

SKYLAND

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



LEADING PEOPLE INTO A TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS CHRIST, LOVING GOD WITH PASSION, GROWING
TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY, AND SERVING THE WORLD IN LOVE.



Sanctuary

8:25 a.m.

We welcome you
to a time of
contemplation
and reflection -
a time to quietly
connect with God.

*Call to Worship Liturgy Bk., p. 25

*Hymn UMH 357
Just As I Am, Without One Plea
Ken Buckingham, piano

Time of Quiet Prayer

Scripture *Luke 23:13-25*
Pew Bible, NT p. 88

Message *A Love Story*
Rev. Christy Sharp

Communion Liturgy Bk., p. 25
(ask server for gluten-free option)

*Hymn UMH 666
Shalom to You
Ken Buckingham, piano

Closing Prayer
**Those who are able may stand*

The Current

9:25 a.m.



Gathering

Connect

Meet your neighbor!

Call to Worship

Opening Songs

Offering

Prayer

Children's Sermon
(then exit for Children's Church)

Scripture
Luke 23:13-25

Sermon
A Love Story
Rev. Christy Sharp

Closing Songs

WELCOME !

March 24, 2019

We are glad you're here for worship today.

If you are new to Skyland, we would love to get to know you and help you get connected. So grab a cup of coffee, introduce yourself to a greeter, ask all your questions, and receive a special gift for being our guest today. Thanks for coming!

TRADITIONAL

10:55 AM

Third Sunday in Lent



Gathering, Welcome, Announcements
Passing of the Peace

Trinitarian Chimes

Prelude

Near the Cross
Janet Jennings, cello

arr. Ijames

*Call to Worship

Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

Thank you God for your love to me

Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God

Thank you God for your love in this place

Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

Thank you God for your love to others

All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

Thank you God for your love that we can share

Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

Thank you God for your love endures forever.

-- adapted from Psalm 134

*Gathering Hymn

Ask Ye What Great Things I Know

UMH 163
HENDON

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Anthem

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Chancel Choir with Janet Jennings, cello

arr. Manor

Scripture

Luke 23:13-25

Pew Bible, NT p. 88

Scripture Response

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Janet Jennings, cello

arr. Ijames

*Doxology

UMH 95
OLD 100th

Children's Sermon

(children exit for Children's Church)

Hymn

Woman in the Night
WOMEN sing the verses, ALL sing the Refrain

UMH 274
HAIZ

*(in honor and remembrance of the 150th anniversary
of United Methodist Women and of all women
throughout history who have shaped our faith)*

Sermon

A Love Story

Rev. Christy Sharp

*Hymn of Challenge & Response

I am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419

I AM THINE

*Benediction

*Trinitarian Chimes

Postlude

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

arr. Johnson

**Those who are able may stand*

WORSHIP NOTES

*(Please fill out *WELCOME* section of blue calendar Insert & place in offering.)*

A NOTE ABOUT LENT: Lent is the 40-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus — a time of repentance, of considering Christ’s sufferings, and of rethinking how we are called to take up our own crosses. Some of us give up things like chocolate or television during this season as a sort of fasting. Others try to integrate something new into their lives like visiting folks in prison, sewing clothes, exercising, or praying. It is a good season to rethink how we live — to let some things go or maybe even develop some new holy habits. **Wednesday, March 6, marked the beginning of Lent.** Traditionally, the palm branches from Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned, and the ashes are placed on the foreheads of Christians as a sign of repentance. (*Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals, Claiborne/Wilson-Hartgrove/Okoro, p. 139*)

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:25 Carol Newsome

GREETERS: 8:25 David Newsome

9:25 Alice Houston, Ned Fowler

10:55 Alice Houston, Ned Fowler

LAY READER: 10:55 Steve Chapin

USHERS: 8:25 Carol Newsome

9:25 Gena Smith, Mike Smith

10:55 Diane Rutledge, Patty Olbrantz, Cassie Pittman, Candace Hall

The altar flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of **150 years of United Methodist Women**, by Skyland United Methodist Women.

Our **guest preacher** today is **Rev. Christy Sharp**, Associate Pastor at 1st UMC Hendersonville. Christy is a former Associate Pastor at Skyland UMC. Please extend to Christy a warm Skyland welcome this morning.

NOTES: _____

Please note: Sermons are available on our website at:

<https://skylandumc.com/media-3/sermons/>

EASTER LILY OR BUILDING FUND

You may order Easter Lilies for **\$7** each or give to our Building Fund. **DEADLINE** is **SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019**.

Please put your completed form and your cash or check in the envelope marked **“Easter Lily Order”** and place in the offering plate, or leave it in the church office. Be sure to note on your check whether it is for a **“Lily”** or for the **“Building Fund”**.

IN HONOR OF

Lily (#) _____

AND/OR

Building Fund (\$) _____

IN MEMORY OF

Lily (#) _____

AND/OR

Building Fund (\$) _____

GIVEN BY: _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL Enclosed**

Celebrating Holy Week at Skyland UMC



Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship

Sanctuary 8:25 a.m. / The Current 9:25 a.m. / Traditional 10:55 a.m.

Hosanna in the highest! Our children will lead the palm processional on this festive day.

Palm Sunday Luncheon

after 10:55 worship service, Fellowship Hall

Join us on Palm Sunday for a **potluck lunch** and time of fellowship.

(See back of page.)

Walk with Jesus Event

12:45-2:00 p.m., Children's/Preschool Wing

Children's Ministry offers this Holy Week event for adults & children!

(See back of page.)

Wednesday, April 17

NO C.H.O.W. Dinner or Small Groups on this Wednesday. Please do join us for services on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us for this communion service, as we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples in the upper room.

Good Friday, April 19

Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Join our Narrators, Chancel Choir, and Guest Instrumentalists in this emotional worship experience. The Sanctuary is transformed from light to dark as we remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

Easter Sunday Celebrations, April 21

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sanctuary 8:25 a.m. / The Current 9:25 a.m. / Traditional 10:55 a.m.

Hallelujah! He is risen! **He is risen indeed!** Christ is alive!

Rejoice with us on this most wonderful day!

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

(See back of page for more info.)

ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

Childcare (Birth - Pre-K) is available during all Holy Week worship services.

Palm Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday Luncheon after our 10:55 a.m. worship service.

Please note: *The church bus will make an additional run to Givens Estates & Givens Gerber Park after lunch.*

Make plans now to attend this very special potluck lunch! Everyone please **bring your favorite dishes to share:** vegetables, salads, casseroles, etc. The church will provide ham, dessert, drinks, and a guarantee of wonderful fellowship. A **sign-up will be posted** in the colonnade and online. There is plenty of space in our fridge and in our warming cabinet for those who bring dishes early. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family!

Children's Ministry Event, 12:45-2:00 p.m.

Following our Palm Sunday luncheon, Children's Ministry offers a ***Walk with Jesus*** in the Children's/Preschool Wing. It is designed to involve adults & children of all ages, as together you go to different stations and participate in multi-sensory experiences to remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth. You'll begin by petting a real donkey like the one Jesus rode on into Jerusalem, and it will culminate in a celebration of His resurrection! Invite your friends!



Easter Sunday, April 21

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Egg Hunt for ages **2 yrs.-5th grade** during Children's Church for the 9:25 and the 10:55 worship services.

Adults, youth, and children: Please take this extra time to socialize with your fellow worshippers and enjoy coffee and pastries in the Colonnade.

NO Evening Small Groups on Easter Sunday

*** WELCOME ***

We are glad you are here!

Please place completed form in the offering plate.

SUNDAY - MARCH 24, 2019

___ 8:25 a.m. ___ 9:25 a.m. ___ 10:55 a.m.

FAMILY LAST NAME _____

First Names _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please check all that apply:

- ___ Member of Skyland UMC
- ___ Attend Here Regularly
- ___ Wish to Join Skyland UMC
- ___ Desire a Call
- ___ New Resident
- ___ Visitor
- ___ Other: _____

WEDNESDAY MEAL RESERVATIONS

Meal Cost: \$5 Adult/Child (ages 10-up)

\$3 Child (ages 3-9);

\$15 family max.

DEADLINE: MONDAY 12:00 Noon

(cancel by 2:00 p.m.)


TOTAL # Meal Reservations:

___ \$5 Adult/Child 10-up Reg. Meal

___ \$3 Child 3-9 Reg. Meal

___ \$3 Child 3-9 Simple Kid's Meal

(specify Meal choice for ages 3-9)

THIS WEEK @ SKYLAND 

CHOW (Church Happenings On Wednesdays: Meal & Small Groups)

NOTE: CHOW is canceled if Buncombe Co. Schools are closed due to weather on Wednesday.

Join us for a delicious meal by Chef Albert (served 5:30-6:00 p.m.) and fellowship with your church family! To **make your reservations:** fill out the section above, call the church office (684-7283), or sign up on the website (skylandumc.com) **by Monday at 12:00 noon;** any **cancellations** are due **by 2 p.m.** on Monday.

Cost

\$5 Adults & Kids ages 10+

\$3 Kids ages 3-9 *(must specify*

Regular or Kid's Meal)

\$15 Family limit

YOUTH FUNDRAISER—March 27 Menu:

Regular: Chicken lo mein, pork-fried rice, salad, & dessert

Simple Kid's: Same menu, smaller portion

3/24 Sunday

8:25 am Sanctuary Service, *Sanctuary*

9:15-10:45 am Sunday Morning Coffee, *Colonnade*

9:25 am The Current Service, *FH*

9:35 am Sunday School Small Groups, *various start times/ages/rooms*

10:55 am Traditional Worship, *Sanctuary*

4:00 pm Bells 9th-12th Grade & Adults, *Sanctuary*

4:00 pm 6th Grade Confirmation, *Wesley*

4:45 pm 3rd-5th Grade Bible Exploration, *FH*

5:00 pm Bells 6th-8th Grade & Adults, *Sanctuary*

6:00 pm Chimes 3rd-5th Grade, *Sanctuary*

6:00 pm 7th-12th Youth Dinner, *FH*

6:30 pm 7th-12th Youth Group, *Youth Arena*

3/25 Monday

9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FHI*

9:00-10:30 am Statistics Team & Office Team-Sort/Recycle, *Chapel, Pastor's office*

2:30-5:30 pm Bridges Reading Enrichment, *FH, Wesley, Children's Wing rooms D-H*

6:00 pm Council On Ministries, *Chapel*

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Skyland UMC staff pray for you every Tuesday morning. Please indicate if you also want your request added to:

- Prayer Chain
 Newsletter Needs & Concerns

YOUR NAME: _____

PRAY FOR: _____

How did you find Skyland UMC?

I would like more information:

- Becoming a Christian
 Church Membership
 Small Groups
 Youth Ministry
 Children's Ministry
 Music Ministry
 Opportunities to serve
 Ways to connect

3/26 Tuesday

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*
9:30 am Chapel, *Sanctuary*
10:00 am Seeking Sparrows Bible Study, *Aldersgate*
10:30 am Staff Prayer/Planning, *Pastor's office*
10:30 am Office Team-Receptionist, *Church Office*
12:00-6:00 pm Traditional Worship Planning/piano lessons-Jones, *Sanctuary*
6:00 pm Women at the Well, *Asbury*

3/27 Wednesday

- 8:00 am Women Small Group/Styron, *Youth Arena*
9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*
2:30-6:15 pm Bridges Reading Enrichment, *FH, Wesley, Children's Wing rooms D-H*
4:30 pm Women's Covenant Small Group/Cole, *Asbury*
5:30 pm Feed the Homeless/WOMEN, *ABCCM*
5:30-6:00 pm CHOW Dinner-YOUTH FUNDRAISER, *FH (reservations required by noon on Mondays)*
6:15-7:30 pm K-6th Grade God's Kids & Elementary Choirs (age-based split sessions), *Children's Wing*
6:15-7:30 pm Nursery Play! (Birth-4), *Children's Wing*
6:30 pm 7th-12th Youth Small Group, *meet @ SUMC, then go off-site)*
6:30 pm Adult Small Groups
7:30 pm Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
7:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, *FH*

3/28 Thursday

- 7:30 am Women in the Word, *Prayer Room*
9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*
12:00-5:30 pm Traditional Worship Planning/piano lessons-Jones, *Sanctuary*
2:00 pm Office Team/Bulletin-Newsletter, *Chapel*

3/29 Friday

- 9:00 am Christian Yoga Lenten Series for Women, *Youth Arena*
9:00 am-2:00 pm ATS Preschool, *Children's Wing, Wesley, Colonnade, FH*
9:15 am Set Up for Welcome Table, *Kitchen*
10:00 am Women of Faith, *Aldersgate*

3/30 Saturday

- 9:30-11:00 am The Welcome Table Community Breakfast, *FH, Kitchen*

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE — MARCH 17, 2019

* **ONLINE GIVING NOW** * on our website: skylandumc.com

- ⇒ Give online to Skyland UMC in a safe and secure manner using your debit or credit card.
- ⇒ Make a quick, one-time donation or set up recurring payments.
- ⇒ Receive a quarterly and year-end statement of your contributions.

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>NET INCOME</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
WKLY Actual	\$ 32,110.70	\$ 2,443.61	\$ 29,667.09	<i>(March 11 -</i>
WKLY Budget	\$ 10,862.15	\$ 12,106.92	\$ (1,244.77)	<i>March 17)</i>
YTD Actual	\$ 142,004.17	\$ 114,779.46	\$ 27,224.71	Small Groups: 113
YTD Budget	\$ 119,483.65	\$ 133,176.12	\$ (13,692.47)	Worship: 306

OFFERING EXTRAS:

Building Fund	\$ 50.00	Sunday School Offering	\$ 10.00
Children's Ministry	\$ 3.02	Wesley Class Fund	\$ 27.00
Memorial—Lanning	\$ 150.00	Special Offerings	\$.00

2019 Pledges	\$ 472,194 = 115 pledges
+ Projected Non-pledge Income	+ 94,438 = 20%
= Total Projected 2019 Income	\$ 566,632
Approved 2019 Budget (Jan.-June)	\$ 629,560 = 2nd quarter (Jan.-June)
	\$314,780

2019 PERSONALIZED OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the Colonnade. If you did not request offering envelopes with your name on them but would like some, please call Terri Miller at the church office. Thank you.

OPTION FOR QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS If you want to receive your **2019 quarterly contribution statements** by email rather than mail, please contact Terri Miller at skyumc_mrk@bellsouth.net if to make this change; many of you have already noted that on your Annual Stewardship Commitment Card. You will still receive your year-end statement by mail for your tax records.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

NEEDS AND CONCERNS (New ones in ***Bold Italics***) *This list has been refreshed; please call church office to add /remove names.*

Margaret Grace Crawford, Al Gass, Wilma Grobe, David Hultberg, ***Lois Jackson***, Patrick Matthews, Sue Nicholson, Carol Potts, Millie Smith, Frank Szymanski, Mary Jo Trail

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW U.S. CITIZENS! **Jaco, Renata, Hanro, and Migna du Plessis**, who became naturalized American citizens at their Oath of Allegiance Ceremony on February 28, 2019.

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERINGS IN MARCH benefit Trauma Intervention Program of WNC, a non-profit, volunteer organization providing immediate emotional & practical support to victims & their families after a tragedy. A TIP volunteer is available 24/7/365 to be called into a situation by emergency services personnel.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN! The **Marian King Children's Library** located on a cart in the colonnade has a **new on-going contest**: a star will be put by your name on the chart for every returned book. When you have 10 stars, you will receive a yummy reward. The book cart has award-winning literature hand selected for content for children ages infancy to young adolescent. Need a colorful bag to carry your books? Ask for one, and happy reading! **Library Cart Hours**: Sundays 10:40-11:00 a.m., Wednesdays 6:00-6:15 p.m., volunteers needed during these times. For **more info** or **to volunteer**, please call Marian Gass, 828-684-5246.

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MISSIONS, PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, YOUTH, & MUSIC MINISTRIES



MISSIONS @ SKYLAND (1 of our 17 local missions financially supported by your giving to our SUMC Budget): **March highlight: Loving Food**

Resources is a nonprofit food pantry located at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church to provide food, health, and personal care items to persons living with HIV/AIDS or persons receiving home hospice care. www.lovingfood.org

Opportunities to Serve: **ABCCM** cooks/servers 4th Wednesday; **Welcome Table** servers 1st Saturday. Contact: Joy Moss ***Estes Elementary—WINTER - SPRING**

UPDATED Needs! (place in colonnade bin): **NOT TAKING BOOKS AT THIS TIME;**

Special Needs: Rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fruits, canned vegetables, soups, Chef Boyardee canned foods, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast foods (oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, etc.), baking supplies (flour, sugar, oil, etc.)



NURSERY MINISTRY: ages birth - 4 years - Your child is loved and nurtured by Nursery staff & volunteers, using age-appropriate lessons that include music, games, crafts, books, snacks, and (of course) play! **Childcare is available** in the preschool/children's wing **during all worship services, Sunday small group times, and**

Wednesday night activities. Our staff & volunteers are background checked as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy and are CPR & First Aid certified.



ATSP NEWS - Registration for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year is now open. Please contact the Preschool office (684-2645) if you are interested in registering or would like to schedule a tour.

REGULAR SCHEDULES (see Welcome Card / Calendar Insert for changes)				
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY				
Day	Program	Ages	Time	NOTES
Sun	Children's Church (not 1st Sundays)	4 years - 2nd grade	9:25/10:55 a.m.	After Children's Sermon
Sun	Bible Exploration	3rd-5th grade	4:45-5:45 p.m.	
Wed	Nursery Play!	Birth - 4yrs.	6:15 - 7:30 p.m.	
Wed	God's Kids	K - 6th grade	6:15 - 7:30 p.m.	
PRE-TEEN & YOUTH MINISTRY				
Day	Program	Ages	Time	NOTES
Sun	Confirmation Class	6th grade	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	
Sun	Youth Dinner	7th - 12th grade	6:00-6:30 p.m.	
Sun	Youth Group	7th - 12th grade	6:30-7:30 p.m.	
Sun	828 Youth Group	7th - 12th grade	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Date TBA
Wed	Youth Small Group	7th - 12th grade	6:30-7:30 p.m.	
MUSIC MINISTRY				
Day	Program	Ages	Time	NOTES
Sun	Skyland Ringers	9th-12th & Adult	4:00-5:00 p.m.	
Sun	Joy Bells	6th-8th & Adult	5:00-6:00 p.m.	
Sun	Notes from Heaven Chimes	3rd-5th	6:00-7:00 p.m.	
Wed	Elementary Choirs	K - 6th grade	6:15-7:30 p.m.	
Wed	Chancel Choir	Adults	7:30-9:00 p.m.	
Wed	Worship Team	Adults	7:30-9:00 p.m.	

YOUTH FUNDRAISER AT C.H.O.W. MEAL - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 Make your CHOW meal reservations and come let our Youth serve you a great meal! All money received during this special C.H.O.W. meal will go toward Youth mission trips and events (CCC, Wilderness Trail, retreats).

LOVE, GROW, SERVE During Lent, our Missions Committee wants us all to reflect on and be intentional in our service to others. A new display in the colonnade, and its purpose is to encourage our congregation to share their mission/service work. Please write your service on the paper - for example: *My family helped at Welcome Table* or *I walked dogs at the animal shelter*, etc. Let's completely fill the letters SERVE during the Lenten season with our mission work. Visit the display and share with each other how we're serving in and out of the church.

WANT TO HELP AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS? Don't forget United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). With 100% of any funds you contribute, our United Methodist Church responds to recovery effort needs. Make checks payable to Skyland UMC and note on *Memo line* the Advance # for your contribution: **United States Disaster Response Advance #901670** OR **International Disaster Response Advance #982450**. Learn more at: www.umcor.org

FAITH IN ACTION DAY: Sunday, April 7, 12:30-4:15 p.m. We are going to Haywood Street Congregation (UMC) in downtown Asheville to work at the Welcome Table and in the Garden and Clothes Closet, as well as eat and worship. **Please sign up** on the poster in the colonnade.

OUR COLLEGE CARE TEAM needs names and addresses of our current college students. We would like to send care packages and notes of encouragement to them. Please call or text Melissa Hill at 828-230-5950 with your student's information or if you would like to help this team.

NEW UMW GROUP Grace Circle of United Methodist Women has formed and meets at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Givens Gerber Park. Women of all faiths are welcome to join us April 10 for our next meeting. **Please contact Betty Thompson (828-55205765) for meeting location and more info.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SKYLAND UMC'S NEXT BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, May 14, 1:00- 6:00 p.m. If your last blood donation was before March 19, you can donate (*unless you donated "double red cells", which has a 4-month eligibility period*). PLEASE NOTE: An FDA guideline states that you cannot donate if you have had teeth cleaned during the 3 days immediately preceding the drive. **Sign-ups begin Sunday, April 21**, and we look forward to a successful drive on May 14!

MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Wes Sharpe, Senior Pastor

Rev. Joy Moss, Associate Pastor/Children's Ministry, revjoy@bellsouth.net

Lance Craig, Youth Ministry/Contemporary Worship, lancecraig@bellsouth.net

Linda Jones, Traditional Worship/Handbells, linda.t.jones@charter.net

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:45 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:45 am - 2:00 pm

(Hours may vary due to staff schedules or weather conditions.)

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