

## Church Calendar

### Sundays

- 9:30 a.m. Food and Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship

### Wednesdays

- 6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer—Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Spiritual Growth Study
- 7:30 p.m. Choir practice

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 1 7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday** Service
- Mar 2 9:00—5:00 Northern Stokes Food Pantry open  
Francisco Presbyterian Church
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council
- Mar 7 9:00 a.m. Terrific Tuesdays Together
- Mar 8 6:00 p.m. Children's Church
- Mar 13 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women
- Mar 16 9:00—5:00 Northern Stokes Food Pantry open  
Francisco Presbyterian Church
- Mar 19 8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast
- Mar 21 9:00 a.m. Terrific Tuesdays Together
- Mar 22 8:00 a.m. UMM—Food pickup at Second  
Harvest Food Bank for Northern  
Stokes Food Pantry
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Church
- Mar 25 8:30 a.m. Sweat to Serve
- Mar 26 1:00 p.m. Worship at Stokes County Hospital  
Day room
- Apr 4 9:00 a.m. Terrific Tuesdays Together
- Apr 5 6:00 p.m. Children's Church
- Apr 6 9:00—5:00 Northern Stokes Food Pantry open  
Francisco Presbyterian Church
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council
- Apr 9 **Palm Sunday**
- 8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast
- Apr 10 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women
- Apr 13 7:30 p.m. **Maundy Thursday** Service
- Apr 14 Good Friday (no activities)

- Apr 16 6:00 a.m. **Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise Service at Delta UMC  
Breakfast at Delta UMC  
(No Sunday School)
- 10:50 a.m. Worship our Risen Lord at SNUMC
- Apr 18 9:00 a.m. Terrific Tuesdays Together
- Apr 19 8:00 a.m. UMM—Food pickup at Second  
Harvest Food Bank for Northern  
Stokes Food Pantry
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Church
- Apr 20 9:00—5:00 Northern Stokes Food Pantry open  
Francisco Presbyterian Church
- Apr 23 1:00 p.m. Worship at Stokes County Hospital  
Day Room
- 6:00 p.m. **"Revival"**
- Apr 30 6:00 p.m. **"Revival"**

### March/ April Birthdays

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| Mar 1 Jerry Ballard                                   | Apr 5 Chuck Spicer                |
| Mar 5 Ethan Tilley                                    | Apr 7 Kristie Anderson            |
| Mar 6 Mark Pendleton                                  | Apr 8 Paul-Michael<br>Charleville |
| Mar 10 Michele Martin                                 | Apr 15 Sam Tilley                 |
| Mar 23 Billy Willard                                  | Apr 21 Randy Shelton              |
| Mar 25 Emily Anderson<br>Teresa Hodges<br>Sue McGuire | Apr 23 Meritza<br>Moorefield      |
| Mar 28 Lee Richardson                                 | Apr 24 Judy Cox                   |
| Mar 29 Lydia Richardson                               | Apr 26 Becky Bibeau               |
| Mar 30 Steve Gregg                                    | Apr 27 Kent Amos                  |
| Apr 3 Colin Anderson<br>Wayne Hodges                  | Apr 30 Sondra Frye<br>Parlier     |
| Apr 4 Alyssa Rose<br>Hawkes                           |                                   |
| Apr 4 Bobby Manning                                   |                                   |

### Stay Connected

Keep up to date. Check the church website.  
[www.snowhillumc.org](http://www.snowhillumc.org)  
Are you getting weekly Friday calls from the church? If not, please give Pastor Pat the phone number that we should use as to contact you.

# The Snow Hill UMC Connection

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## FROM THE PASTOR

What an exciting time of year! We begin to see the signs of spring and new life calling us to be outside enjoying more hours of daylight, and we celebrate what makes us a Christian.

Compare the excitement and the energy you spend around Christmas when that is just the beginning of our story. Let's prepare for the "rest of the story".

**EASTER IS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!** This is the most exciting event that ever occurred in history. God himself became the supreme sacrifice for us. We have the promise of eternal life because of Easter.

Commit now to really seek the meaning of Easter as we walk through the Lenten season. Participate in the special services such as Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Come to Wednesday night bible study. If you can't join us, read the book on your own. Spend time in our beautiful area in the quiet with God and scripture. Deny yourself by serving someone else in need. Be ready to share the GOOD NEWS with others.

Together in Christ,  
*Pastor Pat*



## Beginnings

### Spring Renewal

We all need to take a fresh look at our Christian life from time to time. Snow Hill UMC is excited to announce a very special series of Sunday evenings to *renew* and *refresh* your faith.



Rather than asking folks to attend every night for a week, we will hold four separate "revival" Sunday evenings: April 23, April 30, May 7 and May 14 starting at 6 pm. Each service include a special musical group providing a mini concert and worship music, along with a guest preacher to share the message.

Consider who you will invite as our spring renewal services are a perfect time to invite members of the community to come and witness the messages of Christ and the worship and glorification of God.

Hit reset on your faith journey!



Mark your calendars and spread the word these will be opportunities you will not want to miss!

## REMEMBER HIS WORDS

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

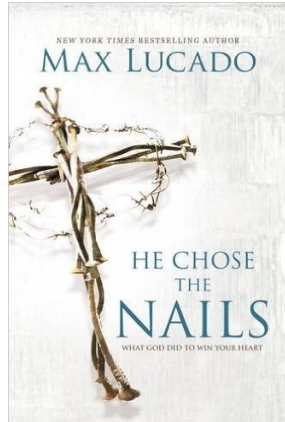
1 John 4:10 NIV

"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." *Then they remembered his words.* Luke 24:6-8 NIV

## Passionate Worship and Intentional Faith Development

### He Chose the Nails Wednesday Night Lenten Study

“Reading a Max Lucado book is as comfortable as having coffee and conversation with a close friend. *“He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart* is signature Lucado: warm, conversational storytelling blended with scripture, humor, and vulnerability.



Lucado invites us to understand the symbols surrounding Christ's crucifixion and celebrate the significance of the promises they offer to us.

Our Wednesday nights are a special time to explore God's word and how we can apply it daily.

We build community as we share experiences and struggles. We build friendships when we walk beside one another. Come give it a try...we are missing out because you are not there.

### Special Worship Opportunities “...BUT Sunday is a comin’”

Maybe you've heard the sermon where the pastor says “He died on Friday...BUT SUNDAY IS A COMIN'!” The Lenten season is solemn but remember “SUNDAY IS A COMIN'!”.

#### Special opportunities:

3/1—Ash Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

4/9—Palm Sunday—10:50 a.m.

4/12—Maundy Thursday—7:00 p.m.

4/16—**EASTER SUNDAY**

6 15 Sunrise and breakfast at Delta UMC

10:50 Worship Service at Snow Hill UMC

### Fasting for Lent

For some Christians, Lent is a time of “fasting” or giving things up. It can be a way to remember the time Jesus' fasted in the desert and is a test of self-discipline. If you are considering giving up something, consider this list.

Fast from judging others;  
feast on the Christ dwelling within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences;  
feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from words that pollute;  
feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast on complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from unrelenting pressures;  
feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; feast on nonviolence.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concerns;  
feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.

Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

### WANTED

Ever had the desire to be a reporter? Are you one of those people who know lots going on in the church and wish others knew too? Looking for “church reporters” to write short articles or provide info for our church newsletters. Please contact Janet Gregg if you are interested in being involved.

### Our Sympathy To

The family and friends of John “Junior” Lawson

The family and friends of George “Billy” Shelton

### Radical Hospitality and Extravagant Generosity

#### Picture This ! New Church Directory

It is time to update our church directory and we need you to make it complete.

Schedule your appointment for **Tuesday, March 28 or Wednesday, March 29 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.** then get your family together, practice that beautiful smile and be included.

The scheduling sheets will be available in the narthex before and after worship and on Wednesday evenings.

### GETTING READY FOR LENT

Lent is a period of fasting leading up to Easter. The season is rooted in the 40-day fast of Jesus in the wilderness. Catholic Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends right before the evening Masses of Holy Thursday, although Lenten penance continues through Holy Saturday. In 2017, Lent begins on March 1st.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week, the night before Jesus was crucified. A Maundy Thursday service typically lifts up the Last Supper and events of Jesus last time with the disciples. A tenebrae service can also be provided, either on Thursday or Friday of Holy Week. The word tenebrae means shadows or darkness.

A requiem is a song or hymn of mourning composed or performed as a memorial to a dead person. Requiem's are performed in many churches on Good Friday each year (the Friday before Easter). Centenary UMC in Winston-Salem and West Market St. UMC in Greensboro are two churches that provide a noon Requiem service on Good Friday.

### Risk-taking Mission and Service

#### SWEAT to SERVE - 3/25

Come prepare our church home for **THE celebration** of the spring.

With all of us pitching in together, we can get our “spring cleaning” and get God's house prepared for Easter with excellence while enjoying time. We will begin with prayer for the day at 9:00 a.m. and work until around 1:00 p.m.



This spring's Sweat to Serve is being directed by the SHUMC Church Council.



SHUMC looks it's best when we all help take care of that which we have been given.

### Children's Church

God does equip the called!

Ever feel that nudge from God and hope it just goes away if you ignore it? Then you can't sleep or think of anything else? Maybe it is a really good idea but you've never done anything like that before? Laura Wilson knows all about that “feeling”.

She listened and ACTED which lead to 20-25 kids from age 2– 14 excited about coming to Snow Hill every other Wednesday night. They enjoy a snack dinner, and experience God's love through a bible story, crafts, games, songs, and just having lots of fun.

An easy way to be part of this ministry is to sign up to provide a snack supper one Wednesday night and/or be available to serve and clean up. There are lots of other opportunities to serve. See Laura if you are interested.

Don't forget to invite kids you know too!