

*Children's Easter
celebration and
Communion*

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HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Maundy Thursday Communion
7:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
Good Friday Tenebrae 8:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
Children's Easter Celebration and
Communion 1:00-4:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Easter "Sunrise" Service 7:00am
Breakfast 8:00am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11:00

Children's Easter celebration and Communion

**Saturday, April 3
from 1-4**

Snacks, games,
Easter egg hunt.
Fun! Fun! Fun!

If you would like to donate
snacks or boiled eggs
please contact
Joy Anderson at 216-7963.



GET ADDED TO
OUR WEB SITE.

Add information
about a group you're
involved with or an
event you're working
on. Just let us know
the details.

Send your info to the
church office at
aumc@
charterinternet.org



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Memorials

Mildred Groce
By:

Robert & Donna Groce

*John Groce &
Lori Vanderbunt*

Brona Phillips

Ron & Joan Sorrels

Laura Thomas

Houts Fellowship Class

Bill & Celia Nail

Chris and Jane Luther
By:

Jane Anne Luther

Summer is approaching and this summer our Sunday services will NOT move back an hour.

Why? Because we have been blessed with air conditioning and the summer heat will not be an obstacle for us during church services. Thanks to the good folks at Abernethy!!!!

FROM THE PASTOR:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” (First Peter 1:3). Can you sense the excitement shining through these words?

All too often when we celebrate Easter, we focus most of our attention on looking back. We remember what took place in the upper room, upon the cross, and at the empty tomb. We are grateful for what Jesus did for us long ago and far away, but we’re often also secretly relieved that these amazing and unsettling events are safely remote from us. Like astronomers marveling at distant galaxies, we observe what God has done for us in Christ from a vast distance.

But, as Peter reminds us, the power of the first Easter is present now, and we are not just observers. The power of the first Easter is present now, and we are participants in Christ’s resurrection – we are recipients of new life through that resurrection power.

One of our United Methodist bishops, Will Willimon, points out how rich the vocabulary of new life is in the New Testament. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we experience “new birth,” “regeneration,” “putting on a new nature,” and “new creation.” This is a reality so surprising and transforming that it cannot really be captured or contained in words.

Note how dynamic Peter’s language is. By God’s “great mercy,” a mercy that is boundless and overflowing, we have received a “new birth,” a precious new opportunity to live a life full of meaning, grace, and peace. We are born into a “living hope,” a lasting, vibrant hope that itself gives life. And all this has come to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

My prayer for us this Easter is that we might be filled with that “living hope,” a hope durable and strong enough to carry us through all the challenges we face both as individuals and as a community. People who have such hope are called to serve in surprising and demanding ways, but then those who have such hope can do great things. They rise up with wings like eagles.

Happy Easter, everyone!

Peace, Tony

WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us keep the following persons in our prayer for Healing, Health and Wellness.

Mike Walker

Susan Greene

Howard Reynolds

Jean Steele

(Arnelle Poore's sister)

Mary Dalton

Kathy Dalton

Lisa Wilson

(friend of Lori Bosma)

Doris Doyle

Mary Jo Drake

Barbara Henson

(friend of Sara Bishop)

Abernethy losses good folks-

Willie & Emily Reid and **Emily Armentrout** are leaving Abernethy to relocate to other cities due to their careers. Abernethy will miss each of your presence and dedication you have given to the church!

BEAR CLOSET NEWS

BEAR Closet II is soon to get a facelift. Same location, but it will be more volunteer friendly. Remember the next open closet date is Wednesday, April 7, at 12:00 until 6:00. Please volunteer in our loan closet which is a Christ centered mission to help families in need with young children. You are all very much appreciated. In God's Love, thank you. Nancy Moore. 254-9102

WNCC offers next RETHINK CHURCH training

The next WNCC Rethink Church training is being offered in conjunction with Charting the Course at Lake Junaluska, April 25-29.

Rethink Church challenges us to take a step back and look at how we invite, welcome and are hospitable to people new to or in our faith community. Charting the Course will help to discover some of the "whats" and "hows" we need to consider to help people grow as Christian disciples.

WNCC Communication Director Mark Barden; Dawn Hand, associate pastor, Matthews UMC; and Gregg Plott, chairperson, WNCC Communication Commission will lead Rethink Church beginning with the Sunday evening session and ending with the Monday evening session. Participants will be able to choose two of the three tracks for training: Welcoming – reviewing newcomers' characteristics and practical elements of welcoming. Connecting – helping newcomers make meaningful connections to other people, Christ and the Church. Identifying – helping establish or modify a church's identity in the community.

Rethink Church serves as a catalyst that moves the denomination, and those we hope to reach, into dialogue – and ultimately, into

transformative, collaborative action. It asks us to ponder the question, "What if Church was a verb?" It prods us to consider church as more about what we do that simply a place to go on Sunday mornings. Grounded in Wesleyan theology, Rethink Church encourages us to move beyond the walls of the church and engage those outside the walls in the action of Christ in the world.

Early bird registration (before April 1) for the Rethink Church portion is \$70. Limited scholarships are available for WNCC. Contact Mark Barden at 800.562.7929 for details.

News From Dandelion Hill

This month at Dandelion Hill, we will be doing a field trip to Manna Food Bank on March 25. We have planted some strawberries in the garden and have started some vegetable seeds inside. We've enjoyed some warmer days and had a picnic out on the playground. We had a great response from our open house and are looking forward to another year with you all at Abernethy. This has really become a place that many treasure. Thanks again!

APRIL AROUND ABERNETHY

April Birthdays

1. Jessica Rector,
John Overbey
5. Jo Gaddy,
Rebecca Jones
8. Edith Walker,
Ron Sorrels
9. Melanie Butler
10. Karen Jackson
12. Laura Overbey
13. Marion Gooley
15. Edwin Galloway,
Carolyn Richardson,
Gail Salais
17. Megan Jones
20. Jacob Freeland,
Gary Hensley
21. Kenny Jordan
22. Kayla Anderson,
David Bishop
23. Ken Larsen
24. Margaret Duncan,
Chad Martin
25. Shawn Landes
26. Glen Hollers
27. Charles H. Ratcliff,
Edythe Earwood
28. Marcella Mathes
30. Agnes Rogers

April Anniversaries

5. Katy & Reeves
Bridges
6. Edna & Douglas
Martin
9. Ann & Jan Davis
16. William III &
Brenda Nail
25. Laura & John
Overbey

COMING IN MAY

Church-wide Annual
YARD SALE
Saturday May 22 8-2

APRIL DATES AT PRINTING:

- APR 1st - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
9:30 am - Yarn winders
9:30 am - Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
7 pm - **Maunder Thursday Service**
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- APR 2nd - **8 pm - Tenebrae Service**
- APR 3rd - **1pm-4pm - Children's Easter celebration and communion**
8 pm - AA
- APR 4th - **Easter Sunday**
7am - "Sunrise" Services
11am - Easter Services
- APR 5th - Church office closed
6:15pm - Disciple Bible Study
- APR 6th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- APR 7th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
12 - 6pm - BEAR Closet II
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- APR 8th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
9:30 am - Yarn winders
9:30 am - Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
6:30 pm - Area Ministries
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- APR 10th - 8 pm - AA
- APR 11th - 8am - UMM Breakfast
5:30 pm - Trustees Meeting
- APR 12th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
- APR 13th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
10am- A.M. Group
6:30pm - Finance Committee
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- APR 14th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- APR 15th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
9:30 am - Yarn winders
9:30 am - Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
12pm-1pm - Happy Abernethy
6:30pm - Administrative Board
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- APR 16th - 7pm-9pm - Waldorf training
- APR 17th - 9 am - Trustee workday
10am - 6pm - Waldorf workshop
8 pm - AA
- APR 19th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
- APR 20th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- APR 21st - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- APR 22nd - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
9:30am - District Ministers
9:30 am - Yarn winders
9:30 am - Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
6:30- 7:30pm - J.O.Y. Band
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- APR 24th - 6am - 11pm - Kiwanis Club Breakfast
8 pm - AA
- APR 25th - 8 am - Alpha Kappa Gamma Service
- APR 26th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
6pm - Men's Supper Group
- APR 27th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- APR 28th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- APR 29th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - Bulletin deadline
7 pm - Cub Scouts

REGULAR SERVICE TIME

- 9:30 am - Coffee in Fellowship Hall
9:45 am - Sunday School
10:45 am - Gathering Music
11 am - Worship
5:30 pm - United Methodist Youth

Church Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30am - 12 pm

REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED FOOD FOR ABCCM.

Canned meats, stews, and canned fruit are especially appreciated at this time of year, but any offering is welcome.

Place your contributions in the basket in the narthex.

Remember- You can look through a whole year of events on our calendar at abernethy.org

Budget- through March 14	
Offering	\$14,954
ABCCM.....	\$ 223
Lazarus Fund	\$72
Youth.....	\$484
One Great Hour Of Sharing	\$880
UMCOR - Haiti.....	\$525
Air Conditioning Fund.....	\$500
Dishwasher Fund.....	\$37
Heifer International	\$40