

THE MESSENGER
First United Methodist Church
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April 3, 2019

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow the triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine." ~ "Lift High the
Cross," UMH #159

Throughout the remainder of Lent, we're seeking to lift high the cross, proclaim Christ's love, and invite the whole world to join us in adoring his sacred name. We rally around the cross during Lent, and use it as a symbol of our unity and a reminder of Christ's triumph. How're you doing with that so far? Have you been in worship? Have you sought a closer walk with Christ through prayer, fasting and a devotional life? Have you visited the Lenten Prayer Journey Room? Have you participated in any, or all, of our Lenten Luncheons? If you find yourself answering these questions with "no", I have good news for you. It's not too late! Grace abounds, and so do opportunities to engage the gospel in the remaining days of Lent. Come and join us as we dedicate ourselves to lifting the cross of Christ, inviting the world, and adoring his sacred name! Let the Church be the Church!

I'll see you in church Sunday!

Ed

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7

5:00 P.M.-UMYF "Connected", Activities Building

6:00 P.M.-"Who Is This Man?", Sanctuary

Monday, April 8

3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Boys' Man Cave, Activities Building

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 P.M.-UMYF "Rooted", Activities Building

Faith News Children's Musical

Help Wanted!

Scenery to be made: (1) cardboard helicopter (2) cardboard Rahab's "house" (3) Jericho "wall" out of boxes (4) throne/chariot out of wheelchair (5) back of stage and 2 side back drops lined with coverings

Need to borrow (put your name on these to ensure return): Black/Red Upward basketball jerseys (2) Upward basketballs (3) "Head set" for a helicopter pilot (4) "fairy" or "twinkle" lights to go behind fabric backdrops (5) three stick horses

Kids Costumes

All Boys: wear long-sleeved white t-shirts and long pants (jogging pants or slacks)—just white—no other color on them. Tennis shoes. (We'll have vests/hats/robes/neckwear/halos etc. to make them into different character costumes)

Girl reporters: solid white dresses of their choice

Other girls: "princess" dresses without an obvious logo.

We have choir robes to cover each girl before that scene. (We'll provide main costume for *Rahab, Esther, Sarah, Mrs. Noah*)

LIBRARY NEWS

Read about the story of the man behind the Purpose-Driven Life in *A LIFE WITH A PURPOSE*; this book is in section A MAI (Mair).

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please call the church office (563-4534) or email firstumc@panola.com. The cost is \$18. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 21. Please make checks payable to FUMC and note "Easter Lily".

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter egg hunt will be at Gil and Nancy Bridges' home on SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT 1:30 PM. Parents: Please bring a dozen candy-filled Easter eggs for each child attending the egg hunt to the church office by THURSDAY, APRIL 11.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR CROSS

On Easter morning we would like for everyone to bring fresh flowers to put on the cross in front of the activities building.

MORNING WORSHIP

"Jesus Is Life!"

John 12:1-8

EVENING WORSHIP

"Who Is This Man?"

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Lee & Anna Chambers, Sara Rogers, Mike Smith, Ed Woodall, Gloria Baker, Jean Cobb Douglas, Rosemary Woodall, Jerry Knotts, Meg King, Patti Flint, Hollie Roberson, Mary Haberman, Erin Nabors, Betty Flint, Christy Hansen, Charlie Overton, Tommy Greenlee, Collins Bailey, Doris Shields, Amy Franklin, Ann Trusty, Sally Reid, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Eloise Rollins, John M. Mothershed, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody

FRIENDS: Wilma Hentz, Austin Walthal, Kim Dean, Atlean Holman (friend of Janet Flint), Jim Baronowski & Family (friends of Bill Dugger), Dean Joiner (Ryna Smith's brother), Emma Katelyn Morton (Ryna Smith's niece), Marcia Kilpatrick, David Still, Kim Dean, Dawson Turner, Joey Haire, Chris Jamison, Brenda May (Scoot Wilson's daughter), V. K. Smith (Evelyn Wofford's son-in-law), The Long family, Kristen Flores, Peggy Burnett (Chris Burnett's mom), Lee Garner, Sr., Don Haire, Kevin Gant, Judy Greene, Paige Elmore, Marrette Mills, Carlee Griste, Jimmy Eubanks (friend of Sue Womble), Edna Rice (aunt of Tom & Rosemary Womble), Barbara Meacham (Kate Meacham's mom), Asher Taylor, Amy Mullins, Jimmy Cobb, Robbie Stewart (Phyllis Floyd's son-in-law), Mike Kimbriel, Durwood Gordon, Steve Durr, Shelda Murphree (sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Bobby Burkhalter
Military Call-Up: Jeffrey Brown, Jordan Kemp, Jessie Stanley, Dennis Adams, Sam Riddell

SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to John, Jeana, Chris, and Matt Burchfield and family at the death of John's father Royce Church of Southaven who passed away on March 28.



**MONDAY, APRIL 8
12:00 PM, GATHERING ROOM**

FOOD PANTRY FOCUS: Canned tomatoes, egg cartons

UMW has placed a basket in the gathering room for anyone in the congregation wishing to make donations to the food pantry.

MISSION FOCUS: Items for Kenya Mission

- Triple Antibiotic Cream
- Hydrocortisone Cream
- Vicks Vapor Rub
- Witch Hazel

Ladies: Please bring one pair of sewing scissors for you to use to cut fabric during the meeting for a Kenya project. Thanks!!!



**“FORSAKEN”
A LENTEN SERVICE
CONCERT**

**presented by:
FUMC CHANCEL CHOIR
SUNDAY, APRIL 14
6:00 PM, SANCTUARY**

CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF LENT/EASTER

Wednesday, April 10

12:00 P.M.-Lenten Lunch-Russell Fletcher, speaker

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

1:30 P.M.-Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Gil & Nancy Bridges

6:00 P.M.-Lenten Concert “Forsaken”, Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 17

12:00 P.M.-Lenten Lunch-Keith Keeton, speaker

Thursday, April 18

6:00 P.M.-Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Friday, April 19

7:00 P.M.-Good Friday Service, Batesville Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday

No Evening Worship

Monday, April 22

Easter Monday, Church Office Closed

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 27: Dress Rehearsal for “Faith News” TIME TO BE DETERMINED

Sunday, April 28

4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.-“Faith News” Performance

Happy Birthday

April 4-Sadie Bright, Breck Crouch, Julie Greenlee, Steve Hannaford, Jan Shipp

April 5-Parker Smythe Kline, Sims Rivers, Elliott Kathryn Thomas

April 6-Robin Haltom Hudson, Brooke Sibley Adams

April 7- Mary Emily Morris

April 8- Vicki Cobb Daniels, Eliza Morris

April 9- Kay Hasseltine, Dillon Wright

April 10-Terri Lynn Hubbard Gordon, Marni McKenzie, Aimee Worsham

Happy Anniversary

April 6-M/M Eddie Greenlee
 April 7-M/M Richard Russo
 April 8-M/M Chris Couey
 April 9-M/M Brandon Cole

April 7-Acolytes

<p>8:30 A.M. Archer Vick/Matthew Seale</p>	<p>10:55 A.M. Reid Morris</p>
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April 7-Ushers

<p>8:30 A.M. Jeff Autrey/Tripp Thomas Brandon Cole/Trey Hamby</p>	<p>10:55 A.M. Daryl Neal/Wade Meek Calvin Flint/Jim Vinson</p>
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Security Team

Clint Egbert/Tony Jones
 Steve McMinn

Financial Report for March 31, 2019

2019 Budget	\$1,040,865.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	20,016.63
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	260,216.19
Budget Amt. Offering	17,833.40
Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date	172,700.93
UMCOR	695.00

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” ~ Matthew 6:20-21

Attendance for March 31, 2019

Sunday School	129
Morning Worship	237
Nursery	12
Security	4
Evening Worship	19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 3

12:00 P.M.-Lenten Lunch-Milton Watley, Fellowship Hall
3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday
5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
5:45 P.M.-Handbells
6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 7

8:30 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
5:00 P.M.-UMYF “Connected”, Activities Building
6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship-”Who Is This Man?”

Monday, April 8

10:00 A.M.-FUMC Gospel Choir (formerly MAC)
12:00 P.M.-United Methodist Women, Gathering Room
1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Boys’ Man Cave, Activities Building

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M.-Friendship Quilters, Activities Building
7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

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