

APRIL 2023

# THE COURIER

A Monthly Publication of The Inter-Faith Chapel  
*A House of Prayer for All People*

## From the desk of Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea

Each year, as April approaches, there is much excitement in our area as we focus on the opening of the famed cherry blossoms surrounding the Tidal Basin. During this first full month of Spring, we also enjoy the blooming of the flowering trees lining Leisure World Boulevard and the opening of flowers filling our landscape.

It is appropriate that the month of April is the time when trees and flowers begin to reach their peak opening because the name April comes from the Latin word *Aperire*, meaning "to open."

April is a month for *opening* a window and letting in fresh air. April is a season for *opening* your closet and bringing out Spring clothes. April is also a time for *us* to be *open* to seeing the beauty of God's creation and experiencing the goodness of God everywhere.

We are called to live lives that are open (*aperire*) to God's presence and blessings. Julian of Norwich wrote, "The purpose of prayer is to be fully open to God, and with God, in all things." When our hearts, minds, and spirits are open to God, we are most fully alive and operating at our best.

During this month of *Aperire* (April), The Inter-Faith Chapel offers several special opportunities to be fully open to God through prayer and worship:

April opens with Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem and commemorate the last week of his pre-resurrection life.

On Maundy Thursday we will join together to honor the great mandate of loving one another and remember the night that Jesus initiated The Lord's Supper.

Good Friday opens us to the shadow of the cross and the death of Christ.

Easter calls us to the ultimate *aperire* (opening) of the grave and victory over the enemies to being fully open such as fear, worry, darkness, and death.

As we journey through this meaningful month of April (*Aperire*) let us become more open (*aperire*) people. Open handed in working together in love. Open minded to respecting the differences of others. Let us open the doors of our hearts, and open the doors of The Inter-Faith Chapel, to welcome everyone.

This April, let us be open to God in everything, everywhere, all at once!

Openly yours,

*-Woodie*

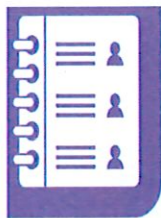
## Did you make your photography appointment?



A professional photographer will be at The Chapel to take pictures for our new directory from Wednesday, April 26 – Friday, April 28 and again on Wednesday, May 10. If you are interested and do not have an appointment, call The Chapel office at 301-598-5312 from 9 am – 3 pm, Monday through Friday. The staff will let you know what appointment times are available.

If you already have an appointment, please remember the following.

- Allow one hour for your appointment, as you will view your proofs while you are here.
- If your picture will be in the directory, you will receive one free 8 X 10. You may purchase additional photos. Bring a debit or credit card, as the directory company will NOT accept cash or checks.
- Call 301-598-5312 if you need to cancel, so someone else may use your appointment.



## Name and Address List

An updated, printed congregational list, including names, addresses and telephone numbers, is available for pickup at The Chapel office.

You may come to the office between 9 am – 3 pm, Monday – Friday to pick up a list.

This list is intended to help members and friends of The Chapel stay connected and the information is for your personal use only.

## APRIL PRAYER

Prayer for Easter Morning



As the world sings triumphant cries to heaven over death that you conquered, help us, Lord, tomorrow as well, when the dresses are put away and the candy is all eaten and on with life we go let us not forget.

The celebration of your resurrection over death is a celebration of life that should continue well beyond the sunrise service and the music, rehearsed for days prior; it is beyond the sign of spring, beyond the lily, beyond new lambs grazing in open fields.

Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear; man's greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of our yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young our old our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action.

This alone, the most touching and profound of your signs that fear is dead and belief in you brings, not just hope but life.

What better living parable could You have brought? All fear death. All. Even in the garden, You took on our fear if for only moments, it was as real as our fears can be real and You knew then that this single enemy must be destroyed.

And, You sacrificed your life, leaving those who had been comfort, and follower; You left them behind, to conquer fear.

I shall cling to this now, and the tomorrows given me.  
Peace and thanksgiving lifted unto you.

Amen.

- Author Unknown

## AN EASTER PRAYER

*Fr. Larry Snyder*

Good and gracious God,  
Our most glorious Creator,  
As we greet the signs in nature around us:  
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,  
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,  
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the  
resurrection of your Son,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality.

For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.

As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us,  
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us,  
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,

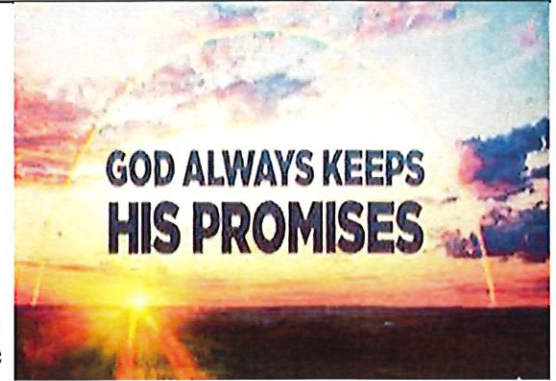
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.

Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

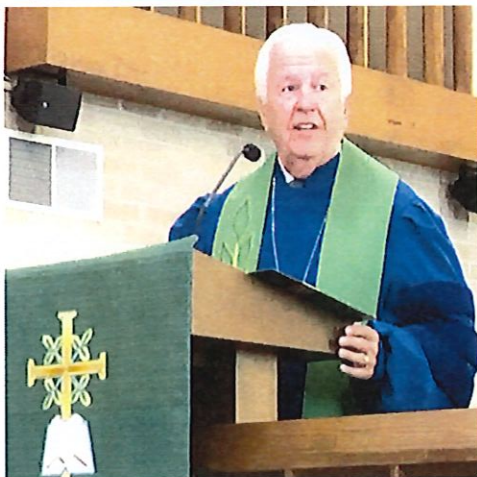
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.



### Thank You from Minister Emeritus

During the Sunday morning worship service on February 12<sup>th</sup>, I was surprised in a most wonderful manner! On that day, I was awarded the title of Minister Emeritus of The Inter-Faith Chapel.



My heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving to be honored in this manner. I loved serving as Senior Minister of the Chapel for almost 14 years. It is a most special congregation to serve. The Chapel is rich with wonderful members who have always been most supportive of my ministry. I give thanks for my continuing time with The Chapel and delight in being able to continue to serve the Savior who loves us all. It is with a most grateful heart that I say thank you to one and all.

Rev. Dr. Robert Perry  
Minister Emeritus

## Inter-Faith Chapel Gospel Choir

Come and make joyful music to the Lord! Sing with the Inter-Faith Chapel Gospel Choir. We are looking for those who enjoy singing a variety of music, including gospel. As you know, "gospel" means good news. Music should edify God and sing of His omnipotence and greatness.

This choir will be directed by Glenda Clay. She has a rich background in church music stretching over 60 years. Glenda earned a bachelor's and master's degree in music education and completed post graduate work in administration and ministry. Glenda has studied with Gloria Gaither Songwriting Intensive, Babbie Mason, and Write About Jesus.



In her professional roles, Glenda has served as a church musician, music teacher, adjudicator, choral director (all levels), honors chorus director, minister of music, pastor, composer and arranger. Her music has been published in *One Lord, One Faith One Baptism Hymnal*. Glenda's music has been performed throughout the country and she has presented full concerts featuring her compositions of Introits, Benedictions, Choral (Anthems), and Gospel selections. Additionally, Glenda's music has also been recorded by the Mark Dubbeld Family. Glenda feels that every song glorifying God should be a testament of His power.

If you are interested in the Inter-Faith Chapel Gospel Choir, email [glendaclay615@gmail.com](mailto:glendaclay615@gmail.com). Indicate whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, starting on April 20.



## SPRINGTIME APRIL BABY SHOWER

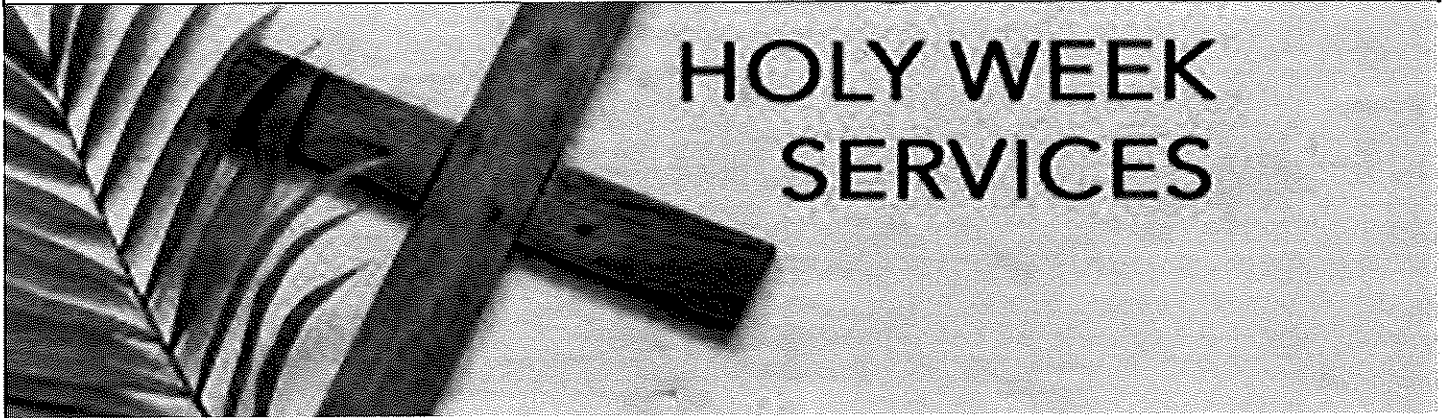
Sponsored by the  
**Club to help the Homeless and Working Poor (CHWP)**  
 Wednesday, April 19 from 9:00 am to 12 Noon

It's Baby Shower time again. Please mark your calendars Wednesday, April 19 from 9:00 am to 12 Noon. The CHWP will be at the Clubhouse One entrance for curbside drop off and in the Montgomery Room. Layette items for newborns and babies up to a few months old will gratefully be received. Some suggested items would be blankets, sleepers, crib sheets, bibs, bath products, and diapers (both disposable and cloth).

Should you not be in a position to shop for baby items, monetary donations are welcome. Checks should be made payable to The Inter-Faith Chapel and reference CHWP Baby Shower. They can be dropped off or mailed to 3680 S. Leisure World Blvd, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

All donations will be given to Interfaith Works for its Welcome Baby program.

Thank you in advance for your generous and continued support.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**April 2, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record the arrival of Jesus riding into the city while the crowds waved palm branches and spread them on the street to honor Him. The laying of palm branches was customary for a king and indicated that the dignitary was arriving in victory and triumph. However, immediately after this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, He begins His journey to the cross.

A hand-crafted African palm cross will be given to each person who attends the service. Villagers near Masasi, Tanzania earn wages to support their families by weaving these crosses from palm leaves.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 6, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

Maundy Thursday is so called from the Latin *diem Christus mandatum* (the day of Christ's great mandate). After Jesus washed His disciples' feet, He gave them a new *mandate* or *command* to love one another. It was on this evening that Jesus shared the Passover Meal with His disciples, which the Church later adopted as "The Lord's Supper." During this unique service, we will receive Holy Communion through the ancient mode of intinction. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar in preparation for the somberness of Good Friday.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 7, 2023**

**12:00 PM**

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and His death on Calvary. The service will include prayers, readings, music, and a message to provide meditation for us on this holy day.

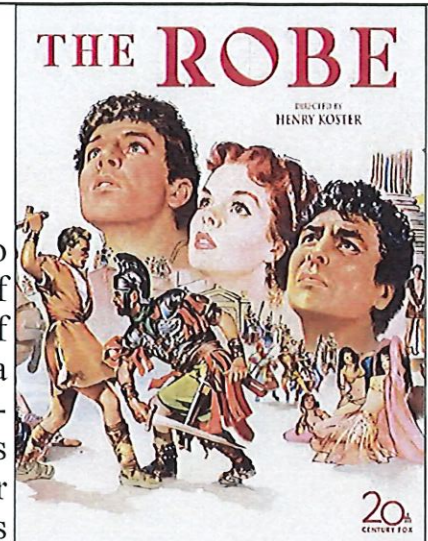
### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 9, 2023**

**9:00 & 11:00 AM**

Easter Sunday is the most important annual religious festival of the Christian liturgical year. On this Sunday, we will celebrate the miracle of the Resurrection and a message proclaiming hope and life will be heard.

**Holy Week Movie: *THE ROBE***  
**Monday, April 3, @ 1:00 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Running time: 2h 15m**



*The Robe* offers a fictional account of the Roman centurion who gambled and won the garment Christ was wearing on the day of his crucifixion. It focuses on the Roman tribunal put in charge of carrying out the crucifixion of Jesus. The movie opens with a slave auction in Rome where Marcellus (played by Richard Burton) angers Caligula, the heir to Emperor Tiberius. Marcellus is separated from his true love Diana and sent to the most unpopular outpost in the empire, Jerusalem. Marcellus arrives just as Jesus enters Jerusalem for the Last Supper. Diana gets Tiberius to recall Marcellus, but his final task in Jerusalem is to lead the crucifixion of Jesus.

While carrying out his assignment, he winds up winning the robe that was taken from Jesus when he was put on the cross. Later, Marcellus, who's wracked by guilt for his part in the crucifixion, is assigned to track down Christians conspiring against the empire. When he finds some Christians and learns what they are really teaching, however, he becomes one.

This powerful story is similar to that of Paul who at first sought to persecute Christians but then became one. *The Robe* has many inspiring moments. It is a wonderful testament to the power of Christian faith. The cast of this film includes Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, and Victor Mature.



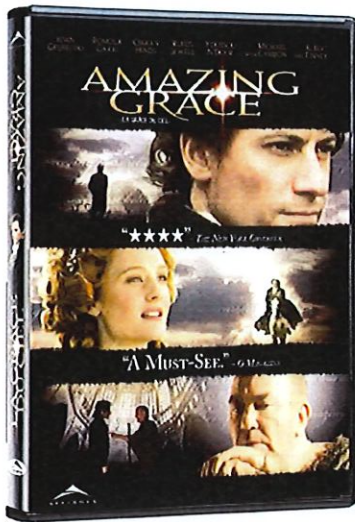
**SPRING FOOD DRIVE**  
**Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17**  
**Drop off under the Portico from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

The Inter-Faith Chapel is sponsoring a Spring Food Drive on **Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17**. You may drop off your non-perishable food items under the portico between the hours of **10:00 AM — 2:00 PM**.

Please check the expiration dates of your donated goods before contributing.

The items will be given to Manna Food Center which works to end hunger in the Montgomery County communities. Their most needed food list includes instant oatmeal, brown rice, dry and canned beans, whole grain pasta, canned (in water) tuna, salmon or chicken, nut butters, low sodium canned vegetables, canned fruit in juice, fruit cups, shelf stable milk boxes, cooking oil, spices, infant formula and baby food.

They do NOT accept soda, cake, candy and cookies.



## Monday at the Movies featuring:

### *Amazing Grace*

Monday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Rating: PG / Running time: 1h 58m

*Amazing Grace* is based on a true story and portrays the life and work of the British politician and abolitionist campaigner William Wilberforce. This film also chronicles the faith journey of a man who struggled to reconcile his passion for justice and politics with his natural inclination to retreat into a secluded life of spiritual contemplation.

The movie opens as the 18th century is trailing to a close. Eight years of fruitless effort promoting abolition have left Wilberforce (a junior member of Parliament in the House of Commons) demoralized and depleted. One observer comments that he's given his youth and his health to a failed cause. Chronic illness has forced Wilberforce to retreat to the home of his cousins Henry and Marianne Thornton to rest and reassess his wherewithal to keep championing an unpopular idea.

The Thorntons introduce Wilberforce to Barbara Spooner, a fiery young woman whose zeal for the abolition movement matches his own. And as he recounts his history to her, lengthy flashbacks fill in his backstory and introduce us to an idiosyncratic cast of supporting characters who play important roles in the battle against slavery.

Among these is the ex-slave trader turned pastor and musician John Newton, who serves as Wilberforce's mentor. The young reformer's best friend is William Pitt, whose political ambitions lead him to the position of prime minister at the tender age of 24. Pitt introduces Wilberforce to two other important reformers, the freethinking (and free-drinking) itinerant preacher Thomas Clarkson and an erudite former slave named Oludah Equiano. Finally, an old fox coincidentally named Lord Fox switches sides after being convinced of Wilberforce's argument. The cagey older politician's help is invaluable as Wilberforce seeks to outmaneuver parliamentary nemeses Lord Tarleton and the Duke of Clarence.

### Affiliates and Friends Residing in Nursing Care Facilities

Each month we encourage our members to wish happy birthday to our affiliates and friends who live in nursing care facilities or group homes.



Please send a card.

**April 21**

Norma Cottman  
20900 New Hampshire Ave  
Brookeville, MD 20833

### Library Book

We have a new addition to the Inter-Faith Library. The book *Twelve Ordinary Men* was written by John MacArthur. It's about the story of how Jesus shaped his disciples for greatness, and what he wants to do for you.

The book takes you to the inner circle of the disciples, their selection, their training, and their personalities.

This is a good read for this Lenten season and will be on display in The Chapel library. If you would like to check it out, a check-out form is located near the basket.



### April is Allergic Rhinitis Month

Allergic rhinitis is known as hay fever. It is an immune system response to environmental allergens like grass, pollen, dust and animal dander. Allergic rhinitis causes can be seasonal or perennial. Seasonal rhinitis is commonly caused by tree pollen, grass pollen, weeds, or mold spores in the spring, summer and fall. Perennial or year round rhinitis is commonly caused from animal dander, cockroaches, house dust mites, mold and fungi. Some symptoms include nasal congestion, sneezing, nasal itching, postnasal drip, and loss of taste. Symptoms affecting the eyes and nose include facial itching, watery eyes, sore throat, facial pain, pressure, headache and discoloration under eyes. Mouth breathing and frequent awakening may lead to sleep difficulties and fatigue. Treatment includes antihistamines, hydrocortisone, decongestants and allergen avoidance.

Allergic rhinitis is not preventable but can be controlled by the following.

- Stay hydrated.
- Keep windows closed when pollen counts are high and use air conditioning if possible.
- Eliminate dust and animal dander from your home.

Consult an allergist or immunologist for allergy testing and medication recommendations.

Take care of yourself and enjoy your life now.

Andra Matthews, RN, BSN  
Health Advocate

### Good Friday



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### In Memoriam

Muriel Killerlain  
March 27, 2023

Peggy Reynolds  
March 22, 2023

Harriet Hall  
February 25, 2023

Jean Dembo  
February 15, 2023





# IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR LIFE IN ORDER

Have you been asked to be the executor or health care advocate for a family member or friend?

Are you worried about the burden your passing may have on loved ones?

Does getting your affairs in order make you anxious because you don't know where to start? Many of us share these concerns.

A workshop on end-of-life issues is being sponsored by the Inter-Faith Chapel. The objective of this discussion is to provide participants with the tools they need to organize their plans so they can move on to enjoying their lives with the knowledge that their affairs are in order. Please feel free to bring a friend!

## WHEN

**Monday, April 24, 2023**

**10am - 12pm**

## WHERE

**The Fellowship Hall**

**The Inter-Faith Chapel**

**3680 Leisure World Blvd**

## COST

**The resource notebook is \$17.00**

## REGISTER NOW

**Call the Chapel office at 301-598-5312**

## OUR PRESENTERS:



**Getting Your Financial  
Life in Order: A Financial  
Planning Perspective**



**10 Things Everyone  
Should Know About  
Funeral Preplanning &  
The Pitfalls To Avoid**



**Are Your Legal Docu-  
ments in Place? An Elder  
Law Attorney's  
Perspective**

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES



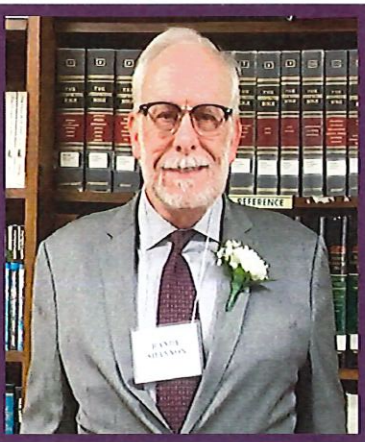
### DOMINGO NIEVES

Domingo (Dom) Nieves is from New York City. He received his undergraduate degree from City University of New York, and a Master in Public Administration from State University of New York at Albany. Dom moved to this area and worked for the U.S. Government Office of General Accountability for 30 years. Upon retiring from the federal government, he earned a MA–TESOL degree (Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from American University and has been teaching ESL classes at Montgomery College for the past 20 years. He has lived in Leisure World since April 2022 and has been attending The Chapel since that time. In addition to continuing to study languages, he enjoys pickleball, fitness activities, and travel. We welcome Dom to the life and fellowship of The Inter-Faith Chapel.



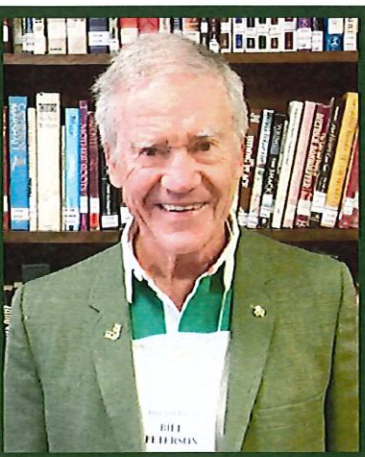
### ELIZABETH NYANG

Elizabeth Nyang was born in Philadelphia and has lived most of her life in this area. She worked for the federal government for 20 years and has been in clinical practice as a mental health therapist for the past 15 years. Elizabeth holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Maryland, Master's in Counseling with Seton Hall, and a Doctorate from The American School of Professional Psychology. She is the current President of the Maryland Association for Spirituality and Ethical Values in Counseling. Elizabeth moved to Leisure World 17 years ago and attended then with her mother. She comes to The Inter-Faith Chapel from Oakdale Church. Elizabeth enjoys Tai Chi, water aerobics, line dancing, and is a ceramics artist. We welcome Elizabeth into the family of faith here at The Inter-Faith Chapel.



### RANDY SHANNON

Randy Shannon has lived in Leisure World for approximately nine years. He has attended regularly with his wife, Elizabeth who joined in 2015. Randy attended the State University of New York at New Paltz and SUNY Geneseo. He earned a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Columbia University and had a rewarding career as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. For the past 8 years, Randy has worked with the D.C. government in the Office of Employment Services. He enjoys sports, outdoor activities, and music. Randy joins The Chapel as an Affiliate while remaining active with St. John's Catholic Church and their Knights of Columbus Council. We are delighted to officially welcome him into The Inter-Faith Chapel.



### WILLIAM (BILL) PETERSON

William (Bill) Peterson has been attending The Inter-Faith Chapel for approximately 3 years. Bill was born in Ailey, Georgia and graduated from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy. He moved to this area for employment with NIH becoming Chief of Pharmacy Services in the Pharmacy Department. After 10 years he left and worked for the FDA National Clearinghouse of Poison Control, and then another decade with the Commission for Personnel. He retired as a Captain with the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. Bill enjoys sports (is an avid Georgia Bulldog fan), travel, beach walking, and playing bridge. He comes to The Inter-Faith Chapel on transfer of membership from Oakdale Church. We are very pleased to welcome him into the life and family of this congregation.

# April CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2 @ 10:00 AM—Palm Sunday Service

Monday, April 3, @ 1:00 PM — *The Robe*

Thursday, April 6 @ 6:00 PM—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7 @ 12:00 Noon—Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9 @ 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM—Easter Sunday Services

Monday, April 10— Office closed

Monday, April 17 @ 1:00 PM—*Amazing Grace* Movie

Wednesday, April 19 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon—Springtime April Baby Shower at Clubhouse I

Monday, April 24 from 10:00am to 12 Noon — Workshop: It's Time to Get Your Life in Order

## Easter Word Search

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**HOLY WEEK**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Services:**

- Palm Sunday—April 2, 2023 @ 10:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday—April 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
- Good Friday—April 7, 2023 12:00 PM
- Easter Sunday—April 9, 2023 9:00 & 11:00 AM

