

BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH e-Newsletter

APRIL 2026

Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, April 2: Monterey Presbyterian will hold a special service for Maundy Thursday at 5:30pm and will include a simple meal.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

There are many opportunities to worship and celebrate Easter Sunday! A Community Sunrise Service will be hosted at Laurel Point at 6:45am with Rev. James Oliff preaching and breakfast provided by McDowell Presbyterian. Chip Hill will preach at Beulah Presbyterian at 9:30am and Chris Swecker will preach at Monterey Presbyterian at 11:15am.

Saturday, April 25: WRE Fundraiser Dinner

A turkey dinner will be hosted at the school beginning at 4:30pm to raise funds in support of Weekday Religious Education in Highland County schools.

Monday, April 27: The Pastoral Nominating Committee will meet at Monterey Presbyterian Church at 4:40pm.

Leading Our Worship in April

April 5: Chip Hill (9:30am service at Beulah)

Chris Swecker (11:15am service at Monterey)

April 12: Will Cox, Lay Leader

April 19: Rev. Adam White

April 26: Rev. David Hindman



Prayer List

Ann Swecker, Bill Harman, Pat Lowry, Miles Johnston, Casey Ralston,
Jennifer Propst, Joe and Ruby Simmons, Miriam Helmen,
Bobbie Jo Gardner, Carol Furr, Becky Magee, Ramona Arbogast,
Marlene Reynolds, Ray Mueller, Bill and Mary Lou Cox.

We pray for healing, peace, love and a spirit of unity for our country and the world

April Celebrations

Birthdays

April 11 - Chris Swecker

April 14 - Dail Fields

April 17 - Claire Sax

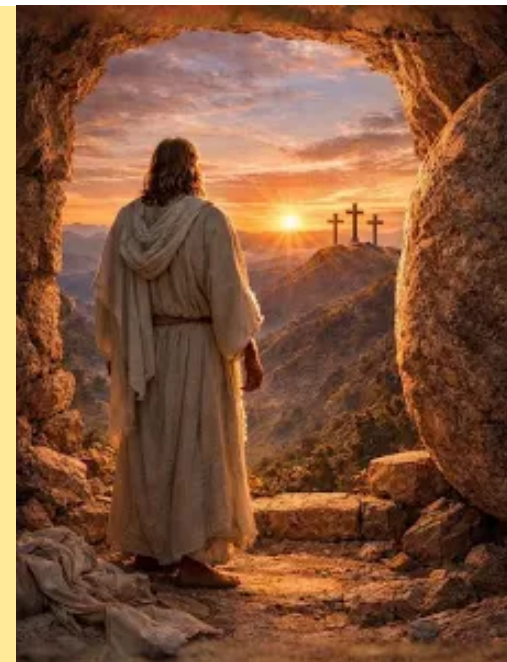
April 29 - Betty Gail Hiner

- Donna Bedwell

April 30 - Lucy Sax

- Heath Chambers

Creator God,
Because of your abundant love
you chose to bring light and order into the formless void,
to create a world of unsurpassed beauty
and you saw that it was good.
We ask that you continue to recreate the world
with that same attentive love,
to bring light into today's ever increasing chaos and darkness
where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your creation.
Replenish our hearts
so that we too can renew the face of the earth.
Amen.



Support our local musicians!

The Highlands Community Orchestra will have their spring concert at The Highland Center at **3pm on April 19.**

Miriam Helman enjoyed 10 days of birthday celebrations – one day for each decade! She partied with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, her church family, and many friends. She received, at last count, 147 Birthday cards, 6 bouquets of flowers, 4 boxes of chocolates, two big cakes, two dozen bundtlets, and two dozen cupcakes.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Buckles, of Hampton, have sent out cards announcing the arrival of a daughter, Merriam Irene, March 26. Mrs. Buckles was formerly Miss Irene Hevener, daughter of M. and Mrs. J. W. Hevener of Hightow

Recorder announcement of Miriam's birth in March 1926.



Monterey Presbyterian hosted a time of fellowship and bible reading at Slices and Scripture on March 18.



EASTER WORD SEARCH



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M A O G A R O G T I K L R A O
D M N L O N E F L O C A U S P
R L Z S Y L G D A O M M C T E
P E A G A W G E E I R B I E P
D A S S O L E O L M T Y F R A
L I S U T O V E T P P H I R L
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I B B A S C E N S I O N Y T Y
A C R O S S K R I S E N Q Y F

- RESURRECTION
- DISCIPLES
- ALLELUIA
- GOOD FRIDAY
- VICTORY
- EASTER
- ASCENSION
- GRACE
- GLORY
- REDEMPTION
- SALVATION
- PASCHAL
- RISEN
- ANGEL
- CRUCIFIXION
- LAST SUPPER
- HOLY WEEK
- JESUS
- LIGHT
- TOMB
- GOLGOTHA
- CROSS
- HOPE
- PALM SUNDAY
- EMPTY
- FAITH
- LAMB

Teacher builds confidence

Editor's note: This article was gleaned from the March 29, 1990, edition of The Recorder.

MONTEREY — School involves more than kickball — it involves life.

“Succeed somewhere - that’s what I teach,” says physical education teacher Jim White, who is building a reputation among HES students and their parents as an innovative, challenging and yet compassionate instructor. “I like to build self-confidence and help the kids feel good about themselves. If you provide enough variety, they are going to succeed somewhere.”

The results are quite evident, according to Sandy Hevener, mother of two elementary school students.

“He has benefited my daughter’s self-esteem through the gymnastics program,” Mrs. Hevener said. “He allows each child to be a star for an instant, and he doesn’t neglect any child.”

Mrs. Hevener’s daughter is a sixth grader. Her son is in the third grade.

“He (White) puts emphasis on personal development and self-esteem, and he doesn’t just do what you think of as typical sports. For instance he showed the kids how to make maple syrup. The kids even tapped some of the trees themselves. He is teaching them part of their culture,” she said.

White, in his third year at HES, attempts to channel the youngsters’ energy in a constructive direction.

“I offer a lot of problem-solving activities,” he said. “I make them work together

and I try to make them think. In life you have to know where to find the answers and how to solve problems.”

White’s techniques are somewhat unusual. He sometimes divides students into teams and gives them out-of-the-ordinary challenges such as crossing from one point to another using certain physical restrictions or using ropes to get from place to place without touching the ground. Other activities are equally unique.

His students, with the assistance of teacher Cappie Hull, made maple syrup behind the school leading up to the Maple festival. And his students just completed an outdoor classroom in the woods behind the school. Each class had a part in its development.

“Even the kindergartners helped me move rocks,” White said. “It was hard work but it was fun. They didn’t know it was hard work. Any time you can teach through the back door, it’s good,” he added.

White said the classroom is open to any teacher at the school. “It’s hot and the teacher isn’t getting anything accomplished in the classroom, she may want to go up there,” he explained. “She may teach nature, or she may teach English. Sometimes the kids just need a change. Change is therapeutic.”

White is quick to point out that the “unusual” aspects constitute only a small part of his program, and added the kids get plenty of exercise. The program is more traditional than not,” he said.

Some of the things may be new here, but most of them are typical physical ed programs that should be part of every school.”

White concentrates on soccer in the fall, basketball and volleyball ball in winter, and softball and track in the spring. He notes, however, that all kids are not natural athletes and may not enjoy those standard sporting activities; thus, he provides the other activities - a sort of “something for everyone” approach.

“I have to constantly re-think things to come up with something new,” he said. “When it’s just teaching skills, the kids get bored.” One believer in White’s program is principal Randy Hooke. “The main thing he does is make the kids feel good about who they are,” Hooke said. The activities he provides are pretty open ended — kids can get into it as much as they want.”

Hooke said White “recognizes the strengths and weaknesses in each kid and works toward those strengths and weaknesses. Plus he has a good sense of humor. He is more laid back with them than a classroom teacher can be,” Hooke added.

The March 19th edition of The Recorder included a re-print of a 1990 article sharing the wonderful work of Monterey Presbyterian member, Jim White.



Jim White, pictured at right, finds innovative ways for his students to get exercise. Here, HES kindergartners scale a stone wall behind the school. “It’s hard work, but it’s fun,” White says of such activities. “They don’t know it’s hard work.” (Recorder file photo)



Did you know?

Holy Wednesday is often called “Spy Wednesday” because it is the day Judas Iscariot conspired to betray Jesus.