



# Beyond The Columns

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## Palm Sunday vs Passion Sunday ... A Time to Reflect

*Shout hosanna! The new era, the Great Jubilee, has begun!*

or

*The somber via dolorosa, "the way of sorrows".*

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' jubilant entry into Jerusalem, essentially a piece of street theater dramatizing Zechariah's ancient prophecy: the long-awaited divine monarch arrives on a humble donkey, announcing "peace to the nations" ([Zech 9:9-10](#)). *Shout hosanna! The new era, the Great Jubilee, has begun!*

2) Passion Sunday, on the other hand, tells the story of Jesus' suffering and death, anticipating that at least some won't observe Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday later in the week — and so, rather than skip directly from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday ("Hosanna!" to "Alleluia!"), some devote this

Sunday to reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross.

Passion Sunday often omits (or only briefly mentions) the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, in part because of the stark difference in mood between the jubilant parade and the somber *via dolorosa*, "the way of sorrows." But this contrastive tension is at the heart of the overall narrative: the one betrayed and deserted in the passion is none other than the one hailed as the long-awaited divine monarch — as the Palm Sunday account, with its exuberant echoes of Zechariah, makes vividly clear. So far from emotional whiplash, then, the descent from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify

him!" is essential to the Gospel. Indeed, as Matthew tells it, Jesus moves immediately from the joy of the procession to the anger of cleansing the temple ([Matthew 21:12-17](#)).

Whatever approach is taken, the main thing is to remember that Holy Week is a kind of choreography or symphony, with distinct movements unfolding over time: from "Hosanna in the highest!" to "Surely not I, Lord?" to "Take, eat; this is my body" to "Let this cup pass from me" to "I do not know the man!" to "Let him be crucified!" to "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" to "He is not here; for he has been raised." One way or another, these movements require time and space to be felt and understood, and so letting the symphony play out over the course of a week is ideal and gives ample time for reflection. 2—Palm Sunday

# Renovation Project to Begin Apr. 16

Two renovation projects are scheduled to begin the Monday after Easter: flooring in the lower sanctuary wing and the restorative work to the sanctuary organ.

The flooring project includes all of the hallway in the lower sanctuary wing (excluding the ramp and the Sutherlin narthex area that are carpeted to match the sanctuary), two classrooms, the Dunglinson-Roberts room, and the small kitchen area. It includes the hallway area of the Day School as well.

As part of the project Bob Newnam Construction will work to eliminate the unevenness of the hallway area in at least one location. This will allow for the vinyl plank flooring to lay flat and eliminate fall hazards.

Water hog entry runners will be strategically placed to avoid falls caused by wet flooring due to inclement weather.

When that work is completed, Danville Paint & Supply will install the selected flooring.

At the same time, Grooms and Payne will begin a six week renovation of the sanctuary organ. The work on the Schlicker organ includes installing an electronic console which will eliminate the unreliable organ stops. The pipes will have sleeves installed to improve the ability to tune the organ and the organ chamber will be thoroughly cleaned.

The cost of these renovations will be covered by funding from the sale of the apartment complex and a portion of the flooring project will be paid from day school funds received during the Covid pandemic.

## Worship moves to Overbey Hall on Apr. 16 for 6 weeks

### Church Events

April 2	Palm Sunday—processional (meet in the DR Room prior to worship )and Confirmation class following worship
April 3	Women's Circle at 12:30 Evening Circle at 7 p.m. at the home of Bunny Hayes
April 4	Property Committee Meeting
April 5	NO YOUTH GROUP
April 6	Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service at 6 p.m.
April 9	Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt
April 11	Session Meeting at 7 p.m.
April 15	Abukloi School Presentation at 1 p.m. South Sudan Mission Project
April 16	Confirmation Class
April 19	Wednesday Night Supper at 6
April 26	Confirmation Class
May 14	Mother's Day
May 16	Last Bell Rehearsal
May 21	Day School Sunday





# Abukloi

*We Can Do It!*

**ARE YOU OR YOUR CONGREGATION INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION...?**

## *What is Abukloi...?*

Founded in 2010 to help rebuild a country torn by war and poverty, the **Abukloi Foundation** supports a secondary school designed to "...preserve, create and disseminate knowledge and dignity of individuals through quality and relevant teaching..."

## *How can I help...?*

In the coming months, Angelo Maker, the founder of Abukloi, will visit the six Neighborhoods of the Presbytery to join in fellowship and share the vision and progress of Abukloi as it seeks to build "...human communities of love, honesty, justice and harmony..."

## *Where can I learn more...?*

Please join members of the Justice & Mercy Commission South Sudan Subcommittee and Angelo Maker at one of the upcoming Neighborhood gatherings to share in a sampling of delicious South Sudanese food and hear of the opportunities to ensure Abukloi and its school become the self-sustaining institutions the region needs...

## *When...?*

**RSVP BY  
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Abukloi website:  
[abukloi.org](http://abukloi.org)



The first gathering will be  
**Saturday, April 15 at 1pm**

*\*Southside Neighborhood\**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Danville**

937 Main Street  
Danville, VA 24541

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Joyce Jobe  
Linda Copeland
- 4 Benjamin Kassa
- 5 Philip Baughman  
Will Brown
- 19 Charlotte Lowther
- 20 Luis Abreu
- 22 Gwen Baucom
- 30 Bracken Erwin  
Karan Johnson

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pat Argyrakis
- 5 Nancy S. Clayton
- 7 Gary Wimer
- 8 Jackie Rochford
- 9 Cabell Barrow
- 10 Kathy Dolianitis
- 11 Martha Cutright
- 12 Leigh Blount  
Kimberly Clifton  
Frank van  
Valkenburg IV
- 15 Kathryn Beale
- 18 Gene Hayes  
Jim Turner
- 20 Brannon Blount  
Lyla Parris
- 21 Lois Hayes
- 30 Catie Clarke
- 31 Victoria Shelton

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the church courtyard on April 9th at 10:30am.

Please bring a basket or bag to collect eggs.



Rain plan is Overbey Fellowship Hall  
at 10:30am.

## NEWS FROM THE DAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Registration is open to the public. Please pass the word that we have openings in all classes but they're quickly filling up!

If you see our co-director, Laine, please deliver your best wishes as she and Scott Waller were married on February 10th in Key West! **Day**

We enjoyed a field trip to the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History at the end of January and our dear Karan Johnson blessed the children in the 3's and 4's with her lesson on quilts. Enjoy the pictures from their trip! The four year olds also visited Danville Family Vet at the end of February for a tour of the facility and to see the pups on site!

Thank you for continued prayers for our children, families and wonderful teachers. We remain blessed.



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# MISSION FOCUS ON CHRIST FOR THE ISLAND WORLD

*The combination of an all-volunteer US staff and workers who all are Indonesian nationals results in an extraordinary amount of ministry per dollar donated! All of our Indonesian workers are Bible School or Seminary Graduates. We give the Lord the credit for what continues to be accomplished through CFTIW!*

## Our Purpose

*We are a faith based Christian organization whose goal is to glorify and honor God by devoting ourselves to the Great Commission. We serve through partnerships with Indonesian Christians in evangelistic, church planting and humanitarian efforts among the remaining unreached and under reached peoples of the country of Indonesia. Our primary contributions to this partnership are prayer, financial support, and encouragement to the workers and sharing the ministry with you.*

## Highlights of Ministry:

The chief priest of the village of Karuku, Sumba was miraculously cured of a life-threatening disease earlier this year through the prayers of CFTIW-supported worker Sem Hungababa from the nearby village of Pulupanjang. He told Sem:

**“Your God is stronger than my god.” and he accepted Christ! Seeing this, eight families have also accepted Christ and Sem expects more to follow!**

Karuku now has a thriving community of believers which led to an open door for a Living Water Project in this area.



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## Global Workers:

We pray for Blacknail global workers Tom and Judy Harvey. Tom is the academic Dean at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies where he counsels students, writes, and speaks. Judy is an ordained Anglican priest who serves on the staff of St. Andrews Church. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - DANVILLE

Founded in 1826, we were the first organized congregation in Danville.

Our sanctuary and offices are located at 937 Main St, next door to the Sutherlin Mansion and Museum and a few blocks west of downtown.

You can reach us at  
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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Words can never express my gratitude for the many ways our church ministered to my family and I following Jerry's illness and subsequent death.

The cards, abundance of food, flowers, and the many thoughtful notes are deeply appreciated as our family adapts. We continue to rely on the strength of the Lord to gird us in this time of continued grief.

Pastor Beth

