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*The Chimes*  
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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

*From Ashes to Alleluia*  
 Lent & Easter At First Church

*Stations Of The Cross*

Open to the community available Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm through Tuesday, April 16.

*Easter Lilies*

If you plan to provide Lilies in memory/honor of a loved one for Easter morning, please deliver them to the church no later than Friday, April 19

*Holy Week - Mid-Day Meal & Devotion*

- Monday thru Friday during Holy Week - April 15 thru April 19
- Meal begins at 12:00 noon (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Devotional Speaker at 12:25 pm - Concludes by 12:55 p.m.
- Devotions provided by area pastors
- Meals preparation/serving/by speaker's congregation
- Open to the community - *Love offering for meals accepted*

**Monday ~ Topic: Betrayal ~ Mark 14:43-50**  
 Rev. Dr. Cynthia Davis, MS River Superintendent

\*FUMC is responsible for the meal on Monday, April 15 when our new District Superintendent, Dr. Cynthia Davis will be preaching. Dessert-bars (6-7 pans) are needed to "round out" the menu! Please be in touch with our Director of Program and Adult Ministries, Sherilyn Brown.

**Tuesday ~ Topic: Denial ~ Mark 14:66-72**  
 Rev. Joe Thorn - Troy-Zion UMC

**Wednesday - Topic: Manipulation ~ Mark 15:6-15**  
 Rev. John Carroll - Mt. Zion UMC

**Maunder Thursday - Topic: Mocking Mark 15:16-20**  
 Rev. Jim Calhoun - Cobb's Chapel-Mt. Manuel

**Good Friday - Topic: Finished ~ Mark 15:33-39**  
 Rev. Brad Jordan - Pleasant Valley-Shady Grove

*Easter Sunday Morning*

**Sunday, April 21**  
**(No 8:45 Worship or Sunday School)**

Sermon: *Seeing is Believing* - John 20:1-18  
 Church-wide Resurrection Breakfast 9:30 am  
 Worship 10:50 am

Special Music by the UT-Martin Brass Quartet & Sanctuary Choir

*Serving Together*

Once again we have the privilege of participating in the annual **Memphis Conference Lenten Hunger Offering**. Bring your offering on **Easter Sunday, April 21**, and place it in the offering plate! This offering will serve to support feeding ministries throughout West Tennessee!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST CHURCH!**

**Tuesday, April 9**

7:30 am	Pray for the Children	Sanctuary
9:00 am - 11:00 am	ESL Classes	Educational Building
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sing-A-Long	Union City Manor
11:00 am	Sing-A-Long	Etheridge House

**Wednesday, April 10**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Rhema Bible Study	Conference Room
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Church Library
5:00 pm	Joy Ringers Practice	Basement Choir Room
5:15 pm	WNT Meal	Fellowship Hall
5:40 pm	Children's Gym Play Time	Gym
6:15 pm	Classes	Various Rooms
7:00 pm	Youth Shepherding Team	Conference Room

**Thursday, April 11**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
5:30 pm	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Basement Chapel

**Friday, April 12**

6:00 am	Promise Keepers	Conference Room
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Sanctuary
12:00 N	Review Club	Conference Room

**Saturday, April 13**

8:00 am	OGDOS - One Great Day of Service	Various Sites
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**Sunday, April 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday**

8:30 am	Prayer for 8:45 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm
8:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Chapel Choir Room
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages	Various Rooms
10:35 am	Prayer for 10:50 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm.
10:50 am	Worship	Sanctuary

*\*Broadcast on WENK 1240 AM, on 101.7 FM*

5:30 pm	Senior High Youth	
6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Fellowship	Gym

**Monday, April 15**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Sanctuary
12:00 N	Holy Week Mid-Day Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Elementary Girls Basketball Practice	Gym

**Tuesday April 16**

7:00 am	Prayer for the Children	Sanctuary
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Sanctuary
9:00 am - 11:00 am	ESL Classes	Educational Building
10:15 am	Sing-A-Long	Magnolia Place
12:00 N	Holy Week Mid-Day Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Elementary Boys Basket Ball	Gym
8:15 pm	AAU Basket Ball	Gym

**Wednesday, April 17**

12:00 N	Holy Week Mid-Day Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Rhema Bible Study	Conference Room
1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Church Library
5:00 pm	Joy Ringers Practice	Basement Choir Room
5:15 pm	WNT Meal	Fellowship Hall
5:40 pm	Children's Gym Play Time	Gym
6:15 pm	Classes	Various Rooms

**Thursday, April 18 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday**

12:00 N	Holy Week Mid-Day Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Maundy (Holy) Thursday	Sanctuary

**Friday, April 19 - Good Friday**

6:00 am	Men's Promise Keepers	Fellowship Hall
12:00 N	Holy Week Mid-Day Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service of Darkness	Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 20**

1:00 pm	Children's Easter Egg Hunt	The Chapman's 3852 Triple Hills Road, Union City
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**Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday - He is Risen!**

9:00 am	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Chapel Choir Room
9:00 am	Resurrection Easter Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:35 am	Prayer for 10:50 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm.
10:50 am	Worship	Sanctuary

*\*Broadcast on WENK 1240 AM, on 101.7 FM*

6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Fellowship	Gym
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**Just Thinkin' About...**

**How We Use Our Opportunities**

The setting of next week's worship and sermon is the triumphal entry of Jesus in to Jerusalem, most commonly known as Passion/Palm Sunday. Upon his entry into the city, and for that matter, throughout his life and ministry, Jesus had countless opportunities to defend the faith, himself, and the cause for which he lived and ultimately died. An interesting observation about those times is that Jesus never used any of the opportunities to promote self. Instead, he used the opportunities to strengthen the mission and purpose for which he came. Occasionally, he turned to silence, choosing no response as his response to those who challenged him. All in all, it can be said that Jesus used the opportunities that came to him in a way that said "YES" to God's call in his life.

Another individual central to the Palm Sunday story is Simon of Cyrene. He too was faced with an opportunity. His was to shoulder the cross of Christ. Simon of Cyrene is an important figure in the story because he represents the masses...you and me. He is pulled out of the crowd and given an opportunity unlike any other person in history...and his response said "YES" to God and spoke volumes about his willingness to take a stand for Christ. You and I are faced with opportunities on a daily basis to either say a resounding "YES" to God or a resounding "NO".

Unlike Jesus, we are not always as clear on how to say yes to God. Sometimes we fall into the snare of using opportunities to promote our own self-interest or protect our agendas. At other times we are faithful, sensitive, alert, and able to use the opportunities of life to say yes to God and strengthen the cause of Christ. God's desire for us is that our faith grows and matures so fully that we are led to use every opportunity in life as Jesus did...to strengthen the cause of Christ and help reveal God's dream for all of creation.

How we as individuals and as a congregation use the opportunities given to us to strengthen the cause of Christ, to build up and encourage others, to strengthen our faith, or to promote love and understanding, tolerance and healing, is a matter worth thinking about.

Mercy,  
 Doug

**I will be faithful and support the work of Christ at First United Methodist Church through the giving of ...**

**MY PRAYERS**

**Those Requesting The Prayers Of God's People...**

Ada Reed Rogers	Mae Workman ( <i>Don and Gale Bevis' granddaughter, Tim and Selle Shanks's niece</i> )
Anna Oliver	
Bart White	Megan Hightower ( <i>Cindy Kuberski's granddaughter, Mission trip to Peru</i> )
Barbara Williams ( <i>Lenora Stephenson's sister</i> )	Millie Brown
Bill Latimer	Mike Prince
Billie Jean Miller	( <i>Becky Baldrige Prince's husband</i> )
Bud Fisher	Nanci Daniels
Carol Ullrich	Nancy Baldrige
Deborah Jolley Johnson	Nancy Richards
Doug Heaslet ( <i>Michelle Creswell's brother</i> )	Patsy Coates ( <i>Carolyn Crouch's sister-in-law</i> )
Edie Tanner	Patricia Cooper ( <i>Terry Caudle's sister</i> )
Grant Everage	Ramona Hauhe ( <i>Amy Hauhe's mother-in-law, Stacy Hauhe's mother</i> )
Hailey Jackson	Rob Joyner ( <i>upcoming surgery</i> )
Hunter Corley	Sue Archer
Hunter Winstead	Susan Parr
( <i>Pat Capps' grandson</i> )	Suzy Freeman
James Hudson	Whit Buter
( <i>Janet Calfee's father</i> )	Wiley Winter ( <i>Rita Winter's son</i> )
Jeremy Crenshaw	
Jerry McLeary	
( <i>Ruby McLeary's son</i> )	
Jerry and Betty Wiggins	
Jim Kizer	
Larrabee Kirkland	

**Those Hospitalized, at Home, or in Rehab/Nursing Facilities**

**Hospital:** Larry Buckles – St. Francis, Memphis  
 Steve Jones – Baptist Memorial, Union City  
**Home:** Sally George, Anna Ruth Dietzel, Bud Fisher, Chris Norton, Michele Barnes, Martha Lynn Kendall, Nancy Richards, Rick Smith  
**Gadsden Health & Rehab, Gadsden, AL:** Ina Davis  
**OC Nursing Home:** Janice Diane Stephens  
**Magnolia Place:** Peggy Burnett  
**The Etheridge House:** Charlene Fowler, Katherine Wright, Mott Harris  
**UC Manor:** Hal Jernigan, Jerry Miller, Jimmy Whitby, Joyce Overall, Lynda Butler, Margie Revell

**Those Who Grieve**

Family and Friends in the death of Stephanie Dodd

**Our Military**

Capt. Ian Garrigan, MD – Tacoma, Washington  
 Capt. William Benjamin Barkley – California  
 Lt. Commander Douglas Norton – Virginia  
 Lt. McLean Panter – Bahrain  
 Lt. Colonel Bart Doyle – Florida  
 Maj. Marc Wuerdeman, MD – Georgia

**PRAYER PAGER:** Larrabee Kirkland – Please pray, then dial 731 880-4272, wait for the prompt and enter 222-2222. The pager will “beep” indicating someone is praying for her.

**MY PRESENCE**

**March 3**  
 Sunday School: 131  
 8:45 Worship: Not Available  
 10:45 Worship: Not Available  
 Total Worship: Not Available

**March 10**  
 Sunday School: 105  
 8:45 Worship: 28  
 10:45 Worship: 167  
 Total Worship: 195

**March 17**  
 Sunday School: 99  
 8:45 Worship: 25  
 10:45 Worship: 208  
 Total Worship: 233

**March 24**  
 Sunday School: 131  
 8:45 Worship: 41  
 10:45 Worship: 168  
 Total Worship: 209

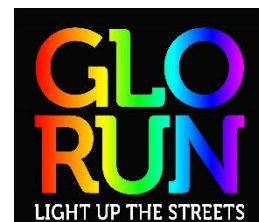
**March 31 (Spring Break)**  
 Sunday School: 103  
 8:45 Worship: Not Available  
 10:45 Worship: Not Available  
 Total Worship: Not Available

**MY SERVICE**

**Acolytes for the weeks of:**  
 4/14 Edie Tanner  
 4/21 Grissom Hutchinson  
 4/28 Beck Tanner

**AND MY WITNESS**

- ✓ Be kind online, and show someone you care
- ✓ Bake for a friend
- ✓ Donate Blood
- ✓ Say “good morning” to others
- ✓ Say “thank you” and “please” to others
- ✓ Write a “thank you” note to someone just because!



**Toward the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis**  
**Friday, April 26, 2019 @ 8:00 pm**

Begins at FUMC  
 Registration Forms available at the church office and in Sunday's worship bulletin on April 14.

\$20 Registration due April 19 or \$25 on race day!  
 Includes T-shirt and swag bag  
 Prizes and medals awarded

**MY GIFTS**

**March 3**  
 Pledged Giving \$ 4,617.00  
 Non-Pledged \$ 3,844.00  
 Designated Funds \$ 2,609.00  
 Total Giving \$11,070.00

**March 10**  
 Pledged Giving \$14,585.00  
 Non-Pledged \$ 2,695.64  
 Designated Funds \$ 3,260.00  
 Total Giving \$20,540.64

**March 17**  
 Pledged Giving \$ 2,235.00  
 Non-Pledged \$ 4,108.00  
 Designated Funds \$ 570.00  
 Total Giving \$ 6,913.00

**March 24**  
 Pledged Giving \$ 8,220.00  
 Non-Pledged \$ 824.50  
 Designated Funds \$ 900.00  
 Total Giving \$ 9,944.50

**March 31 (Spring Break)**  
 Pledged Giving \$14,283.55  
 Non-Pledged \$ 4,425.00  
 Designated Funds \$ 470.93  
 Total Giving \$19,179.48

**Total Giving March - 2019 for Operating Expenses**  
**\$67,647.00**

**Praise God From Whom ALL Blessing Flow!**

**WNT**  
**Wednesday Night Together**  
**Real Food! Real Fellowship!**  
**Real Faith! Come Getcha Some!**

**Schedule**

5:15-6:10 Dinner around the table!  
 5:40-6:00 Children's Gym Play Time w/adult supervision  
 6:15-7:00 Program options for all ages  
 6:15-7:00 Knit Wits



**APRIL Menus**



**April 10**  
 Poppy Seed Chicken Casserole, Wild Rice, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Salad Bar, Rolls, Birthday Cake and Ice Cream  
**April 17**  
 Rotel Chicken Casserole, Corn, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
**April 24**  
 Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Dessert  
**Adults - \$5.00 Children (7-under) \$2.50**  
**Maximum Family no more than \$20.00**

**KNIT WITS!**

This remarkable group of ladies meet in the Conference Room.



**METHODISM – 101 Got Questions?**

Led by our pastor, Dr. Norfleet in Fellowship Hall @ 6:15 pm

April 17: Stewardship and Discipleship  
 April 24: Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness  
 \*May 8: Open Mic Night w/ the Pastor!  
 (Note cards will be available next Sunday and at WNT leading up to the event. Simply write down your questions and return it to Dr. D, or place it in the offering plate)

**OUR ANNUAL UMW SPRING LUNCHEON** is scheduled April 28 following the 10:50 service of worship. This is the main fundraiser for our United Methodist Women with proceeds supporting: Shiloh Baptist Church Feeding Ministry, Helping Hands, Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Local Outreach, Grace Place, The Bridge, and IJM/International Justice Ministry. The menu will be: *pork loin, green beans, mashed potatoes, congealed salad, rolls, and a variety of homemade desserts.* Donations are gratefully received for the meal. Following the meal they will hold the **Annual Homemade Cake Auction...**(which includes homemade cakes, along with breads, pies, and cookies).

**DO YOU ENJOY BEING AROUND OLDER ADULTS?** If so, your help is needed to assist in taking Holy Communion to our Homebound and Shut-ins once a month. Please consider strongly the giving of just an hour of your time for these who have given so much! If willing, please be in touch with our Director of Program and Adult Ministries, Sherilyn Brown.



731-446-7769 or children@fumcuc.org

Morgan Laster, Director of Children's Ministries

Over recent weeks, our Children's Shepherding Team and Renovation Team have put into place several measures to insure your child(ren) are safe and well-taken care of here at FUMC! These measure require everyone's participation and cooperation. If you have any questions, please let me know!

-Morgan

**Parental Permission Forms**

If you haven't already done so, please return your child(ren)'s permissions forms to me ASAP! If you haven't received one, please let me know! Every child, in every family, nursery thru 5th grade, must have one!

**REMINDER! Sign In/Sign Out Your Children!**

**2019 - EASTER EGG HUNT!!!**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 1:00 P.M.**  
**WHERE: RANDY & PAULA CHAPMAN'S HOME**  
**3852 TRIPLE HILLS ROAD UNION CITY, TN**



**YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED!!!**

**To help make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a huge success, LOTS volunteers are needed to assist with:**

- GAMES -PRIZE STATION
- SUPERVISING THE HUNTING GROUNDS FOR THE-SCAVENGER HUNT

**IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP CONTACT MORGAN LASTER BY APRIL 15TH!**

731-446-7769

[CHILDREN@FUMCUC.ORG](mailto:CHILDREN@FUMCUC.ORG)

**(COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS ARE AVAILABLE!)**



**SPECIAL EVENTS WITH OUR YOUTH!**

**April 13th - One Great Day Of Service.** Meet at fellowship hall @ 7:30 am to receive assignments

**April 14 -5:00 pm Packing – Movie - Pizza Party!** Packing relief kits for flood disaster victims while eating pizza and watching the movie *God's Not Dead*

**April 20 - 1:00 pm Helping with Children's Easter Egg Hunt!** Home of Paula/Randy Chapman 3852 Triple Hills Road Union City, Tennessee

**April 20 – 3:00 pm Scavenger Hunt at the Church!** Meet in the Conference Room!

**For more information on any of these opportunities be in touch with Cody and Ashley Martin at 731-446-3984**