

Wednesday Night Fellowship

March 16, 2016

Meal: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Salad Bar, Bread & Dessert

Program for March :

"A Lenten Study" Session 3 of 3

Led by

Rev. Bill Carter

Reservations please by Tuesday 3/15
Indicate # of people:

\$6.50 ____ Adults & Children 12 or older

\$3.00 ____ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or

\$3.00 ____ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)

\$6.50 ____ To Go Orders (reservation required)

Cost: Excluding To Go orders, \$22 maximum for a family of 4—each additional family member over age 11 is \$5.50; age 3-11 \$3.00.

NAME: _____

You can pay online (thru the QR code) or via website or pay on Wednesday night. You can tear off this tab to register, call the office and leave a message or register online.

Easter "Lily-Less" Honorarium or Memorial: in lieu of real lilies, you may honor or give a memorial to a loved one for the listing in the Easter Sunday service worship guide. Make check payable to FUMC and mark accordingly. Submit by Tuesday March 22. Name: _____ H M By: _____

HOLY WEEK March 20-26

No meal or program on Wednesday, March 23; instead, March 24, a **Maundy Thursday Service** (with Holy Communion) at 6:30 follows a Thursday evening meal at 5:45.

NEXT WEEK!

Palm Sunday, MARCH 20 UMW BAKE SALE!

You are invited to bring some baked goods for the UMW to sale as well as take a few minutes to find something to take home after making a donation to support our United Methodist Women. **Thank You!**



WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS !

"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."

--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all in the congregation

For Your Information:

Restrooms are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the CONNECTOR; TOP FLOOR; go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY MAR 13 - MAR 19, 2016

SUNDAY, MAR 13

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship Service

4:30p Children Music/Youth Program

5:30p Snack Supper Youth/Children

6:15p The Branch Evening Worship Service

7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:00p Communication Pillar Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

10:00a Melting Pot - FUMC serving (Youth Girl's Spring Retreat begins)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

2:00p - 4:00p Children's (and family) Ceramic's Craft and Egg Hunt

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

6:00p 1stChurch serves Wesley

Foundation Student's meal

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978 Meeting

7:00p Church Council Meeting - Conf Rm

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, Palm Sunday

Children will Sing at 10:30 Service (all parents invited to attend!)

UMW Bake Sale

District Czech Mission Team Intro at Munsey UMC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

5:45p Wednesday Night Fellowship

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap

GREETERS: Friendly 1stChurch People, TBA;

Also - if you would like to serve as a greeter, please call church office

PRAYER: Judy Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Mollie Huff

ACOLYTE: Josie Roberts **BEADLE:** Zane Huff

AUDIOVISUAL: Jeff Crowder



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Reverend Jane Taylor, Pastor

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

10:30 am

Welcome! We are GLAD you are here.

Please sign the red attendance information pad located at one end of each pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

PRELUDE

"Meditation on "Penitentia"

Alice Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: In this Lenten season, let us break open our hearts to hear God's Word.

People: Let our fears be vanquished; our spirits restored.

Leader: Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation!

People: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down.

Leader: God wants to do something new in our lives!

People: We open ourselves to the wonder of God's lavish love.

INVOCATION

Liturgist

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

No. 126

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist

Leader: Holy God, we confess that we have desired the things of the world over You.

People: We have sought possessions over justice and mercy.

We have turned away from those in need to climb the ladder of our own success.

We have allowed ourselves to believe that living a good life for ourselves is our religion.

Leader: Forgive us for following the false idols of our world.

People: Turn us back to You and Your was. Call us from the desires of the world and set our desires upon You. In the name of Christ, Who gave everything up, emptying Himself on the cross, we pray.

(A time of silent prayer and reflection)

Leader: Whenever we seek to leave behind our old ways and turn to God for help, God anoints us with grace and wipes away our sin.

People: We are forgiven and made right with God through Christ and the power of His resurrection. Thanks be to God. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:4b-14 Liturgist

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The altar of our church is always open; you are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar during the morning prayer time or closing. If you desire assistance please signal you would like someone to pray with you.)

Our Father, Which 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.

*HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" On Screen

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Were You There?" arr. Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY **No. 95**

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9 Rev. Jane Taylor

ANTHEM "Merciful God" Chancel Choir

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near You;
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart, showing the Cross they may cling to.
Helpless I come, broken in sin, found at the feet of Your mercy.
Father, forgive; May my sins be remembered no more.

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful through times we have failed You.
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, foolish in word and ungrateful.
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts with love that flows from forgiveness.
Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to keep us from falling.
Guiding our ways with Your Fatherly heart, growing our faith with each testing.
God speed the day struggles will end; Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory.
Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

SERMON "Fault Finding, Nay Saying, and Nit-picking" Rev. Jane Taylor

*HYMN "More Love to Thee, O Christ" **No. 453**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*O Fill me with Thy fullness, Lord
Until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

***A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**



*Chancel flowers are presented to the Glory of God
and in memory of Betty Sill Corya
by her husband Lt. Col. R. L. Corya.*

God is good ALL THE TIME.

And it is always time to remember... and to celebrate the many blessings He has given First UMC.

Put this on your calendar!

But specifically it is time to celebrate paying off the loan debt for the renovations done to His church at 900 Spring Street! Please join us in recognition of this accomplishment on April 17th, immediately following the morning worship service.

A meal will be provided for all in the church fellowship hall. Come and celebrate with your church family! This is for everyone. Hallelujah!

CeleBRATE

From Your Stewardship Committee & Loan Pay-Off Celebration Team

PRAYER CONCERNS

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Clare Warren & family | Mary McClellan | Helen Holyfield |
| Jane Eddy | Barbara Marrs | Sara Jane Jones |
| Bonnie and Clay Marrs | Sue Zabala | Susan Ready |
| Amy Dryburgh | Linda Stanley | Catherine Cartus |
| Bobbie Wells | Carrie Denny | Betty Gouge |
| Aldon and Betty Speer | Jerry Elliot | Judy Rust |
| Chuck Short | Darrell Wayne Tilson | Sam Arnold |
| Sue McGaha | Helen Tilson | Kristy Hodge Pratt |
| Jaimee Norman | Jim Brant | Vickie Stephenson |
| Vivian Eckerson | Nancy Jewell | Mexico Medical Mission |
| Tom Palmer and family | Jessica Higginbotham | from Holston Conference |
| Mark Dollar | Dillon Aagenes | -the team and patients |

Feb. Mar 13, 2016 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

Photo-a-Day Journey for Lent 2016

It's enjoyable focusing on words and images during Lent. Join us! A word has been assigned to each day to help participants focus attention on the Lenten season. You do not need to be a professional photographer. The words for this week are:

- Sun - celebrate Thur - restore**
Mon - path Fri - beloved
Tues - remember Sat - have
Wed - people

Children's Event: Saturday, March 19, 2:00p -4:00p; for the whole family
Ceramics and Egg Hunt Party-
Please also call to register so there will be enough ceramic items to paint!
NEEDED: Donations of candy to put inside the plastic eggs (they already have the eggs; and volunteers to stuff the eggs); please bring candy by the church office early **this week!**



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Year-to-Date	2/29/2016
<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Revenues	84,210
Operating Expenses	93,220
Surplus /(Deficit)	(9,010)