

NEWS & NOTES

Palm Sunday Children's Processional & Bunnies 'n' Pigs

Family Picnic On Palm Sunday, March 25, our children are invited to process with palm branches at the 11:15 a.m. service. Immediately afterward, everyone is invited to a picnic that includes hot dogs grilled by the United Methodist Men, games, and an Easter Egg Hunt. We also ask that each family bring 12 stuffed plastic eggs per child and a blanket! For more info, contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103).

Scouts' Diaper Drive In conjunction with the Diaper Train of Raleigh, the Boy Scouts of Troop 318 are sponsoring a diaper drive to raise 10,000 various-sized diapers for underprivileged families. Collection bins will be available in the Youth Center and Atrium through March 18. For more info, contact Glen Jones (den5scouts@gmail.com or 919.604.2475).

Studies for Lent & Eastertide Our upcoming Eastertide book study, *John: The Gospel of Light & Life*, begins April 10. It will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in Room S2. Books are available in the office for \$10, or on March 18, see Jo Hardy in the Atrium to purchase. For more info, contact the office (info@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536).

The Chancel Choir Cantata is Palm Sunday, March 25. Come be truly blessed this Lenten season as the choir and orchestra present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Théodore Dubois. This timeless, romantic setting of the agony of Christ's Passion—and the hope thereafter—will be presented at the 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. services.

Journey to the Cross The NRUMC Youth Ministry invites you to join us on Good Friday, March 30, for this 45-minute guided prayer walk that follows the final steps of Christ's ministry on Earth. Please reserve a time slot on Sign Up Genius, [accessed through the link on nrumc.org](https://www.signupgenius.com), or sign up in the Atrium on March 11 or 25. The Journey to the Cross is also a great way to prepare for the Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. that evening. For more info, contact Jason Darden (youthminister@nrumc.org or 919.961.2880).

Order Easter Lilies Today! The deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is Wednesday, March 14. Sign up today to sponsor an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone special. Lilies are \$13 each, and there are a limited number available. The sign-up list is on the credenza in the lobby (or call the office at 919.847.1536).

Parking during Easter At this time of year, parking on Sunday morning at NRUMC can be hard to find. Just a reminder that, along with parking at the church garden across Honeycutt Road, we also have permission to park at Lafayette Village. Parking at Lafayette Village will be available for both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and there will be parking lot attendants to help.

Autobell Carwash Fundraiser The United Methodist Women are selling Autobell carwash gift cards, good for a Full-Service Car Wash. The cards are \$20, and 50% goes directly to the UMW! Cards will be available April 8, 15, and 22 in the Atrium. Contact Ruby Rosbach (waruma@att.net or 919.607.3545) for more info.

Driving Kindness Bags are Available in the Atrium Today!

They were sponsored and packed anonymously this month. If your group is interested in sponsoring the Driving Kindness bags, please contact Michael Glasgow (michaelg@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x125).

Don't Miss the Alleluia Choir's Spring Musical Come support the Alleluia Choir in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. for *Livin' Inside Out*, the latest musical extravaganza from these talented 2nd-5th-graders!

Women's Retreat Books are Now Available. See Jo Hardy today in the Atrium to pick up your book and make final payments.

New Staff Member The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Brett Pardue will join our church music staff as part-time associate minister of music. After moving to Raleigh, he will begin his official ministry here on April 12. Brett comes to us from New Jersey and brings a wealth of experience and ministry in vocal, piano and organ performance, musical direction and instruction, and has worked closely with children and adults. We look forward to having Brett as a part of our church staff and will formally introduce him to the congregation on April 15. Please be in prayer for Brett and his fiancée Allison Gross as they transition back home to North Carolina.

Moe's Youth Mission Fundraiser Support Youth Missions fundraising by eating at Moe's Southwest Grill on Sunday, March 18! Download the required flyer at nrumc.org or pick one up from the blue info carts in the lobby and Atrium.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, visit one of our blue information carts or contact the church office (919.847.1536).

Sun 3/11	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class (Youth Center) • Safe Sanctuaries Training (Y5) <i>The Well Sunday School Class Potluck</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	4:30 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir (S4) • Partners in Prayer (Conference Room) <i>It's Good to Be Queen Women's Study</i> (S2) • Illuminate (Youth Ctr.)
	5:30 p.m.	Belleplates (Sanctuary) • KidChimes (Music Room)
	6:15 p.m.	Exaltation! Rehearsal—Full Band (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	High School UMYF: Refuge (Youth Center)	
Mon 3/12	5:45 p.m.	8501 B.C. Youth Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Leader Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Endowment Committee (S3) • Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting (S2) • Stephen Ministry Training (S4)
Tues 3/13	9:30 a.m.	Journey Mom's Group (E25)
	10:00 a.m.	Forgiveness: A Lenten Study (S2)
	11:15 a.m.	Emmaus Group (Conference Room)
	11:30 a.m.	Disciple I: New Testament Study (S3)
	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry (S4)
	6:30 p.m.	Forgiveness: A Lenten Study (S2) Disciple I: New Testament Study (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women Circle of Joy (S4)
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)	
Wed 3/14	7:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1)
	10:00 a.m.	Silver Chords Seniors' Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	JOY Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Silver Bells (Sanctuary)
	4:00 p.m.	Preparedness Team (Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m.	S.O.U.L. Puppets (Y4) • Handful of Praise (Youth Center)
	6:00 p.m.	Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus)
	6:30 p.m.	Middle School UMYF: Impact (Youth Center) Rainbow Ringers (Sanctuary) • Al-Anon (S2) Board of Trustees (Conference Room)
	7:45 p.m.	Revelation Ringers (Sanctuary)
Thurs 3/15	9:30 a.m.	United Methodist Women Koinonia Circle (S4)
	10:00 a.m.	United Methodist Women Reflections Circle (S2)
	6:15 p.m.	North Raleigh Ringers (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Cancer Support Ministry (S2)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) • Smart Recovery Group (S4)
9:15 p.m.	High Notes Chamber Choir (Sanctuary)	
Fri 3/16	9:00 a.m.	Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary)
	5:30 p.m.	Big Idea (Youth Center)
Sat 3/17		ALL DAY: Big Idea (Youth Center)
Sun 3/18	9:00 a.m.	Big Idea (Youth Center)
	12:30 p.m.	Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
	4:30 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Fellowship Hall)
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