



## Earth Day, 2018

### Countdown to April 22

The major threat to our island home is **plastic**. The theme of Earthday, April 22, is ending plastic pollution:

"From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

"In response, Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics."

Visit the site <https://www.earthday.org/>  
Or look for and like the Facebook Page:  
**Earth Day Network**

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## The Easter Bunny Needs Your Help

Yes, the Big Bunny is looking for candy or prize-filled eggs, along with assistance in hiding the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt after church on April 1. Please let Martie know how many eggs with candy you are able to contribute. Stuffed eggs should be delivered to the church office by March 29.

## Empty Bowls



**Empty Bowls** is a fundraiser benefitting Neighbors in Need of Madison County. For a 15-dollar admission fee, you receive soup served in a beautiful pottery bowl. The pottery bowls were made by MHU students and local potters who donated them for the event. (And you get to keep the bowl!) Salads included with the soup – and yes, there is a vegetarian option. We've heard through the grapevine that in the past enough people from Holy Spirit Church have attended to fill their own table, so come on and join the gang!

**Wednesday, April 18, 5:00 - 7:00pm**

**Mars Hill Baptist Church**

**67 N. Main Street, Mars Hill**

## From Kathleen Phillips

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL** for our extended family at Holy Spirit, and for the many ministrations bestowed on Harold and me during his last months of Earthly life and his final days at the Solace Center. There is a host of unsung heroes among you who contributed in a variety of ways to making the way smoother and to creating a wonderful Celebration of Life on March 17. Thank you.

Among Harold’s many books and papers the following quote surfaced. I’ll let it speak for him as few other words can:

“This is the true joy in life: Being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little cloud of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and, as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die. For the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake.

Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch that I have hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

— George Bernard Shaw

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mary Filiss .....	1
Mike Ray.....	3
Evan Small.....	4
Terry O’Keefe .....	8
Gwyneth Tuck.....	11
Gary Brumo.....	13
Elizabeth Sparrow .	14
Tamma Moriarty..	15
Justin Reilly.....	21
Marcia Schneider..	21
Indigo Hollister.....	22
Rob Mangum .....	24
Amy Carlson.....	25
Taylor Barnhill.....	26
Saya Jane King ....	29
Tom Panek .....	30

## Community Discussion

Please join in the community discussion about gun violence prevention to be held on Sunday, April 15, in the sanctuary following the service. If you cannot attend, but have ideas to share about this issues, please contact Rebecca Sharp at rsharp25@gmail.com.

## Improving Housing ... One Home at a Time

### Community Housing Coalition: First Sunday Offering in April

The Community Housing Coalition of Madison County (CHC) came into existence in 2000-2001, when an ad hoc coalition of community organizations lamented about the fragmentation of resources supporting the housing needs of low income residents in the county. Many were (and remain) land poor, surviving on Social Security or Disability Assistance; 43% of the housing stock is either mobile or stick-built homes built prior to 1940.

Because no independent organization existed to address this need, CHC was incorporated in 2002 and received 501(c)(3) status in 2003. Since then, CHC has continued to evolve while remaining true to its mission of serving very low income elderly, disabled, or single parents. Initially it depended on summer mission groups from North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and other states. Faith-based teams traveled into Madison County to repair leaky roofs, replace broken doors and windows, or build handicap ramps to ensure mobility. . . . and all this was FREE to the homeowner.

Then five years ago, a new program for assistance was launched. The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program (NHN) is a "giving back" approach. While summer groups remain essential, NHN taps clients who have been served and local organizations, churches, and individuals to volunteer year round.

Once a month on a Saturday, these teams address the same needs, improving housing . . . one home at a time.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit has had a major role in developing and implementing the NHN program. Our own June Trevor researched and launched the program. Stephanie McCullough now oversees NHN. She is always looking for volunteers and can be reached by email at [volunteercoordinator@chcmadisoncountync.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@chcmadisoncountync.org)

Holy Spirit Church has been a strong supporter of CHC over the years, donating through the Outreach Committee and by volunteering. Larry Burda, Jennifer Woodruff, Jennifer Reda, Susan Sherard, and Lin Von Dreele currently serve on the Board of Directors.

—Lin Von Dreele

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*Remember to bring a flashlight to the Easter Vigil. And if you plan to join the Easter egg hunt after the service, bring an Easter basket.*

## The Original Girl Scout Cookie Recipe from 1922

**It was simple. The girls baked the cookies themselves. There was only one type of**

**cookie.** "The ingredients for a batch of six to seven dozen cookies clocked in at 26 to 36 cents, which in today's money is less than six dollars. The Scouts could sell a dozen cookies for about the same amount, making a tidy profit." The 1920's became the heyday of the homemade Girl Scout cookie. Here's the recipe:

- 1 cup of butter, or substitute
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 tablespoons of milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla
- 2 cups of flour
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder

Cream butter and sugar; add well-beaten eggs, then milk, flavoring, flour, and baking powder. Roll thin and bake in quick oven. (Sprinkle sugar on top.) Makes six to seven dozen.

Modern-day tips (not part of the original recipe): Refrigerate batter for at least one hour before rolling and cutting cookies. Bake in a quick oven (375°) for approximately 8 to 10 minutes or until the edges begin to brown.

In 1933, Girl Scouts of Greater Philadelphia Council baked cookies and sold them in the city's gas and electric company windows. The price was just 23 cents per box of 44 cookies, or six boxes for \$1.24!

Girls developed their marketing and business skills and raised funds for their local Girl Scout council. But a year later, Greater Philadelphia took cookie sales to the next level, becoming the first council to sell commercially baked cookies.

In 1935, the Girl Scout Federation of Greater New York also raised money through the sale of commercially baked cookies. Buying its own die in the shape of a trefoil, the Girl Scout Federation of Greater New York used the words "Girl Scout Cookies" on the box.

In 1936, the national Girl Scout organization began the process of licensing the first commercial bakers to produce cookies that would be sold nationwide by girls in Girl Scout councils.

*[Editor's Note: I bought a box of Girl Scout cookies a while ago outside Lowe's near Weaverville, then came home and researched the cookie history on the internet. Was I a Girl Scout? you ask. Yes, briefly. But it was when I was a Brownie that I went door to door selling GS cookies in the little town of Berwick, PA.]*

### Side Door Key: An Update

Danny Wyatt, our church warden, recently installed a new door knob at the handicapped entrance. He switched brands, and consequently the knob could not be re-keyed to match the other locks.

Many of you have keys to the former knob of the side entrance. Those keys will no longer unlock that door. You may either get a new key made or use the key in the lock box.

## A Trouble-Maker and Warrior

— by Rebecca Sharp

Let's be clear: Jesus caused trouble. He deliberately got lost as a child, healed people on the Sabbath, walked among the lepers, flipped tables at the Temple, stood up for outcasts and prostitutes. And, topping all that, claimed to be God incarnate.

So why should I be surprised when he comes causing me trouble, too? Can't he just continue hanging out in heaven? Can't he merely send his thoughts and prayers? But please, I beg him, don't ask me to get lost, flip tables, or stand with the outcasts, too. Or anything else causing me discomfort.

Yes, Jesus was a warrior as well as a trouble-maker, which is why I love and respect him, and will walk with him. He fought against the norms of his day, the institutional norms that kept everyone in their place for the sake of the status quo.

Fast forward to our time: many communities across this country are broken. The institutionalized norm depicting violence and guns as glamorous, cool, and okay is a broken norm. Valuing the "right to bear arms" as greater than our children's right to safety in their schools is a broken norm.

Is the right to bear arms more valuable than my right to feel safe while attending a concert or going to the mall?

Where does Jesus come down in all of this? Is he a member of the NRA? Is he preaching the Second Amendment? Is he a Democrat or a Republican? Is he merely sending thoughts and prayers to victims of violence?

None of the above. Instead, he wept. He carried the weight of the cross. He allowed himself to be stripped, wounded, and hung on the cross to die. We denied him, hid from him, stood quietly and watched while sending our thoughts and prayers.

But then the amazing happened: Jesus came alive! Resurrected from the dead to heal and save us! We too can be resurrected from our fear, apathy, doubt, and silence. But first we must weep, acknowledge our shortcomings, be stripped of the protective layers over our wounds, join in carrying the cross, and die to the world and its norms.

"For it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Jesus needs our help to create the kingdom of God in this world. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

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## Trouble-Maker and Warrior

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Yes, I have the right to worry about my own immediate world. Jesus had the right to ignore the call of God. It was a fearful call, one that led to death. Jesus may have wished he could simply continue on in his life of preaching, with an occasional fishing trip.

But in the end he knew he had to respond to that dreadful call. He chose God and ultimately you and me over his individual right. I am thankful he did. I love him for this.

I love him enough to heed his call to me, to walk with him. To give up my right to my preferred life for that of the greater good of the community. To walk the walk of the warrior.

Join in our community discussion about gun violence and prevention! It will follow the service Sunday, April 15, in the sanctuary. If you cannot attend, but have ideas to share about this issue, contact me, Rebecca Sharp.

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## COMMUNITY APPALACHIAN RIVER DANCE

# An Appalachian Dance Party

Marshall High Studios

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 7:00 -10:pm

*\$5 per Couple with Madison High or MHU ID*

### Master of Ceremonies

Frederick Park

Circles, Squares, Contras and Waltzes

### Musicians

David Holt Susi Gott

Bob Willoughby

**This is Appalachia! Come join your Community Dance!**

## What's Happening in April at Mars Hill U ?

### The Department of Music invites you to these upcoming Spring Concerts:

- April 4** - Guest Voice/Clarinet Recital featuring Denise Gainey and Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk at **7:30 PM** in Broyhill Chapel
- April 9** - Percussion Ensemble Concert at **7:30 PM** in Moore Auditorium.
- April 16** - Student Percussion Ensemble featuring Luke Rathbone at **7:30 PM** in Moore Auditorium
- April 17** - Chamber Ensemble Concert at **7:30 PM** in Broyhill Chapel
- April 19** - Spring Wind Symphony Concert at **7:30 PM** in Moore Auditorium.
- April 20** - MHU University Choir Concert at **7:30 PM** in Broyhill Chapel

**These Events are Open to the Public!**

### The Department of Theatre Arts invites you to its Production of "Proof"

*On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father, who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness—or genius—will she inherit?*

**April 26, 27, 28** at **7:30 PM**, **April 29** at **2:30 PM**

Location TBD, as Owen Theatre might be under construction  
\$8 for Senior Citizens and \$10 for Community (this fee might change)

**Editor's Note: Our thanks to Debra Alexander for the above information.**

## From Our Reporter Sarah Smith in Armenia Comes the Final Email

Hello Everyone!

My 27-month time in Armenia is almost over. Only have six weeks remain until I head back to the States.

I have greatly enjoyed my experience. Would I do it again? Yes and No. Even though I am 100% glad that I had this experience, the experience has not always been enjoyable.

There are many cultural/environmental items in Armenia that I am not fond of, such as the roles of women and men and what is expected, treatment of animals, and the long, cold winters.

I have been compiling a list of things that I will miss about living in Armenia and I thought I would share it with you. It is not in any particular order. I am sure the list will continue to grow over the next year.

### What I will miss

The option to accept candy from strangers (not really an option since it's rude not to).

Personal packages delivered by public transportation.

Marshutneys and buses picking up people anywhere along the route.

Cheap fruit, vegetables, and bread.

Delicious bread, homemade everyday.

Wearing the same clothes multiple days in a row.

Helping others considered more important than being on time.

The slow pace of life — taking time to talk.

Safety rules not dominating the country.

The general feeling of safety.

Food not being wasted.

Being a part of the Peace Corps community.

Making meals from scratch.

The physical view of a developing country.

Working with what you got.

Patience and acceptance of broken kitchen and bathroom appliances.

Living in a post Soviet Union Country and seeing the effects.

Flexibility of work schedule/hours.

Armenian coffee breaks — Armenian hospitality in general.

Being in a country that is not touristy, giving an authentic experience.

Not feeling guilty about buying cookies and candy.

Not worrying about my purse while walking in public.

The affection that males show towards one another in public.

My host mom Narine and her hugs.

Getting my pepper from the spice lady.

Spontaneously visiting homes without an appointment.

Intimate connection with my PCV friends.

The love at Emili Aregak (my workplace).