

This Week's Schedule
4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3rd

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

6:00 p.m. - Bishop Bryan will be hosting, via the internet, an "Agape" Meal. It is an ancient practice of fellowship which has come to be seen, not as a substitute for Holy Communion, but as a practice uniting Christians in table fellowship. You can participate in this events using either of the 2 addresses below. I hope many of you will be able to participate.

www.facebook.com/sgaumc

www.sgaumc.org/sgaumclivestream

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:
Joseph Gomez (478-331-8498)
jmgomez.ministry@gmail.com

Access the church calendar from your mobile device.



Facebook.com/fumcswainsboro



Twitter.com/fumcswainsboro

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ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH HAVE BEEN POSTPONED THROUGH MAY 3rd

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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MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST "DRIVE IN CHURCH" ON SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, AT 9:00 a.m. (Hope to see you through your window)

Rev. David Unkles, Pastor
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
3rd Sunday of Easter**

May 3, 2020

Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

I realize what you are about to read may sound a little incongruent if you remember what I wrote last week. (And if you don't remember, check last week's bulletin, and if you don't have it, well, it just means I might perhaps sound a teensy bit smarter). I wanted to bring you up to date.

Our ad hoc committee appointed at our last in-person worship service on March 15 (which I've been calling our "Pandemic Leadership Team") met last Thursday and made some plans to begin the readjustment back to normal activities, (If "normal" is even the word to use).

To begin, we realize any plans are subject to change and alteration. Unfortunately, we are all too familiar with having to make changes lately. However, it is best to have a plan than none at all, so here it goes.

On May 17, we will **plan** to hold a "Drive In Church" in our back parking lot. The service will begin at 9:00 am and last about 30 minutes. We will continue to hold our 11:00 am online and radio service as well. To do this, certain safety protocols will have to be followed:

- 1) Everyone needs to remain in their vehicles, with their engine off.
- 2) The church building will not be open, (No restrooms)
- 3) Parking lot attendants will direct you where to park.
- 4) For ventilation, only open your windows on the driver's side.
- 5) The service will be broadcast on a short-range FM transmitter. Just tune in your radio to listen.

As with all things lately, we are going to try this and make adjustments as needed. While obviously not ideal, this will be the first opportunity to "gather" as a congregation in over 2 months. Even through a car window, it will be good to see some of those we miss so much. More information will be forthcoming, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Again, I want to thank the committee for their diligent and careful efforts at addressing the needs and concerns of ALL of our members during this time. Transition, whichever direction it is, is never easy or simple, but with God's strength and faith, we can do this together.

Order of Worship:

Prelude My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
arr. Edward Broughton

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

Apostle's Creed

Message to our Youth Joseph Gomez

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Melinda Hall

Special Music Amazing Grace
Josie Drake, Alto Saxophone / Arham Shah, Tenor Saxophone

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: "Back to normal?"

Closing Hymn Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381

Benediction

Postlude Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Robert J. Hughes

Mr. Gene Ragsdale would like to thank everyone for the many beautiful cards and notes he received on his 85th Birthday. He feels so blessed.

Our special friend Ms. Karen Pyle passed away this week . She had moved to Florida recently to live with her son and his family. We send our prayers to the family. (address: 4627 Irene Loop, Newport Richie, Florida 34652-4810)

This Week's Scripture Verses

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

I Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

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

Extended Church Family:

Buddy Bonds (Lori Bonds Mother-in-law), Betty Y. Brown, 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), Ronnie Hopkins, Mary Huston, Patty Jo King, R. L. Marshall (Kay Peacock's brother), Ken McGee (Sharon Edenfield's father), Shirley McNeely, Art & Joan Neil (Bob Neil's parents), Tim Palmer, Mitch Proctor, Don Rainwater, Vaughn Riner, Faye & John Rountree, Keith & Kal Thompson, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Eloise Wood (B. J. Williams mother)

As part of our Mother's Day celebration, we are asking (particularly the dads out there) to send us a short video (10 secs. or less) of their kids giving a Mother's Day greeting to their moms. This of course, includes kids of any age. You may email them to fumcswainsboro@gmail.com The deadline for submitting them will be 1:00 pm. Friday, May 8. We plan to put together a video montage' to show at the end of the service that day.