



Sandston Presbyterian Church Newsletter March 2026

Worship Service is at 11:00am every Sunday in person.

Sunday School Classes (9:45am)

- The Shurley Class: meets in room 7
- Men's & Women's Class: meets in the library



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A Note from Pastor Todd...

Tell Me Something Good

This has been one of those years – in no small part due to the interruption from the ice storm – where I find myself wondering, “How in the world is it *already* time for Lent?!” However, here we are! As always I am excited to dig into A Sanctified Art’s materials. Given my own thought that at times good news has been in short supply in the world recently, I was even happier to see the above theme. Here’s how the creative team describes where they ended up:

Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. As we crafted this series, we studied what was central to Jesus’ life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment

for the hungry, nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus’ teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

Jesus’ words are easily distorted and sanitized in our modern world. Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it’s not necessarily comfortable. Jesus’ ministry can be described as “radical” which comes from the Latin word “radicalis,” meaning “root” or “ground.” Therefore, the good news should bring

us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created

us to be. Can we be “good news” people in a world too often burdened by bad news?

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for

celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes

like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.

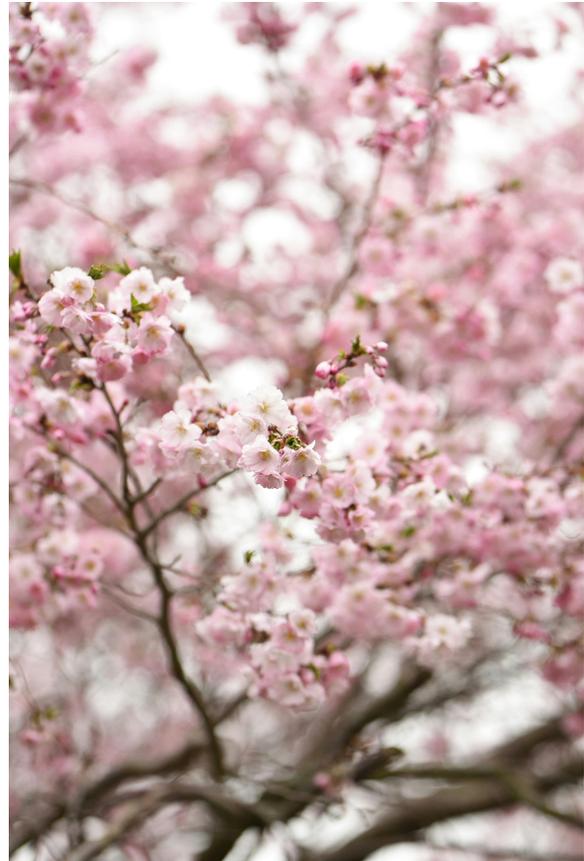
I recently heard the phrase “Joy is an act of resistance”. Amen to that. As we journey through this Lenten season, it is my prayer that we can all be reminded how truly good the good news of the Gospels is. And hopefully find some liberation, love, mercy, and grace along the way. May God guide us on the journey.

Pastor Todd

Our Prayer List...

Please keep the following individuals below in your thoughts and prayers.

- Ed Johnston Jr.
- Elizabeth Breckinridge
- Laura Greer
- Joe Woodham
- Jan & Wayne Richter
- Leon App
- John & Jane Monacell
- Richard Young
- Joann & George McCabe
- Marie Heath



Flower Calendar Requests 2026...

We are continuing to take requests for the flower calendar for 2026! You can find the request forms outside of the office as well as the narthex of the church. The cost of the flowers is \$35.00. You will find the available dates just below.

March - 1, 15, 22, & 29

April - 12 & 26

May - 10, 17, & 31

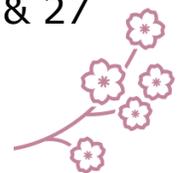
July - 5, 19, & 26

August - 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

September - 6, 13, 20, & 27

October - 4 & 25

November - 1, 8, & 15



**Daylight Savings Time starts March 8th.
Remember to set your clocks UP one hour on
Saturday, March 7th or when you get up on
Sunday, March 8th.**

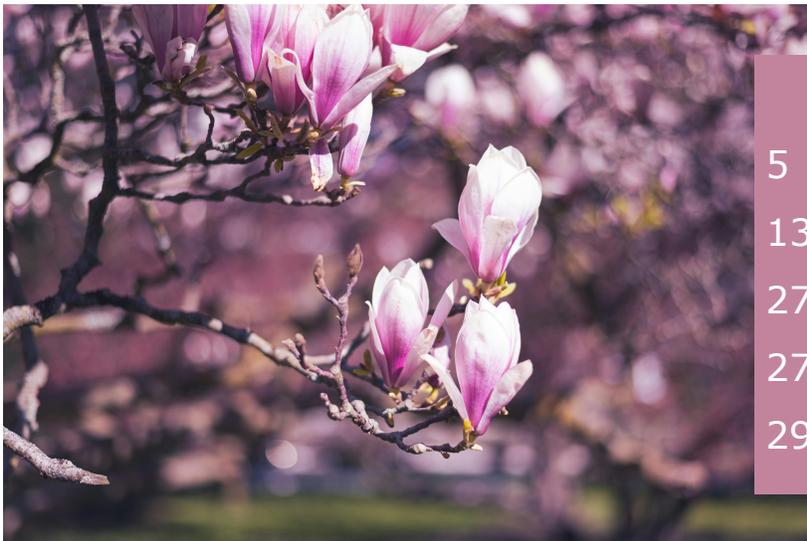
Easter Lilies

We will start taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday, March 15th! The cost is \$16 this year. You will find order forms in the narthex of the church and also by the church office. **The deadline to order is Sunday, March 29th.** Please fill out the order form, attach your check made out to Sandston Presbyterian Church and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.



Holy Week Reminders...

- Our **Maundy Thursday** Service will be on **Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00pm in-person.** It is a quiet, moving, reflective time of worship, during which we *come* to the table for Communion. Dress is casual.
- Our **Good Friday** Service will be on **Friday, April 3rd at 6:00pm via Zoom ONLY.**
- Information to come soon about our **Community Easter Sunrise Worship Service.**



March Birthdays

5	Patricia Anderson
13	Jennifer McLaughlin
27	Bailey Johnston
27	Joanne Wakeham
29	Page Shurley

Meetings this month...

The Beekeepers of Richmond will meet on **Tuesday, March 3rd from 7pm to 9pm**. If you have an interest in bees this may be the place for you. If you have any questions please contact Arlo Amstutz.



The Highland Springs Garden Club will meet on **Tuesday, March 17th from 10am to 12:30pm** in the fellowship hall. Anyone who loves flowers is encouraged to come and join us. If you have any questions please contact Pat Fitzgerald.

Presbyterian Women Mission Project Update...

The Presbyterian Women would like to "Thank" everyone who contributed monetary donations for the Hygiene Kits for Church World Services which are distributed to disaster areas around this country. They were able to collect a total of \$590 this year. Although the collection deadline is past they do accept donations anytime.



PW Circle Meetings

- The Finley-Walker Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 11th at 10:00am**.
 - The Davis Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00pm**.
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Daily Devotionals...

The Daily Bread Devotionals for March, April, & May are here! You can find them outside of the church office and in the narthex of the church. If you would like a Devotional mailed get in touch with Paulette in the church office.

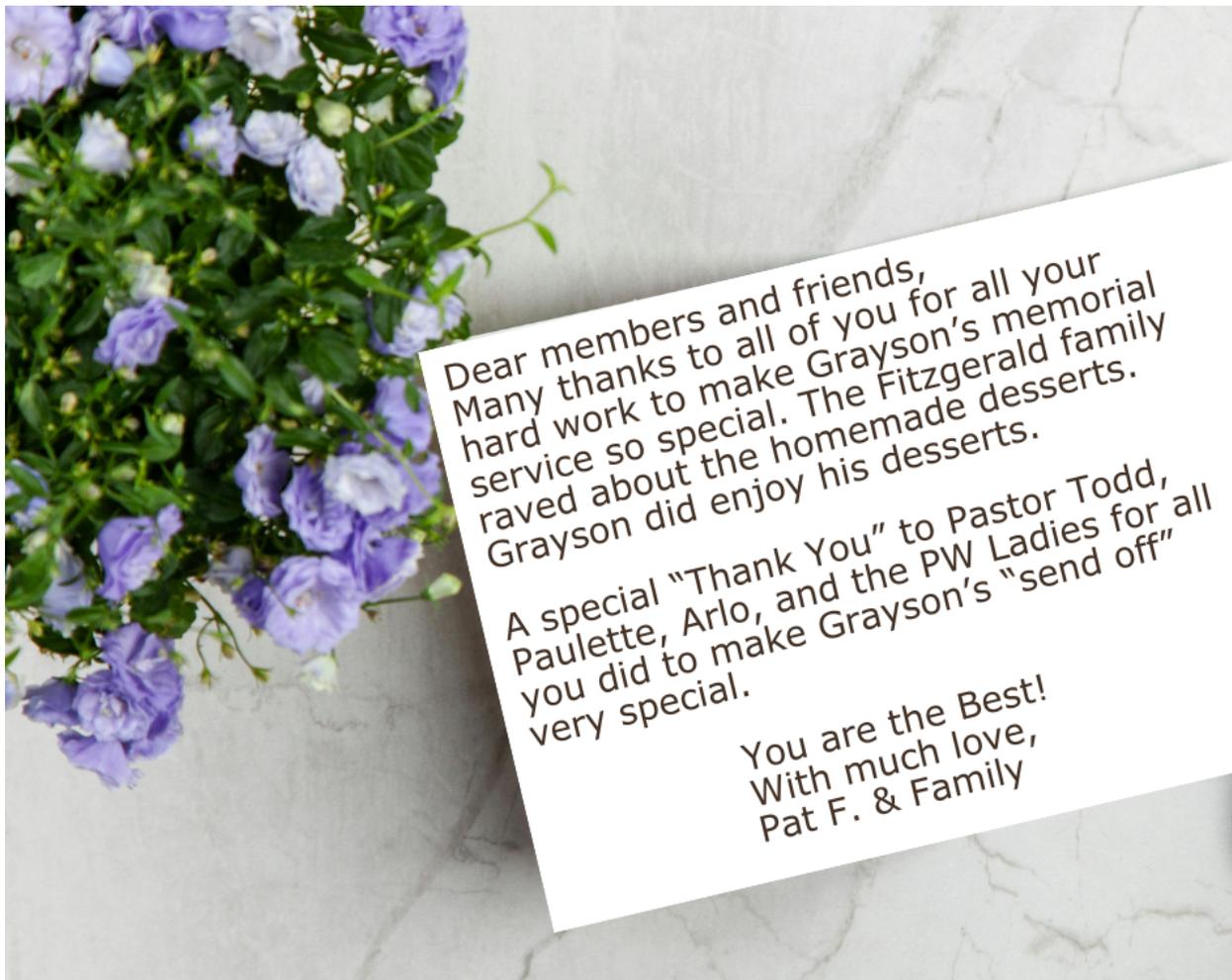
YMCA MEI Collection...

The **YMCA has a Mission, Equity, and Inclusion (MEI)** Committee that has a walk up food pantry at the Chickahominy location right here in Sandston. They are in need of protein items, so the Christian Life committee will be collecting **canned chicken** for their food pantry for the **month of March**. Please put these items in the box for YMCA outside of the church office and Anna Helen will deliver them at the end of the month!

What's going on in our community...

Eastern Henrico FISH

We are collecting corned beef hash for the month of **March**. Please remember to pick up a can or two the next time you are grocery shopping. There is a box outside of the church office you can drop them off in. **The Deadline is March 31st**. For the month of February we were able to collect a total of 13+ cans of beef stew. Thank you to everyone who donated this past month!



Community Easter Festival Candy Donations & Volunteers...

The Christian Life Committee is in need of candy to fill eggs for our Easter Festival coming up. Please make sure they are small enough to fit inside of easter eggs. No lollipops please! All candy donations can be left in the church office. Monetary donations can be given to Paulette O'Berry. If you plan to write a check make it out to her please.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help us on Saturday, March 28th from 12pm to 2pm to run games for our Easter Festival. If you are interested in helping out call the church office at 804-737-1527 and talk to Paulette.

If you have children, grandchildren, or neighbors with children please help spread the word!

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EASTER

Festival

Join us on

**Saturday, March 28th
from 12pm to 2pm**

for some egg-citing fun!
All are welcome! Bring an
Easter basket!



March Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service & Communion	2	3 7pm-9pm Beekeepers of Richmond Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	9	10	11 10am Finley-Walker Circle Meeting 6pm Davis Circle Meeting	12	13	14 Rock Painting 1pm-3pm
15 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	16	17 10am-12:30pm Highland Springs Garden Club	18	19 Easter Egg Stuffing 4pm-6pm	20	21
22 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	23	24	25	26	27	28 Easter Festival 12pm-2pm
29	30	31 FISH Donation Deadline				

