



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### March 3, 2024

- Sunday School: 106
- 8:30 Worship: 33
- 8:45 Worship: 81
- 11:00 Worship: 104
- Total in Person: 218

### March 10, 2024

- Sunday School: 105
- 8:30 Worship: 29
- 8:45 Worship: 50
- 11:00 Worship: 128
- Total in Person: 207

### March 17, 2024

- Sunday School: 134
- 8:30 Worship: 36
- 8:45 Worship: 86
- 11:00 Worship: 139
- Total in Person: 261

### March 24, 2024

- Sunday School: 106
- 8:30 Worship: 23
- 8:45 Worship: 70
- 11:00 Worship: 149
- Total in Person: 242

### March 31, 2024

- Sunday School: 100
- 8:45 Worship: 131
- 11:00 Worship: 308
- Total in Person: 439

**AVG FOR MAR WORSHIP: 273**

**AVG MAR SUNDAY SCHOOL: 110**

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## VERANITA'S VARIETIES

**HAPPY EASTER! Happy April Fool's Day!** Sometimes, these two days collide on the calendar. Sometimes April Fool's collides with Palm/Passion Sunday. When serving in Shelby, NC, this was the case. Richard, who had been planning since the year before, carried off one of the best April Fool's jokes- on me. He contacted everyone in the congregation to switch up their seats after entering the Sanctuary in the Palm Parade. He stealthily passed the reminder on Palm/Passion Sunday as we gathered outside, calling "Hosanna!" *With looks like cats that ate canaries, they all sat down in the opposite places from where they usually sat!* The Sanctuary was a reverse mirror image! I noticed it right away.

Well! Well! Well! What a strange turn of events! The passage for that day was from Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth. *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* (1 Cor. 1:18-26) Subsequently, this passage is one of my "go-to" passages to help explain the paradoxical nature of Jesus' incarnation, death and resurrection. God used vulnerability and weakness to demonstrate strength and love. How foolish!

The reverse mirror image of the people of Hoyle Memorial Church is clear in my mind. We can look at others as if we are looking into the mirror through God's image. When we can see others in the same way that God sees them, disagreements will lessen, intolerance will dissipate. When we can offer others the same love and grace we have received from God, we are living into Jesus' second commandment: "love others the way that you love yourself." (Matthew 22:39)

Weakness, vulnerability, signs of peace, foolishness...God employs these qualities rather than power, steely strength, war and wisdom to show us love in Christ. May we similarly use these crazy and unexpected tools to spread the Good News!

*Grace and Peace, Veranita*



# April Birthdays

# Memorials and Honorariums

- |                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Janna Laughridge |                          |
| 2 Bud Holland      |                          |
| Keith Lee          | 16 Marcus Dodson         |
|                    | 17 Ann Commarota         |
| 5 Nora Coan        | 20 Beecher Allison       |
| 7 Dawn Brookshire  | 21 Hank Welter           |
| Edwin Brackney     | 22 Vicky Pratt           |
| Amy Fisher         | Kay Schmollinger         |
| 9 Everett Reeves   | John Witherspoon         |
| 10 Evie Alley      |                          |
| 11 Jane Fuller     | 23 Ruth Butler           |
| Cherie McGaha      | 24 Anna Harris           |
| Jamie Lancaster    | Flossie Baker            |
| Veranita Alvord    | 25 Claire Coan           |
| Townsend Bland     | Riley Burton             |
|                    | 26 Phil Ham              |
| 13 Jean Brendle    | Talia Sotirakopulos      |
| Tim Shepard        |                          |
| Laura Sullivan     | 28 Deborah DeBord        |
| Lily Bland         | Sarah Pooser             |
|                    | Beth Ann Chiles          |
| 14 Maggie VonCanon | 30 Kristine Fink Candler |
| 15 Becky Alderman  | Liz Lewis                |
| Joey Laughridge    |                          |
| Elliot Smith       |                          |

## KAIROS

In memory of The Reverend Frank Wolf

- Given by Bob & Marge Brockway
- Given by Mike & Joann McCarthy
- Given by Kenneth & Wendye Mire
- Given by Ken & Nancy Anderson
- Given by Missie & Marshall Duke
- Given by Martha & Scott Legere
- Given by Larry & Jill Chapman
- Given by Dave & Nancy Watts
- Given by Lee Collins
- Given by Lorrie Schultz
- Given by Marjorie Brockway
- Given by Martha LeGere
- Given by Joann McCarthy
- Given by Don & Sarah Lee Miracle

## MUSIC MINISTRY

- Given by Ray Garner: In honor of the faithful members of Brevard FUMC

## PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Given by the Asbury Class: In honor of Ed Garrett

*Don't see your birthday on this list?*

*Oh No! Apologies!*

*We may have missed it.*

*Email Hannah to correct this oversight:*

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**L i f e**  
*of the*  
**P a r t y**

**The Story of Mary and Martha**

**M.A.D. Camp is returning!**  
**June 17-24, 2024**

**For Rising 3rd-9th Graders**  
**with Jr. Camp for**  
**Rising K-2nd**

Registration Information  
will be available soon, but  
mark your calendars now!

It's going to be a Party!



# Upcoming Events & Announcements

## CHOW - Church Happens on Wednesday

APRIL 10 @ 5:30PM

RSVP for Supper!

**Menu:** Taco Bar (beef or chicken)

Soft flour or corn tortillas, black beans and rice, all the fixings: sour cream, cheese, salsa, etc. Served with fresh fruit and Mexican Wedding cookies for dessert.

Sign up by using the Realm App, our website, [www.brevardfumc.org](http://www.brevardfumc.org) or at church at the sign up desk.

## Upcoming Blood Drive

Saturday, April 6



## Upcoming TRIP for Senior Adults Lunch & Explore Black Mountain Thursday, April 11, 10:15-5:00

Bush Farmhouse 151 S Ridgeway Ave. Black Mountain

Learn about South African food from Executive Chef and Owner, Mark Henegen.

**Please sign-up at the Sign-Up Desk or call the church. Space is Limited!**

## PARSONAGE WORK DAY

Saturday, April 13  
9:00 A.M. till Noon



## Ministries Council Meetings

2024 Ministries Council Sundays 12:15-2:00pm

With a light lunch. Save the Dates!

Sunday, April 28

**Plan for Summer**

Sunday, August 11

**Plan for Fall/Advent/Christmas**

Sunday, November 10

**Plan for Winter/Spring**



Brevard First

## CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, April 20  
9:00 A.M. till Noon



## Worship With Us

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Veranita Alvord

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Joe Tarpley

April 21

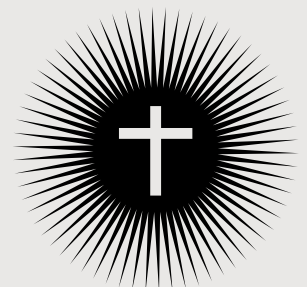
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Veranita Alvord

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Sharad Creasman



## Sunday Worship Times

8:30 A.M.

Traditional Worship

8:45 A.M.

Celebration Service

11:00 A.M.

Traditional Worship

## GIVE NOW!

We are grateful for the ways in which your giving supports the ministry of our church and enables us to be the presence of God's love in our community and world. Your tithes and offerings help us to live out the ministry begun by Jesus to offer healing, companionship, and hope to the world.

With the support of your financial gifts,  
we continue to:

- Teach our children about the love of Jesus
- Engage in sacred conversations and action to change our world
- Feed the hungry
- Help care for and house the those experiencing homelessness
- Teach children in our community how to read
- Maintain our church buildings and grounds as a place of hospitality for all



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