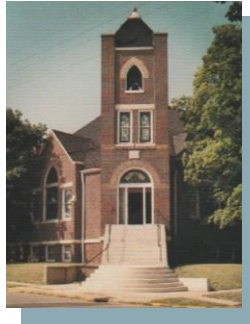


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"Committed disciples of Christ united in loving service."

Oh, yes, He did!



NOT IN VAIN

How vain is our faith if the Christ be not
risen;
How dark is the tomb if the Lord is still
there!
How heavy our burden of grief and
transgression?
How deep our despair!

Oh, justified faith in a finished
salvation!
Oh, sure resurrection that comforts our
woes!
Oh, glorious light in the valley of
shadow,
Because Jesus arose!"

-Annie Johnson Flint

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April 2019

April Scriptures & Sermon Titles

7th – Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8; Philippians 3:4-14; “Living into Our Mission” / Communion

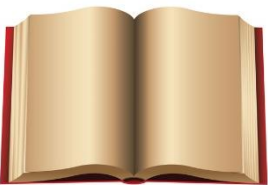
14th – Palm Sunday - Psalm 118; Luke 19:35-40; Luke 13:31-35; Luke 19:41-44; “Week of Grief; Day of Triumph”

18th – 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service w/prayer time and Communion

19th – 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

21st – Easter Sunday - Psalm 150; John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12; “Repeat after Me, Christ WILL COME Again!”

28th – Psalm 150; Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; Matthew 14:22-33; “What Brings You Joy?” / Bucket Sunday



Note: The Psalm is a responsive reading

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

7th – Bill & Jane Remley (1968)
12th – Chris & Angie Renick (1997)

Birthdays

6th – Bob Crowder
14th – Jennifer Daugherty
17th – Marci Huckstep, Georgia Taylor
23rd – Pat Murdock, Eric Dunbar
26th – Fred Baker
27th – Linda Kingry, Denisha (Frazier) Estevez-Morales
28th – James Cowherd

Does your association with Jesus bring you joy?

Continuing along on our journey of walking in God’s light, I want to do some deeper exploration into what it means to live in faith. So far, we’ve considered how to incorporate the Beatitudes (be-attitudes) in our daily life and contemplated our Christian and Wesleyan heritage. So, following our Easter service, I invite you to take a closer look at your own faith habits. How consistent are you in practicing Wesley’s three simple rules? What does “moving to perfection” look like in your daily life and would you consider your path to be neat and orderly or chaotic and all over the place?

When I’m honest, I have to admit that my faith life gets pretty messy at times. I allow too many distractions to keep me from my time with God. Since spring is traditionally the season of tidying up and deep cleaning, I’ve decided that if it’s good enough for the house and yard, it’s good enough for my soul. There’s a popular Netflix program on right now called, “Tidying Up with Marie Kondo.” Each episode features the hostess visiting a different home to assist with decluttering and organization. One of the catchphrases for determining whether to keep something is, “Does it bring you joy?” If the answer is affirmative, the owner is advised to retain the piece; if not, out it goes.

Actually, this is also a great tactic with our spiritual lives. Does Jesus bring you joy? What about public worship, Bible reading, communion and meditation? **ALL** of these things are meant to bring joy into your life, but are you experiencing them that way?

Maybe it’s time to start tidying up our faith practices so that they **DO** bring us joy. Will you join me?

Blessings,

Pastor Judi

The darkness came, but this wasn't just about day turning into night...

Maundy Thursday, (Latin, Mandatum), came to the congregations around the fifth century. Mandatum most likely comes from the "new command" that Jesus gave his disciples to, "...love one another as I have loved you."

Please join us for this 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday / prayer time & communion service on Thursday, April 18.

Tenebrae, or service of shadows, is not a happy service, because the occasion is not happy. The service recreates betrayal, abandonment, and agony and is left unfinished because the story doesn't end until Easter morning.

Those attending will get a sense of abandonment, but that makes Easter morning so much richer with life and hope! Please join us on Friday, April 19, 7 pm. For this poignant service of Tenebrae.



Congratulations to Roger and Georgia Taylor on being crowned king and queen of Whitlock House's Valentine's Day prom. Quite the regal couple! (But then, we already knew that.)

Chili Cook-off 2019



Winners L to R: Third place, Joan Gathright; second place, Carol Crowder; first place, Gail Horton

Congratulations!




Judges L to R: Terry Lawrence and Sandra Ruby



APRIL 2019

Easter: Life and death faced each other in mortal combat. Life won.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>EACH SUNDAY</u> 9 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. SS 10:45 a.m. Coffee 11 a.m. Worship	<u>WORSHIP LDR</u> Gail Horton <u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u> 7 th – Val Hester & Karen Holt 14 th – Gail Horton & Ruth Grant 21 st – Linda Melevage & Joe Hutchins 28 th – Linda Kingry & Linda Miller			The best news the world ever got came from a grave.	
	1	2	3 Bible Study Resumes Apr. 10	4 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	5	6
7 Fifth Sun. in Lent Communion 10 a.m. Upstairs Ladies	8	9	10 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	11 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	12	13
14 Palm Sunday <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;"> HOLY WEEK </div>	15	16	17 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	18 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. Service w/Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	19 Good Friday 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service	20 Holy Saturday
21 EASTER 	22	23	24 10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC	25 World Malaria Day 7 p.m. Thirty on Thurs. Prayer Time	26 Arbor Day	27
28 2 nd Sun. of Easter Bucket Sunday Offering	29	30	Four Verbs of Easter: Come! See! Go! Tell!		<u>USHERS</u> Andrew Blacketer Ruth Grant <u>ACOLYTES</u> The Luzaders	<u>CLEANING</u> Outreach <u>COFFEE HOST</u> Witness Cmte.

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