



# Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 2019

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 21ST

## The Triumphant Parade Of Holy Week

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



Rick Warren opened his famous book on *The Purpose Driven Life* with the line: "It's not about you." It was the best line of the whole book. It was a way to get away from both ego and anxiety. Instead, he invited us to find our purpose as coming to us from God.

Warren was not the first to make this point. Biblical scholar Chris Beker summarized how Paul the apostle viewed the good news of Christ, saying that it was about the *Triumph of God in Life and Thought*. Beker imagined the joy and sense of satisfaction God had when Jesus rose from the dead.

God had been there at creation, spinning a magnificent creation canopy in the endless stars strewn across the universe, but also with care not just about the big stuff, but wonder permeating every blade of grass, leaf on a tree, structure of an atom, the love shared between mother and child.

God was also in the liberation movement that gave enslaved Hebrews freedom to get out from under the whip of the oppressor with a gift of governing themselves with a law that had loving God and one's neighbor at its core.

But evil and death still lingered as enemies, corrupting God's purposes. So, Jesus Christ came making a new world, leading a new triumphant parade of liberty and

love. Jesus' death exposed the sin-defined ends of our power-trips and mistrust of one another. But his trust in God and humility signaled a new beginning and a new kind of community going forward into our future.

I want us to meet God in our worship this year during Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. The Gospel reading for the day ends with John 3:16, which says who God is – the one who so loves the world that Jesus is given. Nevertheless, the palms and the triumphant parade also foreshadow the God who will suffer to make visible the love that defines God. When I imagine who God is love at the core. Let's come looking to find that God in our Palm Sunday worship.

As Holy Week continues, we have opportunities to consider the breadth and depth of that love. The community birthed at the Last Supper tells us that it is as intimate as it is communal. Jesus will tell his disciples that they aren't to consider themselves to be God's servants, but to be God's friends. Their bonds of affection invite the very love of God to be realized in their relationships. I hope that our shared meal might also embody the rich intimacy of friendships with a vision of a loving community promised.

At the Good Friday service held jointly with Catocin

Presbyterian Church in Waterford, we revisit the sorrow of human brokenness and grief. We remember the beauty and holiness of Jesus' passion for us, poignantly recalling the tenderness of his cruel death. It asks us to let go of our own mean-spiritedness and selfishness, because we can do better – with God's partnership and welcome.

On Easter we can come as early as 6:30 in the morning, or at 9:00 or at 11:00. The women followers of Jesus were the first to find him alive, the grave empty and death broken. In our excitement about this resurrection, there is also a temptation to make light of God's mighty deed. We continue to have the tendency to make this about us. "If Jesus is alive, then I am assured of heaven, right?" Yes! But it's not like Jesus has become our magic ticket or has removed the same day-

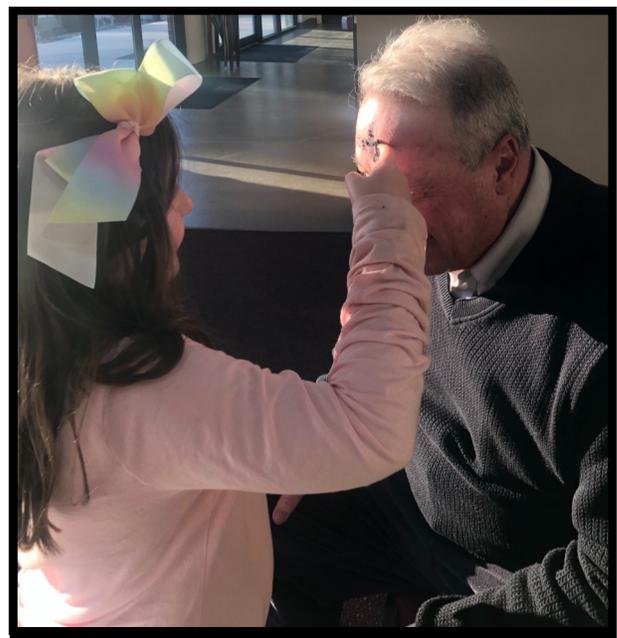
to-day challenges that we face, as does our world. In her excitement, Mary Magdalene wants to hold onto Jesus for dear life, but he asks her not to cling to him, in other words, to let him be free to lead us into a the kind of freedom that lets others be themselves, as we become that person who we are at our most honest and deepest.

Come worship during Holy Week. Invite a family member or friend to join you. Ready yourself to find God among us – full of grace and truth, filled with life and purpose to give.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave*

Pastor David Milam



**Olivia Butkus marked Pastor Dave's forehead with ashes on Ash Wednesday. Pastor Dave was available all day for people to receive ashes.**

**Phoebe's Sisters**

This women's group will meet next on May 4th, at Coney Island Diner, for breakfast and fellowship. If you are interested in joining them, contact Suzanne Wade at wadesuz@gmail.com.

**The St. Andrew Book Club**

This group meets monthly outside the church. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on April 27th at the home of Dottie Stewart. The book under discussion will be Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or [zsowers@gmail.com](mailto:zsowers@gmail.com) to join the discussion.

**Lovettsville Group**

This group will meet every Sunday evening during Lent for discussion of Unbinding Your Heart and welcome others to join the group. The meeting place rotates among the members of the group. Contact Debra Gutenson at 540 882-3205 or [gutenson50@loudounwireless.com](mailto:gutenson50@loudounwireless.com) for more information.

**FP4H**

First Place 4 Health, a faith-based weight loss program, meets every Monday evening at 7 pm. Contact Ally Fetch at 336 508-2610 or [afetch@gmail.com](mailto:afetch@gmail.com) or Deborah Hill at 540 751-9818 or [momscully@earthlink.net](mailto:momscully@earthlink.net).

**Men's Group**

This group meets the first Saturday of the month in the fellowship hall. Coffee starts at 7:30 am and breakfast/fellowship at 8:00 am. The next meeting is April 6th for the town-wide cleanup (See below.) All men of the church are invited. To join, contact Chris Butkus if you are interested in joining ([chrisbutkus@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisbutkus@yahoo.com)).

**Brunch Bunch**

This group meets the second Monday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church basement. The next meeting is April 8th and will be discussing Lesson Four in God's Promise. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at [annpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:annpaciulli@gmail.com).

Join the Men's Group for Purcellville Town Wide Clean Up  
April 6 from  
8:00am —12:00pm



**SAVE THE DATE**

All Church Retreat  
Camp Highroad  
May 31 – June 2

**SAINT ANDREW**  
Presbyterian Church

**EASTER**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**

*Join us this Easter as we celebrate the God who loves us all.*

Sunrise Service | 6:30am  
Worship Service | 9am & 11am  
Easter Egg Hunt | 10:15am  
Pancake Breakfast | 9:45am – 10:45am

**ST ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**MORE DATES TO SAVE**

**Elder Training on April 13**

**Serve Sunday April 28**

Meet in the sanctuary at 9 am to find out which charities we will be serving so that you can decide where your talents/desires will take you. Pastor Dave will bless each group and then they will go out to serve. Everyone will gather back at the church around noon to share what they accomplished.

**we can help**

# SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

A fun gathering for Middle and High School Youth! Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

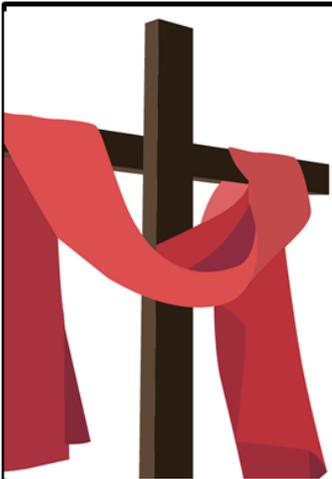


## MAUNDY Thursday

**April 18 | 6:30PM**

The Connect Committee is sponsoring a Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 pm. The traditional foods served by the Jewish people will be provided along with an explanation of the significance of each. If you would like to host a table, please contact Bonnie Milam at [bonmilam@aol.com](mailto:bonmilam@aol.com) or Leslie Dragon at 760 267-1490. everyone interested in attending this meal should sign up in the entryway at church so we know how much food to prepare. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

# Good Friday



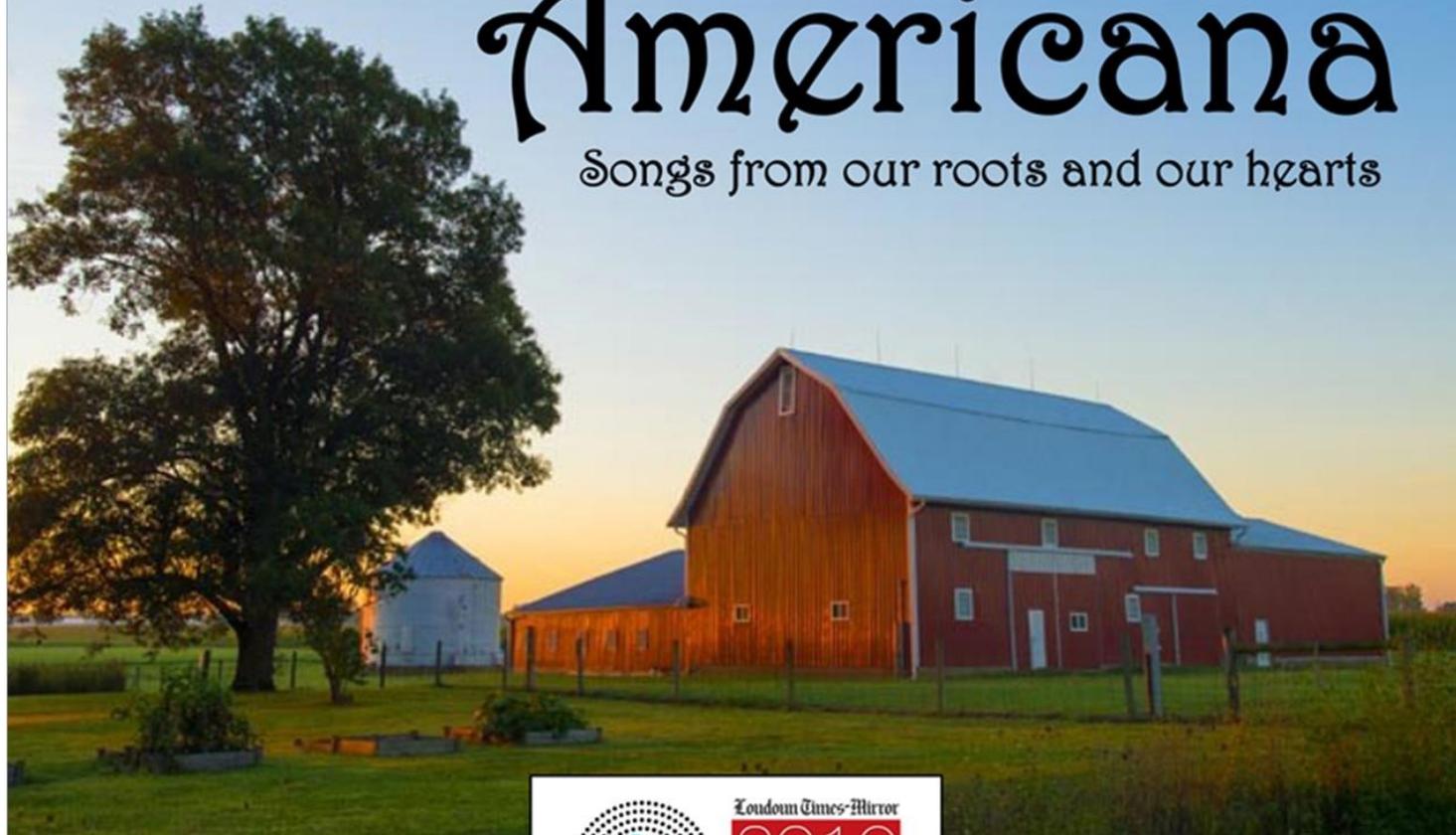
APRIL 19 | 7PM

Combined service with Catoctin Presbyterian Church in Waterford, VA

*The Loudoun Chorale presents*

# Americana

Songs from our roots and our hearts



**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

In conjunction with Music with a Cause

**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Purcellville, VA**

Tickets are \$20 at the Door; ages 17 and under free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) (search for music with a cause). Concert proceeds will benefit the local charity Every Citizen Has Opportunity ECHO.



Venue: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church  
711 West Main Street, Purcellville, VA.  
[www.standrew-pres.org](http://www.standrew-pres.org) | 540-338-4332

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Happy Anniversary this month to:</i>	13	Scott Carpenter, Jr. Meegan Hall
20		Frank and Marj Diehl Abby Polizotto'
24	15	Mike Yager
25	16	Quinton and Phoebe Gearhart Mia Burel Cindi Rampulla
	18	Hayden Morell
<i>Happy Birthday this month to:</i>	19	Shawn Hall
1	20	Tracy Zervais Christie Hagert Aiden Hall
2		Maria Burel
4	22	Lucy Edwards Lydia Troxell
7	24	Josh Shields Bob Anderson
9	26	William Ciolkosz Grey Gondella
10	27	Mike Barbagallo Chris Treptow Edith Samson
11	28	Amber Gillispie Cara Broshkevitch Pamela Schmidt
	29	Emerson Kohl Nathan Hall
12		Alan Buttrick

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### We lift up our concerns

#### Congregation

The Wissmath family for the death of former member, Mary Jane Wissmath. The MacWhorter family for the death of Sarah MacWhorter. Mark Rohrbaugh. June and Tom Hutchison. Tom Bolduc. Betty McNair. George MacDonald. Raye Ann Kauffman. Pamela Schmidt.

### We continue to pray for

#### Friends and Family

George MacDonald's brother, James Macdonald, has passed away. Anthony Semiao's aunt Doreen passed away. Deb Hill for friend Debbie Hyatt diagnosed with breast cancer. Ryan Pinckney's stepdad for recovery after bone graft surgery. DeAnn Ashby's classmate Gabrielle with colon cancer. Kristin Westfall for two of her friends about to undergo gynecology surgeries. Deb Hill's cousin, Gaye Thomas with cancer, has passed away. Suzanne Wade's brother, Randy Smith, diagnosed with colon cancer. Geoff Kohl for Lottie's grandmother, Claire, who has a heart issue and skin cancer Laurie Barbagallo for her mom, Barbara Coswell, who is preparing for heart valve surgery in a couple of weeks. Kim Peele's brother Chip. Evan Read's aunt, Gretchen Hollis, who died post-surgery. Kent Burel's continued recovery after heart bypass surgery. The Diehl's cousin, Pat Oest, has breast cancer. Kate Rohrbaugh's dad, Donald Goddard, with Parkinson's disease. Melissa Macdonald,



for Clyde Law. Chris Butkus' s coworker, Leah, for brain tumor surgery. Kathi Hottinger for neighbor's mother, Diana who is undergoing cancer treatment. Former St. Andrew member, Jerry Frank, whose blood cancer is back after 13 years in remission. Albert Edwards (father of Cole, Lucy, and Thaddeus) in treatment for Myelodysplasia (MDS).

#### Community/World

Shooting victims in New Zealand.

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **21st of each month**. The next deadline is APRIL 21st. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at [sbrenton@rstarnail.com](mailto:sbrenton@rstarnail.com).

## APRIL MUSIC REHEARSALS

**Choir Rehearsals**, Wednesdays at 7 pm  
Contact Zack Henderson, [zackh900@gmail.com](mailto:zackh900@gmail.com)

**New Song**, Sunday mornings before the service  
Contact Laurie Barbagallo 540 454-8215 or [lauriewm85@hughes.net](mailto:lauriewm85@hughes.net)

**St. Andrew Bell Ringers**, Thursdays at 7:15 pm  
Contact Zoe Sowers 540 338-0999, [zoesowers@gmail.com](mailto:zoesowers@gmail.com)

**Children's Choir**, For Kindergarten through 5th grade.  
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Music Room.  
Contact Zack Henderson, [zackh900@gmail.com](mailto:zackh900@gmail.com)

## Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2019 is in the church entry way. Please consider providing flowers for Sunday worship.  
**Easter Tulips**



If you would like to provide flowers for Easter Sunday services, please sign up on the clipboard in the entryway of the church by Sunday, April 14th. The tulips are yours to take home after the 11:00 Easter service. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew for \$10 per plant, with the notation "Easter Tulips". If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilmore at 540-338-3154 or [ngilmore5@verizon.net](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net).

#### April Flower Calendar

7th	Wiley	14th	Palms
21st	Easter	28th	Shields

#### May Flower Calendar

5th	Wiley	12th	Open
19th	Open	26th	Open



**Pastor Dave and Olivia Butkus on Ash Wednesday.**

## SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR APRIL

### **April 7<sup>th</sup> (Fifth Sunday in Lent; The Lord's Supper)**

Scripture: *Matthew 14:22 - 33*

Sermon: "Faith Focus"

Worship Leader: Kevin Burel

Music: St. Andrew Choir

### **April 14<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)**

Scripture: *John 3:14-16*

Theme: Believing Is Our Simple Way to Connect with God

Sermon: "I'm a Believer"

Worship Leader: Kim Peele

Music: St. Andrew Choir

### **April 18<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday Seder Meal – 6:30 pm; The Lord's Supper)**

### **April 19<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday Tenebrae, Catoclin Presbyterian, Waterford 7 pm)**

### **April 21<sup>st</sup> (Easter Services at 6:30, 9:00 and 11:00; Breakfast 9:45 -10:45; Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30)**



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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

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Scripture: *John 20:1-18*

Theme: The Risen Jesus Invites Us to Let Go of Our Anxiety about God

Sermon: "Don't Cling to Me"

Worship Leader (9:00 am): Bonnie Milam

Liturgist (11:00 am): George Macdonald

Music: New Song at 9:30; St. Andrew Ringers and Choir at 11:00 am

### **April 28<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday of Easter; Serve Sunday; 9:00 am start time)**