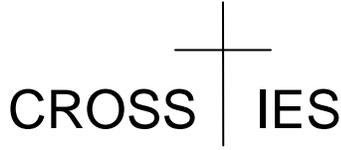


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**MAY CALENDAR**

Sun	1	<b>FAMILY SUNDAY</b>	
		Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		Covered-Dish Lunch & Games	12:00 noon
		**Benefit Concert for B <sup>h</sup> Academy	4:00 pm
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
W	4	Circle Meeting	10:00 am
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	7	Soccer????	9:30 am
Sun	8	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	
		Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	9	B Natural BOD Meeting	6:00 pm
W	11	Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
		Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat	14	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	15	Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	16	Renaissance Co-op Meeting	7:00 pm
W	18	Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Th	19	Crossties Deadline	
Sat	21	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	22	<b>SHARING SUNDAY</b>	
		Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		Special Musical Guests (Tentative)	
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
W	25	Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	28	No Soccer – MEMORIAL WEEKEND	

**APOCALYPSE**

*Sometimes you hear predictions of the world's end using the word apocalypse to mean utter destruction, the end of life and time itself. To many Christians it means a time when justice will be rendered. A time when misdeeds and evil will be punished, when the poor will be made rich, the hungry fed and God's rule will take over – good triumphs over evil.*

*But, if you dig a little deeper, you will find that the word "apocalypse" is never used in the scriptures but is a concept that developed after the Bible was written. It is a word that does not mean "the end" but means an unveiling, literally to pull back the veil. In other words, a time when we come face to face with the truth about God and ourselves.*

*We see so many disastrous events occurring, mostly created by humanity themselves, there is a real reason to believe in a destructive future. But, the message of Jesus was not one of depressing negativity, where destruction and punishment are the rule of the day. Jesus was a believer in the strong goodness of men and women. When he looked on a child, he didn't see someone who was less than others because they were smaller or maybe less experienced, Jesus saw a child of God. As he refreshed himself at the well and chatted with the woman with a stained past, he saw a person struggling to be loved. When he was hanging beside the thief on the cross, he knew this man was worth saving.*

*So then, Jesus used the concept of apocalypse, to pull back the veil of trouble, despair and failure in order to give these people true understanding about themselves, and more importantly about the love of God. Can we, who claim to be followers of Jesus at least do the same? The spirit of Jesus is one that respects others, in spite of their past, their present or their futures. Can we not do the same? Giving respect is as basic to the Christian faith as love itself. It is pulling back the veil of appearance, prejudices and opinions to see the true person hiding beneath and to extend God's love and acceptance to them, just as Jesus did – an all-embracing love and respect.*

~ Gray Clark

## FAMILY DAY

**Sunday, May 1**, let's all invite our families to join together here at PCC to celebrate families! Family can be defined in numerous ways, including your church family; so however you define it, invite those people to come. We will begin with a worship service at 11:00 am, followed by a covered-dish lunch and games in the fellowship hall. Please bring a couple of dishes to share. Beverages will be provided.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month? One in four adults in the United States has a diagnosable mental illness. Presbyterian Counseling Center in Greensboro specializes in the treatment of Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorder, PTSD, ADHD, Grief and the navigation of life transitions for children, adolescents and adults. Staff includes psychiatric medical personnel as well as licensed psychotherapists. Presbyterian Counseling Center also specializes in outpatient substance abuse treatment. Please call 336-288-1484 Ext 100 for questions or for an appointment.

### \*\* JUST B NATURAL! \*\*

Our current session of classes is coming to a close with the last classes held on May 3 and 4. A new session will begin in August

**Student Recitals** will be held on Saturday, April 30, in the church sanctuary at 11:00 am. We encourage you to come see what your support has made possible for these children.

We are honored that the **Greensboro Oratorio Society**, an outstanding choir, is having a **Benefit Concert** for B Natural, presenting *A German Requiem* (in English) by Johannes Brahms on Sunday, May 1, at 4:00 pm at Congregational United Church of Christ, 400 W. Radiance Drive, Greensboro. The concert is free; donations are welcome.

B Natural continues to receive donations made online through [www.crowdrise.com/bnaturalacademyofmus](http://www.crowdrise.com/bnaturalacademyofmus). To date, we have received \$1,100 which will provide 12 full or numerous partial scholarships which make it possible for underserved children age 5-14 to take lessons in music or dance, making a positive difference not just now, but throughout their lives.

In the next few weeks, tentatively on May 22, it is hoped that we will have a couple of our **music teachers perform** and speak during a worship service. Chris Robinson will play the marimbas, and Camille Prairie will be on piano. More information on this will be forthcoming – but watch for it; we have some awesome teachers! It is something you won't want to miss – I promise, you will enjoy it!

### MAY CALENDAR, cont'd from page 1

Sun	29	Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	30	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	
		Church Office Closed	

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The City of Greensboro, Out of the Garden Project, BackPack Beginnings, and Guilford County Schools are making possible summer lunches for many children in the area. **Free lunches** will be provided at several recreation centers and schools through the Greensboro Parks and Recreation programs on Monday – Thursday. They are also able to provide free bag lunches on Fridays (when they don't operate) which is where WE can help.

PCC has been asked to provide 2 volunteers on Fridays, June 17-August 19 at 11:30 am-12:30 pm, to hand out these pre-made lunches to children at Woodmere Park which is located across Phillips Avenue from the church at the corner of Phillips and Autumn Drive. Volunteers must be 18+ and will be required to attend a 1-hour training session. Volunteers do not have to work every Friday.

If you are interested in helping out, please call the church office and leave your name and phone number.

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Spring has sprung which means it's time for flowers to start springing up, too! Is anyone out there interested in doing some planting in the courtyard? If so, just give the church office a call and we'll see if we can work something out.

## PCC PEOPLE

**Nellie Boger** wishes to thank you for the prayers, cards, and expressions of love during her recent illness and rehab.

At this writing, **Jim Miller** has improved greatly but is still in Ashton Place:

Ashton Place  
Birch Village – Room 1007  
5533 Burlington Road  
McLeansville, NC 27301

**Tonya Blalock**, sister of Kaye Peebles, is doing well following surgery. Cards may be sent to her at:  
285 Fairfield Drive  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804-3300

Please notify the church office of any change in your address or phone number – or that of anyone else. We hope to print a new **church directory** in June.



*A Thought for Mother's Day:*

*If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?*

*Milton Berle*