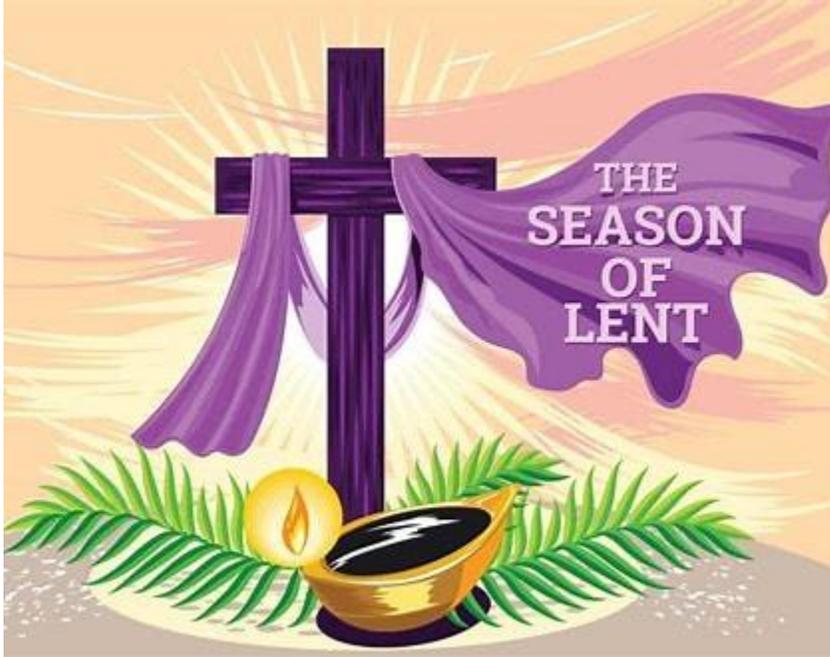




Rustburg United Methodist Church

IN HIS SERVICE – MARCH 2026



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The English word “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the

penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Rain or shine, dress appropriately!

Our church and other churches will meet at 8:45 AM at Rustburg United Methodist Church. Palm branches will be distributed.

We will start the walk at 9 AM in front of RUMC, walk to Rustburg Elementary school, turn around, & end at RUMC, around 9:30 AM.

A covered dish breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall following walk.





United Women in Faith

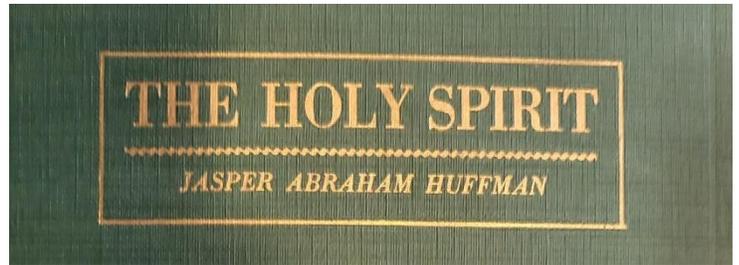
Please come and join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Small Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM.

We'll have our regular meeting at **March 11** at 10:00 AM.

Love in Christ;
Donna Cameron | President of UWF

Bible Study

Led By: Dr. C.R. Brooks and Lisa Cameron
12 Noon & 6:00 PM
Wednesdays: **March 4,11,18,25**



We are using the *Revised Standard Bible*, *Standard Lesson Commentary* and *The Holy Spirit* by Jasper A. Huffman for 2026 Wednesday Bible Study.

You can find the Commentary – NIV or King James translation – at Mardel's, Amazon, etc. Huffman's *The Holy Spirit* can be purchased from Rev. Brooks for \$15.



Happy 150th Year RUMC!

1876 – 2026, Central Methodist Church | Rustburg UMC
Come celebrate with us Sunday, September 20th!

If you would like to volunteer to be on the **Souvenir Book Committee**, Please Contact Cathy Phillips
434-258-7757 or: dctmphillips@yahoo.com



2026 RUMC Directory

We hope to print the Directory this month! If you haven't already, please check the draft directory in the Narthex and make corrections or additions.

Magnolia Ladies

Easter Egg Stuffing Party

Ladies, come help stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 8th following Sunday Service. Pizza Lunch will be provided in the Small Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP to Kelly Gladden if you plan on eating lunch by Saturday March 7th.

434-258-6409 or khartman77@aol.com

Congregational Help Collecting Easter Candy

Believe it or not I have already seen Easter candy in the stores! The Education Committee and the Magnolia Ladies need your help collecting candy for the Community Easter Egg hunt to be held here at RUMC on Saturday March 28th. Donations of candy are greatly appreciated. Please make sure the candy is small and individually wrapped to go into the plastic eggs. Small toys are acceptable as well (individual stickers, rubber balls, fidget toys that will fit in the plastic eggs).

Candy can be left in the Small Fellowship Hall or given to Donna Hamlett or Kelly Gladden





Rustburg UMC

Drive-thru Food Pantry

Sat. March 14, 2026
9:30 - 11 AM

Equal Opportunity Provider



March Noisy Offering Gleaning for the World WINGS PROGRAM

It seems like just yesterday that our Wings program was only a dream. We were five women sitting around a table asking each other, “Could this actually work? Could we make a difference?”

Today, we are happy to report... yes, it

does work, and yes, together, we are making a difference!

We are so thankful that you have shown an interest in the work being done to help give women and girls dignity, empowerment and freedom through Wings. Each year, we’re able to bless thousands of women and girls in multiple countries by providing a sanitary, comfortable, and discreet way for them to manage their monthly cycles with our washable and reusable hygiene products!

Wings strives to help women and girls who do not have access to the feminine hygiene products that those of living us in thriving countries have at our disposal. We hope you will share our passion!

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT of the WINGS PROGRAM

Rustburg UMC

HOLY WEEK

Schedule

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29

*Parade, 9:00 AM
Breakfast, 9:30 AM
Worship, 11 AM*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

*Easter Worship
& Cantata,
11 AM*

Magnolia Ladies March Events

Ladies come help with the Community Easter Egg Hunt

When: Sunday March 8th (Egg stuffing) & Saturday March 28th (Egg Hunt)

Where: Rustburg United Methodist Church

Please come help with the Community Easter Egg Hunt by helping to stuff eggs on Sunday March 8th after service and on Saturday March 28th for the Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteers needed to help hide eggs starting at 1 p.m.

Activities will start at 2 p.m. Starting with games, Easter Egg Hunt, story time with snack and finish it out with golden egg prizes and door prizes.

Please contact Donna Hamlett or Kelly Gladden if you would like to help.

Magnolia 2026 Events Save the Dates

Sunday March 8th: Easter Egg Stuffing Party, after service (Pizza lunch provided)

Saturday March 28th: Easter Egg Hunt, 2 PM

Friday April 24th: Ladies Bunco Night Fundraiser for 150th Church Birthday Celebration
(Details to come)

Saturday May 30th: Pharsalia Farms in Massy's Mill Floral Arrangement Class
(RSVP's will be required. More info in the April Newsletter)

June/July/August: TBD

Sunday September 20th: Magnolia Ladies Ice Cream Social for 150th Birthday Celebration after the Luncheon

Friday September 25th: Magnolia Bowling Night

Saturday October 17th: RUMC Fall Festival

Friday November 20th: Friendsgiving (RUMC Small Fellowship Hall)

Saturday December 5th: Christmas Cookie Exchange

March



- Sun. 03/01 **Communion**
- Tues. 03/03 **Missions Committee, 6 PM**
Worship Committee, 6:30 PM
- Wed. 03/04 **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM**
Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 6 PM
- Thurs. 03/05 **Handbells, 6 PM | Choir, 7 PM**
- Sun. 03/08 **Men's Group Meeting, 8:30 AM**
Easter Egg Stuffing, following Worship
- Mon. 3/09 **Trustees and Buildings & Grounds, 6 PM**
- Tues. 03/03 **Education Committee, 6 PM**
- Wed. 3/11 **United Women in Faith, 10 AM**
- Sat. 03/14 **Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM**
- Sun. 03/15 **Administrative Board, following Worship**
- Sun. 03/22 **Noisy Offering/Missions Moment: Wings Program**
VBS Meeting, 1 PM
- Mon. 03/23 **Deadline for April Newsletter**
- Fri. 03/27 **Magnolia Ladies: Easter Egg Hunt Prep**
- Sat. 03/28 **Community Easter Egg Hunt, 2 PM**
- Sun. 03/29 **Palm Sunday at RUMC**
 - Gather, 8:45 AM
 - Parade, 9 AM
 - Covered Dish Breakfast, 9:30 AM

February
RUMC OFFERINGS
Offerings: \$9,744.00
Budget: \$15,958.83
Shortfall: (7,214.83)

- Wed. March 4,11,18,25: **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks & Lisa Cameron, 12 PM & 6 PM**
- Thurs. March 5,12,19,26: **Handbell Rehearsals, 6 PM**
Choir Rehearsals, 7 PM



Special thanks to *WFXR-Roanoke* who visited RUMC's Ash Wednesday Evening Service, 2/18.
- 'The Spirit was felt.'





March Greeters

- 1 Roz Ware & Hayden Bailey
- 8 Cheryl Martin
- 15 Pam and Jerry Booth
- 22 Rachel, Kaleesi & KJ Bishoff
- 29 Kathy and David Phillips

March Ushers

Robert Bailey & Jimmy Jewell

- April:** Michael Metcalf, Ricky Pillow
- May:** Jerry Booth, Marvin Tweedy
- June:** Jimmy Cyrus, Donnie Hamlett
- July:** Robert Bailey, Jimmy Jewell
- August:** Michael Metcalf, Ricky Pillow
- September:** Jerry Booth, Marvin Tweedy
- October:** Jimmy Cyrus, Donnie Hamlett
- November:** Robert Bailey, Jimmy Jewell
- December:** Michael Metcalf, Ricky Pillow



RUMC Contact Info:

- Acolytes:** Cheryl Martin
- Care & Share:** Shirley Phillips
- Children's Church:** Shannon Hall
- Greeters:** Betty Cyrus
- Nursery:** Mary Bailey
- Ushers:** Jerry Booth



March Sunday School

- Donna & Sarah Hamlett
- Alice Watson
- David Hawkins
- Pam Booth



Happy March Birthday

- 04 Stuart Johnson
- 17 Cheryl Martin
- 27 Aubrey Hall
- 28 Gabi Watson
- 31 Pam Booth

Church Closers

- February:** Robert and Lisa Bailey
- March:** Jerry and Pam Booth
- April:** Donna Cameron

Acolytes

- Serenity Rankin Presley Wiley
- Kaleesi Bishoff Mac MacMillan
- Jenni Lynn MacMillan

Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests: Kim Saunders (Republican Grove UMC), Vicky Gamon (waiting for Liver transplant), Lillian Johnson (Jenifer's MIL), Bill and Dale Torrence, Pastor Sung and family, The family of Kathleen Jon Bagby, Roman, child of the Wardell's (house fire), family of Susan Cascone, Monnie and Barbara Coleman, Jessie (Shug) Phillips and family, Barbara Wiles, Atha Bailey, Nancy Bennett, JohnWyatt Newcomb, Cindy and Danny Torrence, Danny DeJarnette, Jackie Robinson (church custodian) has asked for prayers for her sister. Mary and Buster Frazier, Kenneth Grubbs, Joyce Rush, Marguerite Eimer, Betty McClung, May Nolley, Frank Merryman, Mary Alice Preston, Tina Shaver, Marsha Henderson, and Bangladeshi families.



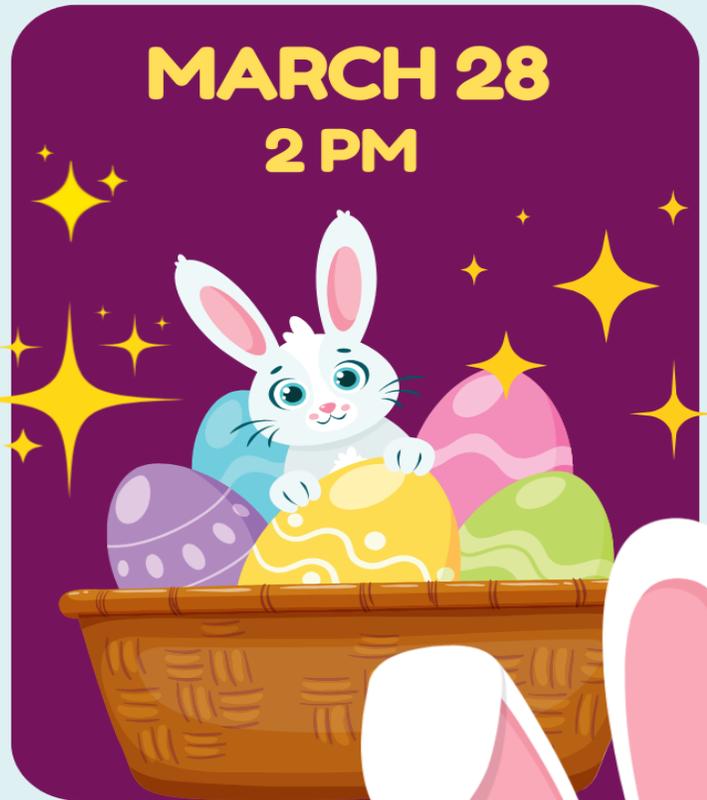
RUSTBURG UMC PRESENTS

EASTER

EGG HUNT



MARCH 28
2 PM



BRING YOUR
OWN
BASKET!

FUN GAMES - SNACKS - SPECIAL PRIZES

664 VILLAGE HWY, RUSTBURG

Ages: Toddler - Middle School





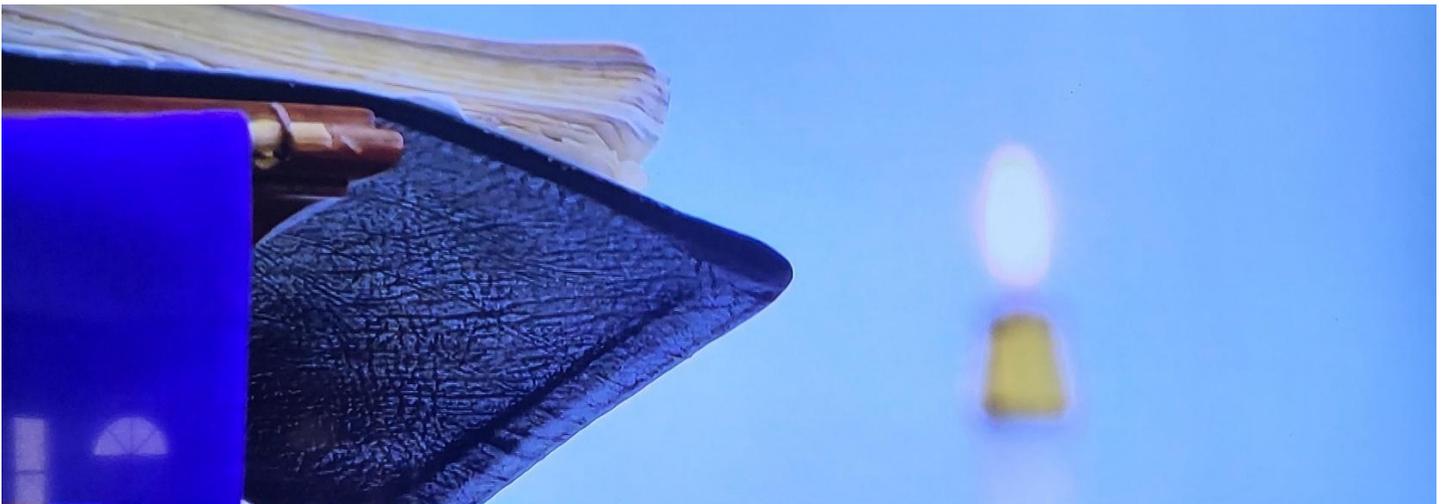
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Remembrance and Hope

Each year the Israelites remembered their deliverance by God from Egyptian slavery. God established them in the promised land. They gave of the first fruits from their gardens and the best of their animals. Previously their ancestors were wandering desert people who were caught in cruel bondage in Egypt (26:5). Then God, the Lord, had heard their voices and seen their affliction. In mercy, God freed them “with signs, and with wonders (26:8).” God freed them with miracles that frustrated Pharaoh’s army. God took them through the Red Sea and through a terrifying wilderness experience giving them a place of safe dwelling. Each year the Israelites recalled this great salvation. Thus, they were given hope that the future would be shaped by the God of mercy. Their God who again and again delivered their people from bondage to sin and death.

Lent is a time of remembrance in which we recall the great “signs and wonders” by which God redeems us. We look to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God has freed us from sin and death for life, abundant and eternal. We live with the sure hope that nothing can separate us from God’s love. So, we bring a gift to God. Not just a basket of fruit. We are called to bring ourselves - in trusting faith - to the God who delivers us again and again. Then “you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given you” (26:11).

Prayer: Eternal God help us to see beyond ourselves. Holy Spirit help us to glimpse afresh the salvation You have given us in Jesus Christ. Free us to rejoice, to care, to hope, while believing that You will transform the broken and confused fragments of life we have into glory, peace and joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Jesus’ name;
Rev. C.R. Brooks



LENT

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Holy Thursday
 Ash Wednesday
 Washing Feet
 Crucifixion
 Last Supper
 Good Friday
 Palm Sunday
 forgiveness
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 forty days
 Rejection
 Disciples
 Jerusalem
 Holy Week
 Betrayal
 Example
 penance
 fasting
 Arrest
 Denial
 Garden
 desert
 prayer
 Cross
 Peter
 Ashes
 Jesus





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Music Director: Alice Watson | Pianist: Heather Wilson

Administrative Assistant: Cheryl Martin

Communications Coordinator: Lisa Cameron

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: To be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve.

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