

THE WINDOW VIEW

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

(2 Corinthians 9:10-11)



APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

CANNED MEAT & RITZ CRACKERS

There is a decorated container in the office to receive your donations for GAP Ministries. And remember: If you forget to bring an item, you may always contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- April 4 Ray Mundy
- April 4 Karen Winburn
- April 8 Travis Shaw
- April 9 Gingly Wolcott
- April 9 Marilyn Scott
- April 6 John McGrath III
- April 19 Rev Ed Rees
- April 20 Robert Martin
- April 22 Kathryn Dowling
- April 22 Gary Stroebel
- April 27 David Iverson
- April 29 Tara Pounds

GREETERS

- Apr 7 Kathy & Jim Elder
- Apr 14 Janet & Bill Cravens
- Apr 21 Angie Rees & Gail Volz
- Apr 28 Jackie & Ken Voss

DOOR KEEPERS

- Apr 7 Jim Elder
- Apr 14 Bill Cravens
- Apr 21 Joe Lesniewski
- Apr 28 Ken Voss

LAY READERS FOR APRIL

Jeanne & Gary Stroebel

Christian Education Ministry



April, 2024

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 AM and finish by 10:15 AM

The **Adult Co-Ed Class** will meet in the Parlor and will continue to discuss the Scripture reading for that day's Worship Service. Jim Elder leads the discussion of this class and everyone is encouraged to add their thoughts and interpretation. The on-line bulletin e-mailed on Thursdays will have the scripture for Sunday listed if you want to get a head start! This class is open to all adults.

The **Women's Sunday School Class** will meet in the Sunday School classroom in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the Old Testament book of Amos and lessons are led by Becky Moore. This class is open to all women of the church.

The **Children's Sunday School Classes** continue to meet in the Ark. Our theme for April is "**Walking with the Way Maker.**" a 5 week study that will continue into the first week of May. We will look at Jesus' miracles and his resurrection as we develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

- April 7 - The Way Maker Calms the Storm
- April 14 - The Way Maker Feeds the Five Thousand
- April 21 - The Way Maker Heals the Blind Man
- April 28 - The Way Maker in the Fiery Furnace
- May 5 - The Way Maker Raises Lazarus From The Dead

As always, there will be Nursery Time for children age 5 and under to attend with a lesson and play time especially for them. Sunday School time 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Wednesday Night Brown Bag Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible Study WILL NOT meet again until April 17.

Our Wednesday Bible Study will continue with two meetings on Wednesday, one mid-day and the other in the evening. The material is from the same company that published our just finished Bible study "**Christianity Explored**". Some comments about the study included: "Way beyond my expectations!", "Rev. Ed is an amazing teacher with a wealth of information to share", and "New way of contemplating the familiar!" We are pleased to report that 27 people attended the study!

We are glad to inform everyone that Rev. Ed will begin a new study called "**Discipleship Explored.**" Now that we have "explored" Christianity we are left with the question: What Next? **Discipleship Explored** has the answer! The study follows the same format that includes DVDs, Bible study and time for questions and discussion. Following our usual Wednesday's format, we start with fellowship and food that you bring for lunch/dinner followed by the program. The classes will be 11:30 AM - 1PM and 5:30 - 7:15 PM. Both sessions will cover the same material so come to the one that's most convenient for you. Hope to see you there. Bring some food and bring a friend!

Well, Easter is just behind us, and the weeks following can feel like something of a letdown. Jesus is risen – Yay! – now what? One of the potential pitfalls of the Christian life is our tendency to look for spiritual experiences that are full of high emotion and energy to “pump us up.” This naturally leads to the mistaken conclusion that our feelings are the best indicator of spiritual health, and thus we should be pursuing whatever leads to more and more emotional highs.

The reality is that our feelings are often a terrible barometer of our spiritual condition, and while we shouldn't totally ignore our feelings, neither should we use them as a guide to our life with Christ. Far more essential is our daily walk with the Lord, the step-by-step work of faithfulness, growing in grace, and the practice of “doing good” that glorifies God in Christ.

Let's face it: sometimes “doing good” can feel like more of a chore than a joy. This is often compounded when it seems that others do not appreciate the good we're trying to do, and even disparage or criticize our efforts. Paul has sound advice for us on this point: *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”* (Colossians 3:23-24)

When we remember that the Lord sees all, and remember that we are ultimately working for him and not for others, it sets us free from the burden of hoping others will appreciate us or reward us. The opinion of others no longer matters when we realize that our good works are approved by God, not because of how well we do them, but for the sake of Christ, whose blood has consecrated our whole life. Paul underscores this point in 1 Corinthians 15:58: *“Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”*

Working for the Lord can appear fruitless at times, but we need to trust the rhythm of planting and harvesting that God has ordained. We can work joyfully and energetically, despite what may look like barrenness and failure, because we know that nothing that is invested in the kingdom of God is ever lost. Keep faith and carry on!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Ed



“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

(Galatians 6:9)





**BIBLE IN A YEAR READINGS
APRIL**

- April 1 Deuteronomy 5-6, Psalm 84, Acts 7
- April 2 Deuteronomy 7-8, Psalm 85, Acts 8
- April 3 Deuteronomy 9-10, Psalm 86, Acts 9
- April 4 Deuteronomy 11-12, Psalm 87, Acts 10
- April 5 Deuteronomy 13-14, Psalm 88, Acts 11
- April 6 Deuteronomy 15-17, Psalm 89:1-29, Acts 12
- April 7 Deuteronomy 18-20, Psalm 89:30-52, Acts 13
- April 8 Deuteronomy 21-22, Psalm 90, Acts 14
- April 9 Deuteronomy 23-24, Psalm 91, Acts 15
- April 10 Deuteronomy 25-27, Psalm 92, Acts 16
- April 11 Deuteronomy 28, Psalm 93, Acts 17
- April 12 Deuteronomy 29-30, Psalm 94, Acts 18
- April 13 Deuteronomy 31-32, Psalm 95, Acts 19
- April 14 Deuteronomy 33-34, Psalm 96, Acts 20
- April 15 Joshua 1, Psalm 97, Acts 21
- April 16 Joshua 2-4, Psalm 98, Acts 22
- April 17 Joshua 5-7, Psalm 99, Acts 23
- April 18 Joshua 8-9, Psalm 100, Acts 24-25
- April 19 Joshua 10-11, Psalm 101, Acts 26
- April 20 Joshua 12-13, Psalm 102, Acts 27
- April 21 Joshua 14-15, Psalm 103, Acts 28
- April 22 Joshua 16-18, Psalm 104, Romans 1
- April 23 Joshua 19-20, Psalm 105:1-25, Romans 2
- April 24 Joshua 21-22, Psalm 105:26-45, Romans 3-4
- April 25 Joshua 23-24, Psalm 106:1-23, Romans 5-6
- April 26 Judges 1, Psalm 106:24-48, Romans 7
- April 27 Judges 2-3, Psalm 107:1-22, Romans 8
- April 28 Judges 4-5, Psalm 107:23-43, Romans 9-11
- April 29 Judges 6-7, Psalm 108, Romans 12-13
- April 30 Judges 8, Psalm 109, Romans 14-15



**TREASURER'S REPORT
February 2024**

2024 Budgeted Weekly Needs	\$ 4,897.50
2024 YTD Average Weekly Income	\$ 3,132.95
Total Income February	\$ 25,063.53
Total Expenses February	\$ 20,452.49
Net Surplus	\$ 4,611.04

April Christian Education Ministry Meeting

The next meeting of the Christian Education Ministry team will be April 21st in the Fellowship Hall from 12pm to 1pm. Everyone is welcome. There will discuss cleaning and renovation of The Ark, work in the Parlor book shelves, Adult Vacation Bible School, summer break and fall programming. Hope you can join us.



Latest news on "The Chosen"

Season 4 has finished in theaters. When available on DVD and other sources, we will include it in with our programming for Bible study.



“I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME.”

MATTHEW 25:36

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The Columbia County Choral Society, which rehearses at St. Andrew on Tuesday evening, is presenting a Spring Concert. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Anne Iverson, at the door on the night of the concert, or from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-tribute-to-american-composers-tickets-845127758877?aff=oddtcreator>

Save the Date!



Jump for Joy!

St Andrew Vacation Bible School for Adults will return in July!

The dates will be:

- Friday, July 12
- Friday, July 19
- Friday, July 26
- Friday, August 2

Look for more information in future Window Views! Tell all your friends!

APRIL 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	2 6:45 PM CC CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL	3 7:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	4 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE AT KERSHNER HOME	5 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	6
7 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION	8 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	9 6:45 PM CC CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL	10	11 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	12 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	13
14 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP GREENE STREET DINER	15 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 6:30 PM SESSION MEETING	16 9:45 AM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 6:45 PM CC CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL	17 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	18 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 1:00 PM PRAYER CIRCLE AT KERSHNER HOME	19 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 7 PM – 8:30 PM AUGUSTA GEM & MINERAL CLUB	20 FELLOWSHIP HALL & SANCTUARY IN USE ALL DAY (WEDDIING)
21 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM MORNING WORSHIP NOON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MEETING	22 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	23	24 11:30 AM MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY 5:45 PM BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY 7:15 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	25 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	26 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	27 2:30 PM – 7:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE
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