

**Sunday Morning**

- 8 a.m. Worship Service—Traditional in Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Worship Service—Contemporary in Family Activity Center
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Dossett Chapel Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service—Traditional w/Children’s Church in Sanctuary

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**Ongoing Activities**

**Wednesdays**

- Dossett Chapel, 3:15-5 p.m.
- Youth Praise Band, 5-6 p.m.
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- Youth Group, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- Adult Discipleship, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Thursdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Mondays**

- GriefShare 3:30-5 p.m., Davidson Hall

**Tuesdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance 12-2 p.m.

**The Message—Pastor Paul Purdue**

Palm Sunday comes as a pivot, turning our heads from our shallow self-interest towards Jesus’ cross. Sunday begins with happy crowds praising Christ. By Friday, we scream “crucify him.” So many church folk want nothing but Easter. We do not venture near the cross. And yet on the cross our Crucified Lord transforms our hateful sinfulness into redemption, hope, and love. We who only seek Easter find a hollow, weaker, and smaller faith. I pray that you will join us Sunday, as we begin our journey through the cross into Easter’s abounding victory over hopelessness, sinfulness, and death. Come let us lay down our lives allowing Christ’s cross to interpret our life so that we may truly live.

***Holy Week Schedule***

April 9th - **Palm Sunday** - Services at 8, 9, & 11 a.m.

April 13th - **Maundy Thursday** - Service at 6 p.m., in the FAC Building

April 14th - **Good Friday** - Service at 6 p.m., in the Historic Sanctuary

April 16th - **Easter Sunday**

6 a.m. - *Outdoor Sunrise Service*

7 a.m. - *Breakfast in Davidson Hall, provided by United Methodist Men*

8 a.m. - *Traditional Service in the Historic Sanctuary*

9 a.m. - *First Light Contemporary Service in the Family Activity Center*

10 a.m. - *Sunday School for all ages*

11 a.m. - *Traditional Service in the Historic Sanctuary*



If you’ve experienced loss in your life, maybe a loved one, a physical ability, or a failed relationship, you are not alone. The subject of loss and how to endure in the face of adversity is rarely discussed. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Jason Scales and his personal testimony about emerging from setbacks in life. He has written a book called “Resilient” and will be doing a 4 week session on Thursday nights here at the church, at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Scales holds a B.S. and M.B.A. from UTC in Psychology, is the team chaplain for the MTSU Men’s basketball team, and founder of Believers Faith Fellowship Church.

Pastor Paul’s sermons are posted on our website every Sunday, right after the conclusion of the 11 a.m. service. Just go to [www.fumctullahoma.com](http://www.fumctullahoma.com) and select “sermons” and “view media player.” From there you may select which sermon you would like to listen to.

Maundy Thursday finds its root in the word “commandment”, for during the Last Supper Jesus commands: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Jesus frames his cross as an outpouring of love. All who take up the cross enter into and give Christ’s love. Join us on Maundy Thursday at 6 p.m. in the First Light worship space as we move through an interactive mixture of scripture, songs, hymns, communion, and tangible acts to remember all that Christ has done for us.



Eighteen males from our church have happily volunteered to participate in a drama called “Journeying to the Cross.” It will be presented Good Friday, April 14th at 6 p.m. in our historic sanctuary. This drama is based on Jesus’ life starting with the donkey ride into Jerusalem and ending at Golgotha. You may want to read John 12-19 over the next few weeks and share with your family and friends. Then come and see the story live. We also invite you back to hear the end of the story on Easter Sunday.

***Ministry Opportunity - Feeding Our Neighbors***

We will be hosting a **Mobile Food Pantry** on this Saturday, April 8th from 8 a.m. - noon. Your help is needed for set-up and clean-up, unloading food from the truck, manning tables, directing traffic, walking clients through the line and helping load cars. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the finance office by this Sunday.



*Last year’s Mobile Food Pantry*

# Senior VIBES

## Ongoing Events...

### Adult Art Group

Fridays  
10 a.m.- 12 p.m.  
Main Bldg., #208



### Knitting Group

3rd, 4th, & 5th  
Tuesdays  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
FAC Bldg. Room #4

## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** *"Your life is a living testimony to others." (Psalms to Soothe a Woman's Heart)*

### This Week's Events...

Saturday, April 8th - last day for Picture Directory

### Coming Events...

April 13th, 14th, & 16th - Holy Week Activities

Thursday, April 27th - Milky Way Farms

## Happy Birthday!!!

April 4 Fanny Peck

6 Billy Ray

7 Jim Mitchell

11 John Robertson



We have walked 940.21 miles. Can you believe it? We have walked to Miami, Florida! In fact we are somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean!! Don't worry, I will get us back on dry land by next week. Walk with us, and email, text or call in your miles each Sunday to Esther.

Please check our prayer list in the newsletter and on the church's white board outside the office. Help the staff stay in touch! If you have knowledge of any of our Senior Adult Members who would like to be remembered in prayer or would like a visit from our pastoral staff, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, we acknowledge birthdays of Senior Adult Members weekly in the newsletter; if you would like to be added to the list give me a call (Esther: 455-5434).

## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



In recent Missions Moment issues, you have read about raising funds for furniture at the Hope Center in Liepa, Latvia. The funds will be used to buy furniture for the 5 babies at the Hope Center. This furniture will remain for future babies. The costs for some basic items: crib-\$148.75; mattress-\$87.49; crib sheet-\$12.40; wardrobe-\$123.75. You may designate money for specific items for the HCFF with Renee in the church office.

## First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

It's that time of year again! Easter-time! Easter is my favorite church holiday, even more than Christmas. I love Easter. But it is hard working at the church during Holy Week. There are tons of plans, services, preparation, it's just really tough. Could I ask a favor? Can you pray for me as well as the whole church staff as we enter into Holy Week?

I said it last year and I'll say it again. Easter has people's spiritual antenna up! Please consider inviting friend/neighbors/co-workers to Easter morning services this year. Bring them with you, arrange to meet them at the church. We want to worship God and celebrate the resurrection on Easter, but we also want more people to experience God's love. Now is the perfect time.

*In Christ,  
Jeff*

The Kiwanis Club of Tullahoma is currently collecting disposal diapers for the families in our community that might not otherwise have access to them, for their infants and toddlers. This "Bottoms Up" project will continue in its initial phase until June 1st. Throughout this campaign, Tullahoma Utilities Authority and Tullahoma FUMC have graciously agreed to serve as collection points, or drop-off locations, for the donated diapers. Collection boxes are located in the back of the chapel and in the entrance to the Family Activity Center. Thank you for your help with this project!



## Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein



A big shout out to Addie Colvin for completing her 3rd pack of Sermon Notes! I really enjoyed reading all of Addie's comments and observations. The Sermon Notes packets are located at the Information Station in the Children's Ministry Department and individual sheets are in the sanctuary as well at the gym for First Light services. The notes really encourage the children to listen to the sermon and explore God's word. Contact with me with any questions.

### Upcoming events in April:

**Wednesdays:** After discussion with several parents and low sign-ups and volunteers, we have decided to postpone Wednesday Club activities. Look for more information on ways to gather and serve.

**8th** - Mobile Food Pantry; 8 a.m. – noon; FAC Building. This is a great way to serve our community. I will order pizza afterwards for the kiddos!!! ***\*\*Please note that our walk/run training schedule for this day is cancelled in order to help with this event***

**9th** - Palm Sunday. If your child would like to wave palm branches during the processional on Sunday, meet at the back of the Main Sanctuary at 10:50 a.m.

**15th** - Walk/Run; 8a.m.; Frazier McEwen Park. As a mission project, the Children's Ministry will participate in a 1 mile fun walk or 5K run to support CASA Works. This organization serves the abused and neglected children of Bedford, Coffee, and Franklin Counties to ensure that every child has the right to the safe embrace of a loving family. Registration forms are located at the Information Station in the Children's Department. There is no charge for this event.

**15th** - Easter Egg Hunt; 10-11 a.m.; Thoma Residence, 1006 Wilson Avenue (parking is across the street at the Lutheran church)

**16th** - Easter services; Sunrise service at 6 a.m., breakfast at 7 a.m., regular services at 8, 9, and 11 a.m., with Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Information relating to our Children's Ministry is available at the Information Station desk (at the top of the steps in the Children's Department). Any forms or info you need will be at this desk. All sign-up sheets (parents and children) will be located on the bulletin board that is located between the bathroom doors in the Children's Department. All info pertaining to the nursery and nursery aged children will be kept in the nursery or on the bulletin board to the right of the nursery door.

*Jesus said, "Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"*  
**Mark 10:14-1**



**Sunday, April 9th**  
**Nursery Hours**

7:45 a.m. - 12 noon

**Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. (Main bldg., 2nd floor)

**Children's Church**

11:00 a.m. service

**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 5th-8th**

VBS (mornings)

**June 11th-16th**

Cedar Crest Camp

*Partnering WITH You,  
Miss Julie*

### *New & Used Treasures Sale (Yard Sale)*

**FAC Building-First United Methodist Church  
Friday & Saturday, April 28 & April 29  
Sponsored by United Methodist Women**

Set-up day is Thursday, April 27th, 9 a.m.

Church members may bring new and used items any time during the week of April 24th. If you have items you want to bring before April 24th, contact

**United Methodist Women 3rd Monday meeting** will be April 17th at 10:30 a.m. No Board meeting. Reservations/cancellations should be made by noon Thursday, April 13th with Dianne Barksdale, 455-9275. Cost is \$10.

Let's not forget that we are collecting kitchen pots, pans, tools, dishes and so on for the Henry Center Clothes Closet this month. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

*-Toni Overton*

Our April **Sunday School Challenge** is various size disposable diapers to support the Tullahoma Kiwanis' Diaper Drive. If you are not in a SS class but would like to contribute, the items can be dropped off at the church in the back of the small chapel during business hours. I am always looking for other opportunities to spread God's love, so if you have any suggestions for a monthly challenge, please contact me. Again thanks to all who contributed to the towel challenge. May the Holy Spirit touch you with a giving heart to help our neighbor *God Bless! Terry Rayfield*

### **Candy Donations Needed!**

Candy donations needed for Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Items may be dropped off in the bins located outside of the church office and in the FAC Building. Thank you!



Our **GriefShare** Support Group meets weekly on Mondays from 3:30-5 p.m., in Davidson Hall. Each session is self-contained, so you will be able to pick up any session you missed. They are composed of 3 parts: video, group discussion, and personal workbook. You will find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. Anyone is welcome to join us.

## Worship Attendance (Apr. 2nd)

8:00 a.m.	57
First Light	123
11:00 a.m.	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>
Sunday School	107

## Dossett Wednesday (Mar. 29th) 45

## Sunday, April 9th

### Offering Counters

Terry & Dian Rayfield  
Mike & Jan Dent

### Greeters/Welcome Teams

8:00 a.m. Fuffy Bearden  
Ross Roepke

9:00 a.m. Michelle & Aaron  
Carmack

11:00 a.m. Jean Baker  
Gail Hines  
Bill Bethmann

## Keeping In Prayers

Ed Horton	Don Bond	Billy Roy Murray
Helen Smith	Leon Smith	(Nancy Wright's family)
Dale Shasteen (son of Wilma Shasteen)	Brooke Mendenhall (cousin of Michelle Anderson)	Joyce Mathis
Terry Mathis (brother of Jerry Mathis)	Nancy Vining (mother of Charlie Vining)	Bobbie Prater (sister-in- law of Bob Prater)
Bill Durden (brother of Barbara Prater)	Elise Walker (daughter of LE & Judy Wright)	Anthony Robinson, Scott Dowling & Mary Lundy (family of Wilma Finchum)
Forrest Frame		

### Memorials

<b>Joann Purdue</b>	<b>Nancy Washburn</b>
<b>Bill Swann</b>	from
<b>Tom Perkins</b>	John T. Bobo
<b>Irene Mason</b>	Sheila Seay, Amy & Paige
<b>Roberta Vaughn</b>	Lex & Lynn Hutcheson
<b>Joe Henry</b>	<b>Mary Lynn Uselton</b>
<b>Bill Hobbs</b>	from
<b>Erlon Hagerup</b>	Betty Collier
from	Diane Herron
Lex & Lynn Hutcheson	Bill & Bunny Comer
<b>Robert Wilson Murphy</b>	Ann Cunningham
from	Faye & Andrew Whitt
Charlotte Hatheway	Linda Rittenhouse
Theodore & Susan Wilson	C.M. Phifer
Bill & Bunny Comer	Robert Moon, Jr.
Lex & Lynn Hutcheson	Willo Anne & Jim Hawkins
	Charlotte Hatheway
	Lex & Lynn Hutcheson

We still have  Easter Lilies available for Easter Sunday, for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Mandy in the church office at 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net. Payment can be made to Renee in the finance office.

## Connect

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