

**This Week's Schedule
Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 5th

**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 12th.**

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	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 Amount (Under)	\$ <u>5831.00</u> \$ 3591.00
YTD Budget	\$ 103642.00
YTD Rec'd for Budget Amount over (Under)	\$ <u>104650.50</u> 1008.50
Received for Budget	\$ 5831.00
Designated Giving	\$ <u>859.93</u>
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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Swainsboro First United Methodist Church Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

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On Wednesday evening, we all got word Governor Kemp issued a “shelter in place” order for our entire state. School is cancelled for the rest of the year, our jobs now fall into the categories of “essential” and “non-essential” and so on. So once again, seemingly overnight, our world has changed, again. Like you, I get the feeling it’s hard to plan much of anything. We’ve had to cancel our plans for a Drive-In Church and our alternative “Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt” has had to be scrapped as well. “I don’t know” seems to be the answer for more and more things.

So I thought it would be good to list a few things we do know about this virus messing things up for all of us. The first is **time**. With all the efforts focused on how to sterilize everything, even things we never thought of, one method we often miss is time. This virus, like most other bugs we encounter, only lasts so long. Whether it is hours or days depending on the situation, eventually it dies. If we just wait, the virus destabilizes.

But we are an impatient people, aren’t we? We want it fixed now, clean now, safe now. But patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit, isn’t it? Believe it or not, God, in all His unfathomable wisdom and the intricacies of His creation, knew this virus has a time limit. Patience is a gift we need to use now. It is a powerful weapon in this fight.

The second good thing is **light**. Like a lot of bugs, viruses and other nasty things, exposure to sunlight kills them. Hospitals, restaurants and other business use ultraviolet light to sterilize their facilities, but it is all basically just man made sunlight. We just intensify it a bit.

In how many other ways in our lives does exposure to the “**Light**” clean things up for us? How often do we hide in the dark when we are ashamed of something, but when our sin comes to light, that’s when real healing begins?

Isn’t it ironic that the 2 truths of **time** (Patience) and **light**, things we need now, are things we’ve always needed? Not ironic really, just revealing. God does know best doesn’t He? He gave us these things. Let’s not forget to use them.

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 Les Rameaux (The Palms) Jean-Baptiste Faure

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor UMH 280

Apostle’s Creed

Mission Moment Wilder Smith

Message to our Youth Joseph Gomez

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message Melinda Hall

Special Music Majesty arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: “How much for that coat you have on?”

Closing Hymn Were You There UMH 288

Benediction

Postlude We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise Kirk Dearwood

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.

This Week’s Scripture Verses

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16 (UMH 764)

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27, 66

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.