

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden, Pastor

The Visitor

Early Church – 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:50 a.m.

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March 9, 2017



Lynn Yates, Joe Pete Mann, Pearl Mann Thompson, Annette Morris, Louise Mercer, Tom Kelly, Family of Jerry Lacewell, Harry Bushart, Family of Patricia Sutton Welch, Patsy Chaney, Mike Ceolla, Chism Family, Church & Pastor, Ronnie, Cynthia Smith, Peggy Crews, Jim Ketterman, Bubba Grooms, Barbara Ann Rumley, Kim Murray, Susan Parr, Brandy Swinney, Debbie Wheeler Williams, Stacy Homra, Jimmy Green, 3-in-1 Children, Parents, & Volunteers, Johnny Shelton, Joan Lacewell, Martha Moore, Judy Faulkner, Richard Rice, Michelle Richter, Family of Charles Sisson, Georgia Wright, Patsy Whitesell, Family of Sonny Payne, Nick Armstrong, O.W. Linton

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

Mar 12 Annalise Bing
Mar 19 Savannah Copeland
Mar 26 Linda Faulkner
Apr 2 Pat Frazier

Children's Church

Mar 12 Linda Barclay
Mar 19 Nancy McConnell
Mar 26 John Lane & Jennifer McConnell
Apr 2 Jordan & Kelly Barnes

Acolytes

Mar 12 Hannah Varden
Mar 19 Elizabeth Pirtle
Mar 26 Miriam Varden
Apr 2 Hadley Barnes

Wednesday Night Volunteer

Mar 15 Linda Faulkner
Mar 22 Kay Williams
Mar 29 Pam Dame
Apr 5 Susan Rushing

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals are well under way!
The meal begins at 5:30pm. Bible study for all ages follows the meal each week. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, under age 4 is free. (\$20 cap for families)

The menu is:

March 15- Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, & Dessert
March 22- Baked Chicken Breast, Salad, Wild Rice, Rolls, & Dessert
March 29- Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert

UMM

Next meeting is April 1st at 8am.

UMW

The annual bake sale will be April 14th @ Heritage Bank starting at 9am.

UMYF

Jr./Sr. High Lakeshore Retreat is this weekend!

Happy Birthday!

March

Teddy Adams	Lisa Sears
Eddie Crittendon	Robby Whitesell
Chelsea Fields	Nancy Johnston Varden
Jordan Barnes	Bridget Pirtle
Genie Whitesell	Mike Homra
Amanda Joyner	Linda Faulkner
Leigh Ann Moore	June Grissom
Megan Grubbs	Joan Owensby
Jean Pinc	Craig Corum
Margaret Jones	Carmen Barclay
Joseph Riddell	David Moss
John Nanney	Hannah Carroll
Jessica Anne Green	Glen Fry

Giving Statements

The 2016 Giving Statements are in the Church Office. Please stop by and get yours OR ask Ashlee to mail or e-mail it.

Making Holy Time in Lent and Holy Week

Times of trial bookend the season of Lent. The church retraces Jesus' forty day season of temptation and testing in the wilderness, and then arrives at his tormenting time in the garden of Gethsemane.

Holy Week, a part of Lent, begins the high holy time when Christians re-tell the final week of Jesus' life: his arrival in Jerusalem, arrest, trial, and crucifixion. We mark Holy Week with worship and by telling the story of Christ's passion.

I am honored to be planning this central season of our life together in the church. Below you will find the schedule for Holy Week. We have a wonderful line up of guest preachers for our noon worship services. And new on our schedule is a special blended worship experience that combines the storytelling of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday into one travelling worship experience that will go from Table, to Garden, to the Cross, and then to the Tomb. This is going to be a highly reflective and experiential worship.

Please make plans now to be apart of these services. And also note the Easter Egg Hunt that will be on the Saturday before Easter. It will be a festive, fun time for our elementary students.

-Pastor Nancy

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday on Sunday, April 9 at 8:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Holy Week Noon Worship with guest preachers, April 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 at noon in the Sanctuary.

A Holy Week Biblical Journey: From Table to Garden, Cross to Tomb on Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall and travel to Prayer Garden, Cross, and finish in the sanctuary. A light meal will be served.

Church Council Visioning Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

For those that were part of our visioning meeting in January this is one of our bi-monthly follow up gatherings. We will continue to discuss the questions; *Where are we going?* and *What is our missional calling as a church?* We invite everyone to this time of sharing and visioning but do expect Church Council members to be present.

Ministry Team Meeting!

Sunday, March 19, 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Did you sign up for one of the teams during the 2016 Stewardship Campaign? We will have our kickoff meeting on March 19. We will have a light lunch and talk about the areas of ministry we volunteered for; Prayer Team, Congregational Care Team, Outreach Team, and Worship Team. If you didn't sign up but are interested in being on a team please come. All are invited!

The oriental runner in the vestibule has been given to the Glory of God by Bill & Joan Homra in honor of their children and grandchildren.