

# McAllister Messenger

APRIL 2023

## *A Word From Your Pastor ~ Going Through Good Friday*

*If you want to get to Easter, you have to go through Good Friday. If you want to run to the empty tomb, you have to stand at the foot of the cross. If you want to celebrate the joy of the resurrection, you have to know the suffering of the crucifixion. It's one of the most basic truths that we remind ourselves of during each Holy Week. We simply cannot have Easter without Good Friday.*

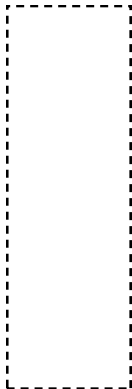
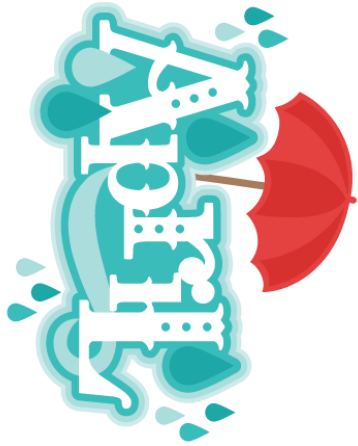
*This is especially true for those who have been through a struggle in their lives in the previous year. For those who have lost a loved one; or dealt with a difficult medical situation; or have lost a job or seen a business fail; or have been through any other kind of struggle – you are familiar with the pain that is felt on Good Friday. You know the reality of the cross.*

*Even for those who have not personally had a tough year, the reality of the cross still stands out. Just a glance at the news - at the violence and the chaos and the turmoil that marks our world - reminds us of what drove Jesus to the cross. Jesus took all of our pain and all of our sin, and he bore in his body.*

*Therefore, we know that Good Friday is necessary. It is how God reaches out to us through all our pain and struggle. Only then, only after Jesus has hung up on that tree to die, can we know the joy of Easter. Only then can we know that although the world said “no” to the savior, God said “yes” to our salvation. Only then does he give us the gift of new life. That is the good news of Easter. That is where we find our joy... in the gift of new life.*

*So let us lay our burdens at the foot of the cross. Let us know that it is the only way we will get to the empty tomb. It is the only way we will know that God defeats sin and death for all time, and brings us not only the gift of new life, but also the gift of eternal life. That is what we celebrate on Easter. Let us give thanks for this wonderful news!*

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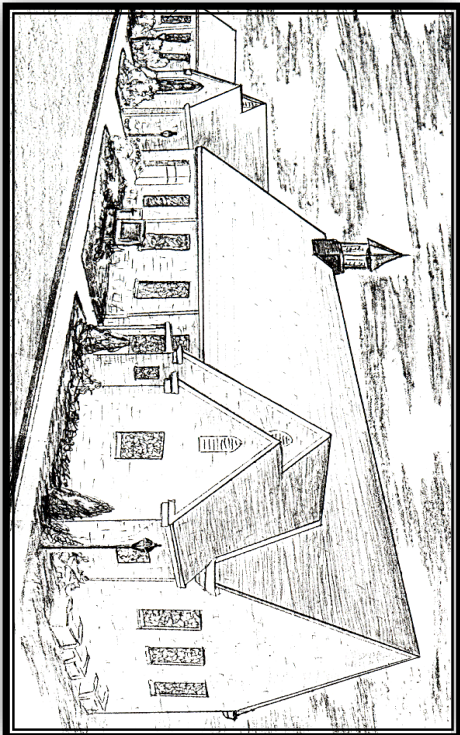
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**Next STATED  
Session Meeting:**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd**  
*\*immediately  
following church service*

We hope all session members  
will be able to attend.



**Circle #3**—Tuesday,  
April 4th\*  
@ 5:30pm (church)  
*\*moved from 4/11*

**Circle #4**—  
Wednesday,  
April 12th @ 12:30  
(church)

*Absent circle members are asked to send their  
offering to support the PW Missions.*

**ATTENTION GRADUATES!!**  
We would love to recognize you/your  
2023 graduates in an upcoming  
edition. Please submit the graduate's  
name, school, and any other  
noteworthy items you wish to the  
church office.

ALSO - do not forget to apply for the  
Scott Scholarship—remember that  
applicants **MUST** be an active  
member of McAllister Church.

Greg & Lisa Dickson (temporary address):  
176 Broad St.—Apt. #404  
Daleville, VA 24083

*Youth leaders are requesting  
donations of bagged candy for the  
**Easter Egg hunt at McAllister  
Church on Friday, April 7th  
(Good Friday) at 6:00 p.m.**  
Thank you to those who have  
already donated.*



**MARCH AVERAGE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**  
**83**  
(70/\*/92/86) *\*cancelled for weather*

**Prayer Concerns**

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| Carol Bush<br>Taylor Poague Byer<br>Butch Curtin<br>Maxine Epperly<br>Ed Gibson<br>Kathy Gibson<br>James Hoover<br>Macie Johnson<br>Pearl Miller<br>Sandy Moore<br>Benjamin Moss<br>Patricia May Nicely<br>Mary Rice<br>Susan Sponaugle<br>Kinley Uzzell<br>Covenant School (TN) | Mike Ayers<br>Debra Bates<br>Carl Byer<br>Pat Caldwell<br>Sandra Capps<br>Phyllis Deacon<br>Ruth Gardner<br>Louise Humphries<br>Candice Kidd<br>Ruth Layne<br>Timmy Nicely<br>Leroy Perkins<br>Becky Simpson<br>Shirley Wickline<br>Heather Williams<br>Laura Young | Gary Bartley<br>Anita Boone<br>Lisa Dickson<br>Barbara Flint<br>Robert Freeman<br>Donna Harris<br>Buzzy Hoke<br>Jenna McFarland<br>Lisa Shinault<br>Gary Skidmore<br>Callie Uzzell<br>Gwen Wolfe | Roger Arthur<br>Robert Bradley<br>Allan Broughman<br>Summit Caul<br>Norma Ellis<br>Becky Hayslett<br>Kenneth Helton<br>Helen Holloway<br>Bo Gann<br>Clifford Keith<br>Willis Nichols |
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*Non-Believers  
Our Nation & Troops  
Government Officials  
Ukraine & Russia*

**MILITARY** - Kristopher Hoffman, Colton Poague, Chris Whitehead  
**MISSIONARIES** - Tom & Judy Harvey, Kurt Esslinger, Hyeyoung Lee  
**BRIAN CENTER**- Louise Humphries, David Lynn, Kara Asboth, Sarah Mays  
**SCOTT HILL**- Phyllis Lynn      **WOODLANDS** - Gary Skidmore, Marilyn Lambert  
**THE GLEBE (Daleville)**- Patsy Parker      **TOCKWOTTEN (Rhode Island)** - Shelby Rock  
**SHUT-IN** - Bob & Leta Bartley, Joyce Bartley, Anita Boone, Jean Broughman, Ricky Cooke, Kinky & Lee Fadley, Betty Gibson, Andy Howell, Priscilla Moncus, Bonnie Patterson  
**CONSTANT NEED** - Midge Akers, Erskine Back, Miki Ballengee, Gary Bartley, Linda Bogar, Todd Campbell, Harry & Jean Casey, Luke Crawford, Barry Daniel, Leslie Downer, Evan Groves, Barbara Flint, Don Hampton, Danny & Rhoda Hill, Lori Isaacs, Robert A. Jackson, Wendell & Judy Jones, Pearl Miller, Bucky & Doris Mottern, Denise Pillow, Linda Ratliff, Ethan Thompson, Buddy Vass, Shirley Wickline, Dorothy Wimer, Linda P. Wolfe, Buddy Young

**~ Deaths ~**

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|---|---|--|--|
| Joyce Bartley<br>Susan Cardinal<br>Barbara Fowler<br>William Helton<br>E. Skeet Jack<br>Dennis King<br>Glenna Lipes<br>Dr. Daniel Metzler<br>Mary G. Pritt<br>Sue S. Reynolds<br>George Simmons | Mayme Smith<br>Hazel Wallace<br>Mary Whitehead<br>Wilma Jean Wriston<br>Loretta Ayers<br>Carolyn K. Brazill<br>Sandra Bruce<br>Shirley Collier<br>John Goodmiller<br>Dorothy Hepler<br>Peggy Hughes | H.C. "Buddy" McLaughlin<br>Joseph Morris<br>Willem Nikkel<br>Estel Plumley<br>Carolyn Phillips<br>Jessica K. Reynolds<br>Carolyn Tolley<br>Rita Unroe<br>Edith Dunford Boerner<br>Darryl Caldwell<br>Alma Biggs Entsminger | Susan E. Hall<br>R. John Hart<br>Roger Lilly<br>Gloria "Jean" Shinault,<br>Thelma Perry Van Lear<br>Anna M. Brooks<br>Wanda Fenderson<br>Raymond Humphries<br>Walter Rogers, Sr.<br>Larry Taylor |
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## NOTES FROM YOUR PASTOR



# Holy Week

- ◆ **Palm Sunday Worship** – Sunday, April 2, 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday Service** – Thursday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. (McAllister Church)

*Service includes “Tables of 12” Communion, where we come forward in groups of 12 to share this sacred meal as Jesus did with his disciples. We will also have a chance to write down what we want to give to Christ and place the paper on a cross. We will be sharing this service with the other Presbyterian churches in the Highlands.*

- ◆ **Good Friday Service** — Friday, April 7, 5:30 p.m. (First Presbyterian Church)

*This will be a modified Tenebrae service, where the story of the crucifixion is read as candles are extinguished.*

- ◆ **Children’s Easter Egg Hunt** — Good Friday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. (McAllister Fellowship Hall. Bring your baskets!)
- ◆ **Easter Sunrise Service** — Sunday, April 9, 7:00 a.m. (Cliff View Golf Club)
- ◆ **Easter Breakfast** — Sunday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. (McAllister Fellowship Hall)

*There will be Sunday School on Easter.*

- ◆ **Easter Worship** — Sunday, April 9, 11:00 a.m.

## Memorials & Gifts

### In Memory of Joyce Bartley by:

- ~ Danny & Rhoda Hill
- ~ Chuck & Jean Bartley
- ~ Julie McCormack
- ~ Drema & Clarence Bostic
- ~ Michael & Terry Perry
- ~ Bob & Leta Bartley and family

### In Memory of L. Wallace & Elsie C. Miller by:

- ~ Shirley Graham

### In Memory of Bob Bush, Grover T. Barnett, Sr., Audrey Barnett Jamison, Kenneth L. Jamison, Virginia Jamison, Clarence H. Bush, Sr. and Mary S. Bush by:

- ~ Dorothy Barnett Bush and Tim & Rhonda Barnett and family

## Sympathy

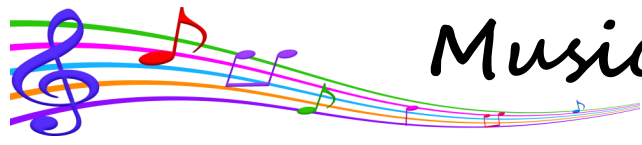
### McAllister Church extends sympathy & prayer to the family & friends of:

**Joyce Bartley** ~ member ~ mother of Tamara (Jason) B. Hill

**Mary Whitehead** ~ member ~ mother of former members Mike (Judy) Whitehead of Roanoke and Linda (Billy) Rice of Wytheville

**Alma Biggs Entsminger** ~ member ~ mother of Nicole E. (Justin) Shifflett & Eddie Joe (Kaitlynn) Entsminger

\*\*\*\*\*We sincerely regret any error or omission that may occur in this publication. Contact our office at 540-962-2675 with any corrections or updates. Leave a message if necessary as voicemail is checked several times per week. Thank you for your patience.



## Musical Minute

When Queen Elizabeth of England passed away last September, Andy and I, like many, followed the pomp and pageantry of the multi-day events marking the death of the long-reigning monarch. As if the sheer magnitude and spectacle weren't enough, the memorial services held in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, and ultimately her state funeral in London, were packed with thoughtfully worded tributes, carefully chosen scripture selections and exquisite music. There were congregational hymns, some familiar to the American churchgoer, some more specific to the Anglican church, moving choral works, haunting laments played on the bagpipes, expressive organ selections, colorfully costumed and perfectly synchronized marching units with drums and brass, and more. We watched most of the coverage on BBC where we were occasionally treated to a little detail about why a particular piece of scripture had been chosen, why a certain piper had been asked to play the lament, what significance a hymn or anthem had either in the life of the Queen or the history of the monarchy. Anyone who watched until her final procession to St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle saw that two of her beloved Corgi pups and her pony, Emma, were there to witness her final homecoming. As an animal lover, I found this to be particularly touching.

But perhaps the most interesting tidbit to come out during the week-long coverage was the fact that the Queen's Palace beekeeper would personally deliver the news of her death to the bees inhabiting her 7 hives at Clarence House and Buckingham Palace. In a longstanding tradition in Britain and apparently in other parts of Europe, as well, the bees should be told of life changing events, such as birth, marriage and death, in the lives of their owners. Legend has it that this custom not only informs the bees, but keeps them from leaving their hives and causes them to continue producing honey. According to John Chapple, Palace beekeeper, "it is traditional when someone dies that you go to the hives and say a little prayer and put a black ribbon on the hive . . . I drape the hives with black ribbon with a bow." Chapple continued, "You knock on each hive and say, 'The mistress is dead, but don't you go. Your master will be a good master to you.'" The custom has sparked art and poetry throughout the centuries in Europe and even in America. Nineteenth century American Poet John Greenleaf Whittier wrote of the tradition in his heart-breaking poem "Telling the Bees." It relates the tale of a lovestruck suitor who after a month away returns with high expectations to the home of his beloved only to find the "chore-girl" singing to the bees as they "steal" in and out from the hives, "Stay at home, pretty bees, fly not hence! Mistress Mary is dead and gone!" Purely by chance, I found out recently that one of McAllister's members is a beekeeper.

# thank you!

Lenten Lunches returned this year after a two year Covid-19 hiatus. McAllister Church hosted the first of the series for 2023 on Wednesday, March 1. Free offerings were collected at each lunch in order to support a local mission. Each week a different minister brought a message to those in attendance. The McAllister luncheon yielded a \$316 donation for the COPE Food Pantry. Subsequent lunches were held at First Christian Church, Good News Christian Church, Gospel Tabernacle COGC, and again at Good News Church as Mallow Presbyterian Church decided more room was available for the quantity of people showing up. As of publication time, we have received news that the second luncheon offering went to WRE (Weekday Religious Education) as well as another COPE donation from the third luncheon in the amount of \$404. We are so thankful that these opportunities have returned allowing us to join together with brother and sisters of all denominations to worship, glorify God, and support such wonderful local ministries.

The St. Patrick's Day (sandwich/salad) Luncheon was held at McAllister Church on Sunday, March 19th, following worship service. As always, the tables were lovely, the food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful. Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for sponsoring this luncheon and to those in attendance who brought wonderful salads and desserts for us to enjoy.

On behalf of COPE, thank you for your kind donations (March & April). We are grateful to you for continuing to remember and support the food pantry and the community. Your contributions and generosity help greatly with obtaining food for serving those in need. Please know your support is very much appreciated. ~Meredith Downey, COPE secretary

Recently McAllister Church has been asking for help in providing supplies and activities for the youth (nursery/junior church). Thanks to each of you who have already kindly donated. Your generosity does not go unnoticed nor unappreciated. McAllister members and friends are exceptional!

Thanks to Marlene Faidley for taking the initiative and time to shine up all of the offering plates—I'm sure all who have seen them will agree that they look fantastic!



- 4<sup>th</sup> Pat & Aubrey Bowling
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jason & Tamara Hill
- 15<sup>th</sup> Stacey & Jamie Bryant
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mike & Judy Whitehead
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Alan & Kristin Downer
- 30<sup>th</sup> Evelyn & Joe Amos

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maci Johnson
- 4<sup>th</sup> AdriAnne R. Reynolds
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cody Nida, Kim Soult
- 7<sup>th</sup> Layken Young
- 8<sup>th</sup> Angela Sponaule
- 11<sup>th</sup> June Anne Cooke
- 12<sup>th</sup> Giaynna H. Smith
- 14<sup>th</sup> Leslie Nicely
- 15<sup>th</sup> Priscilla Moncus
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mahaley Reyms
- 18<sup>th</sup> Anita Rice, Linda G. Bogar,  
Mike Young
- 19<sup>th</sup> Josephine O'Rourke
- 20<sup>th</sup> Olivia Bryant
- 21<sup>st</sup> Billy Potter, Hayden Rodgers
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Lee Ann Poague
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Derek Gibson
- 24<sup>th</sup> Julie McCormack
- 25<sup>th</sup> Alan Whitmer, Cody Thompson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Amy Ray
- 27<sup>th</sup> Betsy Caul, Steve Craft,  
Heather R. Riley
- 29<sup>th</sup> Patrick Scruggs
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Poague



I'm admittedly a tad jealous. Beekeeping has always fascinated me and before we discovered in 2014 that Andy has a dangerous bee allergy, we toyed with the idea of keeping bees when we retired. That's no longer an option for us, for obvious reasons, but the centuries long practice of keeping bees and the lore associated with it, the orderly images of stacked wooden hives and traditional woven skeps, the other-worldly attire of the beekeeper, the careful retrieval of dripping, amber honey, and the making of butterscotch-hued candles from the miraculously structured honeycomb, still captivates me. Bees are industrious, tireless in their duties, and singularly dedicated to the care and longevity of the queen bee and the hive. As the weather has warmed over the last month, many of our bee friends have made an appearance on sunny days. I feel badly for them, as there is not yet much pollen for them to collect. If they can just hold on through the temperamental spring weather, the trees will soon be in bloom, and in our own garden, we'll have catmint, salvia, mountain mint, lavender and more for them—enough for them to fill the tiny “baskets” on their back legs with pollen to take back to the hive. I suppose it's only fitting that we share with these noble insects, who unwittingly play such a critical role in the success of the human race through their pollination of both ornamental plants and edible crops, news of our fortunes, good and bad. It seems the least we can do after all they do for us. Happy spring!

~Beth



# *Easter Florals & Gifts of Remembrance 2023*

## *In Memory:*

**George & Joy Noel** by Bobby Rice Family, Rick Noel Family, Barbara Noel  
**Percy & Beulah Newcomb** by Bobby Rice Family, Rick Noel Family, Barbara Noel  
**Raymond & Alene Rice** by Bobby Rice Family, Rick Noel Family, Barbara Noel  
**Susan Parker Potter** by Tammy Scruggs-Duncan  
**Donald & Joyce Scruggs** by Kenny & Tammy Scruggs-Duncan  
**Hilda Duncan** by Kenny & Tammy Scruggs-Duncan  
**Family Members** by Marshall & Donna Fox  
**H.M. Queen Elizabeth II** by Maria Necolau  
**Elizabeth & Pete Necolau, Nancy & Carl Nicely** by Maria Necolau  
**Richard & Helen Cooke, Lisa Cooke** by Diane Hicks  
**Jeff Hicks** by Diane, Casey, Kayleigh Hicks & Family  
**Teresa Powell** by Mom & Dad  
**Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Hayslett, Sr.** by The Hayslett Family  
**Earl "Trucky" Lemon** by Carole Lemon  
**Bonnie Rice** by Gary Rice & Family  
**Jack, Helen, Jesse, Brian, Richard, Jonathan, Wallace O'Conner,**  
**Ashley Hepler, Bobby Wilhelm, and Trucky Lemon** by Their Family  
**Libby Riley and Lucas Riley** by The Riley Family  
**Mr. & Mrs. Powell M. Leitch, Jr** by Beth & Andy Dreszer  
**Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Dreszer** by Beth & Andy Dreszer  
**Virginia L. Sizemore** by Pearl Miller  
**Annie & Harry Stinespring** by June Anne Cooke  
**Teresa Powell** by June Anne & Rickey Cooke  
**Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Walker** by Charlie, Jeremiah, Lauren and Cheston Walker  
**Mr. & Mrs. Theo Craft** by Charlie, Jeremiah, Lauren and Cheston Walker  
**Harvey & Ruby Stull, Larry Stull** by Paula Stull  
**Teresa** by Craig, Leslie & Family and Joey  
**Lang Gilbert** by Wanda Gilbert  
**Lang Gilbert** by wife and children

## *In Honor:*

**Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren** by Jean & Harry Casey  
**Maria Necolau** by Callie & Kinley Uzzell  
**Callie Uzzell, Kinley Uzzell, and Margaret Griffith** by Maria Necolau  
**Aunt Louise Humphries** by Paul Stull  
**McAllister Church Adult Choir** by Beth Dreszer

## *Monetary Gifts:*

**In Honor of Family Members** by Marshall & Donna Fox  
**In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Poague, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Welcher, Libby Riley,**  
**Peggy Redmon** by LeeAnn Poague



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

John 11:25

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:3

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9