

The Communicator Volume XXXIX Issue 3
FRANCIS ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
725 ASBURY ROAD
PO BOX 67
CANDLER, NC 28715
828.667.3950
faumc.nc@gmail.com
www.FAUMC.com



FRANCIS ASBURY UMC

PRAISING GOD • GROWING SPIRITUALLY • REACHING NEIGHBORS

THE COMMUNICATOR

Volume XXXIX Issue 3

March 2026



Spring Celebration & Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 29 *following worship*

*Grazing table/charcuterie snacks,
lots of games, activities & egg hunt.*

For the whole church family.
Bring a friend. All are welcome!

Easter Egg Collection-We're collecting small treats & candy as well as stuffed plastic eggs (filled with small treats & candy) in the container in the Narthex through Sunday, March 22.



Welcome
to Our Church

Sunday
Worship
at
11 am

IN MINISTRY

Ministers & Missionaries-
ALL MEMBERS

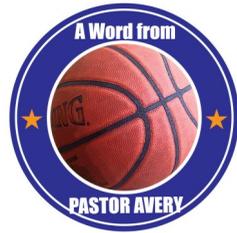
Pastor	Avery White
Lay Leader	Val Grush
Music Director	Jess Mills
Administrator	Danya Sellers
Custodian	Glenda Shook
Faith C. Nurse	Dora Brown, RN



The Hive is turning 1!
Wednesday, March 11
10.30-11.30am
Fellowship Hall
Come celebrate with us!

If you have ever been to the Hive or are curious to check us out, this would be the perfect time to join us.
Light refreshments will be served.

What happens at the Hive?
We gather each Wednesday to play games, knit & crochet, color, and converse.
Come see what all the buzz is about!
Questions? Contact Becky Jones at 512.636.8231



If we are crazy, it's for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake (2 Corinthians 5:13).

Basketball fans love March. The month begins with conference tournaments, and then the announcement of the 68 teams that have been invited to the NCAA tournament to compete for the national championship. The excitement around this season is often called "March Madness," as the tournament is filled with excitement, unpredictability, and passionate fans cheering for their schools.

Sometimes, people looking at the Church have thought it was madness. In his letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul tells them, "If we are crazy, it is for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake." Everything that Paul and his fellow disciples do, is motivated by their faith and commitment to God. Sometimes their work was orderly and rational and other times it was passionate. This passion and holy dedication could look foolish to the world:

The idea of loving enemies and praying for them.

A call to put others above self.

Blessing bread and wine/juice with the words, "This is my body; this is my blood."

Smearing ashes on our foreheads on a Wednesday night.

Proclaiming that the power of death is destroyed forever.

Our love of Christ, and our mission statement guide everything that we do at Francis Asbury UMC. This month offers us many opportunities for worship, service, and discipleship: worship, Sunday school, small groups, FAB, UMM, two short-term studies, our monthly market, and other ongoing outreach. Holy Week begins at the end of March, and we will observe it with special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, culminating in our Easter celebration on April 5. I invite you to approach this season with passion and renewed commitment to Christ and his Church. Imagine if there was as much enthusiasm over discipleship as there is over NCAA brackets and the Final Four! What an impact we could make on the world!

I am grateful for the faith of our church family!

In Christ's Love, *Pastor Avery*



Pastor Avery will lead a two-week Newcomer Class on Sundays, March 15 & 22 at 10am in the Children's Church Room. The class is designed for those who desire to learn more and connect more deeply with our congregation. **Please sign up with Pastor Avery.**



Worship
Schedule

March 1 (Lent 2)

Scripture:

Ephesians

2:8-10;

Luke 23:32-33,

35-43

Sermon Title:

Final Words:

"Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise"

March 8 (Lent 3)

Scripture: **Mark 3:20, 31-35**

John 19:25-27

Sermon Title:

Final Words:

"Behold Your Son... Behold Your Mother"

March 15 (Lent 4)

Scripture:

Psalm 22:1-5,7,16,18-19,24

Mark 15:29-36a

Sermon Title:

Final Words:

"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

March 22 (Lent 5)

Scripture: **John 4:4-14**

John 19:28-29

Sermon Title:

Final Words: "I Thirst"

March 29

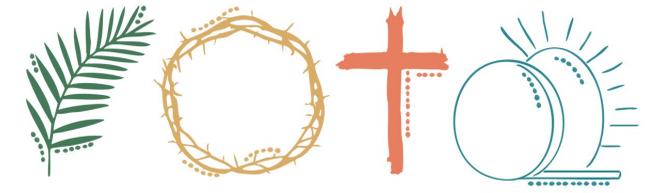
Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture: **Psalm 31:1-5**

John 19:30a; Luke 23:43-47

Sermon Title:

Final Words: "It is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit"

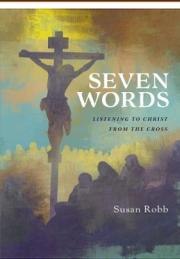


A lot can happen in
seven days.

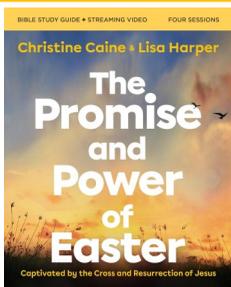
Holy Week Schedule March 29-April 5

Mark your calendars for this important week of events!

- **Palm Sunday Worship Service (March 29) at 11am.**
- **Spring Celebration & Egg Hunt (March 29) at 12pm.** Fun for the whole church family! Grazing table/charcuterie snacks, games, activities & egg hunt. All are welcome!
- **Maundy Thursday Service (April 2) at Oak Hill UMC at 6:30pm.**
- **Good Friday Service & Supper (April 3) at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary. **Special music service** provided by **"The Soundmen,"** Dan Shook's Quartet. **Supper served at 5:30pm. Please RSVP.**
- **Sunrise Service with Holy Communion (April 5) at 6:45am** in the Courtyard. Special music by John McDonald. Don't miss this special service!
- **Easter Gathering (April 5) at 10am** in the Courtyard. Everyone is invited! Breakfast treats & beverages, fellowship& decorating the floral cross.
- **Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion (April 5) at 11am** in the Sanctuary.



2026 Lenten Study
"Seven Words: Listening to Christ From the Cross" by Susan Robb continues
Monday evenings (through March 30) at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by Pastor Avery. All are welcome!



Spring Ladies Study
The Promise and Power of Easter by Lisa Harper & Christine Caine.
Remaining Study Dates: Tuesdays at 6pm on March 3, 17 & 24
Easter is so much more than a holiday!



Join the Hive
(a buzzing, creative, connected community).
Wednesdays from 10.30-11.30am in the Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome!** See you there, Honey!



FAB Women Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th @ 6pm at the home of Kathy Ballard (8A Heather Way in Candler)
Salty-Kathy
Sweet-Vai
Devo-Danya
ALL LADIES WELCOME!



The Food Connection Food Truck "Fran" passes out free, delicious meals in the FAUMC parking lot on **Thursdays starting at 3pm.** Take as many meals as you need! All are welcome!



ANNA CLUB
YOU'RE INVITED!
Anna Club Meeting on Saturday, March 21 from 10am-12pm in the Gym Upper Room. **All WNC girls ages 6-13 are invited!**



3rd Sunday Breakfast Meeting at FAUMC Sunday, March 15 at **7:30am** in the Fellowship Hall.
Hominy Valley UMM 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 29 at **7:30am** at Sardis UMC. All men are invited!



Francis Asbury UMC Gym Thursday, March 26 from 1:30 - 6 pm
Get a \$15 Amazon gift card when you donate blood + Free A1C testing.
 For an appointment, call **(828) 667-3950** or redcrossblood.org



FREE FOOD PANTRY & MARKET
Each 2nd Sunday, we are invited to bring items to support our FREE Monthly Food Pantry & Market.
For March 8th, please bring SOUP & SALTINE CRACKERS.
You may leave items in the designated container in the Narthex. Monetary donations also accepted.
Our next FREE Food Pantry & Market is Thursday, March 19 from 3-5pm in the Gym.
 Pantry & Market items are available to support **ANYONE** in the community experiencing food insecurity.
Volunteers needed!



HOMINY VALLEY ABCCM
Every 4th Sunday is Hominy Valley ABCCM
March 22
Most needed items: cereal, saltines, peanut butter, grits, deodorant and razors
 Please bring donations for those less fortunate in our community. *You may leave donated items in the large basket in the Narthex. You may place monetary donations marked "ABCCM" in the in the offering plate or wood box.*



FAUMC NURSE MINISTRY
A Little Advice from Nurse Dora
FINDING BLESSINGS IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS
 As we move into March with its early hints of spring, warm days and the promise of flowers still hidden beneath the soil, I'm reminded how often God meets us in the small, ordinary moments of our days. Not the big, dramatic ones, but the simple ones we sometimes overlook. Maybe it's the first cup of coffee enjoyed in a quiet morning. Maybe it's the smile from someone at church who remembers your name. Maybe it's a moment of sunshine after a week of cloudy skies. These tiny gifts can feel almost too small to name, yet they have a way of lifting our spirits and reminding us that God walks right beside us. March is a good time to practice noticing these blessings. Nature is beginning to wake up again, and it invites us to do the same. When we pause long enough to look, we might find God's love tucked into the smallest corners of our days--- a soft breeze, a kind word, a shared laugh, or a memory that warms our heart. You might try a simple practice this month: at the end of each day, name one blessing you noticed. Just one. It doesn't have to be profound, only honest. Over time, these little moments begin to shape our awareness. We start seeing how God is caring for us in ways we hadn't recognized before. And when we notice our own blessings, we often become more attentive to the ways we can bless others. A phone call to someone who has been on your mind. A note tucked into a lunch bag. A prayer whispered for a friend, Small things, yes, but meaningful ones. As we journey through this season of early spring, may your eyes be opened to the gentle goodness woven through each day. And may you feel God's presence in every moment, large or small.
Blessing on your March, Dora Brown, RN, Faith Community Nurse



MARCH

2026



Watch us on
You Tube



**Francis Asbury
United Methodist
Church**
(828) 667-3950
www.faumc.com



- 3/1 Carol McLimans
- 3/1 Jim Moore
- 3/5 Bettie Smith
- 3/7 Danya Sellers
- 3/11 Emma Nicholson
- 3/13 Gracie Rudisill
- 3/18 Robert Mackey
- 3/20 Val Grush
- 3/22 Lauren Gay
- 3/24 Colin Scott
- 3/27 Doughton Lewis
- 3/28 Betty Louie
- 3/29 Rusty Brown
- 3/29 Dora Brown
- 3/31 Deborah Smith

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 10 Sunday School 11 Worship & Holy Communion 4-6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved: <i>McCain</i>	2 6:30pm Lenten Study "Seven Words" in the Fellowship Hall	3 6pm "The Promise & Power of Easter" Study in Fellowship Hall	4 10:30-11:30 The Hive in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice	5 3pm Free Meals Food Truck "Fran" in FAUMC Parking Lot	6 Office Closed 	7 Don't forget to Spring Forward for Daylight Saving Time
8 3rd Sunday in Lent 10 Sunday School 11 Worship <i>FAUMC Pantry Sunday</i>	9 6:30pm Lenten Study "Seven Words" in the Fellowship Hall	10 11:15am Parkinsons CarePartner Group 6pm FAB Women Meeting at the home of Kathy Ballard	11 10:30-11:30 The Hive Turns 1! :) Come and celebrate in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice	12 3pm Free Meals Food Truck "Fran" in FAUMC Parking Lot	13 Office Closed	14 5-9:30pm Gym: Smoky Mountain Dance Club
15 4th Sunday in Lent 7:30 UMM Breakfast 10 Sunday School 10 Newcomer Class 11 Worship 5 Fellowship Hall Reserved: <i>Dayton</i>	16 6:30pm Lenten Study "Seven Words" in the Fellowship Hall	17 St. Patrick's Day 6pm "The Promise & Power of Easter" Study in Fellowship Hall 	18 10:30-11:30 The Hive in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice	19 3-5 pm in Gym  3pm Food Truck	20 Office Closed 4-8 Fellowship Hall Reserved: <i>Bahai</i> 	21 10am-12pm Anna Club in the Gym Upper Room For All Girls Ages 6-13
22 5th Sunday in Lent 10 Sunday School 10 Newcomer Class 11 Worship with Anna Doll Blessing	23 6:30pm Lenten Study "Seven Words" in the Fellowship Hall 	24 6pm "The Promise & Power of Easter" Study Concludes in Fellowship Hall	25 10:30-11:30 The Hive in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice	26 11:15am PCP 1:30-6pm in Gym  3-5pm Food Truck	27 Office Closed	28 5-9:30pm Gym: Smoky Mountain Dance Club
29 Palm Sunday 7:30 HVUMM Breakfast at Sardis UMC 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 12 Spring Celebration & Egg Hunt	30 6:30pm Lenten Study "Seven Words" Concludes in the Fellowship Hall	31	<u>PEW PRAYERS</u> 1-FAB Women 8-Ladies Class 15-Men's Class 22-Youth Class 29-Danya's OP	<u>LAY READERS</u> 1-Glen Champlin 8-Cindy McDonald 15-Bob Salajka 22-Pam Hall 29-C. Rice	<u>YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT</u> 1-Pastor Avery 8-Danya Sellers 15-Jean Jones 22-Veronica Crook 29-Glen Champlin	<u>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</u> 1-Rosie Kooles 8-Kelley King 15-Carol Salajka 22-Betty Wilson 29-Rosie Kooles

April 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		