

MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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April 2019

Journeying 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 and 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. Mark your calendar and join us as we once again journey through Jerusalem with Jesus.

Each day of Holy Week (April 15-19), the community will gather at 12:00 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.

On Holy Thursday (April 18), we will gather together with the congregation of St. Mark United Methodist Church. We will host the service at 6:30 p.m. It is an opportunity for us to remember the meal Jesus instituted for his disciples and us. An offering will be taken during the service for Camp in the Community.

On Good Friday (April 19), we will again gather together with the congregation of St. Mark United Methodist Church. They will host the service at 6:30 p.m. It will be an opportunity for us to remember the love and suffering of Jesus. An offering will be taken during the service for Camp in the Community.

Our Easter morning (April 20) 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 the Alleluias of Jesus's resurrection will be heard.

Each service will have a different feel and mood as did the last days of Jesus' life on earth. It is important for us to recognize all that happened during the week. To understand the joy of the resurrection we must understand the valley and darkness of the week. Join me as we share the journey with Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

Children's Ministry News

April Wednesday Night Line-Up

We've begun a new series looking at the parables of Jesus. Our memory verse is Matthew 7:24—*Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bed rock.*

4/3—The Two Debtors

4/10—The Mustard Seed and the Yeast

4/17—The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

4/24—Begin Preparations for Student Sunday (Children lead worship on Sunday, May 12th!)

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 20th

Children (birth-5th grade), grab your loved ones and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt! The fun begins at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own basket. We'll have the eggs and treats! Donuts and crafts too!

We need your help!: Please bring donations of small treats or individually wrapped candy to the church office by Sunday, April 7th—We need these to stuff our eggs!

Mark your calendar...

Sunday, May 12th—Student Sunday (The children will have leadership roles in morning worship.)

July 8th-12th—Camp in the Community

Blessings,

Leanne

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YOUTH NEWS

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 10th as we fill the Easter Eggs. Then on Saturday, April 20th, we will meet at 9:15 a.m. at the church and hide the eggs.

SUMMER CAMP

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ASSEMBLY

Our children and youth are beginning to talk about Summer Camp and Junior and Senior High Assembly. It is time to think about registering them for these events. The church will scholarship one half of the cost for these events.

The brochures for Camp Wesley Woods have arrived. They are in the information rack on the table next to the church office. The summer camping season begins the week of June 2nd. The season concludes the week of July 28th. Costs vary depending on the age and camp selection of the camper. The church scholarship code will be used during online registration. 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 or Pastor Donna. We want to make sure everyone who would like to attend camp has an opportunity.

Junior and Senior High Assembly will be held June 24-28, 2019. 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 the 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 United Methodist Church and designated for Assembly to the church office or Pastor Donna.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Otto Briscoe, Lee Wysor, Pat Wenk, Libby Freels, Our Pastor, Church and Church Families; Our Nation's Service Men, Benjamin Shipley, Women, and their families.



Flower Donors for April 2019

April 7 Robert Ball McGinley
April 14 Hollis and Nancy Large
April 21 Altar Guild—Easter
April 28 Jim and Denise Davis

HONORING GRADUATES

We will be honoring graduates during worship on Sunday, May 12th. 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 25th.

Grace Circle

The Grace Circle will meet at 11:30a on the 4th of April. We have some upcoming projects to discuss. All women are invited to attend this meeting.

Holy Humor

For centuries, Easter Monday and "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter) were observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churches are discovering that one day (Easter) to celebrate Jesus' resurrection is not enough, so fun-filled celebrations on Holy Humor Sunday have become a tradition in many churches. The congregations love these events and look forward to them every Sunday after Easter.

We will observe Holy Humor Sunday on **Sunday, April 28th**. This service will be light and joyful. We will all take part in this service. Come to worship ready to share clean, good humor with one another. Yes, this means you will be able to tell good, clean jokes in the service! Adding to the fun and light-hearted spirit of the day, the prizes will be presented to the winners of Memorial Camp Madness. Come join the fun as we continue to celebrate the resurrection.

APRIL 2019 CALENDAR

- Tues., April 2 10:00a Staff Meeting
- Wed., April 3 5:30p –6:00p Dinner in FH
6:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Thur., April 4 11:30a Grace Circle will meet in FH
5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., April 7 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 126; Matthew 26:17-30
- Wed., April 10 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Sun., April 14 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Luke 19:28-40; Luke 22:14-23:56
- April 15-19 Community Holy Week Service, St. Mark
- Wed., April 17 5:30p –6:00p Dinner in FH
6:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Thur., April 18 5:15p-6:00p Food Pantry
6:30p Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri., April 19 6:30p Good Friday Service at St. Mark
- Sat. April 20 9:15a Youth Easter Egg Prep
10:00a Easter Egg Hunt
- Sun., April 21 7:00a Sunrise Service, Jones Farm
500 Suzanne Drive
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service—Easter
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-19
- Wed., April 24 5:30p –6:00p Dinner in FH
6:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Sun., April 28 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
- Tues., April 30 6:30p Church Council Meeting, YAK Room

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Food Pantry

Camp in the Community, July 8th-12th: Opportunities for Servant Leadership

Again, this summer we are partnering with area Methodist churches to bring Camp in the Community to Clinton! We have MANY opportunities for you to serve and share in this ministry to our community!

- **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 UMC. 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**

Assist camp staff in checking campers in and out of camp.

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

Last year, Jo Henegar coordinated these efforts for us. This is a very special opportunity for ministry.

- **Pray**

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

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