

# ASLC NEWS

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## Holy Week Worship

**Palm Sunday** is March 25. We will begin outside in the garden and process into the worship space. There will also be a special dramatic presentation by Pastor John Propst at the end of worship. You will NOT want to miss it!

**Maundy Thurs** is March 29, 7:00pm and will include an optional foot washing plus holy communion. Good Fri is March 30, 7:00pm and will explore the 7 Last Words of Jesus through story and song.

**Easter Sunday** is April 1st with breakfast at 9:45am, followed by an Egg Hunt. Worship is at 11:00am

## Treasurer's Report

	Jan 2018
Income	\$9,189.02
Expenses	<u>-9,583.56</u>
Net Income	-\$394.54

YTD 2018 Net Income =  
-\$394.54

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



## Pastor's Column

### What My Garden Teaches Me

After a cold December and January, February was unusually warm. It was so warm that even my medicinal herbs began to peek out of the soil. Granted, their arrival is entirely too early. However, they thought it was officially spring so, now I feel like a responsible parent who must protect them from the inevitable freeze that will arrive sometime this month. I will be one of those people who is running around the garden, covering these tender shoots with clay pots, plastic sheets or whatever else I can find to keep them warm enough to withstand the cold.

Nature is always a wonderful teacher if we have ears to hear and eyes to see the lessons it can teach us. My way-too-early baby shoots remind me that giving birth to something new is rarely easy. The dreams God plants in our hearts are fragile, especially when they are first coming into being. The harsh weather of other people's criticism can sometimes kill them before they [con't. p.2]

[from p. 1] have a chance to grow. Our own neglect in nurturing these young dreams can also have disastrous results.

What dream has God planted in your heart? The is a great question for all of us to ask ourselves this spring. My new goal is to grow in my knowledge of medicinal herbs and how to use them. Not everyone knows this but I'm currently enrolled in the Intermediate Course at The Herbal Academy. It's the next step in my journey after completing the Herbal Medicine Preparation Class at the Chestnut School for Herbal Medicine. The class is self-paced and I hope to have it completed by the end of the year.

I am also expanding my herbal garden in the front of the house. It is one of my spiritual happy places as I work with the soil and bond more closely with the plants in my care and keeping. If you had told me when I was younger that this was going to be one of my joys in life, I probably would have laughed at you. For whatever reason, it's the perfect time in my life for this peaceful and holy hobby.

I also love making products that nurture the bodies, minds and spirits of my friends and family. My latest project was to develop a beard balm for a friend and I'm happy to report we were very successful in this endeavor. With a little tweaking it will be perfect.

So, I ask the question again. What dream has God planted in your heart? Take the first step this month to plant a seed and begin the process of nurturing your dream and helping it to grow.

Blessings,  
Pastor Dave

### Lent Midweek Worship

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Holden Evening Prayer continues on Wednesdays, March 7, 14, & 21 at 7:00pm. Come join us for this peaceful, meditative worship experience.

### Easter Lily Donations

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There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for those who wish to donate an Easter lily in memory of/in honor of someone. Cost is \$8.00 each and a list will be published in the Eastern Sunday bulletin. Help make our sanctuary shine!

### Palm Sunday Worship

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We have a wonderful Palm Sunday worship service planned for you, Mar 25, 11:00am. We will start out in the garden with blessing of the palms and will process into church. Then, at the close of the service, we will begin Holy Week with a dramatic presentation by Pastor John Propst with Pastor Dave accompanying him on the guitar. You will NOT want to miss this!

### Easter Morning Activities

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Easter morning begins with a breakfast at 9:35am. There's a sign-up sheet so we know how many to expect. We are also looking for people who are willing to make a breakfast casserole, a fruit salad, or some kind of pastry for the event. This will be followed with an Easter Egg Hunt before our worship begins at 11:00am. Come celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus with us! It's going to be a wonderful morning.

### Birthdays

Laurie Blayney	2
Pam Radle	3
Mark Bolick	22

### Anniversaries

Tim & Laurie Blayney	3/17/1989
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If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please give it to Pastor Dave.

### Diaper Donations

Thanks to an Action Grant from Thrivent, we will be collecting supplies for Abba House, a new ministry of Western Carolina Rescue Ministries for mothers recovering from substance abuse. We need diapers, especially in small sizes, so bring them to church during the month of March and look for a donation box in the gathering space!

### Pastor Dave Offers the Prelude



<b>Greeter</b>	Sue Hebb	4	11	18	25
<b>Reader</b>	Brian Propst	Harold Sweitzer	Jen Ownbey	Toni Corkran	Kay Doverspike
<b>Worship Asst</b>	Brian Propst	Harold Sweitzer	Jen Ownbey		Kay Doverspike
<b>Usher</b>	Brian Propst				
<b>Usher</b>	Cal Propst				
<b>Tabulate</b>	Butera/Wright	Radles	Dawn Lierman	Corkrans	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sue Hebb	Lynnie Barrett	Toni Corkran	Linda Butera	
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Laurie Blayney	Kay Doverspike			
<b>Nursery</b>	Emily Propst				