

Our sole purpose is to glorify God, proclaiming through word and deed the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. We trust God's Spirit to lead and nurture us in all our community and congregational endeavors. We desire that all who come through our doors find deeper faith, larger hope, and more complete love.

**Service For The Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Easter
8 April 2018**

Assemble In God's Name

RINGING OF THE BELLS

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Bliss/Sullivan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" South African

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 133 (NRSV) Justin Lockamy
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- 2 **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down
upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

[UNISON]

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

Let us pray together: **Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLAN FAIR

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you have shattered the power of sin and death. And yet, still we continue in our sinful ways: resisting you, denying you, doubting you. Forgive us, O Lord, when we wash our hands of responsibility, when fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth or prejudice keeps us from believing it. When the cost of discipleship is high, we fail to follow you; forgive us, we pray. In the bright light of the Resurrection, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Raise us up in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

Proclaim God's Word

** HYMN 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.*

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Seeing is Believing"

** P.A.T.H. OFFERING

(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Tami Warren)

LESSON: John 20:19-31 NT 115

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Doubt and Faith" Dr. Stephen Wilkins

* HYMN 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

Give Thanks To God

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen" (See Hymn 253 for the text.) Luis Bojos

(Visitors please fill out cards in pew rack and place in offering plate)

* DOXOLOGY (Hymnal) No. 606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Hymnal) pg. 35

BREAKING THE BREAD AND OFFERING THE CUP

Let us pray together: **God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Go In God's Name

* HYMN 254 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"
PUES NOBIS NASCITUR

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" South African

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Christ the Lord Is Risen!" Roger C. Wilson
(Based on a German Easter carol, circa 1837)

* Those who are able, please stand

** Seating of worshippers

The **P.A.T.H. Offering (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger)** is being received this morning. This offering, collected by GMPC since 1986, is sometimes called the 2 Cents a Meal Offering. Families are requested to "set aside" this amount per person, per meal in your family home and given bi-monthly on the 1st Sunday when Communion is observed (February, April, June, August, October, December). Of this, 25% is withheld and used to supplement our own "Sick and Relief" benevolence. The remaining 75% is forwarded to our Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The presbytery's disbursement formula for what they receive from participating churches is as follows: 40% for International support (countries such as Haiti, Malawi and Bangladesh); 25% for PC(USA) hunger projects; 25% for local hunger programs within our Presbytery and 10% for administration.

We welcome our visitors today. If you wish more information about this congregation or the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), please speak with the minister. New members are received by 1) Re-Affirmation of Faith; 2) Transfer of Membership; and 3) by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

*A rose is placed on the communion table in celebration
of the birth of Julia "Louise" Jaskot,
daughter of Russell & Annie Stefanovich-Jaskot, born March 31, 2018.
Grandparents are Steve & Julie Stefanovich.*

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY
OF MR. JOHN T. DENNY, III, MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. DENNY, JR., AND
MR. AND MRS. WILLIE LESTER FULGHUM
BY MRS. LOIS DENNY, MR. AND MRS. MELVIN WEAVER,
MR. AND MRS. JAMES DODSON AND GRANDCHILDREN*

April ushers are: Richard Bryan, Robert Giehls, James Dodson,
Will Dodson, John Surratt, Neal Matthews, Shawn Matthews

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING

Doc Fields – Southwood; Rm. 109
Frances Hubbard - GlenAire
Margaret Faircloth – Mary Gran; Rm. 701
Tink Purcell – The Cardinal at North Hills
Betty Heaton – Mary Gran; Rm. 204

OTHERS:

*Juaweese Franklin – (Mother of Melissa Nimmo);
Kathryn Whitley-Jordan – (Former GMPC Choir Director);
Christine Stacey – (Mother of Lara Capparuccia); Michael Tew – (Son of Ellen Tew);
Betty Hair – (Mother of Vickie Pope); Bobby Stanley – (Brother-in-Law of Ted Qualls);
Joe Kozel – (Father of Kristi Williford); Hewitt Fulton – (Father of Bill Fulton);
Vivian Fidelia Someliana-Lauer & family – (Grandaughter of Sean and Lara Capparuccia)*

AT HOME

Martha Dunn
Margaret Register
Julie Stefanovich
Ted Lockerman
Beth Stewart
Tim Shankweiler
Lois Denny

Sunday, April 4, 2018 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...

My Presence: Sunday School Attendance 52 ~ Worship Attendance 220

My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$10,802.00	\$89,418.95
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 1,059.00	\$13,182.00

Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$5,942.00	\$77,246.00
Building Fund	\$ 660.00	\$ 8,580.00

April: (Wednesdays: Handbells 6:00 p.m./Choir at 7:30 p.m.);
(Cherub Choir: PreK-1st Grade, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 4-4:30);
(Children & Youth Choir/Handbells: 2nd-8th Grade, Wednesdays, 5-5:45)
(PresbyCrew: K-5th Grade, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3-5:00)

- 08 - 2:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 09 - 3:00 p.m. - Circle #1 (Home of Myrtle Petty)
- 7:00 p.m. - Circle #2 (Memorial Room)
- 10 - 10:00 a.m. - Circle #3 (Memorial Room)
- 6:30 p.m. - VBS Planning Meeting
- 11 - 3:00 p.m. - PresbyCrew
- 15 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.); MISSION BUDDIES;
Ordination/Installation of Elders
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Groups
- 17 - 9:00 a.m. - Newsletter Deadline

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Copies of [These Days](#), April - June, are available in the narthex & outside the office.

GMPC's [Prayer Request Cards](#) are located in the pews for your convenience. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the prayer request card and place it in the offering plate.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS will be held Sunday, June 17th – Wednesday, June 20th, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. GALACTIC STARVEYORS – *Discovering the God of the Universe – Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible.* We will discover the incredible mysteries of the final frontier—right from our own backyard. Our telescope will become a portal through which we encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a Creator who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation. But the most amazing wonder to be discovered truly boggles the mind. The God who created everything there is—the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible—wants a relationship with you! And from the very beginning, God had a plan to restore the relationship He knew we would break. [Registrations and additional information will be mailed soon!](#) ***A VBS Planning Meeting will be held on April 10th at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in helping with this year's VBS. **Needed: Group Leaders, Teachers, Decorators, Kitchen Helpers: dinner will be provided nightly, Dinner Providers ... the possibilities are endless. Please join us as we begin to plan!**

MISSION BUDDIES: (PreK—12th Grade, 3rd Sunday, monthly, as part of Sunday School)

April 15th Mission: BIRTHDAY BOXES! (Please submit supplies by Friday, April 13, 2018.)

A Birthday Box is a "party in a box", given to families with children who may not otherwise have a celebration on their special day. The Christian Food Bank of Salemburg will distribute the boxes providing children-in-need with Happy Birthdays! **ITEMS NEEDED:** Cake Mix, Frosting, Packs of Birthday Candles, Birthday Cards, Bags of Balloons, Party Favors (Hats, Noise Makers, Birthday Banners), Birthday Wrapping Paper, Small Toys for Boys & Girls (*Quality Toys that are well crafted/constructed.) ***A Mission Buddies donation bin is located in the fellowship hall.**

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, we will **Ordain and Install the Newly Elected Elders**. We thank the Class of 2017, for their faithful service during the last three years!

The **Church Spring Work Day** is planned for Saturday, April 21st beginning at 8:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to come out and be a part of our efforts. There should be something for everyone to jump in and help with. Please get together with your Sunday School Class or other groups within the church and work together to cover the room or area that you utilize. If that area is already covered please consider a common area that needs some work. We should be working all morning, so please come for whatever time you can.

Challenging ALL Faith Groups: Come to the church work day on the 21st and work with your GMPC friends to help make our facilities and grounds look great!! The Faith Group that has the most members helping will win a "prize" for each member that is present. Thanks! Brenda Nordin

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Christian Food Bank of Salemburg, every third Saturday, monthly, bags of food are given to those in need beginning at 9:00 a.m. What you can do to help: *Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items Throughout the Year! ***(Donated food is also given to those who stop by the church in need of something to eat. Please help to keep the box supplied. Thank you.)*** **Next Food Bank: April 21, 2018.**

A **"Lost and Found"** Dishes Box is located in the Ice Room here at GMPC. Please stop by and check it regularly for any of your dishes that you may have left behind.