

**This Week's Schedule
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Sunday, March 22nd

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Please remember, during these times of so much uncertainty we all have continuing expenses. Your church is no different. We ask that you all continue to be as faithful as you have been with your giving as well. If you already do so by ACH, that's great, but the mail still works and you can drop your tithe off in the drop box outside the office. Thank you for your love of God's church.

Monday, March 23rd

7:00 a.m. - Prayer Group

YOUTH NEWS!!!!!!

**ALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
THROUGH APRIL 1st.**

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Night 5:30 p.m. w/dinner

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. dinner

at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

**"Winter Jam Fest" scheduled
for March 26th, in Augusta, Ga.
has been cancelled.**

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Access the church calendar
from your mobile device.



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**ALL ACTIVITIES
OF THE CHURCH
WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF
PRAYER GROUPS
HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED
THROUGH
APRIL 1st.**

*Due to the cancellation of
Chancel Choir Practice for the
next few weeks the Adult Easter
Cantata will not be presented on
Palm Sunday, April 5th.*

*Wednesday, April 8th, 5:30 p.m.
our "Egg Hunt & Picnic" at the
Parsonage. All ages invited for
FUN FOOD & FELLOWSHIP*

*Sunday, April 26, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Northeast District Conference
Pittman Park UMC, Statesboro.*

*The March / April issue of the
Upper Room is now available on
the bookcase by the Trinity
Sunday School Classroom.*



**The Children's
News**

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Children's Church

Kids for Christ Clubs

Send a text to 81010 with the
message @sfumckids

Kids for Christ News and Events.

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Last Sunday's Attendance

Sunday School	53
9:00 a.m. Service	25
11:00 a.m. Worship	86
Evening Service	10
Total Worship	121

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 9422.00
Received for Budget	\$ 5831.00
Amount (Under)	\$ 3591.00

YTD Budget	\$ 103642.00
YTD Rec'd for Budget	\$ 104650.50
Amount over (Under)	1008.50

Received for Budget	\$ 5831.00
Designated Giving	\$ 859.93
This Week's Giving	\$ 6690.93

**Donations left at the alter rail on
Communion Sunday go to the
Golden Harvest Food Bank.**



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Small Group

Sermon Series



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Dr. Ennis Bragg, Choir Director
Melinda Hall, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Joseph Gomez Associate Minister / Youth
Connie Terwilliger, Music Director
Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

**Swainsboro First United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

March 22, 2020

Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

This Sunday, and into the foreseeable future, physical gatherings at Swainsboro First United Methodist Church, whether they are for worship or other activities, are postponed. This is without a doubt the most difficult and unexpected decision I've had to make as a pastor. I don't think I have to tell you; this pandemic and our necessary response to it, is unprecedented. Not in my wildest imagination did I ever truly consider we would have to adjust to this "new normal". I have no doubt by now we have all had to ponder this deeply.

However, I have also been meditating on, with equal conviction, some other unchanging truths which have always been "normal".

- 1) God loves us and He is in control.
- 2) He is still sovereign over ALL THINGS, including this disease.
- 3) His church will continue to prevail in ways we have only begun to see.
- 4) "Church" is not what we do on Sunday mornings...it is who we are, and in times of crisis we have endless opportunities to live above the fear. The world, especially now, needs to see Christ's peace living in us.

While God's people have always "gathered" for worship, physically doing so under our present circumstances would bring un-necessary risk to all of us. Right now, our most loving act, is to remain apart as much as possible. However, with our present technology and social media, there are other ways we can be together. So we are instituting our 1st ever "Facebook Live Only" worship.

This Sunday morning at 11:00 am, myself and a few others will go "live" from our sanctuary and you can join us, either by our Facebook feed or on our usual radio broadcast on WXRS, 100.5 FM.

I encourage all of us to gather in our homes with our family and/or close friends and join together, even electronically, to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If the phrase, "Now more than ever" is appropriate here, we all need to do this. Please join us, (spiritually, not physically) this Sunday at 11:00! (And have your church bulletin with you too!)

Numbers 6:24-26

**"May the Lord bless _____ and keep
_____; the Lord make His face to shine
upon _____ and be gracious to
_____; the Lord lift up His
countenance upon _____ and give
_____ peace."**

We ask that you keep the families of Mr. Dan Kimball and Ms. Mary Rose Brown in your prayers. We lost both these members this week.

This Week's Scripture Verses

I Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Lei Bragg, Mary Rose Brown family, Charles Drake, Chesley Flanders Jr., Mary Foskey, Vernon Hardy, Dan Kimball family, Linda Lamb, Catherine Mattox, Karen Pyle, Ginny Smith, Mary Ellen Smith, Sue Stockholm, Phil Thompson

Extended Church Family:

Buddy Bonds (Lori Bonds Mother-in-law), Buck & Susie Bryant, Patricia Coleman, Sam Daniels, Brandon Dickens (Cathy McDaniel's nephew), Lynn Drake (Charles Drake's daughter-in-law), Frances Dryden, Kevin Edenfield, Teah Fennell, Don & Stephanie Flanders, Helen & Tom Graves (Carolyn Derden's brother & sister), Georganne Hairr (Kim Hooks' mother), Mary Huston, R. L. Marshall (Kay Peacock's brother), Ken McGee (Sharon Edenfield's father), Shirley McNeely, Art & Joan Neil (Bob Neil's parents), Mitch Proctor, Don Rainwater, Vaughn Riner, Faye & John Rountree, Michelle Scott, Keith & Kal Thompson, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Eloise Wood (B. J. Williams mother)

Military Family: CMDR. Michael D. Heltzel, (Charles Drake's Grandson)

If you wish to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday please order from the florist of your choice for delivery by Friday, April 10th. Please provide your In Memory or In Honor of information to the church office no later than Tuesday, April 7th. Place your information in the Offering Plate or call the Church Office.