



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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April 2017

Journeying to Jerusalem with Jesus

The last week of Jesus' life was spent in and around Jerusalem. At the beginning of the week, Jesus entered the city triumphantly. Crowds formed and lined the streets. They cheered and shouted as they greeted Jesus with the coats off their backs and the palms from the trees. The city was very festive as Jesus entered. The mood of the week changed very quickly.

The crowds were no longer cheering. The crowds, instead, were shouting for Jesus to be crucified. Jesus was met by the soldiers in the garden and arrested. What followed happened like a whirlwind – a quick trial, a hasty encounter with Pilate, carrying the cross through the streets, being nailed to the cross, and finally death. Jesus is laid in a borrowed tomb. Then, following the Sabbath, the tomb is found empty. Jesus is risen from the dead! So much action and drama in such a short period of time.

Each year, we remember the last week of Jesus' journey. It is important to remember the entire week. There were ups and there were downs. There were high, holy moments and there were moments of deep despair. Once again, this year, we will have many opportunities to experience the last journeys of Jesus. These opportunities will take place as a community and as a congregation. Here are this year's offerings.

Each day of Holy Week (April 10-14), the community will gather at 12:05 p.m. at St. Mark United Methodist Church. The services will be led by community pastors. Following the service, the St. Mark UMW will sponsor lunch. The suggested donation for the lunch is \$5 and the proceeds are used for missions.

On Holy Thursday (April 13), we will gather together with the congregation of St. Mark United Methodist Church. They will host the service at 6:30 p.m. It is an opportunity for us to remember Jesus' last meal and service to his disciples.

On Good Friday (April 14), we will again gather together with the congregation of St. Mark United Methodist Church. We will host the service at 6:30 p.m. It will be an opportunity for us to remember the love and suffering of Jesus.

Our Easter morning (April 16) celebrations will begin with the Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. We will once again gather at the home of John and Kathleen Jones for our service. As the sun rises, we will remember the tomb is empty. The Jones' live at 500 Suzanne Drive in Clinton. We truly appreciate their hospitality. Not only do they provide a marvelous setting for our first worship service of the morning, they also provide coffee and delicious food.

Our traditional Easter service will begin at 10:00 a.m. The sounds of brass and strong, joyful voices will fill the sanctuary as we proclaim the Alleluias of Jesus's resurrection.

Each service will have a different feel and mood as did the last days of Jesus' life on earth. Mark your calendar and join us as we once again journey through Jerusalem with Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

YUMS (Young United Methodist Students) News

April Wednesday Night Line-Up

Our memory verse—*I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. (John 13:34)*

4/5—Jesus Shows Love In the Garden

4/12—Hosanna!

4/19—Preparation for Children's Sunday

4/26—Preparation for Children's Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 15th

The Thomas Family is hosting our churchwide hunt at their home, 702 Eagle Bend Road. The hunt begins at 10:00 AM. Bring your basket and a snack to share. **Please remember that you can help with our hunt by providing candy or small toys with which to stuff our eggs. We need these in the church office by April 3rd.**

Children's Sunday: Sunday, May 14th

Make plans to be in Worship this day as our children lead. We will also recognize our graduating fifth graders. All children are welcomed and encouraged to be part of this special day! Note that we will begin our preparations on Wednesday, April 19th.

Mark Your Calendars for Summer FUN

Make sure you put these dates on your family's calendar now so you'll be ready for our summer activities...

Wednesday, June 7th—Pool Party at Jaycee Park

Wednesday, July 12th—Roller Skating Party at Tri-County Roller Arena

Camp-Out VBS—Saturday, July 22nd—Sunday, July 23rd.

The theme is Getting S'more of Jesus, and **we need S'more of our church family to volunteer to work with our children for this event.** Our Bible point is Jesus is the light—*Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)*. We will offer programming for children ages 3 through completed 5th grade. We have volunteer roles for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults. Please email me for more information about how you can help.

Leanne

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YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Study Schedule

04/05/2017 Temptation: Lust 2 Samuel 11; James 1:14-15, 1 Corinthians 10:13

04/12/2017 Mission: Fill Easter Eggs

04/19/2017 Temptation: Envy Genesis 37:5-11, 19-28; Acts 7:9

04/26/2017 TBA

Mission and Easter Eggs

We have some mission opportunities in the month of April as we prepare and assist with the Easter Egg Hunt. Meet in the youth room on Wednesday, April 12th as we fill the Easter Eggs. Then on Saturday, April 15th, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Thomas home and hide the eggs.

Youth Lock-In

The youth will have an Easter Lock-in from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on April 16th and 17th. We will meet at the church and some of the activities during our time together will be a glow-in-the-dark Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Minute-to-Win-It games. Bring your friends and come hang out at the church Easter night.

Pastor Donna

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pat McBryde, Otto and Marie Briscoe, Lee Wysor, and Deloris Johnson. Our Pastor, Church and Church Families; Our Nation's Service Men, Women, and their families.



Flower Donors for APRIL 2017

April 2 Robert Ball McGinley
April 9 Hollis and Nancy Large
April 16 Altar Guild, Easter Sunday
April 30 Bill and Leslie Stone

Honoring Graduates

We will be honoring graduates during worship on Sunday, May 14th. If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college or a Master's program, please contact the church office (457-2287) by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27th.

Summer Camp

Junior and Senior High Camp

Don't forget to register. The church will scholarship one half of registration fees.

Camp brochures are in the information rack on the table next to the office. If you pick up a brochure from the rack, the scholarship code can be found on the back of the brochure. If you are a returning camper and a brochure was mailed to you, the scholarship code is available from the church office. We want to make sure everyone who would like to attend camp has an opportunity.

registration forms for Assembly are also in the information rack on the table next to the church office. The cost for

Assembly is as follows

\$112.50 Now through April 26th

\$137.50 April 27th – May 31st

\$167.50 Registration at the Door

To register for Assembly, fill out the form and turn it in along with a check made payable to Memorial United Methodist Church and designated for Assembly to the church office or Pastor Donna.

Worship at Norris Dam State Park

Mark your calendar! We will worship around Shelter #2 on May 7, 2017. There will be no Sunday School classes on this day. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. and we will honor the Scouts. Lunch will follow in the shelter.

APRIL 2017 CALENDAR

Sun., April 2	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service 1:00p Staff Meeting 4:00p Confirmation Class
Wed., April 5	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Thur., April 6	11:30a Grace Circle and UMW, FH, 5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., April 9	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service—Palm Sunday 4:00p Confirmation Class
Mon.-Fri, April 10-14	12:05p Holy Week Services at St. Mark UMC
Wed., April 12	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 6:00p-7:15p YUMS 6:00p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Thur, April 13	6:30p Maundy Thursday Service at St. Mark UMC
Fri., April 14	6:30p Good Friday Service
Sat., April 15	10:00a Easter Egg Hunt, Thomas Home, 702 Eagle Bend Rd.
Sun., April 16	7:00a Sunrise Service, Jones Farm, 500 Suzanne Dr. 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service—Easter 8:00p Youth Easter Lock In
Wed., April 19	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Thur., April 20	5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., April 23	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service, FH 4:00p Confirmation Class
Wed., April 26	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Sun., April 30	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service 4:00p Confirmation Class

UMW NEWS

The Grace Circle of United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, April 6th, at 11:30a. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. We will begin meeting at 12:00 noon. Our final plans for our fundraiser banquet meal for Delta Kappa Gamma will be discussed. The banquet will be held on May 2nd.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF

Stella Wheeler

Mary Lee Stuart

Connie Taylor

Chip Rowland

Rev. Warren Wattenbarger

GIVEN BY

Mark, Donna and Corey Medley

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Richard and Missy Snead

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Jim Ern and Sarah Medley

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Food Pantry

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Newborns in Need

Holston Home

Scholarship

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BABY SHOWER FOR NEWBORNS IN NEED

On Wednesday, March 22nd, our church family gathered for a party and time of service for Newborns in Need. Volunteer leaders of Newborns in Need shared the work they do in East Tennessee to care for premature infants, newborns in need of basic care items, and for families challenged with burying an infant. Thank you so much for your donations of baby care items! We filled one SUV and decorated 30 bibs at our gathering. If you have additional items you would like to donate to Newborns in Need, the collection drop-off point in Clinton is The Clinch River Yarn Company at 725 N Charles G. Seivers Boulevard.



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