

# April Newsletter



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## Ministry Sunday *Family Promise*

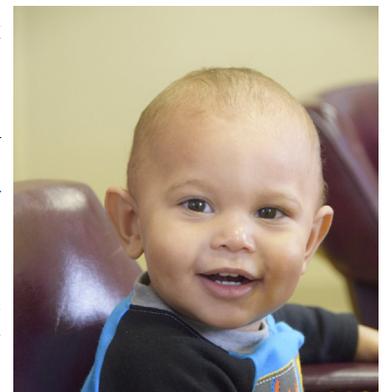
For the past 20 years Family Promise of Greater Chattanooga has offered services to homeless families with children and veterans in the Greater Chattanooga Area. Family Promise exists to help homeless families with children achieve and sustain independence through community partnerships. Our vision is to create a community where every family has a home, sustainable income, and the chance to build a better future. Family Promise is dedicated to reducing shelter stays, increasing the number of homeless families that transition to stability, employment or income supports if disabled, housing, supportive and follow-up services and self-sufficiency. We now offer multiple programs to help prevent, reduce, and end homelessness and serve more homeless and near homeless families in need. These programs help families become stable, employed, housed, and linked to supportive and follow-up services to ensure a successful return to self-sufficiency.



Family Promise is a relatively small nonprofit with only 5 staff members. Family Promise is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of members of the community who volunteer their time to help ensure Family Promise runs effectively. The backbone of Family Promise is our volunteers. In 2018 we had over 4,000 contribute to our programs, events, and efforts to help our clients transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. If you want to learn more about us, make a donation, or learn more about how you can plug in please visit our website at [familypromisechattanooga.com](http://familypromisechattanooga.com) or call us at 423-756-3891 today! Your support helps us to continue to help families move into permanent employment and homes of their own.

To learn more about the programs Family Promise offers visit their website <https://www.familypromisechattanooga.com/>.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in Family Promise April 28 through May 4. For more information and to sign-up visit us in the Narthex.



# Easter Reflections

Holy Week was not very important in the faith tradition of my youth. The only thing that set Holy Week apart was the annual viewing of Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments*. Since my youth and reception into the Episcopal Church, the events of Holy Week have become the most important parts of my journey as a Christian. Holy Week is the culmination of Jesus's life on Earth and as members of the body of Christ we are privileged to remember and participate in the events of Jesus's journey to the cross.

The week begins with Jesus's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. At St. Timothy's the tradition is to begin the service outside, weather permitting, where we sing, wave palm branches and make a joyful noise as we follow the donkey, Huey, around the parking lot. We enter the church with a sense of joy and happiness, but the service takes a somber turn after Holy Communion. It is here that we listen to the passion narrative (story of the crucifixion of our Lord) and we begin turning our focus towards the cross.

Early in the history of the church, pilgrims would travel to Jerusalem and they would walk the steps of Christ from Thursday through Saturday in what is known as the *Paschal Triduum*. We too follow Jesus's journey during these three (triduum) Holy days (Paschal) through our liturgy.

We begin with *Maundy Thursday*. *Maundy* meaning 'commandment' marks the night Jesus had his last meal with his disciples. It is on this night that he left us the commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." He was handed over to the authorities in the Garden of Gethsemane on Thursday, as well. We remember this night

by sharing communion with each other, washing each other's feet (voluntarily), and finally stripping the altar to mark the beginning of Christ's passion. It is a beautiful and meaningful service that sets the stage for the rest of Holy Week.

On Friday the church is stripped of all its symbolic furnishings. At noon, we walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus as we read the powerful Stations of the Cross adapted for our community. This is followed in the evening by a Good Friday liturgy where we read the scripture around our Lord's death.

Saturday evening as the sun goes down we mark this night with the Great Vigil of Easter. This is one of the oldest and most important liturgies in the Church. It is the first service of Easter Day and can occur "at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Morning." (Book of Common Prayer, page 284).

The service begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle from the newly kindled fire just outside the church. We will process into the nave in darkness following the light of Christ. We will hear dramatized scripture from the Old Testament telling the stories of God's deliverance of God's people. Then we will celebrate baptism renewing our own baptismal vows followed by the first Eucharist of Easter.

There will be a reception following the service in the parish hall with wonderful sweets. And then the celebration continues with two festival Eucharists on Sunday morning.

I invite you to be a part of this important journey through Holy week. Grace and peace,

Derrick+

## April Birthdays

4/1	Laura Posey	4/8	Hugh Jackson	4/15	Brad Shumpert	4/24	Claire Mikell	4/29	Mary Grace
4/2	Kiley Shumpert	4/9	Peter Kanyi	4/16	Caroline Bernard	4/25	Vilma Fox		Napolitan
4/2	Tom Williams	4/10	Leslie Brannon	4/16	Lillian Bernard	4/26	Charlie Rowland	4/30	Frank Groves
4/2	Beau Matlock	4/10	Jeff Garner	4/17	Laura	4/27	Mark Jonakin		
4/3	Charles Wilkins	4/10	Judy Morris		Witherspoon	4/27	Patrick Finlay		
4/4	Ed Novak	4/10	Alex Shumaker	4/17	Grace Holland	4/27	William Fortuno		
4/4	Wilson Posey	4/11	James Post	4/18	Alex Barker	4/27	Malynda Wollert		
4/5	Britt Reynolds	4/11	Hayden Woodrow	4/18	Thomas Sharp	4/28	Keith Barry		
4/5	Ronna-Renee Jackson	4/12	Paul Weidlich	4/18	Grant Williams	4/28	Lucy Bowick		
		4/12	Alex Knowles	4/19	Bates Bryan	4/28	Nathaniel		
4/6	Olivia Sisson	4/12	Kay Goodgame	4/19	Rusty Posey		Hendricks		
4/7	Joanne Wood	4/12	Sarah Dolmovich	4/22	Charley Hyde	4/28	Ben Holt		
4/7	Dallas Shumaker	4/14	Darrington Crane	4/22	Micah Wyatt	4/28	Porter Warner		
4/7	Taryn Bracher	4/14	Tony Giannasi	4/23	Cardon Smith	4/29	Cindy McCall		

# April Events

**Easter Flower and Music Envelopes:** Easter Flower and Music envelopes for thanksgiving and memorial contributions are available either in the middle Narthex or outside the Church office entrance. Your envelopes may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or may be placed in Cary Haney's mailbox. The deadline for inclusion in the Easter bulletins is Sunday, April 7.

**Festival Choir for Easter:** All "occasional" singers are invited to join St. Timothy's Choir to sing the Easter services on April 21. At least three rehearsals are required, with the last three rehearsals before Easter being at 7:00 p.m. on 4/4 & 4/11 (Thursdays) and 4/17 (Wednesday). Festival singers are welcome at earlier Thursday rehearsals in Lent. The main anthem will be "Day of Arising." Please contact the Music Department so we can prepare your cubby with music.

**New Beginnings:** New Beginnings is open to parish youth groups (grades 6-8). New Beginnings provides a time and place in Christian Community to explore questions about self and faith. The program also works to equip middle-school youth as leaders in their own parishes, and to engage them in the full life of the home church. St. Timothy's will be taking a group to New Beginnings on April 5 through April 7. There will be no shuttle bus for Alexian on this Sunday.

**Jazz Mass at St. Timothy's:** As we continue to expand our musical offerings in support of worship, we are offering a Jazz Mass. We'll celebrate with a Jazz Mass service the morning of April 7 at the 10:30.

All service music, hymns, and special music will be in the jazz idiom, so the whole congregation will have an opportunity to celebrate this style together. Key jazz musicians supporting these liturgies will be Kathy Tugman and the David Walters Trio. Please invite friends and family to enjoy this day with us!

**Chorister Evensong:** You are invited on April 7 at 5:00 p.m. to a service of Choral Evensong sung by the boy and girl choristers of local Episcopal Churches. Evensong is a service of scripture, prayer, and music. This combined event will take place at Good Shepherd Lookout.

**Palm Sunday:** Starting with Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter day, Holy Week and Easter are one of the most momentous times in the church year. We invite you to follow the path of Jesus through a series of church services, each unique, and each an opportunity to go deeper in faith. We invite everyone Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. to join the procession around the church. Children's Chapel and Wiggle Worship will process in the chapel for combined service.

**Maundy Thursday Liturgy:** Maundy Thursday Liturgy will be held on April 18, at 6:30 p.m. with optional footwashing. While every Eucharist is a special event, this particular Eucharist is extra special because ten children will receive solemn communion during this service.

**EYC Lock-in @ St. Luke's:** St. Timothy's is very excited to attend a lock-in not only for our youth group, but for several other youth groups in the surrounding area. Our hope is that you meet new

people, share in the love of Christ, and have fun!

There is a lot crammed into just 12 hours. For more information or to sign-up contact Elizabeth Burns at [eburns@sttimsignal.com](mailto:eburns@sttimsignal.com)

**Stations of the Cross:** From ancient times, Christians have made pilgrimages to holy places. In the medieval period, when pilgrimage to Jerusalem was popular, people there began to walk the traditional path Jesus took from his arrest to his passion and death. Because not everyone could travel to Jerusalem, the church began to offer local pilgrimage liturgies—the Way of the Cross also known as the Stations of the Cross.

On April 19 at 12:00 p.m. St. Timothy's will travel the way of the cross throughout our worship space.

**Good Friday:** The Good Friday service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19. This solemn occasion marks the nadir of the Christian story, when Jesus' disciples were afraid, desolate, and unsure of the future. Many believe that the glory of the Resurrection as we celebrate it on Easter morning can only be fully understood when coupled with the observance of Jesus' torturous death.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil First Eucharist of Easter (with baptism) will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. The congregation is invited to bring bells and noise makers (small to medium sized) to ring at the Gloria as we celebrate the Resurrection at the first Eucharist of Easter.

**Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt:** Bring the whole family and join us in the parish hall as we hold our annual Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt. This is the Spring event of the year and you will not want to miss it. We meet during the Sunday school hour (between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services) and enjoy great food, good conversation, and the highly anticipated Egg Hunt for children preschool through 5th grade. Then we invite you to stay and worship with us at our 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service with incense. Don't forget to bring flowers to flower the cross.

*Offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday following Easter.*

**Supper Club April 26:** St. Timothy's supper club provides an opportunity to meet new people and build friendships while enjoying delicious meals together. Our next meal together will be at the home of Ginger and Gordon Williams on April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

**STEPS 9th Annual Butterfly Brunch:** Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Butterfly Brunch Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Timothy's Narthex & Parish Hall. Cost for the event is \$20 per ticket.

**Choir Recognition:** Annually, we set aside this Sunday in April to thank all our musicians for the time and the effort they put in, week after week, sharing their God-given talents with us through music. Join us on April 28 for the 10:30 a.m. service as we honor the choirs and Zammarin.

**Compline:** On April 28 at 8:00 p.m., the Office of Compline will be offered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga. All are welcome. Music will be offered by the compline choir.



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April 5	New Beginning- <b>No Bus Shuttle for Alexian on April 7</b>	April 22	Offices Closed; Offices reopen on April 24
April 6	Last Taizé Service at 5:00 p.m.	April 26	Supper Club at Williams' Home
April 7	Jazz Mass; 10:30 a.m.	April 27	STEPS Butterfly Brunch
April 7	Chorister Evensong at Good Shepherd; 5:00 p.m.	April 28	Choir and Zammarin Recognition
April 13	ChattEY Jr. Field Day (Club 45) at Grace Point	April 28	Compline at St. Paul's; 8:00 p.m.
April 14	Palm Sunday	April 28	Family Promise Begins
April 18	Maundy Thursday; 6:30 p.m.		
April 18	EYC Lockin at St. Luke's following Maundy Thursday Service		
April 19	Stations of the Cross; 12:00 p.m.		
April 19	Good Friday; 6:30 p.m.		
April 20	Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil; 8:00 p.m.		
April 21	Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with incense Easter Brunch; 9:00 a.m. then Easter Egg Hunt; 9:45 a.m.		