

**This Week's Schedule
Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 12th

**11:00 a.m. - Worship Service on
"Facebook" or Radio 100.5 FM**

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.

YOUTH NEWS!!!!!!

Youth are going through Group devotions using the YouVersion Bible App or Bible.com. You can create an account with an email or Facebook.

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Access the church calendar from your mobile device.



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**ALL ACTIVITIES
OF THE CHURCH
HAVE BEEN
POSTPONED
THROUGH
APRIL 30th.**

We would normally have included the April Events Calendar in the bulletin but due to the cancellations we are not sure at this time when we will be able to resume our activities.

At this time there will be no updates to our attendance or giving records in the weekly bulletins.

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

9:00 a.m. Service
11:00 a.m. Worship
Evening Service
Total Worship

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget \$ 9422.00
Received for Budget
Amount **(Under)**

YTD Budget
YTD Rec'd for Budget
Amount over **(Under)**

Received for Budget
Designated Giving
This Week's Giving

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



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**Swainsboro First United Methodist Church
Easter Sunday**

April 12, 2020

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I'm going to take an opportunity here for some personal privilege and brag about my mother. Like most of you, our family is trying out ways to connect and stay in touch with each other in a time when keeping each other safe means keeping physically separated. My sister actually proposed this, but our plan is Sunday at 6:30 pm, our whole family is going to "ZOOM" together, with my mother, (Isn't it amazing how quickly the word ZOOM has become a verb, kinda like Google).

What I want everyone to understand here is my mother is 94 years old, she is living in a retirement community by herself and she is as "old school" as they come. BUT, she has a computer, a tablet and a smart phone, on which she watches her baby boy on Sunday mornings through our Facebook feed. When my sister mentioned about "ZOOMing" on Easter, my mother, by herself, found and downloaded the software and created her own ZOOM account! She is excited about getting together with the whole family for Easter, even if it is just through technology.

Now some of us, (and the older I get I understand it more) are of the opinion that social media and other ways of communicating and connecting are just too hard to figure out. The old ways of the telephone, radio, snail mail (and this printed newsletter) were good enough, why change now? We forget that at one time, radio was on the cutting edge and the telephone was the modern miracle. Maybe the "motivation to learn" has more influence here than we think.

My point is this: How are we now, in the face of our forced (but temporary) separation, staying connected with each other? Isolation is no fun regardless of who you are (unless maybe you are an extreme introvert). I know of at least one of our Sunday School classes are "ZOOMing" together at 10:00 Sunday mornings, Melinda has figured out how to do an Easter Egg Hunt on the church's Facebook page and Joseph is leading the youth in an online Bible study. Yours truly has even ventured out and done a couple of videos so far and that is NOT my thing. What steps are you taking and leading others in staying connected? We are the body of Christ; we are just in a time and place where we have to figure out some new ways to do it. And, (no offense Mom), if my mother can do it, what's your excuse?

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. Please join us, (spiritually, not physically) this Sunday at 11:00! (And have your church bulletin with you too!)

Order of Worship:

Prelude The Day of Resurrection arr. Henry T. Smart

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today UMH 302

Apostle's Creed

Message to our Youth Joseph Gomez

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Melinda Hall

Special Music Rise Again Dallas Holm
soloist, Bobby Reeves

Scripture: Luke 24:1-9

Sermon: "You don't belong here!"

Closing Hymn He Lives UMH 310

Benediction

Postlude Video from Easter 2019
Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah George Frideric Handel

Please know that we love and miss each and every member of our "Church Family". We encourage you to make every effort to stay connected to one another either by telephone, social media, mail or just a drive by toot of your horn . Our prayer is that we will all be back together soon. We will continue to keep you as informed as possible through your church bulletin.



Congratulations to Rett and Livia Daniel on the birth of their daughter, Ryley Ann Daniel. She was born March 17th. Maternal grandparents are John and Diane Morris. Paternal great-grandmother is Nancy Flanders.

This Week's Scripture Verses

Acts 30:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Lei Bragg, Charles Drake, Chesley Flanders Jr., Mary Foskey, Vernon Hardy, 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)

Due to the manner in which we are having to continue our Worship Services we will not be able to display our Easter Lilies this year. If you have ordered one please call the florist and cancel any flowers scheduled to be delivered to the church for Easter Sunday. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and we are sorry.