

# Harrisburg Happenings

**Our Mission: to cultivate authentic relationships with Jesus Christ by worshiping God, growing disciples and loving our neighbors**



Mark you calendars for our family Easter event! It is designed for parents and their children (of all ages) to experience Easter and the events leading up to it together. You will:

- ★ travel to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday
- ★ sit down for the Last Supper
- ★ pray in the Garden of Gethsemane
- ★ discover the sacrifice of Good Friday
- ★ celebrate freedom from their sins at the empty tomb that first Easter morning

This two-hour experience will be on Palm Sunday, April 9. It will take you approx 2 hours, but is available from 2pm-5pm. This is an excellent opportunity for you to experience Jesus' love for us all, so bring your friends and neighbors as well! For questions you can contact Denise Spittle at [denisespittle@gmail.com](mailto:denisespittle@gmail.com) or 704-576-1243. If you need nursery care, please contact Shanna Green at 704-516-4573.



We want to thank you all for the delicious food, many cards, and especially for the prayers and kind words offered for us for the loss of our precious son, grandson and great grandson, Chase Conrad. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten

The Conrad and Castleberry Families

## Usher Training



Usher Training March 26th, and April 30th, from 9:45 am till 10:30 am. in the Sanctuary.

This training is for all current ushers, new ushers and for anyone who would like to be an usher.



**Communion Servers** are needed at the 8:30 am. worship services. Should you be interested in serving contact Sue Askins (704) 348-8075 (cell) [saskin68@gmail.com](mailto:saskin68@gmail.com).





## Workday at Hope Mills UMC – April

Our friends at Hope Mills UMC, whom we have been helping financially as they recover from flooding during Hurricane Matthew last fall, have invited us to come visit and do some hands on help in rebuilding. We'll be doing interior painting which will be great for all skill levels! We plan to

leave around 7:30am and return by 6:30 pm. More details forthcoming but if you are interested in going to help serve please call the church office or shoot an email to Pastor Toni Ruth [tsmith3@wnccumc.net](mailto:tsmith3@wnccumc.net).



### Help Restock the Food Pantry Shelves

This past Monday 17 families (51 individuals) shopped at the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Food Pantry.

The pantry is short of the following items:

- pasta sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- small bags of corn meal
- laundry detergent

We appreciate your continued support in feeding the hungry in our community. Thank you for always coming through with what we need and then some!

Have a blessed week, Maureen Floro, 704-453-3556



## Can you place this famous sign?

It has been an exciting adventure this year as we partner with Pitts School Road Elementary School. We started out making the school entrance a welcoming place with painted rocks, trimmed bushes, flowers and signs. Volunteers spent the first month helping Kindergarteners with the lunch routines and getting to know the teachers. There are now about twenty volunteers working in the classrooms with individual students and small groups. They read to students, are read to, help with reading or math skills, play games, cut out materials for teachers and work at the Book Fair.

Our church has made an impact at PSRES. You can see in the smile on a child's face as he sees his "special helper" in the class and you can hear it in the staff's repeated "thank you."

You haven't missed your chance to be a part of this wonderful program. There will be chances to help out at many end of the school year activities. And we will be looking for more helpers next year. Come make a difference in the life of a child! To find out more contact Linda Brown at [linda@leadingedgeideas.com](mailto:linda@leadingedgeideas.com)



*PS: The "famous sign" pictured is in the PSRES front office!*



## Harrisburg United Methodist Church PARTNERSHIP with Pitts School Road Elementary School (PSRES)

There are lots of events before the end of the year! HUMC is making a big impact on the students and staff. Please volunteer and enjoy the rewarding activities with the students.

The Christmas Eve contribution made to PSRES is being used to purchase awards for the quarterly Celebration for Students Award. These awards have been very successful in creating and enforcing good work habits and positive attitudes in the students.

“The next *Celebration for Students* will be on **MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am until 10:00 am.** We the Harrisburg United Methodist congregation to come out and help with this, see how our students’ faces light up when they receive their prizes!” Please sign-up by contacting Linda Brown at [linda@leadingedgeideas.com](mailto:linda@leadingedgeideas.com)

**MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thurs) and MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 3:30 – 5:30pm.** Youth and Adults. *Stuff Easter Eggs* for the second annual Community Egg Hunt at the school on April 8th. Just show up on one or both days, and they will tell us what to do! (Need 10 volunteers each day). Please sign-up by contacting Linda Brown at [linda@leadingedgeideas.com](mailto:linda@leadingedgeideas.com)

**APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 10:00 am.** Help to set-up the *Community Easter Egg Hunt* (putting out eggs) and organize the children into age groups and keep the activity moving. (The more volunteers, the more smoothly it goes!!) Please sign-up by contacting Linda Brown at [linda@leadingedgeideas.com](mailto:linda@leadingedgeideas.com)

**APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** (choose your day and time) **9:00 am – 11:00 am** or **11:00 am – 1:00 pm** *Kindergarten Registration.* For more details or to wish to volunteer contact Linda Brown at [linda@leadingedgeideas.com](mailto:linda@leadingedgeideas.com)

**MAY** *Field Days*  
*End of Grade (EOGs) testing Proctors.*

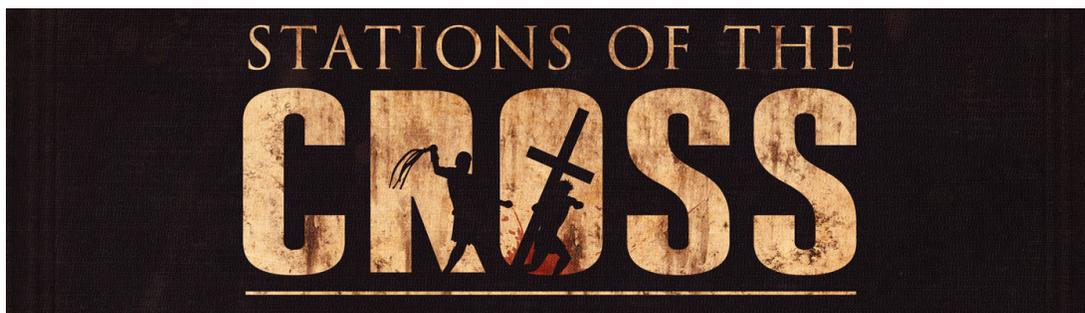


## Safe Sanctuary Refresher



We will be having two Safe Sanctuary Refresher meeting this spring. Each will last only 30 minutes and will occur during the Sunday School Hour. If you are currently Safe Sanctuary approved, you must attend one of the two meetings to continue your approval. If you cannot not make either time, then please set up a time that I can train you individually. We will meet in the Sanctuary on March 26th and April 30th . Exact time will be posted next week, we are working with the usher training in coordinating time in the sanctuary. Thank you for your investment in our children and youth!!

Pastor Richard



The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Via Dolorosa, is a narration of the final hours in the life of Jesus Christ on earth that continues to provide spiritual conviction for every Christian and application to our lives. The Stations of the Cross serve as a stark reminder of the humble manner in which Jesus was willing to set aside any privilege of deity in order to provide a path to salvation through His sacrifice.

The Stations will be set up in the **sanctuary on April 14th from noon - 6 p.m.** The glory and abundant joy of the resurrection is powerful, even more so when you have spent time in reflections and prayer at the foot of the cross.

This opportunity is open to all. **We need Volunteers.** Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the stations of the cross. Anyone interested in helping out, please let Toni Ruth know asap, by calling the church office 704-455-2311 or emailing [tsmith3@wnccumc.net](mailto:tsmith3@wnccumc.net)! This only requires a couple hours either Thursday night, after the service on April 13th, or in the morning of April 14th before the Fish Fry begins. Then be back for taking it down on Friday evening.

## Happening in Harrisburg...

Are You or a Loved One Turning 65? • Bombarded by Mailings Leaving You Confused & Overwhelmed? • Want to Understand Your Medicare Options?

If You Answered Yes, Don't Miss This Workshop!

Medicare 101

This event is only for Educational Purposes and no plan specific benefits or details will be shared

When: Thursday, March 23rd at 2:00 PM

Location

Carillon Assisted Living

(in the Dining Room)

6200 Roberta Road

Harrisburg, NC 28075

Presented by: David Cooper of Cooper & Associates

Phone Number: 704-689-2181

Helping People with Medicare for 12 Years