

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said." Matthew 28:6a

We are continuing our Lenten journey toward the cross. I thank God that we live on this side of Calvary, and we are Easter people. Every day we can confidently proclaim that Christ has risen!

I don't know about you, but that gives me hope for today and hope

for the future. There are many circumstances in our world that seems in conflict with our praise for God. However, we know that God is always with us. We may not understand God's ways and we may not understand suffering, but we find our hope and joy in Christ.

We have many opportunities for worship during Holy Week. The calendar is printed in each week's bulletin, the Mid-Week News, and this newsletter. We will be joining our neighboring churches during the week at noon for a brief Holy Week message followed by lunch. On Friday evening, we will have our Tenebrae Service on Friday, April 15 @ 6:30 p.m. This is a very meaningful service that adds another level of celebration to Easter Sunday.

I love each of you and I pray for God's blessings on you and yours.

In His Service,

Diane

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Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm



Music Ministry Notes From Gordon

We are fast approaching one of the most vibrant seasons of the church calendar – Holy Week and Easter. Our Chancel Choir is diligently preparing musical selections for these high and holy days. You will be encouraged to worship as they present their Palm Sunday anthem *Triumphal Hosannas* and their Easter anthem *Cornerstone* during this season. I hope you will attend each of these important services of this holy season.

I would like to go ahead and thank our Young Musicians for their wonderful singing, bell ringing, and scripture presentation Sunday morning, April 3rd. I know they will sing, ring, and recite with enthusiasm and truly remind us of the “joy” we have in our lives. I would also like to thank their parents for making sure their child/children were present for each Sunday afternoon rehearsal during this past year of Sunday afternoon activities. It was my joy to create music with our Church Street children! By the way, parents are asked to have their children meet “Ms. Dawn” and “Ms. Frances” after Sunday School on April 10th in order to be a part of the palm procession on Palm Sunday.

It is a joy to serve my Lord in music ministry at Church Street.

*Blessings,
Gordon*





Children's Ministry - Happy Easter Season

On Sunday, April 3rd, the Children will recite, sing, and ring during our worship service. They are always excited to participate and spread joy to our congregation. Also, on April 3rd, Andy and Dawn Wendland, once again, are hosting our Easter Egg hunt at their home from 2:00pm until 4:00pm! This is always an enjoyable outing for our children and youth as well as our adults, and we are blessed by the Wendland's generosity and kindness in sharing their home with our congregation.

There are many reasons to celebrate and worship together at Church Street UMC during the month of April. Did you know that "Easter for Christians is not just one day but a 50-day period?" The Eastertide season begins at sunset on Easter Eve and ends on Pentecost. During these 50 days Christians intently consider Jesus's life and "rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. ... [W]e celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the spirit, and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ." (UMC)

On Sunday, May 1st during our morning worship service, we will celebrate our High School Seniors, Sarah Reeves Thomas and Maryanna Frances Turner. Church Street UMC has been blessed by these outstanding young ladies, and it has been a joy and privilege for Church Street to participate in their Christian growth. We pray for Sarah and Maryanna and that their faith continues to grow.

As we celebrate and honor our CSUMC graduates and as they embark on new adventures, here are a few thoughts for them and for us: Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Max Lucado said, "God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile." Ralph Waldo Emerson once offered, "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen."

Happy Easter,

Frances

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRAYERS

Current: Allen Williams, Helen Edwards, Paige Lang & Baby, Cart Blackwell, Caroline Thomas, Buc & Gwen Shaw, Bruce & Justine Bright, Allen Green

Ongoing: Dub Deavor, Bill Sellier, Bill & Gay McNair, Brooke Lawrence, Martha Hughes, Shelby Breedlove, Mary Ann Hornby, David Saylor, Carolyn Brown Atchison, Abigail Flanagan, Darren McGilberry, Arthur "Deedle" Sullivan, Herb McCreary, Bill Goodwin, Castle Twins, Eva Jo Bruner, Danny Jordan, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Blake Flanagan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Russ Jackson, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Camille Salter, Rex & Anita Waldrop, Lucille Jordan Sellier

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRESENCE



We hope to see each of you each week for
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

If you miss a service, be sure to catch the
service on the Church Street Web page or the
Facebook page or listen to the prior week's
sermon on Sundays, at 9:00 am on Dixie
Country - WDXX 100.1

Average attendance YTD as of March

Sunday School: 78 Worship Service: 123

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... GIFTS

Memorials

Alston Keith

By: Mary Drue Wheeler
 By: Ed & Andrea Livingston
 By: Myrna Hollis
 By: Sharon Hardy
 By: Judy Spivey
 By: Claude & Caroline Anderson
 By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman
 By: Larry & Edie Jones

Doris Epler

By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman
 By: Myrna Hollis

Terry Hicks

By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman

Dr. Julian Howell

By: Larry & Edie Jones
 By: Claude & Caroline Anderson

John McWilliams

By: Larry & Edie Jones



Thank you so much for all your support for the Safe Harbor Women's Medical Clinic ministry. You gave \$724.13 for the Baby Bottle campaign!



April 3th Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on Sunday, April 3rd, will be given to Jesus Day.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Remember that charitable contributions, in memory or in honor of someone special, are a great way not only to honor them, but to contribute to the work of the Church as well.

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... SERVICE

Teams Serving in April

Ushers: Leonard Ingram, Andy Stewart, Milam Turner, III, Dub Deavor, Rex Jones, James Drinkard, Drew Wendland, Frank Speed

Security: Jon Stewart, Chuck Utsey, Floyd Plummer, Jr., Kory Taylor, Sharon Hardy, Rebecca Stewart

Worship Steward:

Polly Sellier

Collection Counters:

Julie Drinkard & Myrna Hollis

If you are unable to be present, please find a replacement and contact your captain.

April Meetings

Trustees

Tuesday, April 11, at 5:00 pm, in Windham Hall

Finance

Thursday, April 28, at 5:00 pm, in the Grist Library

Church Council

Thursday, April 28, at 5:45, in the Grist Library

Please contact your chairperson or the Church Office if you will not be able to attend.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

will be held at the downtown churches at noon
beginning

Monday, April 11th:

Monday: First Baptist Church,
Service and Lunch

Tuesday: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church,
Lunch following Service

Wednesday: Church Street United
Methodist Church
Lunch following Service.

Thursday: 5:30 Service @ St. Paul's Episcopal
Church

Friday: Noon Service @ St. Paul's Episcopal
Church

The Tenebrae Service at Church Street UMC
at 6:30 pm.

Easter Sunday Services, April 17th.

Bring flowers to decorate the cross on
Dallas Avenue and Church Street.

8:30 Breakfast/Fellowship

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

**I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my....
WITNESS**



**Mark your calendar for Senior
Recognition Sunday
May 1st**

Our Seniors are:

Sarah Reeves Thomas

Maryanna Frances Turner

**The Church will host a luncheon for the
Seniors and their families following the
worship service.**

**Selma Emmaus Cluster will meet Tuesday,
April 5th, at 6:00 pm, in Windham Hall.**

**If you have attended Emmaus,
please make plans to attend the
Selma Emmaus Cluster meeting.**

Circle Meetings

Catherine Revel Circle

will meet Monday, April 4th ,
at 3:00 pm, in Windham Hall

Roberta Sample Circle

will meet on Monday, April 18th at
5:00 pm at the Parsonage.



**Remember to bring flowers
Easter Sunday
to decorate the cross
on the corner of
Dallas and Church Street.**



(Children 4 & under should be accompanied by an adult.)

inflatable stories.

Dr. Dan Bellamy brings the Gospel to life with

Cream.

Church Street Children ..
 Dr. Dan the Balloon Man will be at First Baptist Church on
 Wednesday, April 27th from 6:00-6:45 pm followed by Ice
 Cream.

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