

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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Looking Ahead to March Events

Wednesday, March 6—Lenten Service and Luncheon (12:05 pm) at Fincastle United Methodist Church

March 9-10
(Saturday/Sunday)
"Spring Forward"



March 10—**4th Sunday of Lent** Service at 10:30; Sunday School at 9:30;
Fellowship to follow

March 12—**2 pm**—Women's bible Study, church fellowship hall

Wednesday March 13—Lenten Service and Luncheon (12:05 pm) at Fincastle United Methodist Church

March 17—**5th Sunday of Lent** Service at 10:30; Sunday School at 9:30;
Fellowship to follow and Handbell practice

Tuesday—Friday March 19—22—David and Patsy will be out of town

March 19—**2 pm**—Women's bible Study, church fellowship hall

Looking Ahead to March Events—continued

Wednesday March 20—Lenten Service and Luncheon (12:05 pm) at Fincastle United Methodist Church

March 24—Palm Sunday

Proceed into the church during the prelude carrying a palm branch to be put in the front of the church

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Service: 10:30 am

Fellowship to follow and Handbell practice

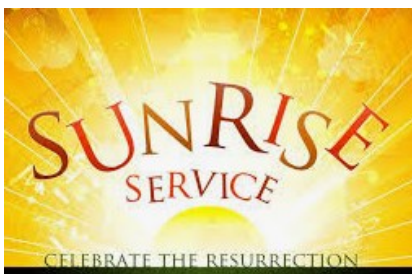


Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service—7 pm (FPC)

The Back Street Handbell Ringers will set the tone for this observance of Jesus' Last Supper by playing "Were You There". Communion will be served during this solemn service of darkness. There will also be readings describing the final hours of Jesus' life. (This service will not be live streamed.)

Friday, March 29—Good Friday Tenebrae Service at the Fincastle United Methodist Church (7 pm). This hour long service will be a musical service describing the final hours of Jesus' life and his resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY— March 31



7 am—Easter sunrise service at Godwin Cemetery followed by breakfast at the FUMC Life Center. If you are willing to bring a breakfast casserole, please let Patsy know.

Looking Ahead to March Events—continued

EASTER SUNDAY— March 31

10:30 am Worship Service. This year we will celebrate the risen Lord by placing flowers “in the cross” to signify that Christ has risen, He has risen indeed”. The Back Street Ringers will also help celebrate the day.



Looking Ahead to April Events

April 2—Ferrum College Softball at Roanoke College Double Hitter—stay tune for more information (Remember, Kasey Kincaid plays for Ferrum College)

April 4—“March” Session Meeting—7 pm

April 14—Fellowship Covered Dish Luncheon

April 20—Men’s Breakfast





Jelly Bean Gospel



Red's the blood that Jesus shed,
White's the perfect life He led,
Black is for my heart of sin,
Green, new life I've found in Him,
Pink, for flowers near His grave,
Blue's the world He came to save,
Purple, temple veil, now torn,
Orange, the sky on Easter morn,
Yellow is my happy grin
To know that Jesus rose again!

I hope that you'll enjoy this treat
Of jelly beans, so small and sweet.
The news they share is short, but true:
Jesus died, 'cause He loves **YOU**.
So empty the bag, and when you do,
Remember His tomb is empty, too!

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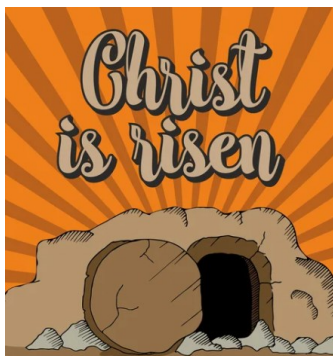
From David's Desk

According to St. Augustine (5th Century, A.D.) and the great thinkers who followed him, you and I (and the rest of humanity!) have two basic problems in life: our sin and our death. According to St. Augustine our sin complicates our death; our sin tempts us to live in fear of our death. If we were without sin, so Christian reasoning goes, we would not fear death. But who is without sin? Not me! Not you! Not any one—other than Jesus Christ. So, you and I (and all of humanity!) have two big problems: our sin and our death!



However, St. Augustine also sets before us more than simply the nature of our two great problems in life; he also sets before us our great Hope: that our problems of sin and death “did not catch God by surprise!” From the beginning (actually from before our beginning as humanity) God had an answer for our sin and our death: the life, death, and Resurrection of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

Obviously, that phrase requires a lot of “unpacking”. Every Christian preacher worth his or her salt



attempts to “unpack” that great “Good News” with every sermon that he or she preaches. On Easter Sunday, we preachers make an especial effort to unpack that “Good News”: that in Christ’s Resurrection from the dead, God has defeated our two greatest enemies: our sin and our death!

I have found that, try as I might, I cannot fully explain this “Good News.” In fact, no one can. But what we can do is to bear a faithful witness to the Good News of Easter: “Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!” And because He lives, we can, through faith, live also—without fear of either our sin or our death. Indeed, we can begin to live fearlessly the eternal life right now!

Happy Easter!

David