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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

MINISTERS

The Congregation

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From Pastor Mike....

Spring has SPRUNG. Some of the early signs were the blooming Bradford Pear trees, the greening of grass, and the sounds of hacking and coughing as the "yellow dust" filled the air. Once again, we must deal with the good and bad of the changing seasons. While we all recognize the signs of spring, we must also remember that spring reminds us that renewal and change is real. The earth shakes off the drab colors of winter and dons the beautiful vibrant colors of new growth and blossoming life. Spring is a powerful reminder that life is constantly changing and presents a blessing worth grasping.

This lesson is true in church as well. We as a church family have just celebrated Easter. The focal point of Easter celebrations is the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Easter reminds us that in Christ one can find eternal life and the power to live abundantly. We find hope in the fact that life can be changed and transformed as one lives in relationship with God. The dark colors of pain and death are changed into the bright colors of light and life. Easter reminds us that life can be filled with laughter, joy, and hope. This is a lesson well worth remembering.

So, spring has sprung, and Easter is in our rearview mirror. Now what? We move forward. Ecclesiastes 7:8 reminds us that "The end of a matter is better than its beginning." What the writer is suggesting is that while we have had a good beginning, both with spring and Easter celebrations, we must look forward to an even better adventure in the days ahead. Renewal and rebirth are powerful truths that applied in our daily lives will produce marvelous works for God and His Kingdom. Spring is not the time to sit back and relax but rather it is the time to tell others the "Good News" of Christ's love and grace. It is my prayer and hope that Archdale Methodist Church will move forward with purpose and commitment in reaching out to our community by sharing that which God has given us so abundantly and freely. To paraphrase the Old Testament writer, the best is yet to come.

Lunch and Learn in April - "Care for the Caregiver"

The next Lunch and Learn event will be Wednesday, April 17, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Catherine Zeeca discussing Care for the Caregiver. She will be talking about resources available for the caregiver; tips for caregivers; and, self-care for the caregiver. If you plan to attend, please let the church office know so we will know how many to plan lunch for.



Please pray for those serving our country:

Matt Cain - US Army (family friend of the McGavics)
Spencer Dyson - US Marines (grandson of Don Miller)
Bryan Hayworth - US Coast Guard (brother of Jami Coggins)
Ginniffer Hobbs - US Navy Sailor (niece of David McKinney)
Richard Ivy - US Military, Louisiana (Lewis Stroud's grandson)
Daulton Rogers - US Marines (family friend of the McGavics)
Eric Schneider - Afghanistan (Donn & Rachel Jackson's son-in-law)
Hailey Tompkins - (friend of Sandy Foster)
Zack Willey - US Army (Chuck & Jane Liebscher's son-in-law)



**"Save us, LORD our God,
and bring us back from among the
nations, that we may give thanks to your**

Memorials

In Memory of Debbie Alwan

Given by:

Gary & Cathy Hunt

Mary Kidd

Peggy Johnson

Shelby Buchanan

David & Sharon Crist

Ernestine Wilkes

In Memory of Linda Anderson

Given by:

Gary & Cathy Hunt

Shelby Buchanan

In Memory of Billy Askew

Given by:

Friendship Class

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

Mary & Rebecca Kidd

Shelby Buchanan

Chuck & Marsha Gentry

Upper Reflections Class

David & Sharon Crist

Linda Game

Bobbie Finch

Voncille & Don Askew

Ernestine Wilkes

JC & June Lewis

Rise Kelley

Gary & Marcia Guffey

Thomas & Betsy Reagan

Hershel Reddeck

Larry & Cheryl Poole

Sharon Carpenter

Carole & Bruce Webb

In Memory of Evelyn Dalton-Short

Given by Shelby Buchanan

Happy Birthday!

04/01 Eliana Lawrence
04/03 Samuel Huthmaker
04/03 Peggy Johnson
04/05 Heather Teater
04/08 Eric Buchanan
04/08 Rob Lance
04/08 Cheryl Traylor
04/09 Angela Dyson
04/09 Kerry Gallimore
04/09 Courtney Gentry
04/09 Robert Plemmons
04/11 Jim Aspley
04/11 Mylynda Ross
04/12 Susan Daniels
04/12 Gage Hamilton
04/12 Phyllis Maine
04/13 Sean Kilby
04/14 Mark Clodfelter
04/15 Sherry Thomas
04/16 Raquel Alwan
04/16 Benjamin Dowling
04/16 James Harris
04/16 Emmalina Stevens
04/16 Myndy Walden
04/16 Teresa Wood
04/16 Tanya Work
04/17 Kevin Work
04/18 Colin Ceiswich
04/18 Kim Chapman
04/18 Jo Carol Dobbins
04/22 Bill Maine
04/23 Alex Kilby
04/23 Jack Pascual
04/25 Carol Burns
04/25 Ezra Hollifield
04/26 Chris Game
04/26 Joe Hoover

04/27 Tom Anderson
04/27 Amy Burns
04/28 Kym Simpson
04/29 Andrew Hamilton
04/29 Matthew Hunt
04/29 Ashley Lanier
04/29 Steve Stutts
04/30 Baylor Lance
04/30 Lisa Smith
04/30 Kevin Teater
04/30 Mary Yow



PLEASE NOTE:

We will be closing our Post Office Box at the end of May. The Church's mailing address is:

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Roy Catlett, Debbie Dean, Charles Dobbins,
Mandy Forrester, Jack Hensley,
Wayne McGavic, Jo Parker,
Betty Roach, Mary Jean Smith, Jackie Stroud

Our Homebound Members are very important members of our congregation. We would like to remind them they are remembered and thought of. If you would like to send them a birthday card, thinking of you card, or give them a call, this would mean so much to each of our Homebound Members.

Note of Thanks.....

Dear Congregation,

We are humbled by your generosity and thankful for your faithful commitment to our cause. Your support makes a huge impact everyday.

Blessings,
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Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
03/03/2024	\$4,947.00	\$40,379.60	\$51,132.51	9	80	108
03/10/2024	\$6,203.71	\$46,583.31	\$56,813.90	10	85	85
03/17/2024	\$5,710.71	\$52,294.02	\$62,495.29	11	78	93
03/24/2024	\$4,176.00	\$56,470.02	\$68,176.68	12	89	110
03/31/2024	\$4,724.00	\$61,194.02	\$73,858.07	13	82	138

Building Fund

Given in March: \$945.00
Received to date: \$1,840.00

CONDOLENCES

- Adonna Paschal lost her husband, Earl “Bo” Paschal, on March 6, 2024. He is the father of Ethan Paschal. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law, 3 grandchildren and 2 brothers-in-law. Bo’s service was held Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Cumby Family Funeral Service of Archdale with Chaplain Roland Cavanaugh officiating.

- Rae Askew lost her dearly loved husband, Billy Graves Askew, on March 16, 2024. He is the father of Norman Askew and Donna Ballas. He is also survived by Denise Askew, daughter-in-law; grandchildren, Jared Askew, Seth Askew and Mariah Askew and son-in-law, John Ballas. Billy’s service was held at Archdale Methodist Church on March 23, 2024 at 11am and with Pastor Mike Lee officiating. The committal service followed in the church’s columbarium.

Our love and prayers go out to these families and others who are grieving a loss.

To the Archdale Methodist Family,

This note is to offer my deep appreciation for all of the kind expressions of care that you have shown me since I fell on December 12th and broke my hip. This break turned out to be one of the most physically difficult things I have experienced. It caused me great pain and many limitations for quite some time. I am finally able to be more “normal”.

I feel so blessed by God for His great healing and also for your (AMC) support shown in so many ways. I thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food and other acts of kindness. They have made a difference.

Many of you know that it was my decision to remain United Methodist, but I want you to know that this church has been an important part of my spiritual life since about 1995. You will remain in my prayers, and I hope I will in yours. May God bless each of you and your ministry.

In Christian love,
Pat Wood