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**EASTER AND**  
  
**HOLY WEEK**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**MARCH 26 - 30, 2018**

**Community Holy Week Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church (March 26 - 30) beginning each day at 12:05pm and will be followed by lunch each day.**

- Monday, March 26      Sermon: Rev. Bob Holtsclaw, Missionary Methodist Church
- Tuesday, March 27      Sermon: Rev. Dr. Bill Lowe, First Presbyterian Church
- Wednesday, March 28      Sermon: Rev. Bill Taylor, Bess Chapel & Bethlehem United Methodist Church
- Thursday, March 29      Sermon: Rev. Dr. Ben Kifer, St. John's Lutheran Church  
5:30pm - Passover Meal at FUMC  
6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service at First United Methodist Church.  
Youth will present the "Living Last Supper." Holy Communion will be observed.
- Friday, March 30      Sermon: Rev. Wayne Key, Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
1:15pm - Cross Walk  
Begins at First Presbyterian Church parking lot and ends at City Memorial Cemetery
- Sunday, April 1      7:00am - Sunrise Service at the City Memorial Cemetery,  
Sermon by Rev. Joe Collins, D. Min.  
(In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at First United Methodist Church)
- 11:00 Easter Cantata at First United Methodist Church



## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

As the weather is beginning to get warmer, our youth are beginning to plan for our upcoming mission trip and service opportunities. During the Holy Week celebrations, the youth will participate in the Maundy Thursday service by portraying the Living Last Supper, a drama that highlights the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before he was arrested, put on trial, and crucified the next day. They will also be in service to our children for our Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 31, helping to make a fun and memorable experience learning about the resurrection of Jesus and finding eggs that represent new life.

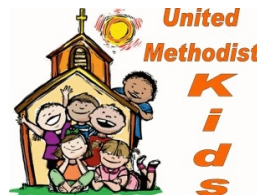
On April 14, the youth will have a booth at the Cherry Blossom Festival again this year. Our focus this year will be evangelism. Jesus has instructed us to be fishers of men and go make disciples. The youth have taken that command seriously and look forward to the opportunity to share their faith.

Our Pennsylvania Mission Trip planning is under way. The youth will be doing a variety of service activities. On Sunday, Father's Day, they will help to lead the worship at a UMC congregation in the morning by singing and doing a puppet skit. That afternoon, they will host a community outreach event for that same congregation with hotdogs, games, and a play to spark local interest and involvement. The youth will visit a retirement facility with their puppets, volunteer in a thrift store, and do clean-up and repair at a local Christian camp. They will also work in the community doing some needed repairs for the church and the elderly. As the week progresses, they will have the opportunity to work on an Amish farm and experience a simpler yet very productive way of life.

This spring is blossoming into a time filled with many opportunities for our youth. If your youth is not involved, maybe now is a time to make a fresh start and join us for faith-filled fun.

## YOUTH SPRING EVENT CALENDAR

<u>Mar. 25</u>	Easter Hayride (cost \$8)	6:00pm - 9:30pm
Mar. 29	Living Last Supper	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Mar. 31	Easter Celebration	10:30 - 11:30am
Apr. 14	Cherry Blossom Festival	10:00am-4:00pm
May 18	Lock-In at the Barn	7:00pm-8:00am
June 16-23	PA Mission Trip	depart at 6 AM



This spring in UMKids on Wednesday nights, the children are learning about the great qualities that pets have and how they use those qualities to enrich our lives. They will learn about a Bible personality that possesses that same quality and how they used it to bring glory to God. The children will learn how they can also use those qualities to honor God with their lives.

In Children's Church, on Sunday mornings during worship, the children are learning about different foods and relating them to living a Christian life. For example, they learned about pop-corn and practiced "popping with praise" to God followed by a lesson on Jesus healing a lame man, and how he praised the Lord for his awesome deeds. A host of puppets visit the children to help them get the point of the lesson each Sunday. They play games, sing songs, reenact stories from the Bible and search the Scriptures with their newly learned skills. Children's Church is a great opportunity for your child to worship God.

## UMKIDS SPRING EVENT CALENDAR

March 25	Sing for 11 o'clock Worship (meet in Children's Church Area at 10:50am)
March 31	Easter Celebration/Egg Hunt 10:00-11:30am
April 28	Bowling (time and cost TBD)
May 13	Sing for 11 o'clock Worship (meet in Children's Church Area at 10:50am)
May 30	Last regular Wednesday Night UMKids Family Cook Out

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 8-12, 2018



Can you believe we are already talking about VBS? This year we will travel back in time in our Time Lab to meet the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time and we will learn that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN MINISTERING TO CHILDREN THROUGH VBS PLEASE CONTACT JEANNA SPIKER OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

### NURSERY WORKERS:

	<u>8:45am Service</u>	<u>11:00am Service</u>
Mar. 4	Linda Alexander	Jessica Thornburg
Mar. 11	Maria Pruitt	Sarah Fowler
Mar. 18	Jenny Emerson	Karen Freeman
Mar. 25	11:00 service only	Melanie Thornburg



## KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

It's hard to believe we have only three months left in this school year, and that we are already accepting applications for the upcoming year. A number of children from our two and three year classes have already committed to return next year. If a church member wishes to register a child you need to do so as soon as possible. Registration opens to the public beginning March 1, and we already have a waiting list.

The time is here to order graduation gowns for our four year students. We have 22 children who will be graduating to move on to kindergarten. Graduation is scheduled for Thursday night, May 24.

The children are working hard, but they are also having so much fun! I love seeing the affection and friendships they share.

I am so fortunate to have such wonderful teachers working with the children!

Ms. Millie

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEB. 25, 2018

Year to Date Offering . . . . .	\$48,323.41
Needs To Date. . . . .	\$56,761.04
Under. . . . .	\$8,432.63

### ATTENDANCE – FEB. 25, 2018

Sunday School. . . . .	96
Early Service. . . . .	58
Worship. . . . .	<u>111</u>
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>169</b>

### MARCH USHERS:

Johnny Brown, Steve Bowen, Ken Bowen,  
Stacey Bradley, Chuck Dellinger



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Larry & Juanita Gunnell



## March Birthdays

1	Clarice Harrelson
1	Alex Smith
2	Janet Carter
2	Janice Hammond
3	Ayden Canipe
5	Landon Hudson
5	Kay Moths
5	Eric Stroupe
6	Michael Moss
8	Robin Blackburn
8	Stephanie Elmore
8	Melinda Faires
8	Vee Thornburg
10	Brent Burleson
11	Leah Griffin
11	Lacey Spangler
13	Deanna Daggerhart
14	Joe Dismukes
14	Steven Gunnell
14	Doris Huss
16	Mildred Young
17	Brent Goforth
17	Chapel Moss
17	Caleb Narron
19	Michael Smith
20	Bob Austell
20	Steve Buff
20	David Hovis
22	E.L. Beam
22	Debbie Payseur
22	Amy Tallent
24	Barbara Crews
26	Heidi Cash
26	Brooks Gunnell
26	Carla Eaker Truluck
29	Ryan Costner
29	Van Dellinger
29	Grayce Pruitt
30	Anne Dellinger
31	Buzz Eaker
31	Butch Sneed



### **PRAYER LIST (Members)**

Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Buzz Eaker, Peggy Gardo, Lori Gibson, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Debbie Payseur, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Gary Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

### **PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)**

Bill Allen, Kristen, Seth & Micah Austin, Carolyn Beam Branton, Ray Branton, Shaunda Camp, Cornelia Moss, Mary Wheatley, Jack Whitworth and our loved ones in the military.

### **LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:**

#Ethan Beck, #Jake Dellinger, Aron Dickerson, Kenny Greene, Jessica Lovell, \*Travis Kiser, \*Cody Spiker.

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



Rita Black Lorrey  
Lincolnton Rehab  
1410 East Gaston St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

### **Sunday, March 4**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
2:00pm - Cantata rehearsal  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Monday, March 5**

6:00pm - UMW Salad Supper  
Guest Speaker

### **Tuesday, March 6**

10:00am - Covenant Group

### **Wednesday, March 7**

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

### **Thursday, March 8**

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

### **Sunday, March 11**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship (Preschool singing)  
2:00pm - Cantata rehearsal  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Tuesday, March 13**

10:00am - Covenant Group  
2:00pm - Prayer Shawl Committee meeting

### **Wednesday, March 14**

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

### **Thursday, March 15**

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

### **Sunday, March 18**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship (Girl Scout Sunday)  
2:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Monday, March 19**

7:00pm - Homecoming/Kitchen committee meeting

### **Tuesday, March 20**

10:00am - Covenant Group

### **Wednesday, March 21**

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

### **Thursday, March 22**

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

### **Sunday, March 25**

9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship (Rick Webb family)  
6:00pm - Youth (Easter hay ride)

### **Monday, March 26**

12:05pm - Holy Week services at First Presbyterian

### **Tuesday, March 27**

12:05pm - Holy Week services at First Presbyterian

### **Wednesday, March 28**

12:05pm - Holy Week services at First Presbyterian  
5:30pm - UMK's  
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study  
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal  
6:30pm - Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 29**

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's  
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor  
12:05pm - Holy Week services at First Presbyterian  
5:30pm - Passover meal  
6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service

### **Friday, March 30**

12:05pm - Holy Week services at First Presbyterian  
1:15 - Cross Walk from First Presbyterian to City Memorial Cemetery

### **Saturday, March 31**

10:00am - Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30am - Youth Easter celebration

### **Sunday, April 1**

7:00am - Sunrise Service  
9:45am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship (Easter Cantata)