

May 2026



Radiance Community Church

Resurrection & New Life

This month, we move from the Easter season (the 50 days of Easter and beyond), into Pentecost. I love this time on the church calendar, when we celebrate resurrection, new life, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the church. Even nature seems to revel in this time. All around us, there are signs of new life. God's creation puts on a beautiful show, as the browns and whites of winter turn to brilliant yellows and pinks. Everything is getting greener, and the world is waking up, ready to grow.

I hope you will continue during this month to celebrate resurrection and new life. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Grow Something. If you have space, experiment with different kinds of seeds and watch what happens. If outdoor planting isn't practical — whether for lack of space, time, or physical ability — try bringing a plant indoors where it can serve as a daily reminder that new life is always possible.

Make Something Old New Again. Can you create something new out of something old? Repurpose, reimagine, or simply buy something secondhand and give it a second life. The idea that what was old can live again is, in its own small way, a practice of resurrection.

Share a Memory. Telling the stories of people we've loved and lost doesn't bring them back, but it does keep them alive in a real and meaningful way. Whose life made a difference to you? Share their story this month. That, too, is a way of practicing resurrection.

As we move to Pentecost, I am excited to see what the Holy Spirit brings to each of us, and to our church, in this new season. The Holy Spirit has a way of surprising us, and I believe this season will be no different.

Our ministries council has planned many ways for us to nourish hearts for God (special worship series, summer Bible studies, youth camp), be a home for friends and strangers (fellowship events like dessert first Sundays and outreach times like our community yard sale, community movie night, and Kids Academy), and be a hub for sharing God's love (mission week and our ongoing ministries). There is so much to look forward to!

Come ready to be surprised. The Spirit is moving — and we get to move with it.

Blessings,

Pastor Melissa



pray for one another

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Mary Durrer, Betty Heptinstall, Buddy Hawkins, Nadine Minnix, Cheryl Nicely, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Vilas Secrist, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair
- Those with cancer including Dalton Burgess, Linda Dwyer, Wyatt Hodges (friend of the Kinseys), Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Kathleen Lordan (friend of Joyce Waugh), Mary Seithalil (friend of Lisa Baker), Caden Thomas, Betsy White (Joyce Waugh's niece), Carolyn Young
- Members of the Kinseys' extended family: Pete Alberse, Sr, with a broken leg after a fall, and Patricia Simpkins, who is entering hospice care
- Janice Deyerle, recovering from hip replacement
- Ashley Krawchison, with a broken ankle
- Keisha Burgess, Nancy Burgess' granddaughter-in-law, recovering from appendectomy
- Christiana Burgess, Nancy Burgess' granddaughter, in hospital with kidney stones

Upcoming Meetings

- **Evelyn Townsend Missions Circle**, Mon., May 11, 12:00 pm, at the home of Ellen Scott
- **Ministries Council**, Mon., May 11, 6:00 pm
- **Deacons**, Sun., May 17, 2:00 pm



Featured Dates

<u>Saturday, May 2</u>	
Community Yard Sale	8:00 AM
<u>Sunday, May 3</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship & Communion	10:30 AM
Youth Dinner & Discipleship	5:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, May 6</u>	
Mid Week Bible Study	12:00 PM
Supper & Scripture	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday, May 10</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
<u>Monday, May 11</u>	
Evelyn Townsend Circle	12:00 PM
Ministries Council Meeting	6:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, May 13</u>	
Mid Week Bible Study	12:00 PM
Supper & Scripture	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday, May 17</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Deacons Meeting	2:00 PM
Youth Dinner & Discipleship	5:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, May 20</u>	
Mid Week Bible Study	12:00 PM
Supper & Scripture	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday, May 24</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship-Pentecost	10:30 AM
Pentecost Dessert First	11:45 AM
<u>Wednesday, May 27</u>	
Mid Week Bible Study	12:00 PM
Supper & Scripture	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday, May 31</u>	
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

Radiance Giving

Giving: Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in the offering plate during the service, via mail, electronically through your bank or our website, <https://bit.ly/givingrcc> .

You may also donate by scanning our QR code:



Faith Formations

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30-10:15 am:** Adults are studying the “Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments Today.” We also have classes for our children and youth, so there is something for your whole family.
- **Midweek Spiritual Formation, Wednesdays, noon:** In May, Rev. Steven Harris is leading a Bible study focused on “Life in the Spirit.” Join us in person or by Zoom: bit.ly/radiancebiblestudy. You can also listen to a podcast of the study on Spotify at: bit.ly/rccfaithpodcast.
- **Wednesday Supper and Scripture, 6 pm:** As we approach Pentecost and the birth of the church, we will be reading through the book of Acts during the month of May. Each day during May, read one chapter from Acts (Acts 1 on May 1, Acts 20 on May 20, etc.), and then join Pastor Melissa for a light supper on Wednesdays, followed by a discussion of the week’s readings. Our first gathering will be on May 6.
- **Faith Lending Library:** We have seasonal resources for the 50 days of Easter on the bookcase in the foyer. Please feel free to borrow books and return them when you are done so that others can enjoy them as well!



Missions Opportunities

- **Blessing Box:** Our little food pantry has continued to be well used by our community; food is taken as quickly as we can stock it. As you shop, please pick up a little extra to share with our neighbors.
- **Keystone Community Center Weekend Food Bags:** During the school year, we provide weekend food bags for 15 children at Keystone Community Center (a couple of options for breakfast, some snacks, fruit, and proteins for lunches and dinners, juice and milk boxes). The cost for the food is usually around \$100. ***There are 2 weeks in May that still need volunteers. We have had a donation toward the cost of one of the weeks, so if you can do the shopping, it will be paid for. Sign up in the foyer or call the church office.***
- **Book and Magazine Collection:** The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting reading materials for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Paperback books and magazines will go to Roanoke City Jail and hardback books will go to TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.
- **Easter Local Missions Offering:** During the Easter season, we are collecting a special offering to assist in our local missions efforts. Our goal is to raise \$1,000. Offering envelopes can be found on the table in the foyer. Money from this offering helps us do mission work in our community, like supporting the teachers and students at Green Valley Elementary School and purchasing food as needed for our Blessing Box. It also helps support ministry partners like The Least of These Ministry, Keystone Community Center, Feeding Southwest Virginia Foodbank, and the Rescue Mission, among others.

MISSIONS

Celebrating Pentecost

On Sunday, May 24, we will be observing Pentecost. Wear red (or other flame colors to worship). Following worship, we will take a congregational picture in the sanctuary, and then we will move to the fellowship hall for Dessert First. We'll have coffee, lemonade, and birthday cake as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.



Community Yard Sale

On Saturday, May 2, from 8 am-12 pm, we're opening our parking lot to our neighbors to provide space for a community yard sale. Many of the houses and apartments in our neighborhood don't have space for a yard sale, so we're providing the space - and some tables. We'd love to have your help that day, setting up tables, talking with our neighbors, and working at the church outreach table. Please let the church



Ray	Templin	May 02
Jessica	Pruitt	May 03
Linda	Dwyer	May 04
Steven	Harris	May 16
Amy	Paris	May 24
Joseph	St. Clair	May 29
Cara	Sutherland	May 31

Radiance Kids

Parents, we are praying for you as you enter this busy last month of school. As we approach summer, we want to help you nurture faith in your children. On the last Sunday of the school year, we will have summer "Faith at Home" bags for you to take home and use with your families all summer. Our summer schedule of Radiance Kids events will also be coming out soon.



Radiance Youth

• **Dinner and Discipleship**, May 3 & 17, 5-7 pm: Join us as we continue our study of "Words of Life," practice for singing in worship on Pentecost, and have time to take a deep breath in the middle of SOLs and end of school projects.

• **School's Out Party**, Sunday, May 31, 5-7 pm: Let's celebrate the beginning of summer with food, fun, and friends!



Summer at Radiance Church

We know that summer days can fill up quickly, so mark your calendars now for these upcoming special events! More details will be coming soon!

Community Outreach

- **Outdoor Movie Night**: Friday, June 5, 8 pm
- **Radiance Kids Academy Cooking Class**: Friday, July 31, 6-8 pm

Fellowship Events

- **Faith & Family Night-Ridge Yaks**: Friday, July 17
- **Sunday Sundaes Dessert First**: Sunday, July 19

Missions Events

- **Youth Passport Missions Camp**, June 7-11
- **Local Missions Week**, July 12-18

Worship Leadership Schedule

May 3

- **Greeters**: Bobbie Hawkins, Neal Kinsey
- **Scripture Reader**: Ellen Scott
- **Offertory Prayer**: Nancy Burgess
- **Children's Worship Leader**: No Children's Church
- **Offering**: Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams
- **Communion Prep**: Mary Harris, Joyce Short
- **Communion**: Mary Harris, Paul Howell, Linda Murray, Joyce Short, Gordon Williams

May 10

- **Greeters**: Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
- **Scripture Reader**: Ray Templin
- **Offertory Prayer**: Ric Scott
- **Children's Worship Leader**: Glenda Pollard
- **Offering**: Jenna Dillon, Kathy Kinsey, Alyssa Viele, Brennon Viele

May 17

- **Greeters**: Gordon Williams, Mary Shirley
- **Scripture Reader**: Cindy Poff
- **Offertory Prayer**: Janice Deyerle
- **Children's Worship Leader**: Nancy Vest
- **Offering**: Cason & Michael Krawchison, Ray Templin, Vicki Wray

May 24

- **Greeters**: Bobbie Hawkins, Vicki Wray
- **Scripture Reader**: Kathy Kinsey
- **Offertory Prayer**: Bobbie Hawkins
- **Children's Worship Leader**: Mary Harris
- **Offering**: Janice Deyerle, Jonathan Melson, Ray Templin, Becky Beard

May 31

- **Greeters**: Bobbie Hawkins, Mark Smith
- **Scripture Reader**: Joyce Short
- **Offertory Prayer**: Joyce Waugh
- **Children's Worship Leader**: Kathy Kinsey
- **Offering**: Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams

Your Place
In Service

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