



April Newsletter 2025

Dear Members and Friends,

I just want to take the time to express my appreciation for all your prayers, love and support during my health-related absence. Thank you for your cards, texts and emails, that have truly encouraged me and Rhonda and blessed us during this time.

As you all know, patience is not one of my virtues, and I am way over all of this, but for some unknown reason we are placed in this holding pattern; at least for the time being. Be assured that I am doing everything I can to figure this out and be back with you as soon as I can. I truly miss all of you.

Let us be reminded that this is the season of hope and this is the season, where our Savior, Jesus, demonstrates that with God, all things are possible, and nothing is impossible. May we hold on to that hope for you in your life and me in mine.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

The Presby

April 2025

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Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Session Digest:

The Session did not meet in March.

Pastoral Concerns:

Grayson Abate, Ron Blevins, The Family of Joann Cannoy, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Shirley Cavender, Sid Crockett, Terry Dean, Colleen Dunford, Chimer Durham, Wysor Gearhart, Marion Griffin, Pastor John Langham, Katherine Minton, Don Nance, Ron Phelps, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Ron Smiley.

Review of Calendar of Events for April:

- 13 – *Palm/Passion Sunday*
- 17 – *Maundy Thursday*
- 18 – *Good Friday*
- 20 – *Easter Sunday*
- 20 – *One Great Hour of Sharing*
- 20 – *Cove Service*
- 22 – *Earth Day*
- 27 – *Stated Session Meeting*

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2025 Soup and the Word Remaining Schedule:

- Tuesday, April 1 – St. John’s Episcopal Church
- Tuesday, April 8 – Wytheville Presbyterian Church**
- Tuesday, April 15 – Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

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Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast:

Mark your calendars: On Easter morning, April 20th, the Wytheville Presbyterian Church will be hosting *Easter Sunrise Service* at 7:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary Following the Service, breakfast will be served in Hatcher Hall, compliments of the WPC Fellowship Committee. Everyone is invited to join us for a wonderful start to one of the most beautiful days in all creation. **Hope to see you there!**

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Sunday School News:

The Don Wysor Sunday School Class is presently studying Romans Part #2. If you haven't attended Sunday School in a while, give this class a try. We meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., in the *primary* Sunday School Room (across from the Choir Room). It is most fulfilling.

Jim Gearhart

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Pilgrimage Retreat:

The **North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage Retreat** is scheduled for **May 15th to May 18th at Laurel Ridge Moravian Conference Center in Laurel Springs, NC.** If you are interested in participating in this amazing opportunity, **Applications are available in WP Church Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Renee Crockett until Pastor John's return.**

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Fellowship Committee News:

The Fellowship Committee is asking for your help in collecting **small, individually wrapped candies to stuff in plastic Easter Eggs.** The Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Sunday, April 20th, so they will need candies prior to, or no later than April 13th. The committee wishes to thank you in advance for helping make Easter morning even more exciting for our little ones!

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Stewardship Message:

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God; and being grateful and generous with those gifts is essential. A steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus.

10 Qualities of a Good Steward:

- * Good stewards recognize their role and responsibility....
- * Good stewards realize everything belongs to God....
- * Good stewards are trustworthy....
- * Good stewards are faithful....
- * Good stewards are mindful....
- * Good stewards are truthful....
- * Good stewards are diligent....
- * Good stewards are prayerful

Add this to your daily prayers:

“Gracious and loving God, I understand that you call me to be a steward of Your abundance, the caretaker of all you entrusted to me. Help me always to use your gifts wisely and teach me to share them generously and witness the love of Christ in my life”

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5 Cents a Meal:

Please remember the **5 cents a meal offering on Sunday, April 20th**. You may bring it to the church or mail it in with your pledge. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check. Many thanks for your giving.

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Cove Service:

The Cove Service will resume on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Please join us at 7:30 p.m. for the first service of the season. Invite friends and family to join us for an evening of fellowship, hymn singing, and an inspirational message within the walls of one of Wythe County's most historic remaining "country churches". Hope to see you there!

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Newsletter & Office Information:

Please submit information for the **May Newsletter** to the church office by **Thursday, April 17th**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Hope Packs:

Wytheville Presbyterian Church has set aside the **4th Wednesday of each month**, to assist with the HOPE PACKS preparation. Please consider joining us at **Open Door Community, located at 680 W Main Street, Wytheville, on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.** It will only require about one hour of your time to make a difference in the life of a hungry child.

HOPE PACKS is a weekend program that provides food for children in Wythe and Bland Counties who are dealing with food insecurity. The Packs are prepared on Wednesdays and delivered to 15 area schools in Wythe and Bland Counties, who then distribute the packs to children in need of food. Wytheville Presbyterian Church joins other area churches and organizations to prepare about 850 Packs each week. Such a small sacrifice, to make sure none of our precious children are forced to struggle through a weekend with little, or no food.

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Monthly Meetings:

Monday, April 7th: Circle 1, 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 7th: Circle 3, 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 15th: Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 15th: Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 15th: Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 27th: Session Meeting, following morning Worship Service

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Circle 1 and Circle 3:

The **Circle 1** Presbyterian Women are scheduled to meet on Monday, April 7th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Circle 3** Presbyterian Women are scheduled to meet on Monday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

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Mission Co-Worker Support:

SHARON KANDEL - ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, SOUTH SUDAN

REV. CHERYL BARNES - MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE

REV. ELMARIE PARKER AND REV. SCOTT PARKER - IRAQ, SYRIA, LEBANON

APRIL

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Madeline Burke	2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Jane Lacy Sarah Bates	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Steve Hider Ida McElroy Chris DiYorio Oliver Jack Lane	4	5 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Sid Crockett
6 5th Sunday in Lent 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Che Roop	7 Circle 1 Meets 11:00 a.m. Circle 3 Meets 7:00 p.m.	8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Sarah Crockett	9	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Ashley Morrison Eli Dunford	11 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Patricia Smiley Cade Ashton Ritter	12
13 Palm/Passion Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	14	15 Worship Comm 10am Church Growth 4pm Fellowship Hall Finance Comm Meeting 4 p.m.	16 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Billy Rice	17 Maundy Thursday HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Genevieve Moore Ritter	18 Good Friday HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Allison Burke	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service 7:00am Breakfast in HH 7:30am 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering 5-Cents-A-Meal offering Cove Service 7:30 p.m.	21	22	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Daisey Dunford Stone HOPE PACKS 5:00 p.m.	24 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Roy Hand Noah McWhirter	25	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	28	29	30			