

# The Towers Newsletter

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## Finding God in the Wilderness



I hope the Lenten season has been meaningful to you as we have journeyed through the wilderness together. I am grateful to Priscilla, Phoebe and the children as they have helped us create a path through the wilderness. I also hope that as individuals, and as a congregation, we have found God along the way. As we move into the Easter season, may we remember that God is ahead of us, preparing the way and leading us through this time of transition.

Please plan to join us as we move into Holy Week and Easter. We'll begin Holy Week by resuming our Main Street Palm Sunday procession with our Main Street brothers and sisters. After worship, we'll enjoy a pot-luck lunch on the grounds and an Easter egg hunt for our children. On Thursday evening we will experience one of the most meaningful services of the church year, the reenactment of the Lord's Supper. On Saturday, the youth will lead us in our annual vigil. Then, of course, we will gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection. Each service will give us a deeper understanding of who God is and who God is calling us to be as Christ followers. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Sunday after Easter, we'll gather after worship for our third Town Hall Meeting. During this session, we'll focus on Where We Are Now. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office so that we have plenty of food. Thank you to everyone who has made the Town Hall meetings a priority, your investment will help SCC discern our future and thrive in it!

As we celebrate and navigate this important time in the life of the church, let's continue to remember the challenges facing our wider world. Please continue to join in prayer for the people of Ukraine and those all of the world that face similar challenges. As always, let's continue to be God's hands and feet to a world in need!

On the journey with you, Tracy

### Church Conference, March 27, 2022

There will be a Church Conference after church services on **March 27, 2022**. If you have any questions regarding Board Reports, please direct them to that Boards' Chairperson.



### **A Note from the Transition Team...**

Thanks to everyone who attended our Second Town Hall Session on March 13th. Our attendance was great, and the Transition Team is so excited as we continue with the process to establish who we are. We have now completed the "Heritage Phase". At the Church Conference on March 27<sup>th</sup>, an outline of the results of our first two meetings will be presented. During the Lenten Season and Holy Week, we will cease our Town Hall Meetings. Mark your calendars for April 24<sup>th</sup> as we start our next phase – "Where are we Presently". We will again gather for a light lunch and meet in small groups. Your input is welcomed and invaluable.

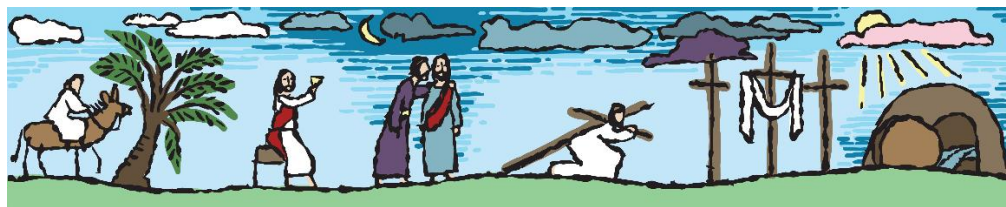
Please continue to pray for Dr. Hartman as she guides us through the process and for the members of the Transition Team. Please pray for each other as we continue to work together to seek God's guidance for our future and the person He is preparing to become our next Minister.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to give any one of us a call. We are all anxious; however, as believers we know the hardest part of the Lord's plan is the "Waiting". As Psalm 27:14 tells us: "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

God Bless each of you.

The Transition Team

**Transition Team: Dana Bilby, Evelyn Jones, Billy Wyatt, John Kinsey, Curtiss Johnson, Joyce Trump and Vickie Wilson**



### *Holy Week Worship*

**Suffolk's Palm Sunday Processional – 9:30 am, April 10**

**Palm Sunday Potluck & Easter Egg Hunt – After Worship, April 10**

**Maundy Thursday Re-Enactment – 7:30 pm, April 14**

**Youth Gather for the Easter Vigil – 4:30 pm, April 16**

**Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm, April 16**

**Easter Worship Service – 11:00 am, April 17**

## Reporting on Missions....

### April's Yellow Envelope Mission: Suffolk Winter Shelter

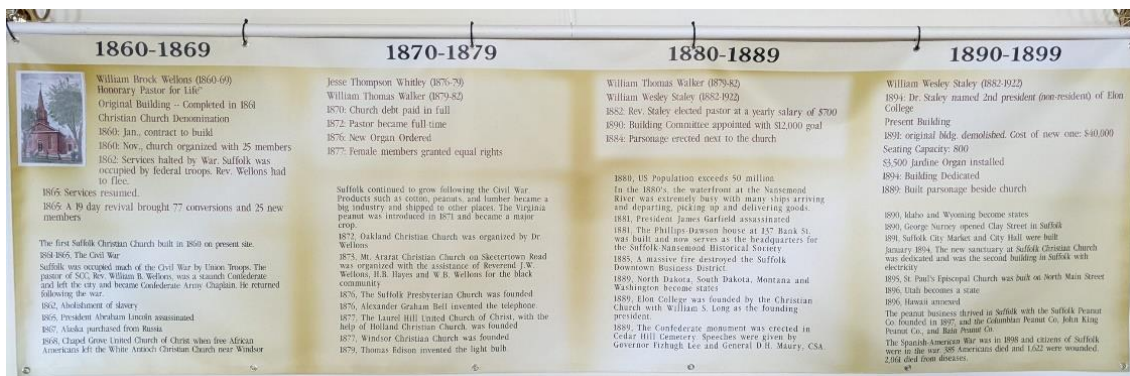


Suffolk's Winter Shelter program will be the recipient of this month's local missions giving. A grant has supplied funds to house 56 adults in 2 local motels throughout the winter. This program is a Housing First model, meaning the focus is on moving participants into permanent housing as quickly as possible (which currently is in short supply.) The program plans to run through the month of June, if possible and our own Cheryl Griffin heads this effort. The money we donate will help fill other needs of those in the program, such as toiletries, laundry supplies, gas to get them to a new job until first paycheck, medications, etc. The needs are many and your contribution will make an immediate difference in someone's life. Thank you for your generous support of our local missions.

### Beyond Our Shores:

\*The Board of Deacons voted in March to send \$500 from the "**Dollars for Supply and Multiply Fund**" to that group to help a little boy in Haiti who has had surgery on his legs but is unable to walk. He needs physical therapy to regain use of his legs and this donation will help supply that need. Your continued contributions of dollar bills in the collection plate means we can do even more for our Haitian friends. Thank you!

\*The Board of Deacons also voted to present the opportunity to our congregation to make a donation for **Ukraine Relief**. A special offering will be taken up for several Sundays and you may donate by writing a check to SCC (designate Ukraine Relief) and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. You may also use the envelopes located in the pews. We will send our collective donation to CBF Global (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.) Dr. Hartman is associated with this organization and has great confidence in it. You can read more about this group at [cbf.net](http://cbf.net) (type Ukraine Response in the search box.) Thank you for your generous support of missions beyond our shores.



### A Step Back In Time

The transition team worked very hard to put together a timeline of Suffolk Christian Church. Take a look! The memories may bring you a step back in time!

## Deacons Report

The Deacon Board is excited to announce several changes for Suffolk Christian Church. With the assistance of the Covid Task Force and recommendations from the CDC, we no longer are requiring face coverings. We do respect everyone's choice to continue with this practice and we encourage anyone not feeling well to please stay home. We have returned to singing from our hymnals and having the smaller bulletins on Sunday Morning. On April 3rd, the Deacons will be serving communion once again. We have chosen to continue with the use of our pre-packaged elements. Our beautiful choir is back and what a blessing they are to each of us. We thank our Music Department and the dedicated men and women who practice and sing every week for their faithfulness. While we welcome back many of our traditions, we look forward to a future of making new traditions. We have seen an increase in Sunday attendance which is very encouraging.

Please be sure to check the calendar for all our Easter Celebrations. If you haven't been to Church recently, please join us on Sunday morning. We miss you.

With Christian Love,  
Your Board of Deacons

# Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE  
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
 ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

"As a \_\_\_\_\_ looks after his  
           H S V K S V I W

\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ is  
 H X Z G G V I V W    U O L X P    S V

\_\_\_\_\_ them, so will I \_\_\_\_\_ after my  
 D R G S                            O L L P                            H S V V K

I will \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
 I V H X F V                            K Z H G F I V

I will \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ and bring back  
 H V Z I X S                            O L H G

the \_\_\_\_\_. I will \_\_\_\_\_ up the \_\_\_\_\_  
 H G I Z B H                            Y R M W                            R M Q F I V W

and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. You are my  
 H G I V M T G S V M                            D V Z P

\_\_\_\_\_ ... and I am your \_\_\_\_\_."  
 H S V V K                            T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God

# PUZZLE

## Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection,  
and each one offers important details.

*Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.*

**ACROSS**

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luka 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luka 24:12)

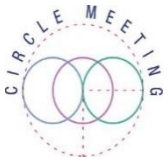
**DOWN**

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)

**What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?**

"I \_ m ascen \_ ing \_ o my  
 Fat \_ er and your Fa \_ her,  
 to \_ y \_ od and your God."  
 Joh \_ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2 remembered, 4 worshipped, 5 white, 7 Galilee, 8 linen; DOWN 1. garden, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; 1. am ascending to my Father and your Father; to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV



The Afternoon Circle will meet at 1:00 in Saints Alive on Monday, April 4th. All are welcome to join us!

Evening Circle will meet on Monday, April 11th at 7 PM. Please join us as we continue our study of Max Lucado's book *Anxious for Nothing*

**Game Nights**  
**6:45 PM**  
**April 1**  
**April 15**  
**April 29**



**Grief Support Group:** Pastor Tracy will be offering a grief support group on Wednesday afternoons beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. We'll be working through the book, "Understanding Your Grief," by Alan Wolfelt and supporting each other as we journey through our own grief. Even if your loss is not recent, you are welcome. Please email Tracy at [tracy.hartman@suffolkchristian.org](mailto:tracy.hartman@suffolkchristian.org) if you would like to attend.



**Happy Birthday !!!!**

Kasey Banton	April 1
Matthew Grandy	April 2
Christine Burden	April 5
Wendy Blausey	April 8
Charles Rawls, Jr.	April 11
Jane Pritchard	April 11
April Fleming	April 12
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 Goblen	April 19
Kirk Alexander	April 23
Priscilla Bunch	April 23
Benita Rhodes	April 25
Ginny Thomas	April 25
Mary Huber	April 28
Sherrill Roberts	April 28
Eric Bunch	April 29

*Dear Friends of Suffolk Christian Church,  
 Tom and I want to thank you for the great food you sent to us. Thanks to Beverly for the delivery, Hopefully, we are on the "mend" once again; it seems that we have had illness many times. I am so thankful that we are still "up and out" to take care of many issues that seem to be a "test of Faith," but I know that my life has been saved several times, and our doctors and pharmacists have treated me. Thanks again for the food.  
 In Christian Love, Grace Garner-Atkins*



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**Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jack Harry have been given by Tom and Virginia Savage, Margaret Saunders**

**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Margaret Heuberger has been given by Tom and Virginia Savage**

**A donation to the Music Fund in memory of Earl Martin has been given by the Chancel Choir of Suffolk Christian Church**

**Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Earl Martin have been given by Tom and Virginia Savage, Margaret Saunders**

**Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Forrest Cathey have been given by Tom and Virginia Savage, Margaret Saunders**

**A donation to Care and Concern in memory of Irvin Salmon has been given by Jim and Gloria Judkins**

**A donation to the Memorial Garden in memory of Irvin Salmon has been given by Glynn and Janice Rhea Writtenberry**

**A donation to the Music Fund in memory of Irvin Salmon has been given by the Chancel Choir of Suffolk Christian Church**

**Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Irvin Salmon have been given by C. A. and Sylvia Duck, Steve and Jan Jurnigan, Tom and Virginia Savage, Margaret Saunders, Jim and Becky Bradshaw, Donald and Kimberly S. Casson**

**Donations to the Food Pantry in memory of Irvin Salmon have been given by Glynn and Janice Rhea Writtenberry, Bobby and Judy Smith**

**A donation to the Memorial Garden in memory of Mary Ellis Vick has been given by Joyce H. Trump**



A **Memorial Garden Fund** has been established within the Memorial Fund. Any donations made to this garden fund will go directly to the upkeep and future plantings in the garden. If you would like to give to this fund through a donation or a memorial, please be sure to designate this fund on your check or envelope. Thank you.

Saturday, April 16th



All school – college-aged students are invited to participate in our annual Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16th. The students will meet at 4:30 pm in the Conference 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. 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.



The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring our annual potluck luncheon and Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, immediately following our 11:00 am worship service. The board will be providing fried chicken and beverages. We ask you to bring a side dish/dessert to share with others. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner - 5:30 pm  
VBS: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Mark your calendars now for our annual Vacation Bible School. Adults: Please pray how you can help this year. Children: Start inviting your friends to come along with you for fun and fellowship.







Day 1:	Matthew 20:18-19	Day 16:	Luke 24:5-7
Day 2:	Matthew 28:5-7	Day 17:	Luke 23:46-47
Day 3:	I Peter 1:3	Day 18:	I Corinthians 1:18
Day 4:	Isaiah 53:5	Day 19:	I Corinthians 15:3-4
Day 5:	Acts 3:15	Day 20:	I Corinthians 15:20-21
Day 6:	Romans 5:8	Day 21:	2 Corinthians 5:17
Day 7:	Romans 6:8-11	Day 22:	John 1:29
Day 8:	Romans 8:11	Day 23:	John 3:16
Day 9:	Romans 10:9	Day 24:	John 12:46
Day 10:	I Thessalonians 5:10	Day 25:	John 11:25-26
Day 11:	Titus 3:5	Day 26:	John 14:27
Day 12:	I John 4:19	Day 27:	Mark 16:1-4
Day 13:	I John 5:11	Day 28:	Mark 16:5-6
Day 14:	Job 19:25	Day 29:	Acts 2:24
Day 15:	Philippians 2:8	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.



# HOLYWEEK



**Palm Sunday  
April 10**

Gather outside in front of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church at 9:30 a.m. to join with our friends from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Higher Ground Outreach Ministries, and Main Street United Methodist Church for our annual Palm Sunday Parade.

Following the 11 o'clock worship service, the Board of Christian Education will sponsor a churchwide potluck luncheon and Easter egg hunt. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



**Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm  
April 16**

The congregation is invited to attend the service conducted by the youth at 8:00 p.m.



*Easter Vigil*

4:30 pm, Youth will meet in the conference room for dinner and to prepare for the service.



## THE LAST SUPPER

**Maundy Thursday  
April 14**

Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14.

Witness a live dramatic re-enactment of The Last Supper, followed by Holy Communion.

**Easter Sunday  
April 17**

10:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship

Come and Worship with us



## 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 **Sunday, April 10**. No orders will be accepted after that deadline.



- Spray on the inside front column ..... \$50
- Spray on the inside front column .....\$50
- Huntboard arrangement ..... \$45
- Second floor foyer.....\$40
- South vestibule arrangement.....\$40
- North entrance floral spray .....\$40
- North entrance floral spray .....\$40
- South outside entrance floral spray .....\$40
- Front outside floral spray .....\$40
- Front outside floral spray .....\$40
- North vestibule arrangement .....\$40
- Pascal Candle .....\$40

Sprays/Arrangements In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

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Given by:

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## Easter Lilies

Quantity	Total (\$15 each)



Lilies In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

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

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 Attn: Cheryl Ashcraft  
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## April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<b>1</b> 11:30am Meals on Wheels 6-8pm Game Night	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	<b>4</b> 1:00pm Afternoon Circle	<b>5</b> 1:00pm Saints Alive	<b>6</b> 3:30pm Grief Support Group 6:30pm Board of Christian Ed 7:00pm Music Committee 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>7</b> 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 11:30am Meals on Wheels	<b>9</b>	
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