

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22, 2026

This Tuesday, March 20, **Soup and Sermon**, will be at Sequoyah United Methodist Church.

**The PW Covenant Book Group** will meet this Tuesday, March 24 at 10:30am in the Villa Room at Butterfield Trail. If you have questions about this group, please contact Jesse Koeppe.

**The Young Adult Dinner Group** will meet this Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm in Upper Witherspoon. If you have questions about this group, please contact Amanda McDonald.

Because of Spring Break travel schedules, **the Church Office will be closed Monday, March 23**. The office will be open from 9:00am - 3:00pm the remainder of the week but we encourage you to call ahead to be sure the staff member you wish to visit is in the office. If you call, and there is no answer, please leave a voice mail so we can return your call.

**Youth Group** will not meet this Wednesday, March 25 due to Spring Break.

Our **Friday Noon Women's Bible Study** is taking a break. Please be on the lookout for news of their next study! Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

## IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT GETTING READY FOR HOLY WEEK:

- **THE FUPC SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY WILL BE SATURDAY MARCH 28 - the Saturday before Palm Sunday!** All our members and visitors are welcome to come and help beautify our church campus to get us ready for Easter. There will be work for all as we rake up, trim, weed, plant, and wash – bring work gloves and any tools you want to bring. Come and enjoy coffee and fellowship! If you have questions, please contact Sabra Martin or James Moore (Properties Committee and Garden and Grounds Sub-Committee Planners)
- **Please make your EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS by Wednesday, April 1.** Every Easter the congregation can help beautify our sanctuary by making contributions towards the cost of the lilies used in the sanctuary. Dedications can be made in honor or in memory and a contribution of any amount may accompany your dedication. These dedications will be printed in our Easter Sunday bulletin. There are dedication forms and contribution envelopes available in the Gathering Place. You may contribute online using our secure giving form at [fupcfay.org/give](http://fupcfay.org/give) and selecting "Easter Lily Dedications" from the drop-down fund menu. If you make your contribution online, please email the wording of your dedication to [communications@fupcfay.org](mailto:communications@fupcfay.org).
- **On EASTER morning, when we conclude our Easter worship service, our choir will be singing a different "Hallelujah" by G. F. Handel.** It is titled "Hallelujah, Amen" (from Handel's oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*). At that time the congregation is invited to come forward and join the choir in singing the hymn. Please see our email newsletter, The Weekly Update, for more information and links to YouTube music videos of "Hallelujah, Amen."

## HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING HOLY WEEK:

- **PALM SUNDAY, March 29: We will celebrate Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with a Palm Parade!** Children who wish to participate should arrive by 10:20am and meet Ms. Kristi by the children's table at the back of the sanctuary.
- **SOUP AND SERMON, Tuesday March 31:** We are hosting Soup and Sermon the Tuesday of Holy Week. We will gather at noon in the Sanctuary for a brief worship service and then have lunch in Fellowship Hall.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2:** Worship will begin at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary and will include a brief sermon and communion being served around the Lord's Table, a table at which all are welcome.
- **GOOD FRIDAY, April 3:** Worship will begin at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. The service will include reading the seven last words spoken by Jesus as we participate in a Service of Tenebrae. Between scripture readings, candles will be extinguished, the sanctuary will be gradually darkened, and worshippers will be invited to drive a nail into a wooden cross.
- **EASTER SUNDAY, April 5:**
  - **Our Easter Brunch will be from 9:00am to 10:00am in Fellowship Hall.** Please bring your favorite breakfast/brunch dish to share. Beverages, sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy will be provided. If you would like to **volunteer to help with the brunch**, please use the sign-up link in the Weekly Update or call the Church Office.
  - **Our Easter Children's Gathering will be from 9:45am to 10:15am in the Church Library.** It will begin with the telling of the Easter Story and then we will have an Easter Egg Find (location dependent on weather.)
  - **There will be a photo booth** set up in the Gathering Place for Easter family or friend group photos.
  - **Our Easter Sunday Worship Service will be at 10:30am.** This will be a joyful, music-filled service (bells, brass and choral). Communion will be served.

**PNC Update:** Our **Pastor Nominating Committee** is busy searching for our next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. They have made great progress. An update from the committee was published in our most recent printed newsletter, including the ad which will begin appearing in Presbyterian Outlook in March. **The committee wants to make sure everyone sees the update and the ad.** You can find links to the update and ad in the Weekly Update email newsletter or pick up a copy of the printed newsletter in the Gathering Place.

**ARE YOU NEW TO FUPC?** We would like to get to know you. Please use the QR Code **below** or type fupcfay.org/links in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons. Please select the button that says, “New to FUPC?” Let us know how to contact you and how we can best help you. Thank you!

**Friendly Reminder:** Please help us care for one another by leaving designated handicapped parking spaces available for those who need them. On Sunday mornings, all the spaces in the parking lot next to the sanctuary are dedicated handicap spots. Thank you for your kindness and consideration!

**CONTACT INFORMATION** can be found in the Instant Church Directory App. If you need assistance connecting with a church member or information about the app, please **call the Church Office (442-4411)** and the church staff will be happy to assist you.

**CEO UPDATE:** In January, Cooperative Emergency Outreach (CEO) distributed \$16,784 to assist families: rent (46%), utilities (42%), purchased food (7%), clothes (4.2%), prescriptions and other (0.8%). Donated food with an estimated value of \$12,045 was also distributed to families. In January CEO was open for 16 days and assisted 570 family members (180 families).

**Here are some ways you can help:**

- **CURRENT NEEDS:** dish soap (small/medium size bottles), shampoo, toothpaste, and boxes of cold cereal (12-20 oz).
- **You can make a gift at any time.** Either clearly note that the donation is for CEO on your check or donation envelope or select Community Emergency Outreach from the drop-down menu when giving online at [www.fupcfay.org/give](http://www.fupcfay.org/give).
- **Volunteer Client Interviewers are needed.** Both regular volunteers and substitutes are needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Clay.
- **Donations** can be placed in the blue tub at the north entrance to Calvin. Donations are picked up Sun., Wed., & Fri. after 11:00am.

For **GIVING AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** please use this link to the church website: [fupcfay.org/current-needs](http://fupcfay.org/current-needs) or use the QR code below and select “Outreach Opportunities”.

**NEED A LINK?** Use the QR code to the right or type [fupcfay.org/links](http://fupcfay.org/links) in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons to access:

- Worship Guide
- Announcements
- Giving Form
- Contact Information Form for Visitors
- Current Issue of Weekly Update (contains sign-up links and details)
- Current Opportunities to Give and Serve
- Sunday School Information



**Calendar for March 23-27**

<b>Monday</b>	7:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30am	PW Covenant Group (Villa Room at BTV)
	Noon	Soup and Sermon (Mount Sequoyah Methodist Church)
	4:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Gambler’s Anonymous (Lower Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Young Adult Dinner (Upper Witherspoon)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am	Hooks and Needles (Church Library)