic music to Praise the Lord. What a complete service.

With much respect,

Sandy Sayre

 * Spring Flower Day *
 * A group of people are getting *
 * together on Saturday, March 27 *
 * at 10:00 a.m. to work on the *
 * flowers and shrubs at the front *
 * of the church. *
 * If you would like to help, please *
 * let Brenda Walker know. *
 * Her phone number is 962-6929. *

March Birthdays

- 21 Norma Curtin
- 23 Tiana Warlitter Hodge
- 24 Kathy Crutchfield
- 26 Mike Fleenor
- Logan Hill
- 27 Chloe Reid
- Kaitlyn Potter
- Israel Boone
- Tara Uzzell
- 28 Etha Hayslett
- Travis O'Rourke
- 29 Lynn Whitehead
- 30 Maryemma Shifflett
- 31 Jeremy Bartley
- Brandi Carper Barr
- Anniversaries
- 21 Robbie & Jeff Horn
- 29 Bucky & Doris Mottern

Prayer Concerns:

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| Tillie Agnor | Kaylee Elmore | Mike and Kathy McCauley | Danny Warlitter |
| Mildred Akers | Joyce Emerson | Dr. Calvin McClinton | Dennis Whitehead |
| Evelyn Scruggs Amos | Lee & Lelia Fadley | Pearl Miller | Pat & Larry Whitmer |
| Hershel Andrews | Barbara Flint | Sonya Milton | Christy Wiley |
| Jan Armentrout | Marshall & Donna Fox | Doris Mottern | Martha Wilhelm |
| Erskine Back | Calvin Fridley | Patty Nicely | Donna Wilson |
| Miki Ballengee | Nadine Fullen | Travis O'Rourke | Dot Wimer |
| Bob & Leta Bartley | Betty Gibson | Billy Powell | Joey Wimer |
| Chuck & Jean Bartley | Eddie Gibson | Teresa Powell | Linda Payton Wolfe |
| Steve Bennett | Robert & Gail Gibson | Paula Pruitt | Buddy Young |
| Linda Bogar | Eugene Gilbert | Betty Ray | |
| Anita Boone | Carol Grady | Frank & April Reynolds | |
| Emily Byer | Evan Groves | Jim Reynolds | <i>Our Nation</i> |
| Lee Cabaniss | Don Hampton | B. R. Rupert | <i>Caregivers</i> |
| Elwood Cadd | Richard & Cora Hastings | Libby Simpson | <i>Covid-19 Patients</i> |
| Benny Capps | Danny & Rhoda Hill | Pat Smith | <i>Elected Officials</i> |
| Jean & Harry Casey | Sandra Hill | Monzell Sovereign | <i>Essential Workers</i> |
| Betsy Caul | Connie Holloway | Angie Sponaugle | <i>Non Believers</i> |
| Junior Clark | James Hoover | Matt Sponaugle | <i>President Biden</i> |
| Minnie Clark | Neil Horn | Natalie Sponaugle | <i>Prisoners</i> |
| Sandra Clemmons | Shana Hotzapolous | Sally Steele | <i>U.S. Troops</i> |
| Kenzie Cline | Lori Wolfe Isaacs | Ellis Stull | <i>Students</i> |
| Ricky Cooke | Charlie Jeffries | Ruby Stull | <i>Teachers</i> |
| Steven Craft | Wendell & Judy Jones | Susan Terrell | <i>WRE</i> |
| Luke Crawford | Susan Kennedy | Bill Thompson | |
| Kathy Crutchfield | Pam Key | Ethan Thompson | |
| Clair Seckner Dille | Richard Law | Marcy Thompson | |
| Randell Dille | Debi Leitch | Adena Tingler | |
| Joy Dodson | George Leitch | Carolyn Tolley | |
| Corky & Janice Downer | Susan Lindstrom | Darrell & Donna Tucker | |
| Leslie Downer | Frankie Marshall | Pete Turner | |
| Priscilla Downer | Charlie Masters | Buddy Vass | |

- BRIAN CENTER—Andy Howell, Bill Lockhart, Ruby Stull
VIRGINIA VETERANS CARE CENTER—Roy Lee Reynolds
SCOTT HILL—David and Phyllis Lynn, Sara Mays, Mary Whitehead
SHUT-IN—Joyce Bartley, Jean Broughman, Hallie Dressler, Shirley Ferris, Etha Hayslett, Bonnie Patterson, Shelby Rock

DEATHS

Beth Andrews	Jim Flint
Billie Fridley	Rodney Kyle
Dennis Fury	Cindy Arritt Morrow
Andrew Kruse	Angie Wilkerson
Norman Kimberlin, Jr	Joe Wimer

MILITARY

Kristen Bennett
 Richard Bray
 Kristopher Hoffman
 Ryan Pritts
 Chris Whitehead

MISSIONARIES

Tom & Judy Harvey
 Esslinger/Lee

Newsletter Information

Please submit newsletter information and prayer request by email, post mail, or by phone.

(Deadline for next newsletter is Monday ~ March 29 @ 4 p.m.)

The Church Office is open, but we encourage people to refrain from stopping by if a phone call or email will suffice. The office contact information is located on the back page.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 28, 11:00 a.m.—*Palm Sunday Worship*—(anthem of "The Palms" with soloists)
 April 1, 7:00 p.m.—*Combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service*
 April 4, 7:00 a.m.—*Easter Sunrise Service* (led by the youth) @ Cliff View Golf Club
 (the Sponaugle's golf course—410 Friels Drive Covington, VA)
 April 4, 11:00 a.m.—*Easter Worship* (with overflow seating set up in Fellowship Hall)

Scripture Readings for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 28: Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11: 1-11
Monday, March 29: Isaiah 42: 1-9, Hebrews 9: 11-15; John 12: 1-11
Tuesday, March 30: Isaiah 49: 1-7, I Corinthians 1: 18-31, John 12: 20-36
Wednesday, March 31: Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Hebrews 12: 1-3, John 13: 21-32
Maundy Thursday, April 1: Exodus 12:1-4, I Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday, April 2: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12, Hebrews 10: 16-25, John 18:1 – 19:42
Saturday, April 3: Psalm 19, Romans 6: 3-11, John 20: 1-18
Easter Sunday, April 4: Isaiah 25:6-9, Acts 10: 34-43, Mark 16: 1-8



Presbyterian Women

To the Women of McAllister Church—We still need your support.
 Circle dues and mission donations may be sent to the church office or
 included in your giving envelope.

Scholarship Applications

Scott Scholarship Applications are available in the church office.
 Any member of McAllister Church attending college in 2021 may apply.



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Memorials and Gifts

*In honor of Beth and Andy Dreszer by
 Van and Brenda Walker*

*In memory of Berkley Key by
 Van and Brenda Walker*

*In memory of James Gilman Flint by
 Van and Brenda Walker*

*In memory of Louise Whitehead by
 Circle #2
 Van and Brenda Walker
 Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss*

*In memory of Sadie Sovereign Landis by
 Circle #2
 Van and Brenda Walker
 Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss
 Howard and Pam Poague*

*In memory of Joseph A. Wimer, Sr. by
 Van and Brenda Walker
 Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss
 Weekday Religious Education, Inc.
 Dorothy Wimer
 Marshall and Donna Fox
 Lee Ann Poague
 Richard and Priscilla Downer
 Chuck and Jean Bartley
 Travis, Jeri, Larry & Josephine O'Rourke
 Butch and Norma Curtin
 Frank and Susan Sponaugle
 Paul Riley
 Bob and Leta Bartley
 Andrew Dreszer*

*In memory of Angela Wilkerson by
 Marshall and Donna Fox*

*In memory of Peggy Redmon by
 Donna McBee Gabbert*

*In memory of past members by
 Larry and Gail Washburn*

To COPE Food Pantry

*In memory of James "Jim" Flint by
 Scharlotte Gibson
 Karen Hammond
 Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss
 Joe and Pat Martin
 Darrell Crawford
 Donna Crawford Arrington
 James and Becky Woodson
 Jerry and Debra Smith
 Kathleen Loan*

*In memory of Roy "Eddie" Williams, Sr.
 Jean Johnson*

*In memory of Joe Wimer
 Virgil and Brenda Woody
 Jim and Shirley Light
 Vinton First Aid Crew, Inc.
 David, Charles & Wayne Wymer
 Joe and Pat Martin
 Jim, Marlene and Byron Faidley
 Rebecca Rhea
 Howard and Pam Poague
 Kathleen Loan
 Bob and Leta Bartley
 Peggy W. Tomlin*

*In memory of William David Carter by
 Margaret Sams*



Musical Minute:

If any of you have watched McAllister's livestreamed services all the way to the very end, you might have noticed that in December we began showing a slide with our livestreaming license number from Onelicense. When we jumped online last spring at the beginning of the pandemic and Pastor Jim began livestreaming from his phone, we, like many other churches across the nation, were livestream novices and knew very little about our responsibilities when it came to music copyright law and live broadcasting. While McAllister has

long held a license which enabled us to print lyrics in the bulletin, or print song sheets to use during Vacation Bible School, we had never had to consider the licensing required for a live broadcast. During the last year, I have worked to become better educated about what McAllister needs to do to comply with copyright law as it pertains to livestreaming.

In copyright law, there is an exemption for religious institutions that allows for the use of copyrighted material during a religious service. If I legally purchase something for the organ or piano, I am allowed to use it for a worship service in my church. If McAllister purchases 15 or 20 pieces of a new anthem for the choir, we are legally entitled to use it during our worship service. This exemption does not, however, extend to the use of copyrighted material in a service which is broadcast beyond our sanctuary. Under current law (generally), the copyright for a piece of music extends to 95 years from the date of its publication. The work then enters what is known as "public domain." According to an on-line article from Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church, "Music is in the public domain if: (1) all rights to the music have expired; (2) the music has been placed in the public domain by the author and/or composer; or (3) if there was never any copyright attached to the music by author, composer, arranger performer or publisher."

All of this is to say that we need to examine more carefully what music we use in our livestream services. Many of our hymns, but not all, are in the public domain. ("Here Am I, Lord," a new McAllister favorite, is not, as it was published in 1981.) Many works for organ were written by grand masters of previous centuries such as J.S. Bach, Johann Pachelbel, Dietrich Buxtehude, and another of my personal favorites, Domenico Zipoli. Much of this music, depending on the editions used, is in the public domain. The biggest challenge for us in our new livestreaming endeavor will be seeking appropriate permissions for works that are not in the public domain and are also not covered by our newly acquired license from Onelicense. While our license covers works from many church music publishers, it is not entirely comprehensive. In my own music library and in the church's music library there are many pieces that are not covered by our new license. It may be possible to obtain permission to perform these works in a live broadcast, but this will take time, effort, and advance planning in order to make contact with the publisher or composer. (As an aside, if you were to peruse the contents of our music files in the choir room, you would find many pieces in the public

domain as they were published in the late 19th or early 20th century. It's a wonder that Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade wasn't filmed in the ladies' robe room where the file cabinets are kept . . . I wouldn't be surprised to find the Holy Grail buried there amongst the other artifacts!)

The use of soundtracks during our services will also be impacted by our new awareness of copyright law. Due to the exemption for religious institutions, it is appropriate to use a legally purchased soundtrack during a worship service. This is no longer the case when the service is being broadcast. We can, however, contact the publisher to ask for permission to use the recording during our livestream. From what I've researched, we can expect one of the following responses: "Yes, of course. Thank you for asking," or "Absolutely not," or "Of course, but we'll need some money first!" I did have a good experience in December when I wanted to use a particular piano piece on Christmas Eve and contacted the composer. She was pleased to know that I liked the piece and asked only for a mention in the closing credits of the service, which I gratefully gave her.

So I just wanted to let you know that we are doing our best to be our best when it comes to livestreaming. The musicians who write the music that enhance and uplift our worship deserve their due. Our livestreaming adventure is just beginning. It helps us maintain connection with our core church family and may even help to grow McAllister's ministry.

We have some things to work through and we are doing so. But in the meantime, don't worry McAllister family, we are good to go with "The Palms"! First published in 1913, its copyright was renewed in 1941, but its publisher, the Lorenz Publishing Corporation, is covered under our new livestreaming license!

It is so wonderful to see many of you back in the sanctuary and to read the comments of those of you at home. 🙏 Take good care.

Beth



EASTER GIFTS

Anyone wishing to place make monetary gift for EASTER in Memory or in Honor of loved one(s), please fill in the blanks and bring or mail this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by March 28th. All gifts will be listed in the April 4th Newsletter.

Given By: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____