

**THE MESSENGER**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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 Pastor

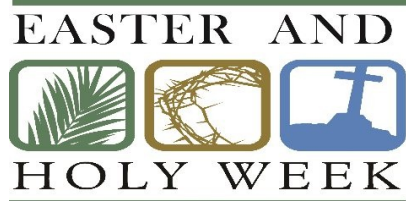
Teresa Gardo  
 Administrative Assistant

Mary Etta Stephenson  
 Organist

Linda Barger  
 Chancel Choir Director

Andrew Harmon  
 Handbell Director

Mildred Young  
 FUMC Weekday Preschool Dir.



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**APRIL 15 - APRIL 19**

**Community Holy Week Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church (April 15 - 19) beginning each day at 12:05pm and will be followed by lunch each day.**

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| Sunday, April 14    | 10:30am Worship Service at FUMC (Easter Cantata)   |
| Monday, April 15    | Sermon: Rev. Dale Hendricks, Shady Grove Baptist Church  |
| Tuesday, April 16   | Sermon: Rev. Leonard Bumgardner  |
| Wednesday, April 17 | Sermon: Rev. Sharon Knauls, Missionary Methodist Church  |
| Thursday, April 18  | Sermon: Dr. Vince Hefner, First Baptist Church<br>6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service at First United Methodist Church.<br>Holy Communion will be observed.   |
| Friday, April 19    | Sermon: Rev. Dr. Bill Lowe, First Presbyterian Church<br>1:15pm - Cross Walk<br>Begins at First Presbyterian Church parking lot and ends at City Memorial Cemetery   |
| Saturday, April 20  | 9:30am - FUMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt   |
| Sunday, April 21    | 7:00am - Sunrise Service at the City Memorial Cemetery,<br>Sermon by Rev. Bob Holtsclaw, Missionary Methodist Church<br>(In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at First United Methodist Church)<br>10:30am - Sermon: Rev. Joe Collins, Easter Worship Service at FUMC. (Remember to bring flowers for decorating the cross). |



Bishop Paul Leeland will be presenting updates regarding the 2019 Special Session General Conference and what it means for the WNCC. He will be speaking to the Catawba Valley District and the Appalachian District at a joint gathering on **Sunday, March 31, at 3pm** at St. Luke's UMC (52 16th Avenue NW, Hickory, NC). You are invited to attend this event.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



### TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Scholarship Applications are now on-line on the church website under the "Youth" tab. There are 6 scholarship applications that are available. The due date to have the applications into the Scholarship Committee is **April 26, 2019**. If you have problems opening these documents, please come by the church office.



## Easter Egg Hunt April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30

The Church will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20. We will begin at 9:30am with a light continental breakfast, praise songs, Easter lesson and Egg Hunt for the Children. This will be a fun time of celebration while teaching the children about the Love Jesus gave to us. Below is way that we would love for you to show your support and help make the Egg Hunt a success. Make sure you mark the date on your calendar and bring your children and grandchildren to enjoy this time of fellowship with us.

If you have any questions please contact Chrystal Harmon (704) 466-6188

#### How can you help?

- **Donate candy and Eggs** for the Egg Hunt- place donations in the box at the Church office
- **Hide Eggs**- we need helpers to hide all the eggs on Saturday morning at 8:30
- **Donate prizes** for the Golden Egg Winners- we will need about 12 \$5 gifts (stuffed animals, gift cards, books, etc.)



### Can you believe we are already talking about VBS? Save the dates of July 14 - July 18.

In a world that is always searching for "the next big thing", some things never change and can never be improved upon. God, His Word, His Promises, and the Gospel will always remain unchanged and that is why we choose to kick it old school! We will reinforce this concept through an 80's "*old school*" rock and roll concert environment. We will start and end each day with a "concert" and "encore" time of worship. Children will then take their backstage VIP passes and their Bibles to explore all of the areas of Vacation Bible School.

If you would like to Volunteer in Ministering to Children through VBS please contact Chrystal Harmon or the Church Office..



Calling all Children ages 4 years through 6th grade. There will be a community Children's Choir camp on June 17 - 20 for children who are 4 years old - 6th grade from 9:00am - 3:00pm each day.

There will be a concert held on Thursday evening, June 20, at 7:00pm. The cost is \$50.00 per child through May 31. After May 31 the price increases to \$75. Auditions for drama parts and solos will be on Sunday, April 7, at 2 pm at Second Baptist Church in Cherryville. Several volunteers from our own church will be teaching classes. Registration forms are on the events table.

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

**Secret Pal has a NEW name!**

We would like to introduce the **College Care Ministry**. The education committee is trying something new to show love to our College students. The goal is to provide all the college students with the same care packages throughout the year. We would like to send gift cards and cards to the students throughout the year. To make this work we will need monetary donations to purchase the items. If you are interested in helping talk to someone on the Education Committee.



## KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

It's hard to believe that we have only April and May left in this school year. We have seen the children grow - physically, emotionally, and academically. I am very proud of all the children, as well as our great teachers! We are so blessed to be a part of Kingdom Kids.

March was a busy month - we celebrated Dr. Seuss Week, St. Patrick's Day, and World Down's Syndrome Day. Over half of our students sang beautifully in the Sunday worship service.

During April we will be learning about the true meaning of Easter, and will enjoy Easter parties and egg hunts, and will have spring photos taken. Most of the children continue to be excited by what they are learning!

Continued thanks to FUMC and all our members who support our preschool.

Ms. Millie

## SPRING LUNCHEON

Sponsored by United Methodist Women  
**Saturday, April 27, 2019 10:30 a.m.**  
First United Methodist Church Cherryville

**If you would like a ticket, please see a member of the United Methodist Women.**



**Congratulations** to Sara Baity who was selected to serve on staff again this summer with Carolina Cross Connection as a Urban Ministry Camp Director. Carolina Cross Connection requests that the home church of each summer staff person assist in the cost of the expenses involved for summer staff. If you would like to assist Carolina Cross Connection and Sara by making a donation to CCC, they would be truly grateful for your support. You may talk with the church office or Sara for more information.



*We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in loving memory of:*

**DR. MARSHAL & MILDRED AGNER**

Ben & Libby Ballard  
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Amy Tallent



***IN HONOR***

*We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in honor of:*

**CHAD BINGHAM**

*(Retirement)*

Vee & Melanie Thornburg

**JANET CARTER**

*(Birthday)*

Vee & Melanie Thornburg

**LILLIAN PALMER PEAK**

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam

**BETTY JANE ROBINSON**

Sandra Carpenter



**A NOTE OF**



My family and I would like to thank you for the thoughts and prayers during the passing of my mother and father. The expressions of love with cards, visits, calls and food were much appreciated. Thank you for continued prayers during this difficult time.

Love in Christ,  
Linda Alexander



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT MAR. 24, 2019

Previous Total . . . . . \$52,254.22  
Total To Date . . . . . \$86,368.22  
Needs To Date. . . . . \$86,367.72  
Over . . . . . ..50¢

## ATTENDANCE, MARCH 24, 2019

Sunday School. . . . . 100  
Early Worship . . . . . 39  
Worship . . . . . 100  
**Total . . . . . 139**

## APRIL USHERS:

Ron Hovis, Larry Gunnell, Bruce Barrett, Darin Webb  
Tim Moss

## NURSERY WORKERS

	<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Mar. 31	Jessica Thornburg	Karen Freeman
Apr. 7	Sarah Fowler	Linda Alexander
Apr. 14	one service 10:30	Renee Allen
Apr. 21	one service 10:30	Emilie Pope
Apr. 28	Shayne Turner	Phyllis Thornburg

## PRAYER LIST (Members)

Linda Alexander and family, Bobbi Ballard and family, Mike Burgess, Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Billy Crews, Deborah DeVenny, Peggy Gardo, Ruth Gaston, Sherie Harrelson, Aura Ann McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Karleen Price, Joe & Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Gary Thornburg, Shayne Turner and family, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

## PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Braiden Brown, The family of Butch Chapman, Landen Jansen, Cornelia Moss, Myra Neill, Lyn Nettles, Jeff Schrum, Sandra Stallings, Larry and Sabra Thornburg, and our loved ones in the military.

## LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, \*Travis Kiser, Cody Spiker.

# Church Member; \*Stationed in the Middle East



**Congratulations** to Detective Chad Bingham on his retirement from the Gastonia Police Department on February 28, 2019.



**Our Christian Sympathy** is extended to Suzanne Day and family following the death of her brother, Robert Lee "Bob"

Dellinger, on February 28, 2019, in Tennessee. **There will be a Celebration of Life Service at First United Methodist Church, Cherryville, on Saturday, April 6, at 11:00am** and the family will receive friends following this service.

## April Birthdays

1	Nancy Catena
2	Mallie Emerson
2	Terry Young
3	Gail Beam
3	Elizabeth Austell Shuford
3	Vernon Smith
4	Molly Whitworth
7	Carol Metzger
7	Emily Grace Nytko
9	Billy Alexander
10	Jody Fowler
10	Linda McQuaige
11	Nick Brown
12	Molly Wright
14	Linda Kale Barger
14	Suzanne Day
15	Colton Ballard
16	Mitchell Bowen
18	David Baity
18	Ephie Beam
18	Mary Etta Stephenson
19	Todd Sorenson
20	Mary Wiles
21	Wesley Anthony
21	Linda Brittain
21	Chrystal Harmon
22	Dawn Moss
22	Holly Skibo
23	Travis Dellinger
23	Susan Fraley
25	John Dimiceli
25	Eddie Ledford
27	Grayson Cushman
27	Dartha Stroupe
28	Tricia Beall
28	Sam Dellinger
29	Scott Beam
29	Madison Moss
30	Seth Harmon



If your birthday is in April and not listed, please contact the church office.



Janet Carter  
Carolina Care Center  
111 Harrilson Rd.  
Cherryville, NC 28021

### **Sunday, March 31**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
3:00pm - Bishop Paul Leeland meeting with Catawba  
Valley District at St. Lukes UMC, Hickory, NC  
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal  
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Monday, April 1**

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle  
6:00pm - UMW (Holy Angels speaker)

### **Wednesday, April 3**

5:30pm - UMK's  
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study  
7:15pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 4**

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's  
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

### **Sunday, April 7**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal  
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Wednesday, April 10**

5:30pm - UMK's  
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 11**

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's  
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

### **Sunday, April 14**

9:45am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship (Easter Cantata)  
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Monday - April 15 - Friday, April 19**

12:05pm - Holy Week Services at First Presbyterian

### **Wednesday, April 17**

5:30pm - UMK's  
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 18**

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's  
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor  
6:30pm - Maundy Thursday service

### **Saturday, April 20**

9:30am Easter Egg Hunt

### **Sunday, April 21**

7:00am - Sunrise Service  
9:45am - Sunday School  
10:30 - Worship

### **Monday, April 22**

Church Office Closed

### **Wednesday, April 24**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Saturday, April 27**

10:30am - UMW Spring Luncheon

### **Sunday, April 28**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth

### **NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:**

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**ROMANS 6:4**