

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

Sunday, March 29th

**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 this week 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	\$ 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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Connie Terwilliger, Music Director
Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

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

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Given that our change in worship format will continue for a while into the foreseeable future, I thought some encouragement about the positive aspects of Online / Drive-In worship would be in order. I found this, (along with A LOT of other stuff) on the internet this week.

“THE UPSIDE OF ONLINE AND DRIVE IN CHURCH”

- 1) **No one complains to the pastor that someone had coffee and donuts in the sanctuary.**
- 2) **With online church, you can pause the service so you can get more coffee and donuts and not miss a thing!**
- 3) **No one can complain you wore flip flops and shorts to church.**
- 4) **If your stomach growls, no one turns around and looks at you.**
- 5) **No worrying about sitting in someone else’s pew.**
- 6) **With online church, you can go use the bathroom without feeling a thousand eyes staring at you.**
- 7) **You can spank your kids for being unruly without someone reporting you to the authorities.**

I’m sure you could add many other items to this list, but here’s a few more I thought about:

- 8) **It is likely God is showing us during this time how important it is to gather as God’s people. After all this is past, we will appreciate it more.**
- 9) **Our eyes are being opened to new ways of service and ministry.**
- 10) **We will have greater appreciation for those who run the technological aspects of worship, whether in the sanctuary or online.**
- 11) **Those who work with our children and youth truly are angels.**
- 12) **In this challenging time, the family altar and prayer time will return.**

I’m sure we can continue to make this list longer and longer, which only serves to show we can ALWAYS be thankful to God for all His blessings, even in the midst of trials and suffering. **GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!**

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 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart arr. Arthur H. Messiter

Welcome and Invocation

Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Apostle’s Creed

Message to our Youth Joseph Gomez

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message Melinda Hall

Special Music This Is My Father’s World arr. Heather Sorenson
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Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: “Small Group Series - Part 5 - Service”

Hymn ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Benediction

Postlude Grand Chorus from “Joshua” G. F. Handel

What’s Happening Palm Sunday?

As of today, we are working on plans for a “Drive-In Church”. At the 11:00 a.m. hour, we will worship and praise God together (but safely apart in our cars). Further details will be coming, but make plans now to “be the church in worship” on April 5th.

This Week’s Scripture Verses

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

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.