



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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April 2018

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

On Easter Sunday, many churches will open service with the hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today.” The lyrics to the hymn were written by Charles Wesley in 1739. According to Joe Iovino of UMC.org, Wesley’s original manuscript had 11 verses. In the United Methodist Hymnal, we have retained six verses. (Sorry, Josh. We are not singing 11 verses this Sunday!)

Wesley starts the hymn by proclaiming Christ’s resurrection with the familiar opening verse:

*Christ the Lord is ris’n today,
Sons of men and angels say,
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing ye Heav’ns, and earth reply.*

Throughout the hymn, Iovino observes that resurrection is celebrated both on earth and in heaven. Verse five is a good illustration:

*Hail the Lord of earth and Heav’n,
Praise to thee by both be giv’n,
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail the resurrection, thou!*

In the last verse of the hymn, Iovino believes Wesley indicates we are to receive new life in Christ and are to share God’s love with the world.

*King of Glory, soul of bliss,
Everlasting life is this,
Thee to know, thy pow’r to prove,
Thus to sing, and thus to love!*

My challenge to you this Easter is that you follow the guidance found in Wesley’s hymn. Celebrate Christ’s resurrection on earth (because we know it is being celebrated in heaven), freely accept new life in Christ, and pass on God’s love to your neighbors both near and far.

Have a wonderful and joyous Easter!

In His Service,

Tom Thrasher
Church Council Chairman

YUMS (Children's Ministry) News

April Wednesday Night Line-Up

We continue to meet on Wednesdays nights from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. This month we're beginning a series called "Go and Tell." Our memory verse is Acts 9:20—*He began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared.*

4/4—The Tomb is Empty

4/11—Paul Changes

4/18—Paul Escapes

4/25—The Church Grows and begin preparations for Student Sunday

Student Sunday, May 13th

Our children will be singing and providing leadership during Worship. **We will begin practicing for this on Wednesday, April 25th.**

Camp in the Community, July 9th-13th

We are partnering with St. Mark UMC to bring Camp in the Community to Clinton! We have MANY opportunities for you to serve and share in this ministry to our community; when you hear from me about an opportunity, please say "YES!"

- **Spread the Word!**

Camp is for rising kindergarteners through 8th graders. Camp is offered at no cost to the participants and designed to bring a Holston Conference camping experience to Clinton. Camp will be located at St. Mark.

Time is 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We have informational postcards and registration forms in the office. If your child would like to attend camp, please register as soon as possible to ensure your spot.

- **Minister as a Daily Volunteer**

Our church is responsible for providing a team of people to assist campers in checking out of camp.

- **Provide snacks and lunches to camp participants**

We are committed to feed the camp on Tuesday and Thursday!

- **Housing**

Holston Conference staff need lodging for their week in Clinton. Do you have or know of a place for them to stay?

- **Pray**

Our prayer is that God will cover camp with blessing and that we will share God's love with our community.

Blessings,

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YOUTH NEWS

In April the high school youth will continue to study the **Daring to Dream** series. The middle school youth will be starting a new study called **Becoming a Young Woman of God**.

Camp Wesley Woods—The summer camping season begins the week of June 3rd. The season concludes the week of July 22nd. The brochures for Camp Wesley Woods are in the information rack on the table next to the church office.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



Flower Donors for March 2018

April 1 Altar Guild—Easter Sunday
April 8 Holy Humor Sunday, no flowers
April 15 Hollis and Nancy Large
April 22 Jim and Denise Davis
April 29 Robert Ball McGinley

Honoring Graduates

We will be honoring graduates during worship on Sunday, May 13th. 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 26th.

UMW NEWS

The Grace Circle and UMW will not meet in April or May, 2018. The Ladies plan on returning to their regular schedule in September.

Assembly—Junior and Senior High Assembly will be held June 25-29, 2018. The location for this year's Assembly will be Emory and Henry College. The registration forms for Assembly are also in the Information rack on the table next to church office. The cost for Assembly is as follows.

\$112.50	Now through May 2nd
\$137.50	May 3rd—May 30th
\$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 UMC and designated for Assembly to the church office .

April 2018 CALENDAR

Sun., April 1 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service - Easter Sunday

Wed., April 4 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
5:30p-7:15p YUMS
5:30p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

Thur., April 5 5:30p Food Pantry

Sun., April 8 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service - Holy Humor

Wed., April 11 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
5:30p-7:15p YUMS
5:30p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

Sun., April 15 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service

Wed., April 18 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
5:30p-7:15p YUMS
5:30p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

Thur., April 19 5:30p Food Pantry

Sun., April 22 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service

Wed., April 25 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
5:30p-7:15p YUMS
5:30p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

Sun., Apr. 29 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service

