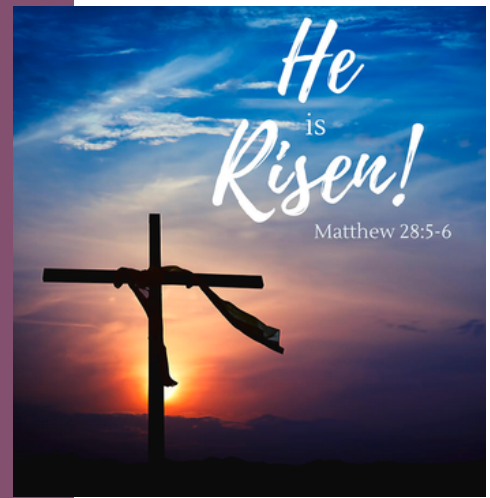


BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

e-Newsletter

APRIL 2025



Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, April 1: Ladies Time Out at Beulah Presbyterian offering fun and fellowship for women. Contact [Julia Blanchard](#) or [Ardis Stephenson](#) for details or to arrange transportation.

Sunday, April 6: Lent bags for VPAS will be assembled at Monterey Presbyterian following worship. Please plan to stay to help pack the bags. Donations are still needed to help get supplies. Please donate a check with 'Lent bags' in the memo line or give cash to Betty Gail Hiner or Tate Dunn.

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17: Monterey Presbyterian will hold a special service for Maundy Thursday. This will begin at 5:30pm with a simple meal and the service will include foot washing and Holy Communion.

Friday, April 18: Good Friday

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday
Monterey Presbyterian is partnering with the Monterey church community in the Easter Sunrise Service taking place at Laurel Point at 6:30am. Beulah will offer worship at 9:30am with Chip Hill preaching.

Prayer List

Joe Simmons, Sandie Stinnett, Miriam Helmen, Jane Jones, Bobbie Jo Gardner, Gallan Malcolm, Carol Furr, Wayne and Teresa Bradley (Bill and Mary Lou's friends), Sarah Collins-Simmons, Patricia Donaldson, Chris Weaver (Christy Fields' mother), Keith Beumer, Tim Duff, Claudia Bedwell, Miles Johnston, Becky Magee, Ramona Arbogast, Marlene Reynolds, Barbara Hevener, Ray Mueller, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Mike and Lisa Jamison, Amy Vaus, Mike Armstrong, Gary and Carol Swecker.

We extend our condolences to the Brock family following the tragic loss of Joshua Adam Brock on March 14th. Our sympathies also go out to Amy Frayer and family following the loss of Jeannie Goad.

Leading Our Worship in April

April 6: Rev. Chris Scott

April 13: Will Cox, Lay Leader

April 20: Chip Hill (9:30am service at Beulah).

No Monterey Worship (6:30am Sunrise Service
at Laurel Point)

April 27: Rev. David Hindman



April Celebrations

Birthdays

April 11 - Chris Swecker

April 14 - Dail Fields

April 17 - Claire Sax

April 29 - Betty Gail Hiner

- Donna Bedwell

April 30 - Lucy Sax

- Heath Chambers



Lord God,

Open our ears to hear afresh the story of Easter,

Open our minds to understand Your sacrificial love,

Open our hearts to know Your forgiveness,

Open our lips to sing Your praises,

Open our lives to the wonder and joy of Easter.

Amen.

Support our local musicians!

The Highlands Community Orchestra will have their spring concert at The Highland Center at **3pm on April 27.**

Young string students of the Allegheny Mountain String Program will have a recital at The Highland Center at **3pm on May 4.**





A wonderful 'Ladies Time Out' at Beulah Presbyterian featured a fun Bible Bingo game led by Ardis Stephenson, prizes, tea, and tea sandwiches.



Lucy Sax shared her clogging skills at the Maple Festival.



Mary Ann Rogers (left) and Hannah Meyerhoeffer (right) fulfilled their Maple Court duties.

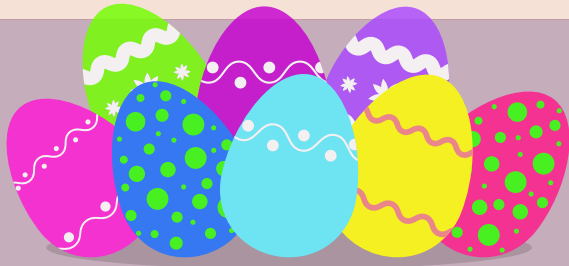
In March, Cash Chambers began training with the Civil Air Patrol. Aside from take-off and landing, Cash was in command of the plane during flight and is on his way to becoming a certified pilot by his 18th birthday!



Hannah Meyerhoeffer celebrated her 18th birthday.



The Meaning Behind Easter Images



Originally a pagan symbol of fertility and rebirth, the Christian tradition of **Easter eggs** came to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus on Easter. The eggshell symbolizes the tomb in which Jesus's body was placed; opening the egg represents his rising from the dead.

Additionally, early Christians who celebrated Lent would not eat eggs for the 40 days before Easter — so delicious eggs on Easter morning was an especially rewarding treat.

In the early Christian church (and in many Orthodox traditions today), the eggs were dyed red to symbolize the blood of Jesus during the resurrection.

Another custom involving Easter eggs is the **Easter egg hunt** — which also represents the resurrection of Jesus. Christians hide dyed eggs for their children to find, symbolizing the search for Jesus's body after the crucifixion.



Chicks are a common symbol of Easter, as illustrated by the popularity of Peeps marshmallow candy. Because baby chicks are born by hatching from an egg, they symbolize new life and fertility, which is strongly associated both with Easter and the spring season overall.



Easter lilies are often the centerpiece of Easter celebrations. Legend has it that white lilies sprung from the ground around Jesus as he spent his final hours on the cross. It is said that when his perspiration hit the ground, a lily grew in that spot.



As a result, Easter lilies are symbolic of new life as well as purity. For Easter, they symbolize Jesus' resurrection and the promise of everlasting life.

The **lamb** symbolizes Jesus himself. According to Christian tradition, Jesus was sent to Earth to provide for the forgiveness of the sins of all mankind.

On Good Friday, the day he was crucified, he was led "as a lamb to the slaughter."



The **Easter bunny** likely comes from the pagan festival of the goddess Eostre who was represented by a rabbit (a symbol of fertility due to how quickly they reproduce).

In 18th-century German folklore, the Osterhase or "Easter Hare" laid eggs for children to discover on Easter morning. The tradition followed German immigrants to America, where the Easter bunny became a mainstay of American Easter mornings.

