



The Trumpet

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“Make two silver trumpets... and you shall use them for summoning the congregation.” ~Numbers 10:2,10

March-April 2024

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



GREAT FALLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10100 Georgetown Pike † Great Falls, VA 22066
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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY ~ March 24, 2024 at 10 AM

HOLY THURSDAY ~ March 28, 2024 at 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 29, 2024 at 12 PM

*The Great Falls Area Ministries sponsors The Last Seven Words of Christ
hosted by Great Falls UMC*

EASTER SUNDAY ~ March 31, 2024

Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM at the Great Falls Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive,

Sponsored by the Great Falls Area Ministries

Egg Hunt at 9:15 AM

Meet by the playground & bring a basket.



***Easter Celebration Service* at 10 AM**

**Child Care Available.*

*Children dismissed to Children's Church
after the Children's Moment.*



Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm. We are looking for additional singers for Easter Sunday. We will have two extra rehearsals for Easter on Saturday March 16 from 10:00-11:00 am and March 23 from 10:00-11:00 am.

See Alice for any additional questions or if you need music for Easter.



You are invited to click on the link below to choose an open Sunday to sponsor flowers on the altar. Great Falls Florist (703-759-4778) delivers flowers directly to the church. Please pick up your flowers during the week (9am-4pm Mon-Wed) and enjoy them at home. If you have questions, please contact Sandra Musser at mussersandrah@gmail.com or 703-581-3390.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dafa928a4fd0-gfumc>

WORDS TO DIGEST

"All your life, you will be faced with a choice. You can choose love or hate... I choose love."
~Johnny Cash



Thank you for participating in Tackle Hunger/Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 11th.
\$513 was collected and sent to SHARE Inc of McLean.



There was much excitement during Children's Church recently when the kids created Valentines to show our love for others and remember God's love for us. They made several Valentines especially for some of our members who were unable to come to church and for their favorite minister, Pastor Dore. GREAT JOB!

Our Mission: We are the people of God called to reflect Jesus Christ and to make a difference in people's lives by:
Bringing People to God, Praising God in Worship, Learning the Word of God, Serving Others Near and Far, Caring for Our Congregation and Community

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Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 9 am to 4 pm; Thursday & Friday, 9 am to 12 pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Tori Kalinsky
Herb Griffin
Don Palmer
Diane Marinos
Sue Spencer
Christina Cockrell
Jackie Simpson
Carol Anne Perkins
Robert Moore
Steve Wright
Sandy Long
Jack White
Emmett Brumley
Sara McLaughlin
Jean Lee
Jorene & Arland Carroll
John Amorosa
Peggy Keller
Susan Stevenson
Mike Smith
Maxine Turner
Joe Marshall
Mike Whitaker
Peggy Woods
Bill & Carol Wright
Mary Miller
John Northrup
Dorothy Harsher
Shari Murphy
Scott Gossard
Susan Newhall
George Scott
Travis Lynn
Michael Adams
Jesslyn Lumb
Leslie Siegmund
Dawn
Rita Stanley
Sarah Kennedy
Carolyn See
Bryce
Gwen Gamble
Bryan Diamond
Linda Blakenbaker
Sndy Wallenhorst
Derek Hawk
Amy Dayton

Homebound

LuCee Canelias
Marion Custer
Sylvia Phillips
Jean Miller
Barbara Powell

Other Needs

Those Grieving
Frontline Workers
Mental Health
Norma Christian
Jasper Marks
Unspoken Prayers
Ukraine
Tommy Graham
Disaster Relief
Ruth & Tony
James Keeling Family
Scott Family
Montgomery/Horlacher
Family
VBS Helpers
Sean & Afrodita Foster
Trevor Brown Family
Peace on Earth
Dorothy Hawk Family

Missionaries

Lisa Nichols, TN
John Nday &
Florence Kaying, Moz.

Please email office@greatfallsumc.org with updates and changes to the Prayer List.



News from Preschool

Time is flying by in the Preschool, and we are loving every happy moment of it!

The children were so excited to be reunited after Christmas break and it is a time of lots of growth, academic growth, and social/emotional growth. Somehow everything seems to click in the new year and routines and friendships deepen and grow.

Valentine's Day is always a favorite amongst our little people, and we made sure we celebrated properly and ensured each child felt loved.

We are already busy working on our Spring Original Show, this year we will explore Classic Nursery Rhymes! It is going to be adorable. We invite you all to join us on Wednesday, May 22nd at 11:15 a.m. to enjoy the performance.

It is a busy time of year in the preschool as we are in full admissions season! We are happy to report that we waiting lists for most offerings for the 2024-2025 school year and not only is the Preschool full, but it will be filled with the most amazing children and families. We feel blessed and thankful for every wonderful family that toured and applied many of which attend services at GFUMC. It is going to be another glorious school year full of laughter, love, and learning.

Thank you for your support of our sweet little preschool. It truly is a happy place to spend a day, please stop by any time and say hello!

Warmly,

Melissa Whitson
Preschool Director



The Faith & Fellowship Circle is planning two hands-on activities for our upcoming March and April meetings.

On **Thursday, March 14th** we will be stuffing Easter eggs for the children's Egg Hunt later in the month. We want to be sure to have a sufficient quantity ready for our enthusiastic group of little ones attending our Sunday worship services! In addition, we may have a "Fascinating" surprise program-details TBA...

At our **April 11th** meeting we will be making bagged lunches to deliver to the Embury Rucker Shelter. All supplies will be on hand to prepare at least 80 lunches. Come lend a hand for this much appreciated outreach activity.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. Don't forget to bring your sack lunch for our fellowship time together following our projects.

For questions or information, please contact.

Amy Miller at 703-444-2826 or
admpurr@hotmail.com ~or~
Karen Deaton at 703-450-1875 or
deatonkaren76@gmail.com



RENEW Vacation Bible School August 5-9 ~ 9am to Noon.

Adult Volunteers are needed to help with VBS as we partner with Christ the King Lutheran. Youth in grades 5 and above are also needed as helpers. Community Service hours will be given to all those who request them. For volunteers who have little ones under 3 years old or not yet potty-trained, a nursery will be provided each day.

If you would like to join the fun, please contact Karen Kelly (karen45kelly@verizon.net) or the church office (office@greatfallsumc.org). More information is also available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/vbs2024ctkgf>. Registration for kids begins March 31st if there are enough volunteers.



Spring Workday March 30th 9am to Noon

The Trustees will hold the Spring Workday from 9 AM to Noon on Saturday, March 30th. All are welcome to help with this annual spring rite of spreading mulch and cleaning up branches and twigs around the church property. Please bring a rake, shovel, work gloves and wheel barrow if you have one.



**The United Methodist Men will meet
Thursday, March 28th at Noon
and**

Thursday, April 18th at Noon
in the Fellowship Hall for their lunch meeting. All men are invited to attend. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Questions?

Please contact Hubert Deaton
at 703-450-1875.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Sunday Worship: <i>In-Person, Church Online & Facebook Live</i>					1 8p AAs (FH)	2 11am Deborah Anne Montgomery- Horlacher Memorial Service
3 9a Agape Class 10a *Worship/ Communion & Children's Church 11:15a S/PPRC Mtg	4	5 Primary Elections 8:30p AAs (13)	6 10:40a Prayer Time 11a Lent Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	7 12p GFAM @ Smith Chapel	8 8p AAs (FH)	9 Clock's Spring Forward to Daylight Saving Time
10 Scouting Sunday 9a Agape Class 10a *Worship & Children's Church 11a Fellowship 11:30a Admin Council	11	12 7p Troop 673 8:30p AAs (13)	13 10:40a Prayer Time 11a Lent Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	14 11a Faith & Fellowship Circle	15 8p AAs (FH)	16
17 9a Agape Class 10a *Worship & Children's Church 11a Altar Guild Mtg	18	19 7p Troop 673 8:30p AAs (13)	20 10:40a Prayer Time 11a Lent Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	21	22 8p AAs (FH)	23
24 Palm Sunday 9a Agape Class 10a *Worship & Children's Church	25	26 7p Troop 673 8:30p AAs (13)	27 10:40a Prayer Time 7p Choir Rehearsal	28 12p UMM Mtg 7p Holy Thursday Service	29 12p Good Friday Service 8p AAs (FH)	30 9am Trustee Workday
31 Easter Sunday 6:30a Sunrise Service @ GF Park 9:15 Egg Hunt 10a Easter Worship						

March Birthdays

Beckett Brown 3/1
Wyott Russell 3/3
Jim Piatt 3/3
Peggy Keller 3/4
Kenneth Moritsugu 3/5
Jim Galvin 3/6
Dottie Terrell 3/7
Daniel Dickson 3/7
Bruce Ingram 3/9

Rita MacDonald 3/9
Nicole Malekian 3/12
Teresa Clark 3/14
Robbin Smith 3/14
Anne McKay 3/14
Jonathan Steffy 3/14
Tricia Malan 3/17
Tim Graham 3/18
Barney Chen 3/18
Carol Anne Perkins 3/18
Laura Nickles 3/19

Justin Green 3/19
Michael Blackburn 3/19
Quinn Steffy 3/22
Julia Reneau 3/22
Matthew Osgood 3/23
Reagan Foley 3/24
Alice Eelman 3/26
Jim Long 3/27
Calvin Follin 3/29
Linda Campbell 3/29
Nicola Reeder 3/29

If you have a March birthday and do NOT see your name on the list above,
please contact the Church Office to add your special day to our database. Thanks!



Teachers for Children's Church

A special thanks to all of you who have previously volunteered to teach or help. On April 7 we begin another 11 weeks of Children's

Church. Any of you who would like to continue in this ministry are most welcome. Others of you who have not had the opportunity to experience the excitement in our Children's Church, don't know what you're missing. We need 11 lead teachers, but helpers are welcome too. If interested, use this Signup Genius link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A49ACAC22A1F58-47764299-gfumc> or contact Karen Kelly at karen45kelly@verizon.net.



Sign-Up for Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship has resumed on the second Sunday of each month after Worship! Hosts to set-up, clean-up and provide light snacks are sought.

A Sign-up Genius has been created at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084BACAD2DA4FF2-48427458-fellowship> for those who would like to host. Questions? Please contact Nicola Reeder at npstell@gmail.com or 703-623-7114.



Pastor Dore will hold Confirmation Class for interested Youth in grades 6-12. The classes will be each Sunday beginning April 7th thru May 12th at 4PM. The rite of Confirmation will be held Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

If you have an interested youth, please contact Pastor Dore (livingstonedore@vaumc.org) or office@greatfallsumc.org.



Arnon Chapel Road Clean-up Day Saturday, April 13 at 10AM

Did you know that GFUMC is committed to removing trash from a 1.5 mile stretch of Arnon Chapel Road from Walker Road to Riverbend Road at least twice per year? To meet this responsibility, we need volunteers to help on **Saturday, April 13th at 10 AM**. Come to church dressed appropriately and bring work gloves. Trash bags and safety vests will be provided.

Questions? Please contact Steve Cressman at sdccressman@verizon.net.



Worship Helpers Wanted

We are in the process of updating the calendar of worship helpers (Reader, Greeter, Ushers & Communion Helpers) for April 7 thru

July 7. We are in need of: ushers who are not in the choir and two Communion helpers the first Sunday of every month.

Volunteers are generally needed 2-3 times per three-month period. If you are interested in participating, please contact:

Jen Callahan (calfamily96@outlook.com) or
Nancy (office@greatfallsumc.org).



2024 Graduate Recognition...

On Sunday, May 12th, our graduates will be recognized. **Please contact the church office by April 30th** with names of high school and college graduates, school attending/degree, and plans for next year. Thanks.

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**Sunday Worship: In-Person, Church Online & Facebook Live	1	2 7p Troop 673 8:30p AAs (13)	3 10:40a Prayer Time 7p Choir Rehearsal	4 12p GFAM at GFUMC	5 8p AAs (FH)	6
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April Birthdays

Raymond Davenport..... 4/1
 Keenan Pierce..... 4/3
 Panashe Mnyulwa 4/5
 Isabelle Piatt..... 4/7
 Michael Osgood 4/7
 Chris Campbell..... 4/7
 Rich Hozik 4/8
 Richard Asante..... 4/8
 Jennifer Callahan 4/10

Jane Hozik 4/11
 Annabel Rodger 4/11
 Justin McKay 4/12
 Kyle Fredrick 4/13
 Lauren Murphy 4/14
 Cameron Wilt..... 4/15
 Matthew Hozik..... 4/19
 Tara Allison 4/19
 Shelley Davenport 4/20
 Caitlyn Pence 4/20
 Zack Dailey 4/21

Isabelle Gentry 4/21
 Teddy Musser 4/24
 Chelsea Asante 4/24
 Mick Fox..... 4/25
 Ryan Anger 4/26
 Hailey Smith 4/26
 Clayton Campbell 4/27
 Emerson Smyers 4/28
 George Scott 4/29
 Bruce McKay..... 4/29
 Bruce Ross..... 4/30
 Susan Chen 4/30

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The Last Word...



Let me begin with this poem by Susan K. Bock:

EASTER

Make us an Easter people,
O Christ, whose name is
“Alleluia.”

May we, like Mary,
rise in joy when you call our name.

May we, like Thomas,
see and believe.

May we, like Peter,
become bold and brave.

May we, like Cleopas,
Meet you in every road.

May we, like them,
Be utterly changed,
in the victory of the love
by which you left your tomb,
and saved us forever
from death.

In your name, Jesus.
Amen.

(Susan K. Bock, Liturgy for The Whole Church, p 97.)

This year, Spring and Easter happen in the month of March. Both signal renewal, rejuvenation, new start... Someone once said, “Easter is the New Year’s Day for the soul.” Hopefully that is true for us at Great Falls Church as we open our lives to God’s will and guidance for our calling to ministry to one another and to the larger community.

Worship with us this Easter Sunday as we celebrate the goods news that is Easter.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Livingstone Dore

Church Staff

Rev. Livingstone S. Dore, Pastor
Alice Eelman, Music Director
Melissa Whitson, Preschool Director

Nancy Craner, Administrative Assistant
Riffat Hassan, Nursery Attendant
Bellarmino Bonilla, Custodian

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