



*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*

Stay at Home Order Procedures for Fernwood

Since the Governor has set in place the Stay at Home order, we will be changing our hours here on our campus to:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am until 1pm – In Office Hours.

Angie will also be available 9am until 4pm, Monday through Thursday by **telephone**. The church office number will be redirected to ring on her cell phone, so you can still call the church number 864-582-7467.

In case of emergency, you can contact Matt at 502-974-4480.



FACEBOOK Live

Maundy Thursday Service April 9 at 7pm

Please join us live on Facebook for a Service of Tenebrae.

Sunday Morning Worship Time

every Sunday at 11am online

We will be uploading the video on our [website](#) each Sunday
and also will be on our Facebook page.

UPDATED HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS

**All in-person activities at Fernwood Baptist Church are
cancelled until further notice.**





Easter Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday morning, we will remember and give thanks for the love and grace that has been lavished on us by Jesus. As a part of our Easter Sunday celebration, we will place flowers on a wooden cross located outside in front of our sanctuary.

Everyone, if you feel comfortable in getting out, is asked to bring fresh flowers to FLOWER the CROSS. You can purchase them or pick them from your own garden.

Financial Support

It is vitally important to the future of our church that we continue to give our financial support during this time. You can mail your contribution to the church, set up an automatic bill pay through your bank, or use the church's online giving option. Simply click "donate" on the church's website under the "News and Info" tab or here is the link: <http://onrealm.org/FernwoodBaptist/give/now>



New Date for our BLOOD DRIVE

We are confirmed for our blood drive on Sunday, May 3.

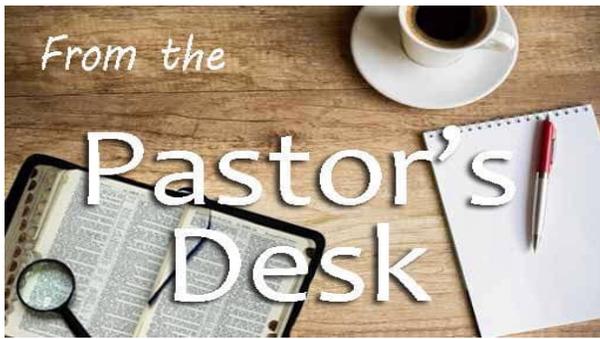
If you would like to sign up to participate, please let Penny know. Cell:
864-923-0232

Thank you!

NEW POST OFFICE BOX

**Fernwood Baptist Church
P.O. Box 7058
Spartanburg, SC 29304**

*(Special note to remember – zip code is different from our physical address,
so please be sure to change that too.)*



In this Holy Week, there are several ways for us to gather, worship, and remember Jesus' journey to, and triumph over, the grave despite our state's "stay at home or work" order.

First, we will gather together on Facebook Live this Thursday at 7 PM (<https://www.facebook.com/fernwoodbaptistchurchspartanburg>). Stafford Turner and I will be leading a Maundy Thursday service. We will be celebrating communion together, so before the service begins, I encourage you to gather something to eat and something to drink together. If you are with someone else, you can serve one another. If you are alone, you can serve yourself. We will be connected as one body together through our shared experience of sharing in Jesus' body and blood.

After Communion, Stafford and I will lead us through a Service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae means "darkness". This service walks us through the Gospel of John's account of Jesus' arrest, trial, and execution. With each reading, a candle is extinguished until we are left in darkness as Jesus dies. I hope you will join us online for this moving service.

On Easter Sunday, we will gather again online to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. I can't think of a time when we have needed more to celebrate our new life in Jesus! Please join us on Facebook or the church's website for our Easter service. In addition, the church's wooden cross will be stationed outside the church building on Easter Sunday morning. This idea was first suggested to me by Faye Boukedes and I thought it was a good one. We invite you to come by the church during the day to place flowers on the cross.

We can all be safe and smart while finding creative ways to celebrate together. If you get to the cross when someone else is there, please observe social distancing and wait for them to finish. Wash your hands after you put flowers on the cross. If you have flowers in your yard, I would encourage you to use those rather than going to the store.

Jesus came to us, he lived, died, and rose again, to show us that God is not disconnected from our experiences. The life of God is intimately intertwined with our own lives. So, let's reflect this week on what Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection can teach us about our own sufferings during these times. And let us pray that God will show us moments of resurrection along the way.

Matt

SHARING AND CARING

Linda Pruett

McKinney House, 307 Miller Road, Rm. 2, Mauldin, SC 29662

Want to brighten someone's day! Send a card, make a visit or call them! And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8: 28

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Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, April 22, 2020**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!