



KINGSTON CHRONICLES

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From Pastor Robert's desk...

Dear Kingston Family,

As you are reading this, we are right in the middle of Holy Week—Maundy Thursday is tomorrow, then Good Friday, and Easter on Sunday. But what many people don't realize is that Easter isn't just a single day. It begins a whole new season in the life of the church called Eastertide.

Eastertide lasts 50 days and culminates with Pentecost (this year on May 24). While Lent is a season of introspection—wrestling with our sin and mortality, Eastertide is a season of joy and celebration. You'll notice the paraments remain white, reminding us of the new life we have in Christ's resurrection.

Scripture tells us that after his resurrection, Jesus didn't immediately ascend into heaven. Instead, he appeared to his disciples over a period of 40 days (Acts 1:3), continuing to teach and prepare them. At the end of those 40 days, he ascends. Then the disciples waited in Jerusalem for 10 more days. Jesus had told them to wait for "the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4–5), so this becomes a time of prayer, discernment, and anticipation. It's also when Matthias is chosen to replace Judas as a disciple.

Then, on the 50th day after Easter, the Day of Pentecost arrives. The Holy Spirit descends with the sound of wind and what appears like tongues of fire, and the disciples begin speaking in different languages.

The word "Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning "fiftieth," referring to the timing—50 days after Easter. But the day itself didn't begin with Christianity. It was originally a Jewish festival called Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks, which celebrated both the harvest and, later, God giving the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

That connection matters. Because in Acts 2, the disciples aren't gathered randomly—they're in Jerusalem for this festival, along with pilgrims from all over the known world. (continued)

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr. **Pastor**
Holly Bannan **Director of Discipleship and Communications**
Bradley Hardee **Music Director**
Mary Alwine **Administrative Assistant**
Kenneth Demming **Sexton** | Kira & Emma Hamilton **Nursery**

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(continued from pg.1) That's why there are so many languages present, and why the message of the gospel immediately begins to spread outward.

There's also a beautiful theological parallel here: at Sinai, God gives the Law; at Pentecost, God gives the Spirit. One written on stone, the other written on hearts.

This is why Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the church." It's the moment when the followers of Jesus are filled with the Holy Spirit, sent out into the world, and the church truly comes alive in its mission. Through the Spirit, the risen Christ is not just with us—but in us.

As we move into this season of Eastertide, my hope is that we don't rush past it. This is a time to live into resurrection joy, to rediscover hope, and to be reminded that God is still at work—bringing new life in ways we can see and ways we cannot.

Blessings,
Pastor Robert

KPW Salad Supper + Blessing Jar

Women of the Church, mark your calendar for our annual Salad Supper on Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will also collect the change you have collected in your blessing jar. We hope you will join us for this wonderful time together!

April Volunteers

Ushers

HEAD USHER

Cary Brown

USHERS

Bill Hazen

Gina Fisher

Rachel Suchowieski

Counters

Cary Brown

Paul Reed



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www.kingstonpc.org

As we prepare for Confirmation Sunday on April 26, we remember that faith is not something we walk alone. We are, as Paul writes, "one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:5).

Our confirmands are stepping forward in their faith—but they do so held by the prayers, stories, and witness of this community.

On April 12, they will begin writing their faith statements—putting into words what they believe and how they have come to trust God. We invite you to hold them in prayer as they reflect, wrestle, and give voice to their faith.

We also invite you to share a piece of your faith with them. Write your favorite Bible verse, a promise that has carried you, or a word of encouragement on a notecard.

These will be placed inside their Bibles as a quiet surprise—a reminder that they are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who continue to walk with them.

- Maybe it is a verse that sustained you in a hard season.
- Maybe it is a reminder of grace, like Paul's words that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38–39).
- Maybe it is simply a blessing for the road ahead.

Please return your notecards to the church office by Friday, April 24.

In this small act, we become part of their story— a community that teaches, encourages, and loves them into the life of faith.

Peace,
Holly



April

- 7 Frank Ryan Bell
- 8 Bill Hazen
- 10 Press Courtney
Bill Marsh
Sarah Marsh
- 12 Nita Lucke
Pat West
- 13 Holly Bannan
Kathleen Redding
- 14 Peggy Hayes
Lynette Hedgepath
- 15 August Carter
- 17 Ray Booth
- 18 Nancy Burroughs
Will R. Broughman
- 20 Buddy Sasser
- 21 Carolyn Gobbel
Cathy Shelley-Newell
- 24 Annalee Watkins
- 27 Julian Hartford "Hart"
Novaa
Greg Redlin
- 29 Miriam Little
Mary Sutton
- 30 Cindy Magrath
Hattie Bannan



Fellowship and Family Life

Sunday Covered Dish

There is no covered dish in April. Our next covered dish is Sunday, May 3rd, immediately following worship. Fellowship and Family Life provides the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share to feed 6-8 people.

Wednesday Supper + Programming

APRIL 1

NO WEDNESDAY SUPPER DURING HOLY WEEK

APRIL 8

NO WEDNESDAY SUPPER DURING SPRING BREAK

APRIL 15 | 6:00PM

Cook: Bittles + group

Menu: TBD

Program: Program with Pastor Robert

APRIL 22 | 6:00PM

Cook: Rachel and Mike Suchoweiski

Menu: TBD

Program: Program with Pastor Robert

APRIL 29 | 6:00PM

Cook: Bradley Hardee

Menu: TBD

Program: Game Night

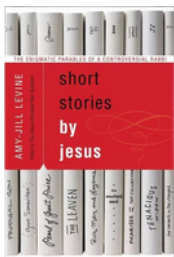
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For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 12:00PM Good Friday Service	4
			Holy Week			
5 EASTER 7:00AM Easter Sunrise Service 9:30AM Sunday School 9:45AM Easter Egg Hunt 10:30AM Easter Traditional Worship	6  4:30PM Missions Committee Mtg (Parlor) 6:00PM KPW Evening Circle (KB)	7	8	9 1:00PM OE Meeting (Parlor)	10	11
12 9:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM Sunday Traditional Worship 11:30AM Confirmation Class	13 6:00PM Called Session Meeting (KB)	14 6:00PM Deacons Meeting (KB)	15 6:00PM Wednesday Supper (FH) 7:15PM Choir Practice	16 10:00AM Women Bible Study (GH) 6:00PM Prayer Shawl (KB)	17 7:00AM Youth Prayer Breakfast	18
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Women Bible Study



What if the parables of Jesus aren't meant to comfort us—but to challenge us? For our next study, we'll read Short Stories by Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine and explore how these familiar stories disrupt our assumptions and invite us into a deeper understanding of God's grace.

[Click here to purchase on Amazon](#)

Thursdays at 10:00am
Beginning April 16

Through Scripture, discussion, and shared reflection, we'll wrestle with what these stories meant then—and what they mean for us now.

Support our Community.



NEEDS:

travel size hygiene products

- Can Sweet Peas
- Can Ravioli
- Can Spaghetti
- Bag of sugar – 2&5 lb.
- Grape jelly in plastic jar
- Can Meat (tuna, chicken, or ham)
- White Rice – 2, 3, or 5 lb.
- Can Pineapple
- Can Peaches
- Bottle Juice (Apple, Grape, Cranberry)
- Box Juice (8 or 10 pack)
- * for our Tiny Tot Daycare Program

Wall Lecture Weekend

Thank you to everyone who attended our weekend sessions, volunteered with food and drinks, and to all committees that made this weekend possible. Dr. Yoo enjoyed his time with our congregation! Below are a few pictures from the weekend, including a picture of our children on our Friday night Bible scavenger hunt.



WACCAMAW YOUTH CENTER BIRTHDAYS

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

=Welcome= New Members

The Kingston Presbyterian Women hosted our KPC New Members at a Wednesday Night meal planned by Cathy Beverly, featuring a program led by the KPW moderator, Alys Lawson (both pictured left). The program was all about getting to know the new members.



Alys Lawson, Moderator



Cathy Beverly, Christian Community Action Chair



Greg and Daniella Redlin



William Bone (Sandra is a member)



Kira Hamilton



Vinny Zylko and Tessa Juengst

New members not pictured include:

H. Buck Cutts
Lynette Hedgepath
Susan Whitten
John Ramp



Janice Rogers



David and Gina Jakubowski



Steven and Gloria Jacobsen

Holy Week at Kingston

Palm Sunday

10:30am

Worship

Holy Week 2026

Maundy Thursday

7:30pm

Maundy
Thursday
Service

Good Friday

12:00pm

Good
Friday
Service

Easter Sunday

7:00am
Sunrise service

9:45am
Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am
Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd | Service begins at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary as we remember Jesus' last supper. Communion will be served by intinction, followed by a brief time of darkness as we hear Jesus' trial and sentencing to crucifixion. We will exit worship in silence.

Good Friday, April 3rd | Service begins at 12pm in the Sanctuary as we hear the 7 last words of Jesus on the cross. We will also exit worship in silence.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 5th | Service begins at 7am under the oaks on the lawn overlooking Kingston Lake. Please note, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall if it is raining.

Easter Sanctuary Service, April 5th | Service begins at 10:30am in the sanctuary. Our text will be Luke 24:1-12.



Bring your flowers
and fill the Lyerly
cross on Easter
morning.

A member of the Sanctuary guild will
be there to assist as needed.

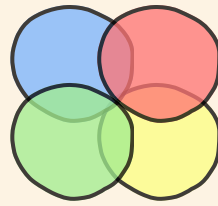
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2 Corinthians 9:7
"God loves a cheerful giver."



GIVE HERE!

Confirmation Class 2026



Big God Big Questions

Remaining Dates

April 12: Confirmation Class
(writing faith statements)

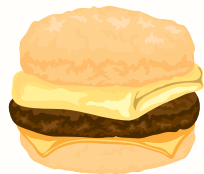
April 13: Confirmation Examination with
Session (6:00PM)

April 26: Confirmation Sunday

Youth Prayer Breakfast

7:00am | Fridays

Middle and High Schoolers, join us for youth prayer breakfast. Make sure you're on Holly's text thread to get the location each week. Transportation to Conway Middle and Conway High is available!



VBS 2026

July 20-24, 2026

Ages 3 through 5th grade



This summer we're heading up the mountain with Cokesbury's **Snowball Mountain Challenge!** Get ready for high-energy music, creative crafts, team challenges, Bible adventures, and a whole lot of laughter. Along the way, kids will discover that when life feels steep or slippery, God is our steady guide. **Registration is OPEN!** Scan our QR code today.



Children's Worship Bags

We are missing some of our Children's worship bags. If you have taken one home by mistake, please return it to the church narthex so we can restock, fill, and prep them for the following Sunday. Thank you!



Children and Youth Ministry