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UPCOMING DATES

EASTER SUNDAY Sunday March 31, 2024

6:30 am SUNRISE SERVICE 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 11:10 am YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Monday April 1, 2024

Tuesday APRIL 2, 2024

Wed. April 3, 2024 6:00 pm YOUTH 6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE 7:00 pm CHOIR PRICTICE

Thursday April 4, 2024 8:15 am FOOD DELIVERY 9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY 6:00 pm NO PAINT CLASS

Friday April 5, 2024

saturday April 6, 2024 Inspire 10 am- 2pm Woman's Conference

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



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



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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.

Attendance & Contributions

<u>March 24, 2024</u>

Sunday Worship	113
Online	
Budget 3/24/2024	\$5,082.00
Total as of 3/24/2024	\$85,925.00

Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward Karen M. Parsons Jack Moon Raymond Widener Terry Horne Jane Sligh Jan Towers Ann McCown Jeri Harris Bobby Glass Stuart McCrorie

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Holy Week Services

The Holy Week Services schedule is as follows for March 25 – March 29, 2024: Service & 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.

Pastoral Care

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!

Our Lord and Savior has risen! He has risen indeed!



March 18, 2024

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Friends! I write you this week with all the events of Holy Week coursing through my mind and my heart. I am desperately trying not to run past any of the events and life ministry Jesus offered His followers to get to Easter Sunday. It's so difficult to take it day by day...but if we don't, Easter could not possibly be all that Easter is in the power of God's resurrecting His Son Jesus from the Dead. I am praying for each of us to have absorbed this Holy Week one day at a time, one event at a time, a teaching at a time from Jesus. As you and I arrive together at church on Sunday, it will be Easter Sunday. I pray that each of us will find a newness of life in the emptiness of a tomb...He's not there, He Is Risen! Thanks Be to God!

I want to offer one last reminder to our special EASTER OFFERING OPPORTUNITY this Easter. Lisa and I will be making a special EASTER OFFERING to support our churches Capital Fund's Need. Again, the asking this year isn't an Easter Offering where we rationalize that we have some "given debt" that needs to be paid and we're being asked to give some proportion of gifting. The EASTER OFFERING is a moment where we offer God a free will gift based on The Heart...your heart, my heart, our hearts. I am suggesting to each of us that we not 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?' 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 in our tomorrows. Friends of Jesus, JUST TRUST YOUR HEART TO MAKE AN EASTER OFFERING GIFT. Lisa and I look forward to joining with you in giving time!

I am praying for each of you a Glorious Resurrection Sunday. Let us all give all our voices can muster as we joyfully sing, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia! Happy Easter My Friends in Jesus! Blessings, Bro. John Verciglio

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET– In Honor of Stuart McCrorie, Bobby Glass, Jeri Harris & Connie Woodward. By Wayne & Judy Mink

BUDGET– In Honor of Stuart McCrorie, Leslie Burns and Ricky Grimes. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

SONRISE– In Honor of Connie & Woody Woodward on their birthday.

In Honor of Jeri Harris. By Debbie Bishop McBraver.

BUDGET– In Honor of Bill Hornsby. By Adult Sunday School Class.

OUR MISSION AT FIRST METHODIST

"To be Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extrav-

agant Love by Boldly sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone."



We will be painting this "Long Haired Cow" on April 4th. All supplies are included for \$18.00. We meet at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come. Call the church office to reserve your spot 205-491-3421. Or Call Laurie @ 205-401-3124

NEW PREACHING SERIES IN APRIL

A new preaching series will begin on Sunday, April 7th, titled "Everyday Faithfulness." The short series following Easter challenges us to live out the message of God's love in Jesus in our everyday lives...our homes, our workplaces, our community, and in the Body of Christ. I anticipate the series to use the following scriptural teachings in April:

April 7, 2024- 2 Timothy 2:11-13 Following Jesus Isn't Easy April 14, 2024- 1 Timothy 5:1-8 Family Matters April 21, 2024- Genesis 2:1-15 Vocation Honors the Kingdom of God April 28, 2024- Matthew 25:31-40 Faithfulness Rooted in Serving Others