



Kingston Chronicles

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Dear Kingston Family,

Thank you all for making this Lent and Holy Week special. We had great attendance all around. We had a successful Good Friday service, and as far as I could tell, it may have been the first Good Friday service in the history of Kingston! The sunrise service had exceptional weather and of course the sanctuary was full at 10:30 as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

So where does that leave us in the liturgical calendar? Well, the 40 days leading up to Easter are what we call "Lent" (it's actually 46 days but we don't count the 6 Sundays because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection). Easter changes every single year if you haven't noticed. The date of Easter will always fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox falls on or around March 21st, and it is when the sun is directly in line with the equator, meaning the entire earth for that day has exactly 12 hours of sunlight and 12 hours of darkness. In the northern hemisphere the vernal equinox marks the official start of the season we call "Spring." This means Easter can never be before March 22nd, and it can never fall after April 25th. It will always fall somewhere between those times. This means every year 46 days before Easter will be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

It also means 50 days after Easter, or the 7th Sunday after Easter, will be the day we call "Pentecost." Pentecost is the event that takes place at the beginning of Acts in which the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples and they start the beginning of the Christian church as we know it. The time in between Easter and Pentecost is known as "Eastertide" or "Easter time." So why 50 days? Well the gospels and Acts tell us that the resurrected Jesus was on earth for 40 days before he ascended into heaven. Sometimes I forget that, it's easy to gloss over. I often assume that Jesus rose from the grave and off he went to heaven, but that's not what the Bible tells us.

If you remember from our scripture reading in 1 Corinthians 15 this past Sunday, Paul tells us the risen Jesus did not only appear to the disciples, he appeared to 500 some people! Scholars think Paul wrote 1 Corinthians around 54 AD, some 20 years after the resurrection, and Paul says some of those eyewitnesses are still alive! So for the next 6 Sundays we will be in Easter time, celebrating the resurrected Christ while he lived and spoke amongst the people, proving that in fact death did not have the last word. Friends, it is this Easter event that marks the hallmark of our faith.

The resurrection is what unites Christians all over the world. Christians may disagree on many expressions of our faith but every Christian believes in the resurrection, because without it? Well I'll leave you with Paul's words "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins." -1 Corinthians 15:17

Blessings,

Pastor Robert

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.
Pastor

Holly Bannan
**Director of
Discipleship and
Communications**

Bradley Hardee
Music Director

Mary Alwine
**Administrative
Assistant**

David Moore
Sexton

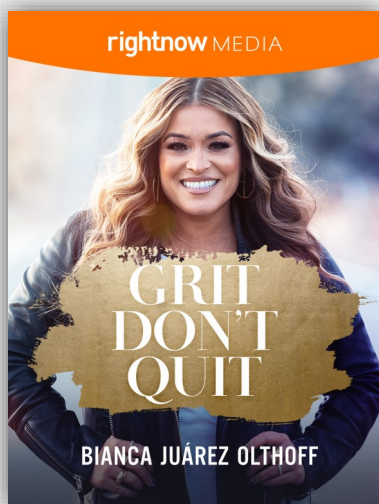
Kira Hamilton
Emma Hamilton
Nursery

Session Digest from March 2023 Session Meeting

- 4 new members were approved!
- The profits from the sale of the Medlin property were divided between the Building and Grounds Maintenance Fund, the Organ Fund, and the Medlin Endowment Fund.
- Our member Taylor Crocker was approved to have her baby shower in the Fellowship Hall.
- A potty seat was approved for the nursery to aid our little ones who are potty training.
- We will have a minute for mission in April to help raise money to continue to provide ASL interpreting services from Tammie, who is doing a fantastic job!
- A motion was made to revise the Manual of Operations to always have a member of the worship committee who is also simultaneously on the Sanctuary Guild in order to report to the session.
- The choir room has been updated with LED lights.
- Kirkin O the Tartans service will be held on May 19th. Kingston has booked a local bagpiper!
- Construction of the Riverwalk extension will begin behind Kingston within the next 2 weeks. Upon completion there will be a locked gate that attaches the Riverwalk to the church's property.

rightnow MEDIA

April RightNow Media Spotlight



Developing Resilience When Giving Up Isn't an Option

We all have moments where we're so worn down that it's hard to get back up. The difficulties of life come at us fast, and we can struggle to believe God has remembered us in our suffering. But tough times can cultivate the grit we need to persevere, fight back, and regain our hope in Christ.

In this five-session series, pastor and bestselling author Bianca Juárez Olthoff will help us learn how to keep going through every difficult circumstance no matter how many times we fall down. Using the life of Paul the Apostle as a backdrop, Bianca will teach us about cultivating perseverance, discovering the benefit of resilience, and why having grit can change your life.

Holy Week at Kingston



Sunrise Service

(left) "Thomas," "Mary Magdalene," "Mary, mother of Jesus," and "Peter" after the sunrise service. We always enjoy this ecumenical worship with First United Methodist. (below) The annual Easter Egg Hunt!



Palm Sunday

(above) Our Kingston preschoolers and kids had a palm processional and sang "Praise Ye The Lord" in worship. Our preschoolers have been singing that song during their Pray-n-Play classes. Charlotte Montgomery joined the church and was baptized as well.

(below) We had a joint Good Friday service with St. Anne's Episcopal and went through the last seven words of Jesus.

Good Friday



Easter Sunday



Women's Ministry

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Join us **April 8th** at 7pm in the KB to continue *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. This study is open to all women!!



KINGSTON LASSIES

Below is a picture from the Wreath Workshop in March that was sponsored by **Rock N Roots Plant Co.**



Presbyterian Women New Harmony Annual Gathering

April 27, 2024 9:30 am Registration



They Stood (Daughters of Zelophehad),
Lauren Wright Pittman

Second Presbyterian Church - 1125 Old Pocalla Rd. - Sumter, S.C.

Rev Dr Ella Busby



Our Lyerly Cross on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Karla Kershner
- 7 Frank Ryan Bell
- 8 Bill Hazen
- 10 Press Courtney
Bill Marsh
Sarah Marsh
- 12 Nita Lucke
Pat West
- 13 Walt Fatz
Holly Bannan
Kathleen Redding
- 14 Peggy Hayes
John McDonald
- 15 August Carter
- 17 Ray Booth
- 18 Nancy Burroughs
Will R. Broughman
- 20 Buddy Sasser
- 21 Carolyn Gobel
Cathy Newell
- 29 Miriam Little
Mary Sutton
- 30 Cindy Magrath
Hattie Bannan



WACCAMAW YOUTH CENTER BIRTHDAYS

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Cathy Beverly.

For one of the boy's birthdays, you will need to bring a homemade cake, a tub of ice cream, 16 candles, 16 napkins, 16 plates and potato chips.



The following are immediate needs CAP has as they can't get from their main source (Lowcountry Food Bank) :

- Tomato Soup
- Canned Chicken
- Jelly (Plastic Jars)
- Grits
- Cereal
- Canned Pasta

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Head Usher:
Mike Ellis

Ushers:
Clayton Mauldin
Ed Gillis
Ben Burroughs

Counters:
Gina Staton
Mary Sutton

Weight Watchers Workshops

are reopening in our church started the week of February 18, 2024!!!

The schedule is the same; Tuesdays at 6:00PM and Saturdays at 9:00AM.

Workshops will be held at the **same location**; The Kingston Education Center, 907 Third Avenue, Conway, SC 29526.

Please share this info with your family members and friends that you think would be interested. Weight Watchers has been voted once again the number one Diet Program by US News & World Report, and the number one program doctors recommend to help manage your weight health.

Monica N. Galea



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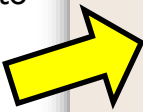
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Easter Monday Office Closed ASL class 6pm in Gore House	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am Covered Dish	8 ASL class 6pm in Gore House KPW Bible Study @ 7pm	9 Diaconate Mtg @ 6pm in KB	10 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Choir @ 7:15	11	12	13
14 New Member Class @ 9:15 in Sanctuary Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service @10:30am	15 CE Mtg @ 2:30 in Parlor ASL class 6pm in Gore House	16 Trustee Mtg @ 4pm in KB Session Mtg @ 6pm in KB	17 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Kingston Kids 6-7pm Choir @ 7:15	18 Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 6pm in KB	19 Youth Breakfast @ 7am & 8:15	20
21 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30am in FH New Member Class @ 9:15 in Sanctuary Pray-n-Play @ 9:45am Worship Service@10:30am	22 ASL class 6pm in KB	23	24 Wed Night Supper @ 6pm in FH Kingston Kids 6-7pm Choir @ 7:15	25	26 Youth Breakfast @ 7am & 8:15	27
28 New Member Class @ 9:15 in Sanctuary Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service@10:30am	29	30				

We are excited to announce we are holding a New and Prospective Member Class in April! This will be a three-week series discussing topics such as getting involved, accessing our technological resources, and learning about the history of our church which has been in Conway for over 250 years.

Sunday, April 14th
Join us to hear Rev. Robert Bannan, Jr. speak about what it means to be a member of our church.

Sunday, April 21st
Our own church historian, Ben Burroughs, will be giving a brief history of our church.

Sunday, April 28th
Holly Bannan will be hosting a hands-on class on how to access our digital directory, online sermons, website, and more!



New Members Class

APRIL 14, 21, AND 28

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

WITH PASTOR ROBERT, HOLLY, AND BEN BURROUGHS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER?
HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
THE RICH HISTORY OF KINGSTON
TECHNOLOGY - DIRECTORY, WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, ETC.

Upcoming Worship

May 12

Mother's Day

10:30 Worship w/ Communion

May 19

Pentecost Sunday

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10:30 worship w/ tartan processional

May 26

Memorial Day Weekend

10:30 Worship

Jun 2

Baccalaureate Sunday

10:30 Worship

Kingston Kids + Youth

APRIL PRAY-N-PLAY
Sunday, April 21
9:45am



YOUTH
friday morning
breakfast - NEW schedule

7:00AM
MIDDLE + HIGH
(ANYONE WITH 8:15 TARDY BELL)




8:15AM
JUNIORS + SENIORS
(ANYONE WITH LATE ARRIVAL)

Girl's Night

Rising 6th grade girls
with our High School girls

Date - TBD


Our rising 6th grade girls are invited to have a dinner with our older girls and talk about Middle School, challenges, things to look forward to, etc!



*Baccalaureate
Sunday
Breakfast*

June 2 | Graduates + family | 9:30 AM

Class of 2024



**SPRING
BREAK**

REMINDER: There are no children or youth activities during your spring break. See you after the break!