

THE MESSENGER
First United Methodist Church
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April 11, 2018

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

~ Psalm 118:24 NRSV

Wouldn't every day go a lot better if we began each morning by reading Psalm 118:24? What does it teach us? Firstly, we are reminded of the lordship of God. It's important to know to whom we are accountable. God is our creator, judge, teacher, guide, and king. At the beginning of each new day, it is good to know who's in charge and where we can turn for guidance, wisdom and strength. Secondly, it's important to know that each day is a God-made, specially-created, gift of space and time for us to inhabit. Every day is an opportunity of 24 hours for communion with God and neighbor, and service to our Heavenly King. Wow! What a gift! Finally, it's important to begin each morning with the acknowledgement that God gives us a new day for joy and gladness! Why are we negative, pessimistic, sad, fearful or doubtful? Each new morning our God calls us to rise in joyful, glad service in the beauty of his marvelous created world. How will you begin your morning tomorrow!

I'll see you in church Sunday!

Ed

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11

5:30-MYF, Activities Building

Monday, April 12

5:15 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Boys' Man Cave, Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-Sr. High Girls' Covenant Group

Calling the Class of 2018! Our baccalaureate service is planned for high school seniors for Sunday, May 20. If you have not been contacted directly about this Sunday, please contact the church office or Jeana Burchfield at Burchfield@cablone.net or 901-219-9638 as soon as possible. Thanks!

**PICTURES OF GRADUATING SENIORS FOR
BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 20. We would like to honor our seniors by showing their pictures on our screen before both worship services. Please email a picture of your senior to Kaye Smythe at fumcmedia119@gmail.com by May 14.

April 11 will be the last Wonderful Wednesday for this semester.

LIBRARY NEWS

Read about how God can use you where you are in [Called to be a Layman](#). (Ref A GUS)

MOTHER'S DAY OPPORTUNITY

On Mother's Day, May 13, we will be honoring all mothers, young and old, who are **currently** a part of our church by showing their pictures on our screen before both worship services. Pictures can be submitted in one of two ways:

1. A mother within our church can submit her own picture
OR
2. A child within our church can submit a picture of his/her mother

Remember, pictures are to reflect mothers who are currently a part of our church. (These are not pictures of deceased mothers of our church.) Pictures must be submitted by way of email to Kaye Smythe at fumcmedia119@gmail.com **no later than April 30**. Please include the names of the mother and her children so that information can be included on the slide. Be sure and be present for worship on Mother's Day so that you can enjoy seeing all of our moms on the BIG SCREEN.

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 1-Easter Lilies	May 6-Communion
April 8-John Mothershed	May 13-Open
April 15-Thurman Stone Family	May 20-D/D Harold Newcomb
April 22-Open	May 27-M/M Stan Smythe
April 29-M/M Ben Flint	

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office (563-4534 or firstumc@panola.com).

If you are not going to use your flowers, our flower ministry would love to take them to shut-ins in our church.

If you are interested in being a part of the flower ministry, contact Betty Billingsley at 662-310-1111. You don't have to be an expert! Betty will teach you what you need to know!

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: David Walker, James Hardy, James Carden, Jim Vinson, Trina Caffey, Kelly McDowell, Kim Poland, Edee Temple, Sally Reid, Margaret Haltom, Bubba Brame, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Thurman Stone, Stephanie Mothershed, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Janet Flint, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Abbey & Alden Climer, Collins Bailey, Eloise Rollins, John M. Mothershed, Loree Tucker, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody, Asa Tucker

FRIENDS: Mitchell Billingsley, Wyatt Appleton, Sandra Harmon, Jackie Johnson (assistant principal at BES), Meb Reedy (sister of Mitzi Still and Frances Amis), Bill Bryson (Janet Flint's dad), Robbie Stewart (Phyllis Floyd's son-in-law), Larry Ruth (Eloise Rollins' son-in-law), Mike Kimbriel, Dick Monteith, Martha Polly Bailey (mother of Vann Branch), Elliott Henson (grandson of Rev. Rod Borders), Sandra Bright (Anne McDowell's sister), Erica Gordon, Robyn Dansy, Chris Aldridge, Vicki Williams (friend of Frances Gibson), Durwood Gordon, Ella Maners (Jerry Knotts' granddaughter), Steve Durr (Linda Floyd's son-in-law), Amanda West (Sabrina Morris' sister), Jim & Shelda Murphree (brother & sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Lee Harden (brother of Linda Floyd & Mary Jane Chapman), Louise Gilbert, Bobby Burkhalter, Christina LaBorde (Loree Tucker's niece), Carly Griste

Military Call-Up: Justin Tharpe (nephew of Ryna Smith), Colby Shankle

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Debbie Seale Haire, Jan Seale Shipp and family at the death of their mother Frances Seale who passed away on April 4.

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Jack King and family at the death of his sister Gracie King Mead who passed away on April 6.



Sunday, April 15

Join us for a "Meet and Greet" time with Drew Herring, our new youth director. This will take place in the gathering room during our usual coffee and donut time between first service and Sunday school. Come and welcome Drew as he joins the staff of FUMC!

Sunday, April 29

FIFTH SUNDAY

8:45 A.M.-Sunday School

9:30 a.m.-Coffee and donuts in the gathering room

10:00 a.m.-Morning Worship

We will have a carry out lunch available to raise money for scholarships to Camp Lake Stephens. Cost is donations.

Sunday, May 6

The Miracles from The Baddour Center will be here to perform at evening worship.

Sunday, May 20

Baccalaureate Sunday-Brunch for graduating seniors in the fellowship hall at 9:45

Happy Birthday

April 12-Benjamin Pitcock

April 13-Amos Strickland

April 14-Penny Briscoe, Caleb Carpenter, Royce Cobb, Jr., Trey Russo, Tripp Savage, Ashley Addington Sayle, Mason Wright, Andy Yelton

April 15-Greg Boyles, Theresa Jones, Emily Broome Keeton, Kacey Knotts Neal, Edye Pratt, Jackson Stone

April 16-Beckham McCord, Michelle Moake Tabor

April 17-Betty Jane Billingsley, Will Hobson, David Woods

April 18-Tommy Greenlee, Jamie Hubbard, Brenda H. Pratt

Happy Anniversary

April 14-M/M Chuck Henson

April 15-M/M Tony Jones

April 17-M/M Bart Broome

April 15-Acolytes

8:45 A.M.

Sadie Bright/Jenna Grace Burnett

10:55 A.M.

Ella Rivers

April 15-Ushers

8:45 A.M.

Richie Craven/Ronnie Goforth
Eric Avery/Brad Robison

10:55 A.M.

John Willis/Eddie Greenlee
Bud Fisher, Jr./Brad Greenlee

Security Team

Danny Jones/Clay Seale
Tyler Nash/Brandon Cole

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 11

3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday (LAST ONE THIS SEMESTER)

5:45 P.M.-Handbells

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 12

12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 15

7:30 a.m.-United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

8:45 A.M.-Early Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building

9:45 A.M.-Sunday School

10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship

4:30 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room

5:30 P.M.-MYF, Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-”A Firm Foundation”, Sanctuary

Monday, April 16

10:00 P.M.-MAC

1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:15 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Boys’ Man Cave, Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-Sr. High Girls’ Covenant Group

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting

9:00 A.M.-Friendship Quilters, Activities Building

7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 18

5:45 P.M.-Handbells

6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Financial Report for April 8, 2018

2018 Budget	\$1,015,512.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,529.08
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	273,407.08
Budget Amt. Offering	8,930.00
Budget Amt. Rec’d to Date	215,356.71
Good Samaritan	0.00
Camp Lake Stephens Scholarships	98.00

“Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.” (Prov. 11:24)

Attendance for April 8, 2018

Sunday School	186
Morning Worship	270
8:45 A.M.	161
10:55 A.M.	100
Nursery	5
Security	4

MORNING WORSHIP

“Can I Get A Witness?”

Luke 24:36b-48

Ed Temple

EVENING WORSHIP

“A Firm Foundation”

UNITED METHODIST MEN-BREAKFAST & SPEAKER

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

