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UPCOMING DATES

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday March 24, 2024

8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP
9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP
9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am WORSHIP
11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP
11:10 am CHILDREN SUNDAY
SCHOOL

Monday March 25, 2024

8:00 am SACK GROCERIES
12:00 noon HOLY WEEK SERVICE
12:35 pm LUNCH
3:00 pm DISCOVERY

Tuesday March 26, 2024

12:00 noon HOLY WEEK SERVICE 12:35pm LUNCH Wed. March 27, 2024

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY
12:00 noon HOLY WEEK SERVICE
12:35 pm LUNCH

6:00 pm YOUTH

6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE

Thursday March 28, 2024

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY
6:00 pm NO PAINT CLASS
6:30 pm MAUNDY THURS SERVICE

Friday March 29, 2024 6:30 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

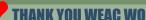
Saturday March 30, 2024 8:00 am MFN'S BIBLE STUDY





CLOTHES CLOSET

We are asking that no clothes be brought to the clothes closet at this time. We have an over-abundance of clothes and will soon be processing the changeover from winter to spring & summer. Thank you for all the excellent items of clothing and shoes that have been received and passed on. Also thank you for the two clothes racks that were provided for our use. If you have any questions, please ask Ellie or Penny.



Many thanks to our WEAC ladies cooking team for a magnificent Spring WEAC season. We appreciate your dedication and hard work planning, preparing, cooking, serving, cleaning and sharing a great six weeks with and for us all! We love you and appreciate you very much!



THE HEART MATTERS..... Lenten Preaching Theme Schedule

February 18th – Psalm 51 & Psalm 139:23-34 Finding Mercy and Forgiveness February 25th – James 1:13-25 Naming the Sin of My Desires and Motives March 3rd – 2 Chronicles 34:1-33 Stolen Attention and Affection from God March 10th – James 2:1-9 Partiality is Lukewarm, Making Wrongs Right March 17th 1 Peter 1:3-9 Living that I Don't have to overcome Sin March 24th – Luke 19:28-44 Letting Go, and Letting God March 31st Sunrise Service led by Youth Group 6:30 a.m. March 31st Luke 24:1-8 It Matters What Your Heart Believes

Inspire Woman's Conference

Ladies, make plans to attend the 6th Annual Women's Inspire Conference on Saturday, April 6th from 10am to 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Speakers are: Angela Harris, Laurie McCombs, Datha Whitfield & Janet Jackson. Some exciting entertainment, and of course, a delicious catered lunch from Ashley Mac's. Tickets will be sold Sundays in the Narthex or in the office and will be \$20.00. Invite your family & friends to hear inspiring speakers, entertainment, a delicious lunch, & enjoy some fellowship & great door prizes.

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Attendance & Contributions

March 17, 2024

Sunday Worship	98
Online	
Budget 3/17/2024	\$5,835.00
Total as of 3/17/2024	\$80,843.00

Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward Karen M. Parsons Jack Moon **Raymond Widener Terry Horne** Ann McCown

Jan Towers Jean Jordan **Jeri Harris Bobby Glass** Stuart McCorie Jane Sligh

ABOUT

Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Many thanks to everyone who donated eggs, put candy in eggs, gave money, offered your time, being present, set-up, cleaned-up, welcomed visitors, shared in arts and crafts, face painting, setting Easter Éggs out, and loved on folks as Friends of Jesus! You all Rock! Thank you!

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the ESTHER BEACH family at her passing on 3/17/24. Currently her family are making arrangements for her service here at the church.

Holy Week Services

The Holy Week Services schedule is as follows for March 25 – March 29, 2024: Service in the Sanctuary. Lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday Services 12:00-12:30pm Lunch 12:35-1:00pm Maundy Thursday Service & Good Friday Service 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.



March 18, 2024

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Friends! I pray God's blessings for each of you as you receive this week's Newsletter. As always, while I am pondering and writing the weekly articles, my mind and heart are calling out to God to ask for blessings and protection for each of you and your families. I can say that some of the prayers are quite specific when I've been made aware of needs. I believe praying for others (intercessory prayer) is one of the greatest acts of Christian love we can offer each other. May each one of you know the sweet presence of God's grace and mercy this week.

Update: we are hopeful that the repaying and restriping of the church parking lot will be completed by the weekend (March 22nd). It has been, unfortunately, filled with some unknowing about daily schedules of when and where we can and cannot park/drive. But...all in all, the parking lot looks and is in good shape, and the new striping will be icing on the cake. Many thanks to you, our daycare parents, and our daycare teachers for your patience in a time of inconvenience.

I want to REMIND us of news in last week's Newsletter: As you know, we've had some Capital repairs all throughout 2023, and some of the Capital Funding raised and/or given in 2023 has supported paying for those projects, along with designated funding for such projects. All in all, as Stewards of all that God has blessed our lives with, it is a time God calls on us to make an Easter Offering toward Capital Needs and setting up a Capital Reserve for needs. Friends of Jesus, this isn't an Easter Offering where we rationalize that we have some "given debt" that needs to be paid and we'll give some proportion of gifting, it is a moment where we offer God a free will gift based on The Heart...your heart, my heart, our hearts. Might I boldly suggest...Don't overthink this; don't think there is some secret project someone at church wants done without sharing; don't say, 'I've done my part'; don't lean into suspicion of 'what's the money for?'...JUST TRUST YOUR HEART TO MAKE AN EASTER OFFERING GIFT. I'll tell you what it's for...It will be used for Capital needs now, and upcoming capital needs of God's Church, your church home. Lisa and I in the last week contributed to a Capital Improvement for the church, and we will offer a gift this Easter! Just open your heart to God's blessings, and offer! Give your gift to: **EASTER OFFERING!**

I am praying for each of you in this Lenten Season as we all journey toward the Resurrection of Jesus Christ by and through the power of Almighty God.



Just a note of reminder friends, your pastor is here to serve your spiritual needs. Sometimes those needs present themselves in health matters and issues. We respect every person's personal choice of announcing needs based on health matters, or any other life matter for that fact. But please know...we are here for you if you are having a surgery, a procedure, etc. Our calling is to get up early in the morning and come pray for you and your family in times of need and emergency. Please know YOU ARE NOT getting us out early, inconveniencing us, or taking us away from other matters. You are important to us and it's an honor to serve you, especially in a time of need. Again, it is your choice and we respect that ... but know we are here!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET- In Honor of Sarah Kate on her birthday. I love you, Dad.

BUDGET-In Honor of Stuart McCrorie. By Adult Sunday School Class.

BUDGET- In Honor of Ann McCown. By Adult Sunday School Class.

BUDGET- In Honor of Kim Ferguson-Hooks. By Adult Sunday School Class.

FIRST LIGHT-In Honor of Bro.John Simmons. By Bill & Patsy Crump.

Convection from last week.....
COMMUNION FUND—In Honor of Bro. John Verciglio & Lisa, Bro. John Simmons & Nancy, Jimmy & Jeri Harris and Jack & Nancy Moon. By Mary Frances Bell



CHURCH DUMPSTER ISSUES

Members and Friends, many of you have noticed that our Church Dumpster has been locked. Why? Around the middle of December 2023, the staff of the church and the staff of the Childcare Center began to notice that someone has been dumping construction and roofing trash in the dumpster. The police were called and routine checks have been being made. Unfortunately, rascals have continued to find a way to bypass the stepped up patrols, and just ignored the "No Dumping Signs." This left the Trustees no choice than to step up the type dumpster we have with locking doors, and a non-opening top. Please know that THE CHURCH DUMPSTER IS AVAILABE FOR YOU TO USE. You will have to get a key from the office to use it, or get a key to use it on the weekends, BUT, it is there for your use. Keys for the Dumpster are being made for the Food Pantry and the WEAC teams for their use. If there is group other than these two that needs access to the dumpster, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding, and for navigating with us a very big inconvenience. We are sorry for the situation!