



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Greenville, South Carolina

One body of transformation embracing all people through Christ's love

Parish Life

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Sunday Services

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm

Nursery

Offered from 9:30 am on
Sundays

Upcoming Events

- ❖ 4/1 Bread Breakers
- ❖ 4/2 Labyrinth
- ❖ 4/3 Vestry
- ❖ 4/4 DOK
- ❖ 4/5 Lenten Service/M meal
- ❖ 4/8 Men's Breakfast
- ❖ 4/9 Palm Sunday
- ❖ 4/12 Stations of the Cross Service
- ❖ 4/13 Maundy Thursday
- ❖ 4/14 Good Friday Stations with families
- ❖ 4/15 Easter Vigil
- ❖ 4/16 Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt
- ❖ 4/17 Outreach Mtg.
- ❖ 4/22 Adult Fellowship
- ❖ 4/25 Endowment Mtg. Stephen Min. Mtg. Laundry Love
- ❖ 4/27 Ronald McDonald House Wine & Cheese
- ❖ 4/29 Homeworks
- ❖ 4/30 Eagle Scout Ceremony

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Dear People of St. Peter's,

This has been a challenging season of Lent for quite a number of individuals and families in our parish. As I write this letter, we are just beyond half way through the 40 days. The good news is that by the time you read this we will be closer to 3/4 through. Hang in there. Easter is coming!

The other day I was walking hurriedly through the parking lot at St. Francis Hospital's facility in Mauldin. I saw a large sculpture off to my left, but I was more focused on getting inside than figuring out what it was. Later, as I exited the facility I was face to face with this sculpture.

I was arrested—literally stopped in my tracks. I looked up first at the face of Jesus. Next I noticed the scars in his hands and feet. Yet, as I stood there in silence what really absorbed my attention was the posture of his arms and face. Jesus' expression and body language clearly conveyed to me the virtue of giving up.

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Giving up is not considered a virtue. In fact, one of the most important Christian virtues is perseverance. The courage to will and persevere are embedded deeply into the very idea of taking up one's cross and following Jesus. I frequently urge you—in preaching, teaching, and pastoral counseling—to persevere. It is what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus.

However, we are also called to give up. Many of us "give up" things for Lent. This can be an important discipline to make more room in our lives to follow Christ. Some of us "take on" things for Lent. This also can be helpful in preparing ourselves for Easter. What happens when we don't succeed in our Lenten disciplines? We should look no further than this image to know. We must give up, and acknowledge our need for the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Here is another vivid reminder of the virtue of giving up. Every Sunday morning our Church is full of people who are experiencing an incredible breadth of joy and sadness, success and failure, health and sickness, blessings and losses, thanksgivings and disappointments. When Dorian or I stand behind the altar to pray for God's blessing, grace and mercy through the Holy Sacrament instituted by our Lord, Jesus Christ, we hold our arms out and our palms up in the traditional prayer posture (known as the *orans* position).

It is a sign of our giving up everything in our lives—all the good things and all the terrible things—to be transformed by the grace of God. In other words, every Sunday morning we give up! We give up our best offerings with thanksgiving to the glory of God. We give up our worst problems or failures with assurance that we can receive the mercy of God.

Remember as we approach Holy Week that Jesus gave up. He literally *gave up everything*—including his life—for our sake.

By doing this, he was not teaching us how to quit. He was showing us how to live! So, no matter where you find yourself this Lent, make a commitment to give it up to God. As we approach Holy Week prepare to give up! We follow a savior who has shown us how.



April Birthdays



- 02 Chandler Johnson
Larry Neal
- 03 Jocelyn Shepherd,
Richard Watson
- 04 Ellen Glymph, David Griffin
Katherine Inchiosa, Littlejohn McSwain,
Debbie Cannada
- 05 Debi Hayes
- 06 Tina Neal
- 07 Simon Landrum, John Miles
- 08 Rich Everly
- 09 Noah Klimkowski
- 10 John Ingles, Avery Morse, Tom Priddy
- 11 Dexter Goodwin
- 12 Dexter Goodwin IV, Tom Hemans
Victoria Siegel, Chris Weddington
- 13 Lawrence Farr, Cathy Kemp
Buist Langley
- 14 Kirsten Baker, Bob Vail, Rhys Kear
- 15 Brad Kluttz, James Parke
- 16 Caroline Griffin, Avery Powell,
Kale Davis
- 17 Mary Ellen Putman
- 19 Jackie Adams, Terry Dailey
- 20 Allison Ryan
- 21 Bridgette Baker, Pat Sullivan
- 22 Josephine Herman, Anita Rhodes
- 23 Peter Morse
- 24 Jacob Woodman
- 25 Al Adams, Brian Hansen
- 27 Shaym Puppala
- 28 Weston Abels
- 29 Joe Aneskievich, Elisabeth Garrett
Gil Goodman, Bob James
- 30 Anna Kate Easterling

April Anniversaries

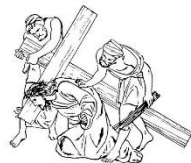
- 11 Gwen & Tom Bozeman
- 18 Ildi & Rich Everly
- 23 Valerie & Patrick McKenzie
- 24 Erika & Kenneth Klimkowski
Marilyn & Sonny Richardson



Lent Programs: Exploring the Stations of the Cross

Wednesday Nights

- 6:00 pm Worship
- 6:35 pm Meal & Presentation
- *A coloring station is available for children
- 7:45 pm Dismissal



Holy Week Worship

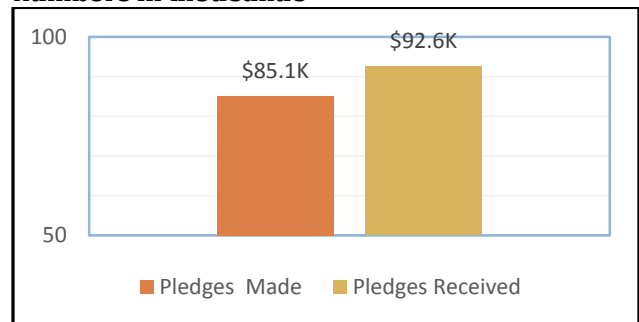
- Palm Sunday** Apr. 9th 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday** Apr. 12th Noon Stations of the Cross
- Maundy Thursday** Apr. 13th 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
& stripping of the Altar
- Good Friday** Apr. 14th
 - 12:00 p.m. Solemn collects, Veneration of the Cross and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.
 - 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross for children & families.

Easter Vigil – Sat., Apr. 15th: 8:00 p.m. Lighting of the new Paschal Fire, Holy Baptism and the first celebration of Easter

Easter Day – Sun., Apr. 16th: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.

Our Finances as of Feb. 28th

Numbers in thousands



New St. Peter's Instant Church Directory

We are getting closer to the launch of our digital directory. We now need to add pictures. If you have a favorite picture of your family or of yourself, please send it to parishadministrator@stpetersgreenvillesc.net. For those who need a picture taken, we will have photographers available on **April 2nd** after both services to take your pictures. The directory pictures will be very small so all you need is your best smile.



The three locations for photographs will be as follows:

- The back of the church
- Outside of the church in the corner with the bench and tree
- Outside the church office

Parent's Group

Join other parents for lively and supportive discussions during children's Sunday school hour (when in session) in the choir room.

April 2-9

Forty Days: A Journey through the Desert of Lent

April 23-30

Transforming Through Love: Participating in God's Dream for Wholeness

(((((((NOW PLAYING)))))))) ST. PETER & THE LIVING STONES

We at St. Peter's enjoy celebrating a portion of this verse from Matthew 16

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church"

St. Peter was uniquely qualified to guide us in understanding that our Church foundation would be composed of "living stones". He prepared us to become "living stones"; with strength of character, but also warmth, vitality, and sincere caring for others.

More than 10 years ago, five members of our congregation gathered and began working diligently to give birth to a parish endowment. The result of that effort produced The St. Peter's Family Endowment, in 2014. Recently, in 2015 and 2016, with the goal of establishing present & future funding for the Endowment, 22 parishioners representing 12 families, stepped forward, promising to support St. Peter's with a legacy gift. They became founding members of the St. Peter's Cornerstone Legacy Society. Their action represented a living example that they wished to be "Living Stones" in the formation & foundation of:

The St Peter's Family Endowment.

Since that initial pledge by those early contributors, they (and thankfully others) have begun giving frequently & repeatedly to our Endowment. Some in incremental ways that celebrate: Weddings, Birthdays, Graduations, Births, Deaths and other of life's memorable moments. Being a giver is always the important attainment of our generosity, not the size of our gift.

While many endowments & foundations report that Legacy Members provide significant repeat gifts; it is exciting to see that more and more new St Peter's contributors are showing interest in being involved in making present or future commitments to support The St Peter's Family Endowment.

If you would like to join the growing list of supporters, the Endowment would welcome your effort and commitment. Any of the trustees can show you how easy it is to make your contribution a reality. Here are a few of the many ways that you can be a "living stone" in our St Peter's Family Endowment:

- Transfer an IRA or portion of it,
- Designate a bequest in your Will,
- Leave the Endowment a piece of real estate,
- Assign a portion or all of a Life insurance Policy,
- Gift St Peter's the remainder of a trust or some personal property,
- Send a check to the Endowment celebrating something or someone special in your life. Just drop an envelope in the offering plate on any Sunday and we'll see that it is acknowledged and recognized.

All that you do in this regard will foster the growth of the St. Peter's Family Endowment; which in turn will increase support for the many ministries at St. Peter's.

Lastly, let us consider the appeal of St. Paul to the faithful.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers". Galatians 6:10

Any Questions?

Tom Hemans, 864-350-9110

Trustee

Adult Fellowship

Saturday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM

Host: Eric & Thiela Schnauer

6 Del Norte Blvd., Greenville, 29615

For directions or information call: 864-244-1160

PLEASE NOTE this is the 4th Saturday in April.

SPY Calendar



Look for email with calendar updates.

April 2	SPY
April 9	No SPY-Palm Sunday
April 16	No SPY-EASTER!
April 23	Muggle Quidditch
April 29	Homeworks
April 30	No SPY

SPY2Ecuador

St. Peter's is joining with St. Bartholomew's (North Augusta) to embark on a mission to Ecuador June 5-17. Lamar Buchanan, Avery Morse, and Anita René Rhodes will be part of a 15 person team traveling to Quito, Ecuador to partner with the ministries of Youth World (an ecumenical missionary society). Our Diocesan missionaries, Cameron and Roberto Vivanco, have been working with Youth World for many years, and numerous groups and churches have traveled to partner with them over the years. In the past, St. Peter's has sent Austin Ryan and Kimberly Rhodes to experience this mission field. Our kiddos will have the opportunity to partner in construction, vacation Bible school, youth ministry events, street ministries, and more. One of the communities we will partner with is Cristo Liberador, an Episcopal parish pastored by the Rev. Lourdes Inapanta. In the coming weeks, we will offer ways for you in the parish to learn about this mission and offer support in different forms. Stay tuned for more information! Your prayers are appreciated as the team prepares for this adventure.



Debbie moved to Greer from Charleston, W. Virginia to be close to family. Her son lives in Greer with his 3 children and 6 adopted children (all from one family) and one more to come. When Debbie came to St. Peter's, it felt like coming home to a place where she found spiritual contentment. She searched the web to find St. Peter's and has joined the "Just Faith" class.

Because Jane has children all over the country, she just needed to be near an airport. She has 2 grandchildren and loves to visit them. Jane also helps with Debbie's grands. She sings in our St. Peter's choir and has joined the Chamber's all women singers.

NEW FACES AT ST. PETER'S



Augusta Fox and Jennifer Fox

26 Terra Lea Lane

Greenville SC 29615

864- 313-6254 (Jennifer)

864-313-9618 (Augusta)

Changes to New Faces

"New Faces" has a problem and such a wonderful problem to have!! We have so many new members that I cannot keep up with the photographs and interviews for the monthly publication; therefore, I am trying to include 3-4 new members' families each month with greatly shortened articles on each. I may never catch up!

Burnley Graham

NEW FACES AT ST. PETER'S



Debbie Cannada and Jane Auge

2533 Motherwell Drive

Greer, SC 29651

304-989-4542 (Debbie)

304-415-2606 (Jane)

Augusta initially came to St. Peter's because of her friendship with the Yochum family and Katherine Buchanan. She was drawn to the "friendly, totally be yourself," attitude at St. Peter's. After graduating from USC last year, she moved home. Augusta works as Administrator at First Bank Mortgage Partners.

Jennifer was a Presbyterian before attending St. Peter's with Augusta. She did not grow up with the liturgy of the Episcopal Church but loves it. There is a feeling of friendliness as well as a lack of judgment in our church. Jennifer is the lead art teacher for the Greenville County Schools and teaches art at Carolina High. In addition, she enjoys photography.

United Thank Offering

As you may know, every three years, the United Thank Offering gathers original prayers from around the Episcopal Church to create a pocket book of prayers available at General Convention. Last Convention we were able to collect 125 prayers of gratitude in honor of 125 years of the United



Thank Offering. This year we are hoping to collect original prayers from nine categories: gratitude, guidance, fear/danger, forgiveness, healing, loneliness, crisis/dealing with disappointment or crisis, love of God or other. Children, women, men, clergy, seminarians or groups may write prayers for this edition of the booklet. We welcome prayers from every diocese and province of the Episcopal Church and prayers can be submitted in any language or format: collect, litany, free form or prose. We encourage you to listen to the Holy Spirit and write a prayer to be used throughout the church by individuals, to begin or close meetings, or in a variety of settings.

Please submit all prayers by July 1, 2017. All prayers must be submitted using this webpage:

https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/uto_book_of_prayers.

Please provide your name, parish, diocese, province and, if applicable, your position within UTO.. You may submit multiple prayers, however, you will need to fill out a separate form for each prayer. If you need assistance with the submission process, please contact our staff at hmelton@episcopalchurch.org.

The past editions of these small prayer books have become treasured items and a wonderful way to continue to infuse our lives, work and gatherings with prayers when words escape us.

Sandra Squires, President, United Thank Offering Board

Children's Book Collection for Migrant Children

You will recall that in December our JustFaith group had collected coats and other clothing for migrants living in the Greenville area. A faith-based organization that provides education to migrant children in Greenville is interested in having books for them. The Evans Center, part of Resurrection Treasure Ministries in Berea, serves migrant students from age 3 through grade 12. Most of these children do not attend public schools; the center guides their education from early childhood on up through the GED. If you are in the mood to clean out some of your bookshelves, please donate your unwanted children's books to children who will treasure them. In the current environment, which has fostered fear and anxiety among people we actually depend on to bring us the peaches and tomatoes we love, the gesture

of giving to these children will help show them that Americans can be their friends. You may place books in the bin located on the service counter outside Stockstill Hall. Thank you. **Keys Lewis & Alice Baird**

Habitat for Humanity: Service Opportunity

The Outreach Advocates have decided to expand our participation with Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is going to build a house at 201 Boyd Ave. in Simpsonville. This is for a single mom with a couple of kids. As chance would have it, they are long time members of Holy Cross. This home is being built with the help of volunteers from about a dozen churches around Greenville County.

Saturday, May 6th is St. Peter's day. The projects that day are currently scheduled to include:

- Priming the interior walls
- Beginning first coat of paint
- Finish interior Trim
- De-hinge the Doors
- Build the back Porch

We are asking for volunteers as the time is now approaching. We can have a maximum of 15 workers on each shift (morning and afternoon) and need a minimum of 5. We will also like to schedule a crew to feed our volunteers that day. If you are over 16 and would like to assist please sign up in the lower Narthex for the morning shift, the afternoon shift and the lunch crew.

If you would like to assist on other days (mainly Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays starting March 23rd) you can sign up and if they have room on the crew for that day they will be happy for the help. Becca Robins is the Volunteer Coordinator for Habitat on this project. Her phone number is 864-672-6345. Please contact her if you would like to work on another date.

Bob James rjames24@bellsouth.net



Wall-Raising Ceremony for Habitat House at 201 Boyd Street.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:30 PM Bread Breakers
2 Fifth Sunday in <i>Lent</i> 8:30 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM ACF-S/H 9:30 AM Parent Grp 9:40 AM Choir 10:30 AM Eucharist 4:00 PM Labyrinth 5:00 PM SPY	3 8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - SH 6:15 PM Vestry Meeting-Choir Room 6:30 PM Boy Scouts-S/H	4 1:00 PM EFM-Choir Rm. 6:15 PM Daughters of the King-Parlor  7:30 PM Choir	5 8:00 AM Recess Program 4:45 PM Centering Prayer-Parlor 6:00 PM Lent Service  7:30 PM Choir	6 10:00 AM Just Faith- 3:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Just Faith Evening-S/H	7 8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing	8  8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9  Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM ACF-S/H 9:30 AM Parent Grp 9:40 AM Choir 10:30 AM Eucharist 2:00 PM Girl Scouts	10  8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing 6:30 PM Boy Scouts-S/H	11 1:00 PM EFM-Choir Rm.	12 Stations of the Cross  8:00 AM Recess Program 4:45 PM Centering Prayer-Parlor 7:30 PM Choir	13  Maundy Thursday 3:30 PM Bible Study-Choir Rm 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Just Faith Evening-S/H	14  Good Friday Stations of the Cross with Families 8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing	15  9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
16 Easter  8:30 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM ACF-S/H 9:30 AM Choir 9:30 AM Parent Grp 10:30 AM Eucharist	17 8:00 AM Recess Program 6:00 PM Cub Scouts - SH 6:30 PM Boy Scouts-S/H 7:00 PM Outreach meeting-parlor	18 1:00 PM EFM-Choir Rm.	19 8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing 4:45 PM Centering Prayer-Parlor 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist-Chapel 7:00 PM EFM 5th	20 10:00 AM Just Faith- 3:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Just Faith	21 8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing	22 6:30 AM Feed Thy Neighbor 7:00 PM Adult Fellowship
23 8:30 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM ACF-S/H 9:30 AM Parent Grp 9:40 AM Choir 10:30 AM Eucharist 2:00 PM Girl Scout 4:00 PM Quidditch	24 8:00 AM Recess Program 6:30 PM Boy Scouts-S/H	25 1:00 PM EFM-Choir Rm. 6:00 PM Endowment 6:30 PM Laundry Love  6:46 PM Stephen Ministry-Cont. Ed.	26 8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing 4:45 PM Centering Prayer-Parlor 6:00 PM H/E Chapel 7:00 PM EFM 5th 7:30 PM Choir	27 Ronald McDonald 10:00 AM Just Faith- 3:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Just Faith & Cheese 	28 New Beginnings 8:00 AM Recess Program-Education Wing	29 New Beginnings SPY Homeworks 
30 8:30 AM Eucharist 9:30 AM ACF-S/H 9:30 AM Parent Grp 9:40 AM Choir 10:30 AM Eucharist 2:00 PM Eagle Scout						

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Ushers 8:30	Kathy Lundy	Bobbie & Rich Nichols	Don & Barbara Ellis	Littlejohn & Karla McSwain	Diane Moore Patrick Hucker
Greeters 8:30		Bill & Sandy Hemphill	Marion Sprague	Faye Miller John Ice	Marion Sprague
Greeters 10:30	Mike & Donna Jones	Gary & Judy Taylor	Leslie Cook Rachel Morse	Richard Watson Leslie Chandler	Leslie Cook Rachel Morse
Ushers 10:30	John Wagoner Matt Carter Phil Johnson Ken Shabel Ted Vonder Haar	Meta Armstrong Hugh Yochum David Griffin Jack Mitchell Chris Dewey Emily Dewey	Andy Morse Joseph Lawton Jason Cheek Al Adams Al Mina Madison Powell	Larry Neal Tony Scalzitti David Leaphart Sandy Wells Gary Taylor	Meta Armstrong Hugh Yochum David Griffin Jack Mitchell Chris Dewey Emily Dewey
Nursery 9:30	Laura Goodwin	Berta Farr	Brittany Carr	Bobbie Goodman	Phil Johnson
Prayers of the People 8:30	Kathleen Brady	Sandy Hemphill	Erin Ryan	Deb Yochum	Kathleen Brady
Prayers of the People 10:30	Mary Pauly	Madison Powell	Wade Smith	Suzann Adams	Brad Klutz
Altar Guild	Kathy Lundy Berta Farr Diane Moore Nancy Wedlake Barbara Ellis	Kathy Siegel Victoria Siegel Delores Smith Nancy Roush Ellen Huber	Shannon Lawton Margaret Boineau Beck Sullivan Jinny Jervey Jennifer Cheek	Marilyn Richardson Bobbie Nichols JoAnn Scull Martha Venters JoAnna Renkowski	Kathy Lundy Martha Venters Berta Farr Kathy Siegel
Opener	Jim Bauer	Don Ellis	Bill Hartzell	Bill Hawkins	Rich Nichols
Closer	Phil Johnson	Tim Estes	George Paszkiewicz	Gary Taylor	Mike George
Lector 8:30	1 Bill Burtless 2 Burns Davison	1 Bob James 2 Malissa Hawkins	1 Kathy Siegel 2 Bill Hartzell	1 Sandy Hemphill 2 Kathy Laurens	1 Val Pierce 2 Marion Sprague
Lector 10:30	1 Buist Langley 2 Melinda Long	1 Robyn Zimmerman 2 Jo Ann Scull	1 Laura Lee 2 Ken Shabel	1 Kathy Yigdall 2 Marion Mitchell	1 Andy Morse 2 Judy Taylor
Server	Alex Cheek	Avery Morse	Madalyne Lawton	Jordan Del Priore	Lamar Buchanan
Crucifer	Max Adams	Matthew Rhodes	Owen Cheek	Caden Gore	Caroline Griffin
Torch Bearers	Delaney Shabel Jackson Gore	Kathryn Dewey Laurie Summerfield	Alice Paige Gilstrap Sara Powell	Brynn Del Priore Delaney Shabel	Jackson Gore Kathryn Dewey
Chalice Bearers 8:30	Kathy Siegel Kathleen Brady	Burns Davison Sandy Hemphill	Margaret Boineau Frank Boineau	Bob James Kathy Siegel	Margaret Boineau Frank Boineau
Chalice Bearers 10:30	Deb Yochum Sally Hansen	Rhys Kear Tim Estes	Debbie Cannada Jason Cheek	Jan Rhodes Lynda Tate	Madalyne Lawton Sandy Wells

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Adult Christian Formation - Sundays
9:30-10:15 am, in *Stockstill Hall*

Our mission is guided by St. Peter's Core Value of "Christian Formation:

- *Fostering growth in spirit, mind and body through tradition, scripture and reason.*
- *Cultivating a safe environment to challenge and grow in the faith.*
- *Knowing that worship, education and ministry are rooted in discovery.*
- *Encouraging all to discover their personal talents and ministry."*

Date	Topic	Presenter
	Theme: God Loves Us <i>Study booklets are available in class</i>	
April 2	"God as Our Shepherd"-using Psalm 23	Ginny Tate
April 9	"God 's Saving Love in Christ" – using John 3:1-21	Debbie Cannada
April 16	EASTER! (No ACF)	
April 23	"God's Reconciling Love – using Romans 5:1-11; 8:31-39	Barbara Ellis
April 30	"God's Preserving Love – using John 10:1-15	Jane Mercer