

The Harmony Grit

Robert Fletcher Hardy, IV, Pastor

April, 2007

Missions Committee Message

One-fourth of the calendar year has come and gone. That means it is time to send the first of four checks to the Mission groups that Harmony is supporting this year. God's Pit Crew, Red Bird Mission, Masha and Peter Oswalt (in Russia) will each receive \$550 during April. If you are behind in your support we encourage you to do all you can so we can meet our commitment. So far our monthly collections are falling \$100 behind our pledges.

Holy Week Starts Sunday

Sunday, April 1st is Palm Sunday. It is also the beginning of a very busy week of Worship at Harmony UMC. The morning worship service will begin with shouts of Hosanna (asking Jesus to "Save us Now!") and will conclude with the serving of Communion (asking Jesus to "Forgive us of our Sins").

Our guest speaker for Holy Week will be Reverend Nathan T. Snider, an Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference. Brother Nathan received his Master of Divinity Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1995 and is presently serving at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church in King, NC. He will preach on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Our own R. Fletcher Hardy III will speak on Wednesday night. Each service will begin at 7 p.m. and will include "Special Music".

Holy Week Services will continue on Thursday and Friday nights (also starting at 7 p.m.). Harmony will conduct a Maundy Thursday Service, complete with a re-enactment of "The Last Supper". Friday night is the Tenebrae Service, a first for us in many years. This "Service of Darkness" is designed to remind us of the darkness at the Crucifixion of our Savior.

Saturday, April 7th will be a special day for our children. Harmony will hold it's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities will get underway at 10 a.m. and conclude by noon. It is hard to tell who has the most fun -- the egg hiders or the egg finders.

Sunday, April 8th is Easter, the day we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Community Sunrise Service will begin at 7 a.m. at Willis Memorial Baptist Church in the Cascade community. Our pastor, Robert Hardy, will deliver the message for this service. All are invited to breakfast at Willis Memorial following the service. Harmony UMC services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 and an 11 a.m. Worship Service. Come early for a good seat -- you can't beat the message!

Church Council Notes

The Church Council met on Wednesday, March 21 in the Sanctuary. The Council is made up of Church Officers, group coordinators, Committee Chairs and elected Members at Large. The various leaders present reports to the Council. These reports may be informational or may require a vote for approval or for a proposed action. (Information example: The Pastor's Report noted that our Worship Service Attendance has averaged 80 people per Sunday in 2007.) (Action example: The Council approved purchasing 35 Bibles for use in the Thursday Contemporary Service. Individuals may purchase one or more Bibles for \$11 each. Each Bible will have a "In Memory of" or a "In Honor of" label inside the front cover.) If you would like to donate a Bible, you may send a check to: Ida Finney, Treasurer 328 Sportsman Rd. Dry Fork, VA 24549.

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Here are some dates for your April Calendar!

Sunday, April 1 - April 4 @ 7 p.m.	Holy Week Services
Thursday, April 5 @ 7 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 6 @ 7 p.m.	Tenebrae Service
Saturday, April 7 @ 10 a.m.-12 noon	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 8 @ 7 a.m.	Community Easter Sunrise Service @ Willis Memorial Church
Wednesday, April 11 @ 7 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship Meeting
Sunday, April 15 @ 8 a.m.	Faithful Few Men's Crew Meeting & Meal (Chef Ron'nie Gibson)
Sunday, April 15 @ 12:30 p.m.	1 st Session of Confirmation Classes (Ages 12 to 18)
Wednesday, April 25 @ 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice.
Sunday, April 29 @ 7 p.m.	5 th Sunday Song Service @ Cascade United Methodist Church

These events are in addition to the regular 7 p.m. Sunday Night Bible Study and the 7 p.m. meal and 7:30 p.m. Thursday Night Contemporary Worship Services. Speakers for April are: April 12--Haywood Alcorn, Pastor of Willis Memorial Baptist Church April 19--Curtis Faison, Pastor of Woodlawn Baptist April 26--Amanda Garber, Pastor of Brosville United Methodist Church

April Birthdays: Evon Jones -- April 18 Kelsey Salmons -- April 22 Kyle Owen -- April 29
April Anniversary: Mark and Sue Gibson -- April 20

What better time to begin a Confirmation Class for our Youth than right after the Easter Celebration? Harmony Pastor Robert Hardy will be conducting the class on Sundays, beginning April 15th. Participants will meet after the Worship Service for lunch. Classes will continue each Sunday until June 4th. Each session will last 1½ to 2 hours. If you are an interested youth (or willing to be an adult mentor) contact Robert by phone or in person.

Want your Grit via e-mail? How about an mp3 audio file of a Sunday Service? Send me a note at jrfinney99@yahoo.com. Feel free to send suggestions and information.

Holy Week Services

April 1 - 6



2002 Photos of Harmony

View of Front Yard & Sign

View of Back Yard From Kitchen Door