



APRIL CALENDAR

Fri	2nd	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sun	4th	EASTER	
Mon	5th	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	7th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	14th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Mon	19th	10-12 p.m.	Kid Junction
Wed	21st	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	28th	12 and 5 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)

Altar Guild: Peggy Chappell and Ruth Sizemore



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS



Donor

Loretta Wilson

Fund

Missions

In memory of

Glenn Wilson Sr.

In honor of

Ruby Carrington (96 years old)

Janet Rae, Larry Joe Banks and family



Tim & Rhonda Spraker	4/11
Donnie & Earlene Ogburn	4/17

APRIL KID JUNCTION NEWS



Thank you to our March volunteers: Janis Kurtz, Elsie Davis and Dianne Marshall.

A sincere thanks to Peggy Chappell for the colorful knitted blankets she made and donated. Thank you, church family, for your prayers and support.

We served 5 families (one of which was new) and 15 children in March.



Evan Nuckolls	04/08	Tracy Hanks	04/16	Michael Butler	04/26
Linda Richardson	04/11	William Sidney Senter	04/18	Lisa Adams	04/30
Donnie Ogburn	04/15	Alice Sweeney	04/18	Linda Burnette	04/30

(Continued from page 1) We do have Easter Sunrise Worship this year. It will be in-person and on Facebook Live. It is at 7:05 from the main entrance Center Street Steps. As of now, the weather looks great for Easter Sunday! The sun rises at 7:08 but given our valleys and ridges, we must add a few minutes. Sorry, no breakfast this year. Maybe next year! Easter Worship is at our regular 10:30 time (in-person and FB Live).

Easter Sunday ushers in the Easter Season! Easter Season lasts until Pentecost Sunday, which is the day, we celebrate the birthday of the Church (May 23). Easter is the season that we especially celebrate the life that comes to humankind through the resurrection of Jesus Christ! God's love conquers death, hatred, malice, and ill-will. I remember a song that I loved from when I was a teen: "Love crucified arose." If you are not familiar with it give it a look (google it).

The Book of Revelations tells us that the final conqueror is the "lamb slain from the foundation of the world." We look to the time when all is reconciled to God as Easter gives us a foretaste of that event. What is the future like? It is like the Resurrection! It is about life and love conquering all, even death. Rejoice that God has given us the joyful responsibility of spreading his joy throughout the world amid the darkness, pain, and suffering of human existence.

"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)



NATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

April 4—The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, N. Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia
April 11—Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania
April 18—Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine
April 25—Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Thursday, April 1 (Holy Thursday Communion, 6:30 p.m. in person and Facebook Live)

Friday, April 2 (Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m., in person only)

Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunrise) (Holy Communion, 7:05 a.m. Center St. steps, in person and Facebook Live)

Scripture [Before Greeting: Mark 16:1-8]; Isaiah 25:6-9; Acts 10:34-43

Focus: Easter Belief

Sunday, April 11 (Easter 2)

Scripture: Psalm 133; John 1:5-2:2

Focus: Harmony

Sunday, April 18 (Easter 3)

Scripture: Psalm 4:4-5; 1 John 2:28-3:3

Focus: Losing your religion

Sunday, April 25 (Easter 4)

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

Focus: Lived truth

PRAYER LIST:

NEW ADDITIONS: Kim Kinzer; Terra Porter; Janice Gilbert (Barbara Boyer's cousin);

Anisha Keith (Keri Keith's mother-in-law); Frances Crowder

CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON THE PASSING OF: Pat Ann Hampton Bolt (survived by husband Charles, first cousin to Dianne Marshall); Thelma Hamm; Jewel Melton.

Yvonne Strader Alexander
Maggie Amburn
Alice Anderson
Bell Arvin
Sandy Billings
Susie Blevins
Audene Bogert
Clare Boyer
Skip Boyer
Tracy Brannock
Gardner Brannon
Christine Briscoe
Steve Burcham
Vivian Coleman
Ruth Ann Cox
Anthony Davis;
Glenn Dixon
James Duncan
Eddie Farris
Susie Floyd

Brenda Gravely
Ronnie Gravely
Tony Graham
JayJay Grimes
Brad Gulla
Mimi Hall
Keith Helton
Angie Hill
Bob Horton
Buck Isom
Laurie Hawks Jones
Rhonda Jones
Keri Grimes Keith
Don Knox
Penny Kyle
Rubie Larrowe
Pam Leadbetter
Danita Moore
Trish Moore
Jane Naylor

Bud Nelson
Dennis Noonam
Linda Painter
Mary Parks
Shelby & Gayle Phipps
August Reavis
James Rollins
Jo Rudy
Barbara Sawyers
Michael Schaeffer
Linda Sharpe
Benny Shupe
Melissa Sizemore
Tim Spraker
Autrey Taylor
Sandy Ward
Judy White
Edith Wilson
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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

March has been March. Nice weather, harsh weather, so-so weather, and some areas experienced severe, dangerous weather. There were not as many warmer days as I had expected but more than February. I am ready for April. As I write this (March 31), it is rainy and overcast. Tomorrow, the first day of April is not looking good weather-wise but it is Holy Thursday.

The first days of April this year are the end days of Holy Week before we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday! I do miss our Holy Thursday Communion and meal which is more of what early Christians did: A celebration of the Lord's Supper and then sharing a meal together. This year we will have Facebook Live and in-person celebration of the Holy Thursday with Holy Communion (6:30). We recognize our communion with God and one another through Jesus Christ in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Good Friday is the next Holy Day Celebration here at FUMC (6:30). I regret that it is in-person only but given copyright issues and broadcasting it must be that way. If you are not able to attend, or do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship (and this understandable), please take a moment on Good Friday to remember what Jesus Christ endured while “hanging on the tree” in shame and humiliation. Also, remember that God did not shame him because Jesus suffered for doing what was right and good. We humans and our leaderships and our societies do not always react positively to the doing of good in the way of kindness and compassion. The crucifixion of Jesus reminds us of our bend toward evil, and as God told Cain: “Sin is lying in wait for you, ready to pounce; it is out to get you, you have got to master it” (The Message Translation). **(Continued on page 3.)**