

## Welcome to our Guests

Thank you for joining with us today as we worship our risen Lord and Savior—Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that you would be spiritually enriched as you join us in singing praises to God, hearing from God's Word, and being together with other members of God's family. If you have children, please entrust them to the care of our dedicated teachers. Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, and elementary-age children. Hearing assistance receivers are available at the sound booth.

## Lenten Symbols

The word *Lent* comes from an Anglo-Saxon word referring to the lengthening of days in the move from winter to spring. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and culminating in Holy Week (March 25-29). Lent includes forty week days and six Sundays. It is meant to be a reflective season as we remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf and look forward to celebrating Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday (April 1). Each Sunday of Lent we will bring forth a symbol related to Jesus' crucifixion. Today's symbol: The Nails.

## Covenant Women's Meeting Tonight at 7:00 PM

All ladies are invited to the Covenant Women's Meeting tonight, at 7:00 PM at Laura Morris' home (3428 E Street #B, Eureka). Stephanie Sanchez will be the speaker. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

## Celebration of Life for Ralph Holsinger – 3/24

There will be a Celebration of Life for Ralph Holsinger next Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Please pray for Joetta and family during this time of grief. Cards can be sent to:

Joetta Holsinger  
1443 Stromberg Avenue  
Arcata CA 95521

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## Welcome to First Covenant Church of Eureka *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

9:30 AM Worship Service

March 18, 2018

**Meditation passage: “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”**

**Mark 9:35b**

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Friendship Registration, and Announcements**

(Please complete the green registration insert and place in the offering.)

**Presentation of the Lenten Symbol – The Nails**

**Responsive Scripture Reading #679**

*Your Reasonable Service*

**\*Hymn #11**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Opening Prayer**

**Choir Anthem**

*All the Glory Belongs to Jesus*

**Worshipping God with His Tithes and our Offerings**

*“What do you have that God hasn't given you?” 1 Corinthians 4:7b*

**Hymn #506**

*I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade dismissed for Children's Church

(Following the service parents may pick up their children in Room 3 of the Fellowship Hall; children will only be released to their parents.)

**Message by Brandon Smart**

*Encounter: Jesus Encounters Our Self-Centeredness*

**\*Hymn #562**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**\*Benediction**

\*The Congregation will please stand

## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or praise please note it on the back of the green registration insert and place in the offering. If you have a prayer request to send out during the weekend or after office hours, please contact Laura Morris at 599-7141 or email her at [78soccerfan@gmail.com](mailto:78soccerfan@gmail.com).

## The Rest of Today

- 10:30 AM Coffee Time in the Peterson House  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
6:00 PM SOLOS – Covenant Young Adults at Brandon's home  
(1036A Huntoon Street, Eureka)  
7:00 PM Covenant Women's meeting at Laura Morris' home

## Events of the Week

### Monday, March 19

12:00 NOON Eureka Rescue Mission Luncheon at Faith Center

### Tuesday, March 20

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting in the Peterson House

### Wednesday, March 21

- 5:30 PM Covenant Café in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Choir Practice in the Peterson House  
6-8:00 PM *First Cov Youth* – for Senior High  
6:30 PM Creation Class upstairs in the Peterson House;  
*Enjoy the Ride -Grand Canyon Adventure* by Carl Kerby

### Thursday, March 22

- 6-7:30 PM *First Cov Youth* – for Junior High  
7:00 PM Small Group Bible Study in Luke at the Fuller's  
(2388 Ridgewood Drive, Eureka); call Val at 798-1195

### Friday, March 23

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study in the Peterson House

### Saturday, March 24

1:00 PM A Celebration of Life for Ralph Holsinger

## Palm Sunday – March 25

- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service; Nursery in Fellowship Hall;  
Children's Church for Preschool – 2nd Grade (dismissed  
from the service); and Adult Sunday School in the  
Peterson House  
10:30 AM Coffee Time in the Peterson House  
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
Nursery & Sunday School for birth – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in  
Fellowship Hall; Adult Sunday School in the Peterson  
House and the Carriage House  
6:00 PM SOLOS – Covenant Young Adults at Brandon's home

## Coming Events

- March 26 Men's Fellowship Dinner (6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall)  
March 30 Hope Reborn at FCC (7:00-9:00 PM)  
March 31 Hope Reborn at FCC (10:00 AM -4:00 PM)  
April 1 Easter Sunday (One Worship Service at 10:30 AM;  
Easter Potluck Lunch at 12 NOON)  
April 8 Farewell Reception for Jeannie Stanley (2-4 PM)

## Childcare for Today – March 18

Nursery: 9:30 AM – Courtney Haraldson  
11:00 AM – Amanda Sharp

Children's Church: Heather Beam and Lexi or Whysper Beam

NOTE: Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed from the  
9:30 AM Worship Service for Children's Church.

## Childcare for Next Sunday – March 25

Nursery: 9:30 AM – Kiah Martin  
11:00 AM – Jevonne Rieke

Children's Church: Susie and Keith Martin

NOTE: Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed from the  
9:30 AM Worship Service for Children's Church.

## Sunday School Classes

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

- ➔ Nursery (newborn - 3 years) – Room 7, downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ Children's Church for Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – children are dismissed  
from the worship service; Room 3, downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ *First Cov Youth* – Junior High & High School; Youth Room, downstairs  
in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ Café Connect – A study in Philippians; Main Room of the Peterson  
House; facilitated by Mike Kellogg and Cecil Wilson

11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

- ➔ Nursery (newborn - 2 years) – Room 7, downstairs in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ Sunday School for Preschool–5<sup>th</sup> Grade – all classrooms are downstairs  
in Fellowship Hall
- ➔ A study in the book of Genesis; Carriage House; facilitated by Lawana  
Martin.
- ➔ A study on *The Signature of God*; Church Office in the Peterson House;  
facilitated by Hardy Ziesak

## Coffee Hour Coverage

March 18 Jeannine Brandenburg and Margie Flanagan  
March 25 Volunteer Needed

## Birth Announcement for Jaxson Wahlund!

Ryan and Jessica Wahlund are the proud parents of Jaxson Wahlund, who was born at 1:44 PM on Monday, March 12. Jaxson weighed in at 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Ryan, Jessica, and baby Jaxson are all doing well. Congratulations also to big brother: Kaden and Grandparents Dan & Leslie Savage!

## Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary Luncheon – 3/19

The upcoming Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary Luncheon takes place Monday, March 19, 2018, at Faith Center Foursquare Church, 1032 Bay Street, Eureka, 12 NOON to 2 PM. A donation of \$1 and a canned food item is requested. Allan Campbell, of Faith Center Church, will be the speaker.

## Covenant Café this Wednesday, March 21

Join us this Wednesday in Fellowship Hall for Covenant Café! Dinner is served at 5:30 PM and the cost is: \$7 for adults, \$5 for high school and under, with a maximum of \$20 per family. The menu this Wednesday is: Chicken Enchiladas, rice, beans, and dessert. Please make dinner reservations by checking the appropriate line on the green bulletin insert.

Note: Covenant Café meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month.

## Men's Fellowship Dinner on Monday, March 26

All men are welcome to join their brothers in Christ at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 26, in Fellowship Hall for an evening of great food, warm fellowship, and an inspiring message from Rich Waters. A \$10 donation is requested for the dinner.

## Easter Sunday Schedule for April 1

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School classes for adults  
10:30 AM One Worship Service  
12:00 NOON Easter Sunday Potluck

Potluck details: Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 NOON for a delicious Easter Sunday Potluck lunch. Those with last names: A - L please bring a hot dish and a salad; M - Z please bring a hot dish and a dessert. Ham, beverages, and rolls will be provided. Monetary donations will be accepted at the potluck. Please put the number attending the potluck on your green registration sheet.

## Hope Reborn at Easter - March 30 and 31

We will be presenting our Community Easter Event, "Hope Reborn at Easter" on Friday, March 30 from 7-9 PM and Saturday, March 31 from 10 AM - 4 PM. This is a unique opportunity for us to not only ponder the significance of the events leading up to Easter ourselves, but also share these truths with our community. The self-guided tour will take you through eleven scenes in four buildings culminating with the empty tomb (Christ arose! Hope IS Reborn!). As you consider taking your family through this experience, please note that the scene of the crucifixion is a graphic DVD. We do encourage parents to determine whether their young children should view this; as you enter the scene, you can elect to let them attend a separate craft time designed just for them.

Since this is a free event open to the entire community, we all need to consider whom to invite...co-workers, friends, family members, neighbors, acquaintances. We will have invitation handouts available in the back of the sanctuary for you to give out.

Since this is an all-church event, we are counting on many to help on Friday night and/or Saturday with greeting and as guides. We will have sign-up sheets following each service on which you can sign up to help; you can also contact Char Kellogg at 443-2957 or at [ckellogg@att.net](mailto:ckellogg@att.net) with any questions or comments you have.

## Annual TLC Dinner Auction on Saturday, April 21

FCC will be hosting the Annual TLC Dinner Auction on Saturday, April 21. Tickets are \$30/person and may be purchased in the church office or from Lawana Martin. In order to make this a successful event we are asking for auction items. Here are some suggestions for possible donations: \$10-15 gift certificates (Starbucks, Jitter Bean, Target, Safeway, Winco, etc.), fire wood, paintings, gift baskets, jewelry, quilts, photographs, or services (gardening, painting, hauling, cooking, cleaning, etc.). Donated items are needed at FCC by April 17. For more information contact Lawana Martin at 442-0487.

## Save the Date – July 23-26 – Vacation Bible School

Coming this summer – *Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus* – a very special VBS that you won't want to miss. The music is amazing, the games are over-the-top, and all this while we learn more about the God who loves us. See you this summer!

Because we are a family of people who have experienced the life-changing love of Christ, it is our purpose to bring people to the same life-changing relationship with Christ, love and nurture each other to Christ-like maturity, equip each other for service in our church family, community and the world, and gather together to worship God.

# FCC Family Prayer Needs

## March 18, 2018

Pray for those from our congregation who are serving in the military:

Jonah Knife (Navy in Helston, U.K.)      Raleigh Willoughby (Marines in Washington)  
Kennan Mann (Army at Fort Campbell, KY)      Ryan Straub (Air Force Reserve in Maryland)  
Randy Scheffler (Army National Guard – Pittsburgh, CA)

Relatives of those in our congregation who are serving in the military:

Kyle Clark (Army National Guard – Middle East) – Lena Clark's son & Denysa's brother  
Jacob Conway (Navy – Pensacola, FL) – Cory & Sharie Cook's nephew  
Luke Hallsten (Army in Maryland) – Mark & Kathy Hallsten's son  
David Irving (Coast Guard in Kodiak, AL) – Minnie Wolf's nephew  
Jessica McGayhey (Navy on USS Saratoga) – Sharon McCornack's granddaughter  
Anthony Pasquale (AR) – Ron & Barbara Stephens' grandson  
Sam Ratlin (Yuma, AZ) – Doug & Sandy Powell's "adopted" son  
Rj Wirtz (Airforce) – Marilyn Bainbridge's grandson

Please pray for the following missionaries supported by FCC:

Gary and Mary Lou Sander in Medellin, Colombia with the Evangelical Covenant Church

To show support for other area churches, we ask that you pray for the following church:

Eureka The Pentecostal Church

### Scriptures to Pray for Those Who Do Not Know Christ

*Holy Spirit, I pray that You would humble \_\_\_\_\_ so that he/she sees his/her need of Jesus Christ.* Psalm 18:27; Proverbs 8:13, 29:23

*Father, give \_\_\_\_\_ a heart to know You. Draw his/her whole heart to You.*  
Jeremiah 24:7

Update from Pat Robinson on her great nephew, Travis (3/15): The doctors have started dialysis to remove toxins as they said this should help his breathing and hopefully get him off oxygen. He has been under heavy sedation since he has been in the hospital and they are slowly taking him of the medication over the next 3-4 days. Our family is so thankful for all your prayers.

Original Requests (3/14): Travis had to be put on a ventilator last night which did 100% of the work. This morning the ventilator was removed and doctors were able to stabilize him. He is still on oxygen and hooked up to many tubes. The family is asking prayer for a good night's rest for him, healing and continued wisdom for the doctors. The family is thankful for God's peace and comfort.

(3/13): My great nephew, Travis Ford, age 39, was transported by ambulance on 3/12 to Stanford University Hospital and is in ICU. The doctors here found his liver was not functioning as it should and needed further diagnosis. Travis' parents, Tim and Laverne Ford have been keeping me updated on his condition and here is the latest: the sonogram shows his liver and kidneys are not functioning well and are retaining water and he is now on oxygen. Further tests were done today, 3/13. Prayer is asked for God's protective hand to be over Travis, healing and wisdom for the doctors. Also, peace and comfort for Travis, his wife, Renee and the family. Thank you for praying!

Prayer Requests from Sunday, March 11:

- My friend, Craig Hansen's son was killed in a freak accident. Please pray for Craig and his family. He is a shining example of what a Christian should be. Thank you, Rick Onstad
- Please continue to pray for William's brother Jim Frazee. He'll be having heart surgery in May and now has shortness of breath which causes him to be anxious. Also, my sister Robin and her son, Andy are in grief for the loss of their son & brother, Robert. Thank you, Karen Frazee
- Pray for my brother, Jeff, to find Jesus. Thank you, Deb Klingel

Update from Connie Eitzen (3/9): A decision was made to put Bob into rehab. There were no rooms available until this afternoon when we were able to get him into a rehab center in Elk Grove – Thank you Lord! Please continue to pray for healing and salvation for Bob and strength and endurance for those caring for him. Thank you.

Original Request (3/8): The hospital released Bob a day early which leaves many questions that need answered about where to take him now, whether it be Eureka or Sacramento? Both places have their own set of issues. Please pray for God's guidance during these next few days as decisions are made. Thank you so much for your prayers.

From Helen McRostie (3/9): Please pray for continued healing of the cyst on my back. The doctor had to open it up for a third time this last week to make sure they got the entire cyst. Thank you.

Original Requests (2/16): Update on Helen McRostie – she is getting her strength back and feeling better every day. Next week is President's Week, so she has no students – this will help her have more time to recover. Thank you for your prayers!

(2/14) – From Rick McRostie: I took Helen to the Emergency Room early this morning because she had an inflamed sebaceous cyst on her lower back. The doctor drained the cyst and prescribed antibiotics. The incision site is painful and it's difficult for her to get comfortable so she can rest and sleep. Please pray that the infection will heal without complications. Thank you!

From Joetta Holsinger (3/6): Ralph passed away early this morning. Please pray for comfort and peace for me and our family. Also, pray for clarity in dealing with the many details that need to be decided. A date for a memorial service is yet to be determined. Thank you, Joetta

Prayer Requests from Sunday, March 4:

- Thank you so much for your prayers. My recovery has been slow but steady and God has been with me through it all. Please continue to pray for me for health, peace, and comfort. Continued prayers for my son, Sean, are appreciated. Thank you, Leslie Cannafax
- Thank you to all of you who have been praying for my dad. Please continue, he's doing well. Thank you, Stacey Tanuma
- The Lord is answering so many prayers. I just praise Him! Thank you all for your prayers. – Jeanne Stanley
- Praise God for the love and support I have seen from my brothers and sisters in Christ. Words cannot express the joy it has brought to my heart. I have been saved by grace and I am loved! Now life begins. Thank you, Mark Grimes

*"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances." 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*