

Allen Memorial United Methodist Church

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Ministers: The Members Pastor: Rev. Jeff W. Wright

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2010

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ. We are thankful for your presence and we invite you to worship, learn, and serve with us. We invite you to join us in fulfilling the mission of the United Methodist Church which is "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World."

We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

Worship Resources: A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

Come in, chat, and take a moment to sign the blue hospitality pad and pass it to your neighbor. But when the music begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers! *Indicates people stand as they are able

A Note about Today's Service

We will begin our worship service this morning in darkness and with the cross veiled to represent the death of Jesus Christ. As you view the pulpit area, you will also notice the candles, paraments, flowers, and other symbols have been removed as we have once again participated in what is called, the "stripping of the church." It is an act of worship dating back to the 7th century and is a highly visual way of showing the desolation and abandonment of Jesus' long night in Gethsemane and the events that followed His arrest as well as the darkness of His death. As part of our worship celebration this morning, the light will return and all the symbols will be returned to their respective places.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

The First Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

The Congregational Response

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Death is vanquished!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Sin's power is gone.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Hell is conquered.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: New life has come! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: Let the signs of light and life return and let us rise and join our voices to celebrate this day of days.

*The Return of the Signs of Light and Life

*Hymn #302 vs 1-5

#304

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Wesley

James

(During the second hymn, you are invited to bring your Lenten Offering to the Altar)

*The Invocation

Minister

*The Time of Friendship and Welcoming

Everyone

The Time with the Children

Minister

The Time of Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Minister

The Prayer Chorus #328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Wolfe

The Time of Prayer

Morning Prayer

Minister

Lord's Prayer - **Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be**

done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we

forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine

is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*The Anthem - Chancel Choir

O Risen Lord

K. Lee Scott

The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Minister

The Offertory

Behold the Man

Owens

*The Doxology #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Second Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:12-22

Minister

Solo – Patti Rae Bryant

Redeemer

Mullen

The Sermon

Where In the World is God? – I Know My Redeemer Lives!!

Minister

*The Hymn of Invitation #310

He Lives

Ackley

*The Benediction #888

from I Corinthians and Colossians

*The Benediction Response # 70

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

Meineke

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Postlude

*Processional to the Cross in the church yard where we will sing - He is Lord

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist..... Gielda Reese

Organist.....Charlotte Newman

Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Nathan Windt

Nursery Attendants.....Cortney & Elaine Davidson

Processional Participants

Candles.....Rebecca Garren and Kanden Sharp

Banner.....Andrew Bryant

Altar Table Cloth.....Jared Wright

Altar Table Bible.....Andrew Huth

Preaching Lectern Cloth/Bookmark.....Shelby Goddard

Preaching Lectern Bible.....Charles Allen Bailey

Choir Lectern Cloth/Bookmark.....Andrea Levy

Choir Lectern Bible..... Laura Beth Herron

Flowers..... Carol Russell and Alice Shugart

Pastor's Robe and Stole.....Yvonne Raper

Lenten Offering Baskets.....Bobby and Emma Rikard

UMC Flag.....Christopher Reese American Flag.....Joseph Carpenter

Processional Organizer.....Sandy Wright

Flowers on the Cross Attendants.....Kari Kuykendall and Tully Hicks

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship
12:00 PM Tuesday: Something for Everyone Spring Fling
6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	77	Church Budget	\$3,154.00
Morning Worship	187	Parsonage Fund	\$ 115.00
		Sudan – Well	\$ 300.00
		Music Fund	\$ 370.00
		Sunday School	\$ 11.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers are given by Elaine Davidson and Susan Scott in loving memory of their grandparents Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Sayles, their grandmother Mrs. Gertrude Nickerson, their father Robert Sayles and Elaine's sister-in-law Mrs. Kim Davidson Morrow.

Sympathy: The church acknowledges its own loss and expresses our prayers, love, and sympathy to the Lorene Ensminger family in her death this week.

Lenten Offering: Today we will take up our Lenten Offering. Typically, you have been asked to contribute a dime a meal for each adult and youth and a penny a meal for each child throughout the Lenten season, for a total of \$12. for each adult and youth and \$1.20 for children. This year our Lenten Offering will go to the Sudan Well Project. The Holston Conference is raising money to provide wells for the areas in Southern Sudan. The cost of a well is \$10,000. If 134 people would give \$75.00 each that would be \$10,050.00. You can either do the dime a meal as you have done in the past, or make a special donation towards the Well. Any donations will help. By trusting in God, we can do this! Think about how we take clean water supply for granted. Here is a way we can experience sacrificial giving and be a blessing to others by helping them have something we too often take for granted. Thank You for expressing your love to the work of the Risen Savior through this project.

No Evening Services: Since this is Easter Sunday, we will not have any activities tonight.

Communion in the Chapel: We will not have Communion in the Chapel today.

Council Meeting: The Church Council will meet next Sunday, at 7:00 in Wattenbarger Hall. If you would like to place an item on the agenda, please see the Chairperson, Tim Sharp.

VBS: Our VBS kickoff will be on Sunday, April 25th from 5:00 to 7:00. Sign up sheets are in the Sunday School hallway. Sign up today and be a part of this fun and exciting time.

Something For Everyone: Join the Spring Fling Fun on Tuesday at 12:00 noon in Wattenbarger Hall. The menu will be baked pork chops, fried chicken, sawmill and chicken gravies, mac and cheese, green beans, sweet potatoes, slaw, deviled eggs, biscuits, cornbread, coconut and chocolate cream pies, angel food cake, cookies and fruit. For our program we will see the film *"The Great Locomotive Chase"* starring Fess Parker and Jeffrey Hunter. In May we will visit Tunnel Hill, GA, where much of the film was made. Also on Saturday, May 22nd, we will travel to Gatlinburg to visit the new Christ in the Smokies Museum in the location of the old Christus Gardens. It has 11 scenes beginning with Jesus' birth and ending with His Ascension. We will have lunch at Mama's Farmhouse in Pigeon Forge. We will also stop at the Bass Pro Shop. The cost will be \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children if we have at least 20 who want to go. Please make your reservations with Charlotte or Kathy by today if you want to come to the Spring Fling or if you are interested in this trip. Also note that the Alabama/Mississippi trip is now full, however we will be glad to take your name in case of cancellations.

Men's Group: The Men's Group will meet next Sunday at 8:30 AM. All men are invited for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

Relay Eggs: The Relay for Life Team would like to thank everyone who bought, sold, helped make and ate the chocolate peanut butter eggs. You helped this project be another huge success. Special thanks to Joyce Grubb for her devotion and hard work on this project. Also, special thanks to James Ivan Grubb for all his hard work.

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