

This Week's Schedule
3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26th

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.

Contact info:
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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 MAY 3rd

The April 30th meeting of 55 and Alive (low country boil) at Hugh and Donna Foskey's clubhouse has been cancelled.

Applications for the 2020 Summer Scholarship are now available. Applicants should be a member of Swainsboro First United Methodist Church, a member of the Swainsboro FUMC Youth Group, and be accepted for full time enrollment at an accredited post-secondary school. Interested students should request an application at jschwabe2@yahoo.com. Completed applications should be submitted electronically to same address by **MAY 8th**.

The May / June 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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WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND WE MUST HANG ON A LITTLE LONGER !!!



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It's been said, "If you want to make God laugh, make plans." If you had any doubts before if this sentiment was accurate, our present mutual circumstance in facing this virus thing has starkly revealed its truth.

How many of us over the past month have had to change plans we thought were "set in stone", or to change again our already changed plans? A whole school semester has been drastically altered, weddings and graduations have been at best postponed. Every sport we can think of has been suspended or cancelled. Events and institutions we thought were inviolate, disappeared like the morning mist. Even Easter Sunday was decidedly altered, (not the truth of the Resurrection, just our traditional celebration of it).

As if things weren't hard enough; in the middle of all this, as we seek to do: what is best, what is needed, what we think God wants us to do in the here and now - even the "plans" we make for the day have a way of getting upended.

Last Saturday was our grandson Ethan's 8th birthday. Obviously for the past few weeks it was known this celebration would be different, so Caitlin had this great idea to set up a "ZOOM" meeting with the family so we could all still sing "Happy Birthday" to Ethan.

Well, if you are familiar with ZOOM meetings, it didn't go exactly as planned. We just couldn't get our act together, literally. The plan was there, our hearts were there, but the rest of the family's execution..... well..... Fortunately, the now 8 year old is a good sport and in the grand scheme of things this will likely become a good memory.

The truth is, life has always been this way. We usually just go around with enough sense of control in our lives, enough things going how we expect them to go, that our daily dose of unsettledness goes unnoticed, until something big happens to us. And then we notice.

One result of noticing more the fragility of our plans, is also noticing the stability of God's. What hasn't changed? Our need for God and each other. Take away or greatly reduce that daily interaction of relationships, and we really feel it, don't we?

We take for granted our regular weekly plans for worship, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Suppers, choir practice, (just to name some "churchy" stuff). We may feel like we can pick and choose what we want to do; what we *plan* to do, (I've got a busy weekend, so I'll just sleep in this Sunday"). But change *everything*, like this virus has done, and God's created plan for us to be together becomes a little more visible.

I try not to be too much of a rose colored glasses kind of guy. But it does help when we seem to be bombarded with uncertainty - to look for that which is certain. And I promise you, when we truly do, you will see God.

Order of Worship:

Prelude To My Beloved God Dietrich Buxtehude
arr. Joseph Prentiss

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133

Apostle's Creed

Message to our Youth Joseph Gomez

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Melinda Hall

Special Music Gospel Medley:
"Amen" - Trad. Spiritual / arr. Jack Schrader;
"Oh Happy Day" - Edwin Hawkin / arr. Connie Terwilliger

Scripture: I Peter 1:3-9

Sermon: "God is small too."

Closing Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

Benediction

Postlude Psalm XVIII Benedetto Marcello
arr. Theodore N. Marier

This Week's Scripture Verses

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)

I Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

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 Bryant Family, 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, Patti Jo King, 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, Keith & Kal Thompson, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Eloise Wood (B. J. Williams mother)

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

Attn: Church Council

We will not have our meeting in April. The fourth Monday which is our regular meeting night in May falls on Memorial Day so therefore we have moved the next Church Council Meeting to Monday, June 1st, at 6:30 p.m. in the church Social Hall.