

This Week's Schedule
5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 18th

9:00 a.m. - Early Service
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - U.M.W. Service

CHILDREN SINGING

3:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class at FUMC
 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study
 "Discerning The Voice of God"
 5:30 p.m. - UMYF
 6:00 p.m. - Evening Service
 with Rev. Bob Norwood

Monday, March 19th

6:00 p.m. - 55 and Alive

Tuesday, March 20th

6:00 p.m.- Children's Ministry Team Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - Mae Vann Circle

Wednesday, March 21st

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:30 p.m. - Children & Adult Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, March 24th

8:00 a.m. - Noon - Thrift Shop
 Vicki Rogers Circle

F. Y. I.

Sunday, 4:00 p.m. the women's bible study "Discerning the Voice of God."

Friday, March 30th, 7:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir will present a Tenebrae Service.

The 3rd Wednesday Kitchen Team is in need of help. They really need help every Wednesday night but they are really short on the third Wednesday. Please contact Kathy Palmer if you are able to help.

David and Cherry Hill wish to thank everyone for the love and kindness shown them during their illness. The prayers and gifts were greatly appreciated, especially understanding the time off needed to heal from David's surgeries.

Your Copy of the Upper Room Devotional Book for March & April is available in the Church Library.



We will meet Sunday, March 18th with the Halls hosting
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The Children's

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Children's Church

Kids for Christ Clubs

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Last Sunday's Attendance

Sunday School	79
9:00 a.m. Worship	30
11:00 a.m. Worship	120
Evening Service	13
Total Worship	163

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 9022.00
Received for Budget	\$ 9041.00
Amount (Under)	\$ 19.00
YTD Budget	\$ 90220.00
YTD Rec'vd for Budget	\$ 93914.00
Amount over (Under)	\$ 3694.00
Received for Budget	\$ 9041.00
Designated Giving	\$ 499.00
This Week's Giving	\$ 9540.00
Epworth Scholarship Fund	\$261.00



PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



Meeting:
March 22, 6:00 p.m.
 "The Commission on a Way Forward". Our church will host this meeting for our District. The District Superintendent and the District Lay Leader will present an opportunity for church members to receive information regarding this very important issue before The United Methodist Church at this time.

Access the church calendar from your mobile device.



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Rev. David Unkles, Senior Pastor
 Dr. Ennis Bragg, Choir Director
 Connie Terwilliger, Music Director

Rev. Rus Black, Associate Pastor
 Melinda Hall, Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

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Introit Lead Me Lord UMH 473
Prelude Children on Handbells directed by Melanie Frye

Welcome and Greetings Nancy Lisenby

Call to Worship

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.
Rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Invocation Nancy Lisenby

Opening Hymn Morning Has Broken UMH 145

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Gathering Chorus** I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain,
Cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod.
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

Children's Singing Melanie Frye

Morning Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth UMH 92

U.M.W. Moment Who Are We? Nancy Lisenby

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Chorus

Seek Ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

Offertory This Is the Day to Rejoice Mark Hayes

*Doxology UMH 62 Stanza 7

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Anthem Special Music Lori Bonds, Soloist

Introduction of Speaker Nancy Lisenby

*Scripture John 12:20-33

Message "Thankfulness" Susan Unkles

Hymn of Invitation Marching to Zion UMH 733

***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude Happy Morning with Our Lord Arthur Sullivan

Music led by : Shari Watt Choir: U.M.W. Members

**Please stand as you are able. **Our chancel rail is open for prayer.*

Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Renae McNeely , 10:00 a.m. Melinda Hall, 11:00 a.m. Tammy Gray

Ushers: Kim Hooks, Beverly Johnson, Renae McNeely, Mollie Smith

***Our flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rogers, Sr. by
the Bill Rogers, Jr. family***

***The Rose is in honor of the birth of Selah Grace Edenfield born March 6.
Her parents are Kyle and Jessica Edenfield, brothers Caleb, Eli, Levi, and
Isaiah. Paternal grandparents Cleve and Sharon Edenfield***

***We wish to express our Christian sympathy to Patsy Youmans in the
death of her husband Howard, and also to his special cousin
Lynn Taylor.***

This Week's Scripture Verses

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Mary Rose Brown, Jim Buckley, Dr. Michael Daniel, Myra Downer, Charles & Jackie Drake, Patsy Gray, Vernon Hardy, David Hill, Jerry Hooks, Sybil Lamb, Bonnie Lanier, Ted Stockholm, Danny Tapley, Annette Thompson, Howard Youmans Family

Extended Church Family:

Ann Allen, Lynne Drake (Jackie & Charles daughter-in-law), Frances & Louie Dryden, Bill Edenfield (Smith Edenfield's brother), Barbara Green, Jonathan Holmes, O.C. Hutcheson, Charles Lanier, Buddy Lockhart, Leah H. Maile (Jean Hunnicutt's daughter), Joan Neil (Bob Neil's Mother), Charlotte Parrish, Bessie Neal & Wyatt Rich, Faye & John Rountree, Dr. Tom Singletary, Charlotte Sowell (Jackie Drake's sister), Kal Thompson, Ned Waller, Margaret Ward (Renae McNeely's mother)

Military Family: Major Kristy Cohen (Nancy & Mike Lisenby's niece), CMDR. Michael D. Heltzel, (the Drake's Grandson)

(Please advise us when someone may be removed from our Prayer List.)

The Children's Ministry Team needs "EGG STUFFINGS." We have plenty of plastic eggs we just need the stuffings. We need small toys, trinkets (beads, rings, etc.), stickers, visit the DOLLAR TREE. We are trying not to use much candy. So think outside the candy bag this year. We need these items by March 21st. No Eggs.