

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
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Wednesday, April 5

From the Pastors

Greetings, Church Family!

As our time with you draws to a close, we want to let you know what a joy it has been to serve you, worship with you, share life with you, learn from you, pray with you, and grow with you. You are, and always will be, “family” to us!

Ecclesiastes 4:12 speaks about the “cord of three strands which is not easily broken.” That is the bond the two of us share with you at Ayden Christian Church!

We are so thankful for the movement of the Spirit among you and the new ministry beginning. What a blessing to know that Rev. Reece Jones and his family will bless you going forward! With all your gifts, you will surely be a blessing to them and the larger community.

We felt led to do a shared sermon this Easter and look forward to worshipping with you on this most holy day!

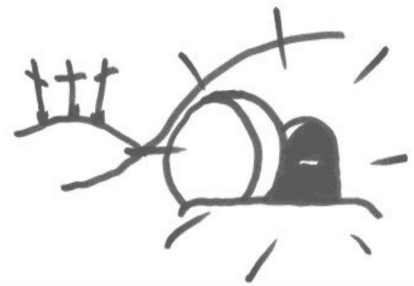
In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Marilyn and Pastor Penny

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Pastors’ Office Hours:
Sunday
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Link of the Week

Unity Sunrise Service

[https://
www.facebook.com/
events/735667424689711/](https://www.facebook.com/events/735667424689711/)

Scripture for Sunday

Mark 16:1-3

“When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’”

Luke 24:1-5

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.’”

John 20:11-16

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).

Romans 8:10-11

“But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.”

Announcements

Church Office Hours

The church office will open at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 6 and will close at 4:00 p.m.

We will be closed Friday, April 7 in observance of Good Friday.

New Sunday Service Time

Beginning April 23, our Sunday morning worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Shower

We will have a shower for Lindsay on April 23 from 2-4 in Johnson & Beland Hall.

Reception

We will welcome our new pastor, Rev. Reece Jones, with a reception on April 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The Red Oak CC congregation has been invited to join us.

Graduation Party

We are invited to celebrate and Emme Wainright and Drew Browne's graduation on May 6th at 4 p.m. in the ACC Family Life Center. Please let them know by April 23rd if you plan on coming, so they can get a headcount for food.

Opportunities This Week

Maundy Thursday Supper and Service

We will have a joint dinner and service for Maundy Thursday at Red Oak Christian Church. Supper is at 5:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service on Zoom

Our interim pastors invite you to a Zoom Good Friday Service at 1:00 p.m. on the Last Words of Jesus, in which they are participating. ID 826-0009-0927 Passcode 071

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82600090927?pwd=MmYUVG3VGRHdXBYTTUrRlZsN2JIQT09>

Easter Egg Hunt at Red Oak

Red Oak's Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8th at 10 a.m. A pizza lunch will follow. Kids of all ages are welcome to come and bring friends for fun, games, and prizes.

The Ayden Unity Sunrise Service

Ayden will have a Community Sunrise Service downtown on Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m. Come out for a special unified worship service with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In case of rain, the service may be relocated to the auditorium at the old school. Updates will be emailed.

Easter Breakfast

We will have an Easter Breakfast Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Johnson Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

Flowers for Cross

Remember to bring fresh flowers on Easter to put on the cross outside.

Easter Sunday Morning Worship

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10 a.m.! For those who are not able to attend, find us on Facebook for a live stream.

ACC Easter Egg Hunt

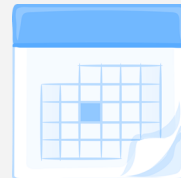
We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for ages 1-14 during the 10 a.m. worship service on Easter. Let the church office know if you are planning to attend so we can have enough Easter eggs for everyone.

Easter Special Offering

The Easter Special Day Offering supports most of the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These ministries operate across the U.S. and Canada as well as around the world.



Dates to Remember



- 5 - Collin Peterson
- Jody Venters
- 6 - Maundy Thursday Supper & Service
- 7 - Good Friday Zoom Service
- 8 - Red Oak CC Easter Egg Hunt
- 9 - Easter
 - Community Sunrise Service
 - Easter Breakfast
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Special Easter Offering
- 14 - Kathy Urton
- 16 - ACC Board Meeting
- 17 - Jim & Phyllis Newman
- Start date for Rev. Jones
- 19 - Stephen Venters
- 21 - Donovan Abbott
- 22 - Ryan & Jennifer Hardee
- 22 - Salem Snow
- 24 - Darlene Smith-Worthington

*Please submit all items for next week's newsletter no later than **Tuesday at 12 p.m.***

Serving Schedule

If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let the church office know. We like to have the correct names in the bulletin.

This Week: (April 9)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Marty Stancil
 - * "Raised to Raise"
 - * Mark 16:1-3, Luke 24:1-5, John 20:11-16, Romans 8:10-11
 - * Five minutes or less
- * Elders: Connie & Wesley Hardee
- * Greeters: Jennifer Hardee, Reed Hardee
- * Mic Runner: Gaye Morgan
- * Ministers: Rev. Marilyn Williams, Rev. Penny Ziemer
- * Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Sarah Taylor

Next Week: (April 16)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- * Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
- * Elders: Linwood Allegood, Donna LaMotte
- * Greeters: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- * Mic Walker: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Leader: Steve McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Gaye Morgan

Service Chairs for April

- * Alice Huggins, Becky McLawhorn