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THE ENCOURAGER

Deep Creek Friends



EGGSPLORING EASTER



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Joy Amidst Grief

Recognizing joy amidst grief can feel unmooring. This can show up in that first moment you laugh after losing a loved one or that first feeling of levity after a breakup. While it may feel unsettling, there is something beautiful in it as well. Beautiful because God gives us the capacity to feel both of these things, even at the same time.

We try to separate these two emotions; however, I think to fully appreciate them, we have to experience them both. Grief comes in all shapes and sizes just like people. It is experienced in wildly different ways for each person. Yet it is one of the experiences that connects us as humans. This makes me think of Romans 12:15 to *“Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.”* We are called to share with one another, not just the highs or lows, but even the mundane everyday things in between as well.

This is a lesson I try to remember; to be fully loved is to allow others to love you. We must make room for people to care for us, even when it is uncomfortable. We tend to feel like we are burdens on those around us. And you know what, sometimes we are. But that is okay. That is life, and living with others, and being in community. If we do not allow ourselves to burden others, then we are missing out on an immense amount of love and care that people have the capacity to express.

We tend to see this love and care during times of loss and “large” griefs; however, I have found that we have to do this on a daily basis with those around us. We are not responsible for everyone’s emotions, and if we practice what we preach as believers then our job is to love everyone. To love those who are having a hard day because they feel run down by the weather, to love those who are struggling to get along with coworkers, to love those who we would rather not like. Like Romans 12:15 tells us, we need to come alongside those around us and meet them where they are at, whether that is rejoicing or mourning.

I hope you take some time this spring to let those around you know how you are, to allow others to flex their “muscle” of compassion. To allow yourself to be vulnerable with your community. To welcome the duality of joy amidst grief.

So, when that first laugh feels like it’s drifting you out to sea, let it. We weren't meant to stay anchored in sadness alone; we were meant to be unmoored together.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Children's Revival

Thank you to Mindy and Travis Painter for leading the children during this time.



Eggsploring Easter

Thank you to everyone who participated and for Garden Route for coming out!



MINISTRY & COUNSEL

Good Friday Service

We will have our Annual Good Friday Service on April 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Easter

Our sunrise service will be on April 5, 2026 at 6:45 am followed by breakfast and worship at 8:00 am. There will be NO Sunday School that day.



Deep Creek
Friends
Meeting

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**2ND MAY
2026**

LUNCH AT 12:30PM
PUTTING CONTEST AT 1:30PM
TEE TIME AT 2:00PM

MORE INFO

Contact Jay Brendle
(336) 679-8089; (336) 258-0430
Contact Rhonda Moran
(336) 978-1597

PRICE

\$200.00 per 4-person team
\$50.00 per golfer

SILO RUN GOLF COURSE

Proceeds will benefit YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.



Sponsorship Form

NAME: _____

S P O N S O R S H I P L E V E L S

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED CONTRIBUTION LEVEL.

<input type="radio"/>	Bronze \$50	<input type="radio"/>	Platinum \$500
<input type="radio"/>	Silver \$100	<input type="radio"/>	Diamond \$1,000
<input type="radio"/>	Gold \$250	<input type="radio"/>	Other \$____

PROCEEDS BENEFIT DEEP CREEK YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DEEP CREEK YOUTH.

Sponsors will be recognized on our sponsorship sign at Silo Run Golf Course.

Please submit your completed form to:
Jay Brendle (336-679-8089)
jay.brendle@yadkin.k12.nc.us

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Announcements

Children's Church and Ignite

If there is anyone that feels led to take a month to lead, beginning in April, of children's church or Ignite. Please text or call Tracy Shore at 336-469-8056.

NC USFW Spring Conference Registration

**Saturday May, 2, 2026
at Quaker Lake Camp**

Traci Hjelt Sullivan from Right Sharing of World Resources will be the speaker.

If interested please see Janet for Registration sheet.

Empty Bowls 2026

This event will be held on **April 7, 2026**, at the Yadkinville Moose Lodge. Lunch will be available from **11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** and dinner from **4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** All meals will be take-out.

Participants will drive through to pick up their meals and pottery bowls.

Please remember that Shirley Murphy's lovely quilt drawing will be held in February. Quilt tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 at the ministry center or by contacting Shirley Murphy.

Event tickets are available at the Yadkinville Ministry Center or Janet Robins. **The price for a ticket is \$25.**



NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DUE

April 19

GREETERS

Aaron McDonald
Kristy Hutchens

**NURSERY:
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

ALL Sundays
Priscilla Shore

**NURSERY:
WORSHIP**

- 05 - Tracy Shore
- 12 - Jean Gibson
- 19 - Ginger Holt
- 26 - Priscilla Shore

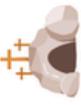
MUSIC

- 05 - Choir
- 12 - Deep Creek Quartet
- 19 - DCF Kids
- 26 - Choir

FOOD FOR YOUTH

- 05 - Tracy M
- 12 - Janet
- 19 - Brenda / Priscilla
- 26 - Jean / Rhonda

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 6:45a - Sunrise Service 7a - Breakfast 8a - Worship  Happy Easter	6	7 Empty Bowls - Yadkin Christian Ministries 7p - Quaker Women	8 7p - Bible Study	9	10 7p - Good Friday Service	11
12	13	14	15 7p - Bible Study	16	17	18
19 5p - Youth  Newsletter items due Monthly Meeting 8:15a - CE Meeting 3p - Choir Practice 4p - Ignite 5p - Youth	20 2p - Bell Choir Practice 4p - Ministry & Counsel	21	22 7p - Bible Study	23	24	25  2p - Baby Shower - Alma and Jason
26 4p - Ministry & Counsel  FCNC Youth Retreat	27	28	29 7p - Bible Study	30	 FCNC Youth Retreat	