



The Towers Newsletter

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Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.

When the Lord and His Apostles shared their last Passover meal, Jesus said that He would be betrayed by someone sitting at the table with Him. But the twelve could not believe that it was so. Each man looked not at another, but deep inside his soul instead. They pondered the words the Master said and asked of themselves, "Lord, Is it I?"

We will host a dramatization of the disciples struggling with the question "Lord, Is It I?". It will be presented in our sanctuary* at 7:30 p.m. Come and join us on this special night during Holy Week.

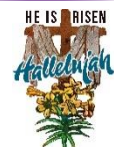
*All CDC requirements, including social distancing and masks will be enforced.

Saturday, April 3rd

All school – college aged students are invited to participate in our Annual Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3rd. The students will meet at 5:00pm in the Baraca room to prepare for the service. Dinner will be served to the students. The congregation is invited to attend the Vigil at 8:00 pm. This is always a very moving service so we hope you will attend. We ask that you enter through the Baraca Room outside door. Please let Sean Bilby or Priscilla Bunch know if your students will be attending so we can make sure we have enough food for dinner. If any parents can help with dinner, please contact Priscilla Bunch.



Easter Services, Sunday, April 4
8:45 am – Early Service / 11:00 Worship
10:00 am – Sunday School



My Dear Friends,

Easter is just around the corner! The quiet and thoughtful days of Lent are almost accomplished and we are more than eager and ready to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

This Sunday is, of course, Palm Sunday. We will have palm branches for everyone and we will "virtually" join those who lined the road into Jerusalem on that festive day, welcoming Jesus. The festivities, unfortunately, did not last, as Jesus had much to accomplish before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion.

On Thursday, we will once again hear from Jesus' disciples as they ask the fateful question "Is it I?" We call this service "Maundy Thursday". "Maundy" is taken from the Latin word "mandatum", which means "mandate" or "command". At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "A new commandment ["mandatum"] I give unto you, that you love one another." Please join us as you are able.

Once again I want to thank our Covid Task Force for all their thoughtful and careful work in keeping us healthy and safe. We have followed the guidelines of the CDC and everyone has been great in cooperating. Thank you!

On Easter Sunday, we will resume our Early Service, at 8:45 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Also, we will receive new members at both services on Easter.

God bless you!

Love,
Michael



You can find the weekly services online at
www.suffolkchristian.org , YouTube or
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SuffolkChristianChurch/>

April's Mission – SCC Youth/Children

Due to Covid-19 and the uncertainties of how the summer will be for us, we will not be attending any camps again this year. We are praying 2022 will be much different as far as camps are concerned for our SCC Youth/Children. The youth/children who have attended these camps in the past had wonderful experiences and we look forward to attending again next year. These funds can be utilized for other activities when we return to normal which we all pray will be sooner than later. The Board of Christian Education and Priscilla Bunch do wonderful activities year-round for the children and youth, and as always, your support is greatly appreciated.



If you would like to support this mission, please use your yellow envelope.

**Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!**



Caroline Rayne Masters, born 12/15/2020

She is the daughter of Shea Masters. The proud grandparents are Julie and Bobby Masters and the proud great grandfather is Billy Wyatt.

Elizabeth Lee Topping, born 2/26/2021

She is the daughter of Justin & Lindsey Topping. The proud grandparents are Jim & Debbie Topping.



Happy Birthday !!!!

Kasey Banton	April 1
Wendy Blausey	April 8
Charles Rawls, Jr.	April 11
Jane Pritchard	April 11
Jeanie Baines	April 12
Beverly Gayle	April 14
Diana McBride	April 14
Maggie Copeland	April 16
Becky Bradshaw	April 17
William Hannah	April 17
Noelle Grandy	April 17
Gwynne Nemish	April 18
Lisa McLaughlin	April 18
Vicki Martin	April 18
Jim Goben	April 19
Kirk Alexander	April 23
Priscilla Bunch	April 23
Benita Rhodes	April 25
Ginny Thomas	April 25
Jack Harry	April 26
Mary Huber	April 28
Sherrill Roberts	April 28
Eric Bunch	April 29

Coats/Clothing Giveaways

Thank you to everyone who helped with our 2 Coats/Clothing Giveaways on March 6th and 20th. We helped a lot of families in our community. We **do not** have any plans in the future for a giveaway, so at this time we **will not** be accepting any coats or clothing. Thank you for continuing to support the mission of our church.



CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE



The Care and Concern committee met on Monday, March 15th at church and discussed the future of this Committee. It is asking people to sign up on a Team for a month at a time to handle the needs for only that month instead of having to do it all in only one week. There will be a Team Leader for the month with other members to assist with the preparing and delivering of meals to our home bound. We ask that you please give this your prayerful thought and consider becoming a part of a Team. There will be a sign-up sheet forthcoming and it is hoped that you will become a part of this worthwhile Committee. Your help is greatly needed and will be much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact any Committee member.

Elaine Abernathy and Claudia Salmon - Co-Facilitators



Items are needed for the weekly food pantry!* Applesauce (individual cups); Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts); Oatmeal (Individual Servings); Pop Tarts; Noodles; Spaghetti; Macaroni; Rice (1 lb. bags); Dried Beans; Macaroni and Cheese; Canned Vegetables; Spaghetti Sauce; Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly. **At this time, we have a need for canned meats (Spam, Chicken, Corned Beef, Tuna Fish, Beef Stew).



The Scholarship Committee is currently seeking applications for the following scholarships

Suffolk Christian Church Scholarship

The recipient of this scholarship shall be a member of Suffolk Christian Church for a minimum of four years at the time of the scholarship award. Deadline to apply is May 15, 2021.

David A. and Dorothy W. Darden and Family Scholarship

The recipient of this scholarship shall be a member of Suffolk Christian Church for a minimum of four years at the time of the scholarship award and the recipient may attend any college or university with the Commonwealth of Virginia in a full-time status. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is May 15, 2021.

Z. Turner Family Memorial Scholarship


The Z. Turner Family Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to furthering the education of students associated both with our area and the Elon Home for Children. Other students associated with our region and the Christian or United Church of Christ denomination may apply as well. The recipient may attend any college or university in a full-time status. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is May 15, 2021.

For further information or to request an application form, please contact the church office at office@suffolkchristian.org

Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

A. Matthew
B. Mark
C. Luke
D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)



An irate subscriber called the newspaper, demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper isn't delivered until Sunday." After a brief pause, the caller spoke with a ray of recognition: "So *that's* why no one was in church today."



Memorials

Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Robert (Bobby) Johnson have been given by Joseph and Margie McClenny, Glenn, Amy and Jennifer Hott, Susan Judkins, Charlie and Diane Mathias, Johnnie and Vicki Winslow.

A donation to the Food Pantry in memory of Joann Williams has been given by Joyce H. Trump.

Donations to the Bus Fund in memory of Larry Rountree have been given by David and Janie Darden, Bill and Brenda Matthews, Linwood and Cheryl Hanbury.

A donation to the Bus Fund in memory of Larry, Jimmy, Emma and Warren Rountree has been given by Jim and Jane Marie Dailey.



In Honor of

Donations to the Food Pantry in honor of Pastor Michael's wearing of the knitted cap at church has been given by John and Ginnie Kinsey and Travis and Kelly Myles.

Stewardship Report

"We Are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January - February income - \$33,186.30

January - February expenses - \$40,076.08

Dollars for Haiti - \$3,747.00

Total funds given to Haiti missions to date - \$2,300.00



Special Monthly Missions

January 2021 - Food Pantry - \$1,200.00
February 2021 - Scholarship Fund - \$840.00
March 2021 - Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$790.00

EXCITING NEWS



We will resume Children's Church on Sunday, April 11th, in the Beginner's Department. The children will leave the Sanctuary after The Lamb's Club. Parents: After the worship service, please come to the Beginner's Department to pick up your children. If anyone could volunteer to help with the children, please contact Priscilla Bunch. We are looking forward to having our children back in Children's Church.



“Forgiving What You Can’t Forget”

We will be having a new 6-week bible study, *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, by Lysa TerKeurst beginning on Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:00 pm. PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office so your book and study guide can be ordered no later than Sunday, April 4th. The cost of the book is \$16.19 and study guide are \$13.99 plus tax. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

Children's Clipboards



We will have "clipboards" back in the sanctuary for the children. There will be a white tub on the table with bulletins holding the clipboards. There will be a Children's Worship Bulletin and coloring sheet on each clipboard. Please return the clipboards, crayons and pencil back to the tubs after each worship service. These will be sanitized each week.

March Food Giveaway

A huge thank you to everyone for your help with our Food Giveaway on March 13th. The Lord again blessed us with a good day. We distributed food bags to approximately 130 families and more were given out on March 20th at the Coats/Clothing Giveaway and at the weekly Food Pantry. Each bag contained a roll of sausage, carrots, stewed tomatoes, instant potatoes, macaroni & cheese, pancake syrup, pancake mix, dried black-eyed peas, dried navy beans, bread and eggs. Thank you to the Copeland Family for providing us with handled bags. The Suffolk Police Department provided us with 2 police officers who helped to direct the traffic out of the parking lot so there would not be any backups. Again, thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this mission of our church. It takes lots of hands to accomplish a mission of this type.



Day 1: Matthew 20:18-19

Day 2: Matthew 28:5-7

Day 3: I Peter 1:3

Day 4: Isaiah 53:5

Day 5: Acts 3:15

Day 6: Romans 5:8

Day 7: Romans 6:8-11

Day 8: Romans 8:11

Day 9: Romans 10:9

Day 10: I Thessalonians 5:10

Day 11: Titus 3:5

Day 12: I John 4:19

Day 13: I John 5:11

Day 14: Job 19:25

Day 15: Philippians 2:8

Day 16: Luke 24:5-7

Day 17: Luke 23:46-47

Day 18: I Corinthians 1:18

Day 19: I Corinthians 15:3-4

Day 20: I Corinthians 15:20-21

Day 21: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 22: John 1:29

Day 23: John 3:16

Day 24: John 12:46

Day 25: John 11:25-26

Day 26: John 14:27

Day 27: Mark 16:1-4

Day 28: Mark 16:5-6

Day 29: Acts 2:24

Day 30: Colossians 1:13-14

Commit each day to reading your bible for at least 10 minutes and reflect on the scripture means to you.

Easter Arrangements, Sprays and Lilies

If you would like to place an order for any of the items listed below, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Cheryl Ashcraft at 757.934.1646.

The deadline to order is Monday, March 29. No orders will be accepted after that deadline.

Easter Lilies

Quantity	Total (\$12 each)



Lilies In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

Given by:

Due to the Covid-19 Virus and limited office hours, please mail your checks and order form to the church.

Please make your check marked
"Easter Flowers" payable to:
Suffolk Christian Church

Suffolk Christian Church
Attn: Cheryl Ashcraft
216 North Main Street
Suffolk, VA 23434

Christian symbol



LILY—The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary. *(from NewsletterNewsletter)*

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Reenactment 	2 Good Friday 11:30am Meals on Wheels 	3 Holy Saturday 5:00pm Easter Vigil Students 8:00pm Easter Vigil Congregation 
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