

# STALLSVILLE STAR

APRIL 2011



## *Pastor's Page*

### *Sermon Schedule and Scripture References for April 2011.*

3	Hebrews 11:23-31 Hebrews 11:32-40	Viewing the End of the Race
10	Proverbs 3:1-12 Hebrews 12:1-13	Keeping Your Eyes on Jesus
17	Luke 19:28-35 Luke 19:36-44	Praise and Rejection
24	1 <sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-23 Luke 24:1-12	Sense and Nonsense

Schedule for Cooperative Lenten Services. All services begin at 7:00 pm.

April 10<sup>th</sup>                      Boonehill UMC  
Rev. Mark McClam

April 17<sup>th</sup>                      Canaan UMC  
Rev. Julius McDowell

Light refreshments will be served after each service, as a time of fellowship.



**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday reader’s theatre with traditional Palm Sunday scripture reading.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm – Good Friday service

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunrise service at Mrs. Grimsley’s pond at 6:30 a.m. If it is raining, the Sunrise service will be moved to the Sanctuary.

April 24<sup>th</sup> – breakfast in Hilton Building following Sunrise service. Sponsored by UMM.

April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am - Traditional Easter worship service in the Sanctuary. No children’s Sunday School. Adult Sunday School optional.

## Laity Corner

Patty Furst, Lay Leader

God is ever present in our world. Paul writes, “since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen” (Romans 1:20). Where can we experience the visible face of God? God reveals Himself to us in the beauty and majesty of natural creations.

When I was in the third grade, I read a book entitled The Maid of the Mist, the tour boat that operated at Niagara Falls. The story fascinated me, and I was overwhelmed with a desire to see this natural wonder, a dream that did not come true until nearly forty years later. As John and I and our children boarded the Maid of the Mist, I was absolutely thrilled as I struggled to get into the bright blue, drycleaner bag-like raincoat the guide gave us. As the boat pulled away from the dock, my head swiveled this way and that as I attempted to absorb the wonder of the scene. To the left was the Bridal Veil, part of the American Falls. The best was yet to come! The nearer the boat drew to the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, the more mist filled the air, and the louder grew the crescendo of millions of gallons of water spilling over the rocks each minute. At that moment when the air was totally white with mist and communication was completely impossible because of the incredible roar of the cataract, I felt so humble in the tangible presence of God’s power. He is strong beyond my ability to conceive, the maker of the Heavens and the Earth.

Of course, authors for centuries have utilized the idea that nature teaches religious lessons. One of my favorite examples is the poem “To A Waterfowl” by William Cullen Bryant. In the poem, the author addresses a migratory fowl that is winging his way toward his summer nesting ground. The author marvels at the bird’s complete dedication to his task and also at the fact that the bird seems to be guided by some force mightier than he. The author then reaches the conclusion that the same God who directs the waterfowl will direct our paths as well if we only allow Him to do so. During this season of Lent, let us re-commit our lives to Christ who says in Matthew 6: 26, “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” His eye is on the sparrow, and He does watch over us!

Blessings,

Patty Furst

"To A Waterfowl"  
William Cullen Bryant

Whither, midst falling dew,  
While glow the heavens with the last steps of day,  
Far, through their rosy depths, dost thou pursue  
Thy solitary way?

Vainly the fowler's eye  
Might mark thy distant flight to do thee wrong,  
As, darkly painted on the crimson sky,  
Thy figure floats along.

Seek'st thou the plashy brink  
Of weedy lake, or marge of river wide,  
Or where the rocking billows rise and sink  
On the chafed ocean-side?

There is a Power whose care  
Teaches thy way along that pathless coast--  
The desert and illimitable air--  
Lone wandering, but not lost.

All day thy wings have fanned,  
At that far height, the cold, thin atmosphere,  
Yet stoop not, weary, to the welcome land,  
Though the dark night is near.

And soon that toil shall end;  
Soon shalt thou find a summer home, and rest,  
And scream among thy fellows; reeds shall bend,  
Soon, o'er thy sheltered nest.

Thou'rt gone, the abyss of heaven  
Hath swallowed up thy form; yet, in my heart  
Deeply has sunk the lesson thou hast given,  
And shall not soon depart.

He who, from zone to zone,  
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,  
In the long way that I must tread alone,  
Will lead my steps aright.

The **Children's Sunday School Class** worked on this banner during their study of the baptism of Jesus. We talked about the shell and how it may have been used for baptism and how it is now a symbol of baptism in the Christian church. We talked about the three drops of water, too, and how water is used in baptism. The banner is made using the collage method. Little pieces of paper are glued onto each area to create the design. We had a lot of fun following the pattern and trying not to get glue on ourselves! The banner is hanging in the upstairs hallway outside our Sunday School classroom. Stop by to see it!

Thanks!  
Renee Bruce





## EDITOR'S NOTE:

You may notice that sometimes your article does not look exactly as it did when you submitted it for the newsletter. Please be assured that we will **NEVER** edit the content, intent, or message of any article. We will only make changes due to space considerations and grammatical or spelling errors. We will do our best to insure that all dates, times, locations, and names are correct, but we cannot be responsible for the accuracy of information in submitted articles.

# FAMILY MINISTRIES

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Since the brunches have been such a success, Family Ministries would like to try and have one every month. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food! Be sure and check the bulletin for upcoming dates. **Our next brunch will be Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m. We will have a drawing of Easter items for the children also.**



The Human Needs Network team has made the decision to suspend operations of the HNN ministry until a new leader is identified. BOGO Sundays will continue to be the first Sunday of every month, with the food being taken to the Salvation Army by Jim and Sharon Barr. If you are aware of anyone needing assistance, please refer them to Elaine Roff at the Salvation Army, 747-5271 x 17 or Old Fort Baptist Church, 873-2283. Old Fort has client hours on Monday evenings. The HNN funds currently on hand will be given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. We encourage your support of this fund. The Lucinda pins we have on hand will be sold by Lowcountry BeadWorks at 119-A East 4th North Street. The proceeds will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry. Our hope is this ministry will continue in the future. If you have any questions please contact Renee Bruce, Robin Lemelin or Harriet Bechtol.

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# United Methodist Women

It's that time again. The time of year when the hallway of the Education Building smells so good. It's time for those delicious peanut butter and chocolate Easter Eggs made each year by the United Methodist Women! The ladies will begin making the eggs on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Conference Room. The eggs can be purchased for \$2.00 each. The proceeds help to fund the many missions and projects that the UMW so faithfully supports.

And remember, since peanut butter is such a great source of protein, these eggs could be considered health food. So, do something good for yourself, AND help the UMW continue to do God's work!



## United Methodist Men News

The UMM are holding an Easter Sunday Breakfast in the Hilton Building immediately following Sunrise Service. The menu will be scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, and biscuits. We will be taking donations that will be used to pay toward the Mortgage.

The UMM are offering a scholarship to young men graduating from high school this year. The amount is \$250 and will be awarded to a young man who is continuing his education. Applications are available from Rolland Fitch or the church office and must be returned by Sunday May 1st.

There will be two Father/Son Charleston River Dogs game trips this year. On May 7<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>. These are both Saturday games so there will be no rush after work. The bus will leave for both games at 5:30. Cost is about \$6.00 plus a contribution for gas will be appreciated.





## Scouting News

The Cub Scout Pack 750 fundraiser fish fry March was a great success. The Pack earned over \$1000 for camping equipment. They appreciate all of the church members who stayed after service to enjoy fish.

Boy Scout Troop 750 recently held a Court of Honor to recognize the achievements of the young men in the Troop. At the Court of Honor the Troop awarded 7 Scout Badges to new scouts. There were two advancements to Tenderfoot, two advancements to Second Class, and one advancement to First Class. A total of 31 merit badges were earned, most of them from Winter Camp.

The Troop also recognized a brand new Eagle Scout. Kevin Sosnowski passed his Board of Review on March 14 and received his Eagle badge on March 28.

We also have a new scouting unit at Stallville. Venture Crew 750 was chartered in March. Venturing is a Co-Educational component of Scouts for youth that are 14-20 years old. Venturing specializes in high adventure or vocational training.



## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

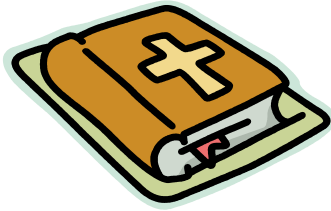
Our Lord God is an understanding God and a forgiving God and He offers each of us the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is the spontaneous work of the Holy Spirit in each of us. The fruit of the Spirit is full of God's love and joy and it offers each of us His peace and gentleness and it gives us self-control. The fruit of the Spirit gives us faithfulness and goodness and kindness and through all of this we learn the meaning of patience. I thank Him every day for His presence in my life for I know that I wouldn't have the life I have without His presence in it. It matters not if the sky is blue and the sun is bright, or the skies are cloudy and the rain falling from them. For me, every day is a gift and I'm thankful that I can share that day with family and friends. Our Lord keeps His children safe from all danger and harm when it is His will for that to be. I'm so grateful and full of gratitude for the uplifting approach to life, He has blessed me with. Our Lord keeps us uplifted so that we may have words of uplifting for others. Our Lord reveals Himself and His activities to all of us, but there are so many who do not see through His eyes. We will not ever find the full blessing of our Lord until we give walking in obedience our full attention. Obedience, however, is more than just not sinning. It is having the overwhelming desire to walk in the center of Gods will at every moment. God's word is the language the Holy Spirit uses to help us understand what God is speaking to our hearts. I can't help to think about how God used John the Baptist to prepare the path ahead of the coming of Jesus. I believe that we are the messengers of God's word today and He is asking each of to pick up the cross and clear the way for Jesus' second coming.

Your Brother in Christ,

Mike Folden



The **Tuesday night Men's Bible Study group** has started meeting again! We meet on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm., upstairs in room 210. All men are welcome! We will be using the current Upper Room Devotional as our study guide. All you need to bring is your Bible, the Upper Room, and an open mind. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Cliff Simpson, Glenn Folden, Loring Nottingham, or Ralph Napier.



.....Not my will, but thine, be done (Luke 22:42)

Last summer, when I was struggling with a particularly stubborn problem, I tried everything that I could think of, but nothing worked. In fact, the harder I attempted to work things out, the worse they became.

Then one day a tiny yolk-yellow butterfly flew into my car and in its attempt to get free, it kept flying into the windshield blindly. Even though I opened the window and gently tried to brush it out, the little creature was too frantic to let me help. When I got home, I left the car window open, thinking that it would find its way out, but the next morning I found it dead on the dashboard, only a few inches from freedom.

Something clicked in my mind. I had been attacking my problem in the very same way that the little butterfly had attacked the windshield. Even my prayers had been frantic pleadings. What I needed to do was to stop beating my wings, to relax and put my trust in God's creative power to lead me out of my dilemma.

And when I did just that, God **SHOWED ME THE WAY** – in a completely unexpected manner!!

Yes, there is a solution to every knotty situation. If you have been praying about a problem but have found no answers, perhaps you too need to stop trying to force your own resolution – and just let God lead you to HIS ---

**THY WILL BE DONE, LORD!!**




Submitted by Fran Gleitz  
Linda Mercer's mother



4/1	SHARON ILDERTON
4/3	GINA AUSTIN
4/5	BILL DANIELS
4/9	KEITH CARLSON
4/9	MATT HEALY
4/11	PATRICE GOLETZ
4/12	PAT KUSKEY
4/12	SHARON BARR
4/14	JOE PETRO
4/14	CAROLINE RODGERS
4/17	PHYLLIS GRIFFITH
4/18	HAROLD BRYAN
4/18	BOB BRUCE
4/25	LINDA MERCER
4/27	SANDY COX
4/28	SYLVIA SONA

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Lenten Service Wesley/Ladson 7pm Women home from Emmaus Walk</p>	<p>4 <b>Finance 6:30</b> Scouts 7:00pm (Scouts will be using the sanctuary) UMW Eggs</p>	<p>5 <b>Worship 6:30pm</b> Main Street Singers Men's Bible Study 7:00pm UMW Eggs</p>	<p>6 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00pm UMYF 6:30pm Bells Choir UMW Eggs</p>	<p>7 Gloria Vacation Tops 8:30-11:00am Trustee's 7:00pm Art Guild 6-9pm UMW Eggs</p>	<p>1 Women's Emmaus Walk</p>	<p>2 Clark/Bauknight Wedding 2:00pm UMW Easter Eggs</p>
<p>10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Hand Bells Family Ministries Spring Fling Lenten Service Boone Hill 7pm</p>	<p>11 Scouts 7:00pm UMW Eggs</p>	<p>12 Main Street Singers Men's Bible Study 7:00pm UMW Eggs</p>	<p>13 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00pm UMYF 6:30pm Bells Choir UMW Eggs</p>	<p>14 District Meeting 10:00am Tops 8:30-11:00am UMW 7:00 UMW Eggs</p>	<p>15 UMW Eggs</p>	<p>16 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am-12:pm UMW Eggs</p>
<p>17 Palm Sunday Stallsville Readers Lenten Service Canaan 7pm</p>	<p>18 <b>Intercessory Prayer 7:00pm</b> Scouts 7:00pm UMW Eggs</p>	<p>19 Main Street Singers Men's Bible Study 7:00pm UMW Eggs</p>	<p>20 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00pm UMYF 6:30pm Bells Choir UMW Eggs</p>	<p>21 <b>Tops 8:30-11:00am</b> UMW Eggs</p>	<p>22 Good Friday Service 7:00pm UMW Eggs</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24  <b>Sunrise Service</b> UMM Breakfast Easter Service 10:00am</p>	<p>25 Scouts 7:00pm <b>COM 7:00pm</b></p>	<p>26 Main Street Singers Men's Bible Study 7:00pm</p>	<p>27 Pastor's Bible Study 6:00pm UMYF 6:30pm Bells Choir</p>	<p>28 <b>Tops 8:30-11:00am</b> Hilton Building rented for a rehearsal dinner 6:30-10:00 SPPRC 7:00pm Quilters 7-9pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 WDS training Bay 8:30-2:00</p>