



The Harmony Grit



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Holy Week Services Begin April 5th

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of a very special week of worship at Harmony UMC. The Rev. Rick Lancaster, Chaplain for Liberty Hospice, will be preaching at Harmony UMC on Sunday, April 5th at 11 AM and again that evening at 7 PM. The Holy Week services will continue Monday through Wednesday at 7 PM each evening. Rick is a former pastor of Vandola Baptist Church. Be sure to visit our web site for more information (and a photo of Rev. Lancaster).

The Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 7 PM on April 9th. A Tenebrae Service (or Service of Darkness) will be held Friday, April 10th at 7:00 PM. Harmony will host an Easter egg hunt for children of all ages on Saturday, April 11th from 10 AM until noon. Harmony will participate in a community Easter Sunrise Service on April 12th. The service will be held at Willis Memorial Baptist Church at 6:30 AM. Our own Robert Hardy will be preaching. Plan now to attend these services and be sure to invite your friends. This is the most important week of our Christian faith.

“New Song” Raises the Rafters

Harmony UMC has begun sponsorship of a Community 5th Sunday Song Service this year. Our first program was March 29th at 7 PM. The inaugural group was “New Song Community Choir”. Ellen Petty started the group over 20 years ago at Oakland UMC (after being recruited as the music director by Oakland’s Pastor Fletcher Hardy). The 50+ members are from over 10 different churches in Pittsylvania County and Danville, VA.

New Song arrived two hours early to set up for the program. They moved furniture, set up risers, installed their sound system, and waited for the people to arrive. It was a wonderful evening of Christian music sung by Christians willing to share their talent in song. Psalm 96:1-2 is the inspiration for their desire to perform. And perform they did! The evening was a very uplifting experience for all. Check out the pictures on the back page.

Dedication Service Planned

As we reported in the February issue of the Grit, Harmony has paid off the mortgage on the education building addition. The “paid in full” note has been received from the bank. Our District Superintendent Bruce Tuttle has graciously consented to preside over the dedication service for our addition. Make plans now to come join us on Sunday, May 3rd for this special event. Brother Bruce will preach during the 11 AM worship service. We will hold the official dedication service, then the congregation will gather in the fellowship hall for a covered dish lunch. See you there!

Holy Week Services Start Tonight!

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Sun.-Wed. (April 5-8) @ 7PM
Thursday, April 9 @ 7 PM
Friday, April 10 @ 7 PM
Saturday, April 11 @ 10 AM
Sunday, April 12 @ 6:30 AM
Wednesday, April 15 @ 7 PM
Saturday, April 18 @ 5 to 7 PM
Sunday, April 19 @ 8 AM
Tuesday, April 21 @ 7:30 PM
Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:30 PM

Holy Week Services (Rev. Lancaster to speak)
Maundy Thursday Service
Tenebrae Service
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunrise Service @ Willis Memorial Baptist
Ladies Fellowship Meeting
Fundraiser meal for Linda Davis @ Brosville UMC
Faithful Few Men's Breakfast
Finance Committee Meeting
Church Council Meeting

These events are in addition to the regular 7 PM Kids for Christ meeting and the 7 PM Bible Study on Sunday nights (except for Easter Sunday) and the 7 PM meal and 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service on Thursday nights.

April Birthdays : 8th--Tim Gibson 15th--Jackie Aherron 17th -- Laney Trammell 18th -- Evon Jones
22nd -- Kelsey Salmons 27th -- Natalie Griffith 29th -- Kyle Griffith and Penny Merricks

April Anniversaries: 20th -- Sue and Mark Gibson

April 18th is the date for a Steak Supper Benefit for Linda Denny Davis to help with her medical bill for surgery. The meal will be served at Brosville UMC from 5 - 7 PM. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. See Robert Hardy, Judy Griffith or Mary Betterton for tickets.

Easter Sunday is April 12th!



The "New Song Community Choir" were the special guest for the Harmony UMC 5th Sunday Song Service on March 29th.

