



Deacons of the Month

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Schedule of Services
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Worship...11:00 a.m.

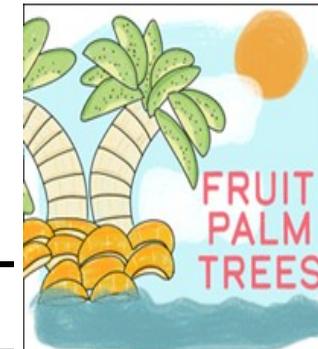
Wednesday Supper
6:00 p.m.
(reservation required)
6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
Youth and Children

Committee Meetings
7:30 p.m.



March

National Nutrition Month



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

Scripture Tie-In:
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Baptist Men's Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Lydie Kitchin Circle 6:30 pm Brotherhood Supper</p>	<p>3 Caregiver Appreciation Day</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible study Children/Youth Activities 7:30 Church Council</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Employee Appreciation Day</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Spring forward Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.</p>
<p><i>Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong North American Missions March 2—9</i></p>						
<p>8 Daylight Savings Time begins</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible study Children/Youth Activities 7:30 pm Finance Comm.</p>	<p>12 Popcorn Lovers Day</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12:00 pm Lenten Lunch 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible study Children/Youth Activities 7:30 pm Deacons' Meet</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>23 Chip & Dip Day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00 pm Lenten Lunch 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible study Children/Youth Activities 7:30 pm Church Conference</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 National Crayon Day</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>				

National Crayola Crayon Day—March 31



Crayola® did not invent the crayon. The "modern" crayon originated in Europe, initially made from a mixture of charcoal and oil, later replaced by powdered pigments. Wax was later substituted for oil, making the sticks sturdier and easier to handle.

The Crayola crayon began when cousins Edwin Binney and C. Harold Smith took over Edwin's father's pigment business in 1885. Early products included red oxide pigment used as barn paint and carbon black used in car tires. In 1902, Crayola Crayons were invented by Binney & Smith after noticing a need for safe, high quality, affordable wax crayons and first offered for sale in 1903. The first box held eight crayons and sold for 5 cents. The trade name "Crayola" was coined by Mrs. Edwin Binney, combining "craie" (French for chalk stick) and "oleaginous" (oily).

The Company carried the name of its founders, Binney & Smith, until 2007 when the name was changed to Crayola to reflect their No. 1 brand. Crayola has been a business of Hallmark Cards since 1984 and has offices in Canada, Mexico, Italy, Australia, Asia, and the United Kingdom. Crayola manufactures over 3 billion crayons each year, primarily made from paraffin wax and color pigment.

The Company's world headquarters and major manufacturing facilities are located in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, its home since the early 1900's. Beyond manufacturing Crayola products, Crayola also manufactures Silly Putty, creates entertainment through Crayola Studios and Crayola Experience attractions, and supports fundraising for a variety of non-profit agencies through Crayola Flowers.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Shepherd's Pie Potato Bowls

Serves 4

- 4 large russet potatoes
- 4 Tbl unsalted butter plus 2 Tbl melted butter
- 1/4 C whole milk
- 1/4 C sour cream
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 C chopped fresh chives
- 1 small carrot, chopped
- 12 oz ground beef chuck
- 2 Tbl Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbl tomato paste
- 1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
- 1/3 C frozen tiny peas, thawed

Clean potatoes and bake in a 400 degree oven until cooked through, about 1 hour. Let cool until easily handled.

Cut a 1/4 inch thick slice off the top of each potato. Carefully scoop out the flesh into a medium bowl and mash with the milk, sour cream, 2 Tbl butter and 1 tsp salt using a fork or potato masher. Fold in the chives. Set aside.

Put the potato bowls on a baking sheet.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Meanwhile, melt 1 Tbl butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the carrots and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and lightly browned, 5 minutes. Add the beef and cook, breaking it up with a wooden spoon until cooked through. Stir in the Worcestershire, tomato paste, thyme, 1/2 tsp salt and 1 C water. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat and cook until the beef and carrots are coated in sauce with a little extra sitting on the bottom of the pan, about 1 minute. Stir in the peas and heat through, 1—2 minutes.

Spoon the beef mixture into the potato bowls. Spoon or pipe the mashed potatoes on top of the beef mixture and bake until heated through and the potatoes brown on top, about 15 minutes. Cut the remaining 1 Tbl of butter into 4 slices and top each potato with one. Serve immediately.

Day In, Day Out

In *Walking With God Through Pain and Suffering* (Dutton), Timothy Keller says many people think spiritual growth is something akin to high diving, when really it's more like walking — nondramatic and rhythmic:

"A walk is day in and day out praying; day in and day out Bible and Psalms reading; day in and day out obeying; talking to Christian friends, and going to corporate worship, committing yourself to and fully participating in the life of a church. It is rhythmic, on and on and on. To walk with God is a metaphor that symbolizes slow and steady progress.

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A March Event in Oxford, NC

A Family Friendly Festival!
The Viking Experience Festival
 March 21—22 and 28—29, 2026
 Sat. 10—6:00/Sun. 10—5:00

The Viking Experience Festival offers activities throughout the festival including interactive characters, encampments, live music, the Children's Cove, dancing, games, artisan vendors, hearty food, axe throwing, mead tasting, fight pits, skits throughout Drekheim Village and an unforgettable After Hours Show
 1045 Walnut Grove Rd.
 Oxford, NC 27565

Puzzle!

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A=☺	D=☼	H=☼	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☒
B=♠	E=+	I=*	N=↑	R=●	U=□	Y=↻
C=☼	G=●	L=★	O=↓	S=○	V=☒	Z=↻

Mt. Hermon ○ ↑ ↓ ☒ Jericho ☼ ↓ ■

Jerusalem ☆ * ★ ☼

Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ * ☼ ☺ ★ ☼ + ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee ☼ □ ○ ■ ↻ ☒ * ↑ ☼ ○

Mediterranean Coast ● * + + ↻ ↻



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy