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**Our Mission**

*Making disciples  
of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation  
of the world.*

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# The Connection



APRIL 2018  
NEWSLETTER

## Christ is Risen, So What?

The knowledge that Jesus rose is glorious but may not change my life. The Apostle Paul speaks of his desire that the Grace (God's Activity in Christ) may not be in vain. *1 Cor. 15:10, 2 Cor. 6:1* For Christ's resurrection to effect my life I must be willing to allow Jesus to change me and I must be ready to enter a process of growth.

During Eastertide, the season between Easter and Pentecost, we celebrate the time of waiting. As Jesus rose, His appearance during this period and His commands were centered around getting His followers ready for the power to come. As we journey through this time we will consider the issues, values and methods of waiting.

From April 8th to May 20th we will look at the movement from recognizing the Resurrected Christ to our orders to "Go into all the world." April 15th we will look at the specific benefit of allowing the LORD's strength to flow into us and some ways we may respond to the Grace given.

"Christ is Risen, Indeed!", and I hope that as we walk forward, from the empty tomb, you may find your faith growing, your hope rising and your joy overflowing.

See you in Church,

Jim H

# Kids' Construction Zone

## God at Work

Wednesdays

For Kids 5 yrs—5th grade

Snack Supper: 5:00pm—5:30 pm \$2.00

(Adults invited too: \$3.00)

**Construction Time: 5:30pm to 6:30 pm**

**Learn About Jesus New Mission Project**

**Building  
Disciples**



New  
Menu

Movie Night

Sunday April 8 7:00 pm

Free Movie, Refreshments and Nursery

The story of a Roman Centurion who is charged with disproving the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



## Prayer List

### New & Short Term Requests\*

- |                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Robert Christians                 | Jason King          |
| • Shey Lessley Ziemba               | Kevin Smoke         |
| • Marilyn K. Madsen                 | Loretta King        |
| • Toni Fry                          | Sarah Rapien        |
| • Phil Green                        | Rev. Jerry Mitchell |
| • Kim Wilson                        | Deloris Carter      |
| • Kieston Davison                   | Jason Branscum      |
| • Randy Sheppard                    | Patti Pruitt        |
| • Louise Woodard                    |                     |
| • Carol Mitchell's daughter, Cindy. |                     |

### On-Going Needs

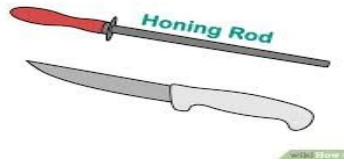
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|----------------|--------------|
| Margaret Bane  | Corey Byford |
| Bea Anderson   | Tom Mitchell |
| Faye Norlander | Erleen Long  |
| Jaime Wright   | Don Bickel   |
| Jo Cristel     | Max Nimmo    |
| Yvonne Green   | Joy Vann     |
| Ruthann Gacey  | Leslie Stump |
| Freda Roberts  |              |

### Our Service People

- |                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jeremy Rogers, MD         | Caleb Ganster, OK               |
| Nathan Ganster, TX        | Richard Lopez, FL               |
| Earl Plumlee, Philippines | Greg Luttrell, NC               |
| Jonathan Ganster, AZ      | Canaan Harrison, Germany        |
| Tim Hintz, MO             | Jessica McMillian, MD           |
| Pearce Linker, AK         | Jennifer Rogers-Cooper, Germany |
| Brett Sandum, Italy       | Tanner Ely, Italy               |
| Matt Walkingstick, WA     | Conner Bryan, TX                |
| Hobbs Stroud, KY          | Dalan Legg, GA                  |

**Pray for continued Wisdom in our building program.**

\*Names on this list will remain for three weeks.  
Call Anne Bottorff, (918) 775-2072, to start the Prayer Chain.  
If you want to add a name to this list, please call the church office at 918-775-2538.



## United Methodist Men's News

We are going to have a garage sale on June 2nd. We are asking everyone to start gathering items for the sale. The men will start collecting items as soon as scouts let out for summer. If you need any help with anything, please ask one of the men.

I ask that we men combine our prayers this month for our scouts. Specifically for our families of scouts being raised by grandparents.

Your brother,  
Jason

## Ministry Calendar

### Sundays

Connect Band Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

### Mondays

Ladies Bible Study at 1:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesdays

Wesleyan Way Share Group in the Parlor from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### Wednesdays

Snack Supper from 5:00—5:30 p.m.  
Kids' Construction Zone from 5:30—6:30 p.m.  
Youth meet from 5:30—6:30 p.m.  
Wesleyan Way Share Group from 6 to 7pm.  
Choir Rehearsal from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Thursdays

Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

### Saturdays

Alcoholics Anonymous at 6:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 8

Movie Night at 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 22

Men's Breakfast at 7:45 a.m.

### Saturday, April 28

Free Community Breakfast from 9-10:30 a.m.

## April Birthdays

1	Karen Walden
3	Ryan Wyrick
4	Jana Wright
	Mirna Duke
9	Ross Bottorff
	Erleen Long
10	Starlet Mattox
14	Carla Campbell
	Nick Hartsell
21	Judy Blair
	Crystal Long
22	Stan Blair
23	Misty Long
26	Luke Warner

## April Anniversaries

8	David & Karen Long
15	Carl & June Rolston

Visit our website to get more information about upcoming events: [www.sallisawfumc.org](http://www.sallisawfumc.org)

### Building Update

Thanks to all of you who have given faithfully. We are moving ahead in our building program and need your prayers; and where possible continued giving. No gift is too small as when each of us does what we can Jesus blesses and the whole moves forward. We are committed to building debt free and will continue as we are able. The Finance and Building Committee met on Wednesday March 28th and heard good news. If you look below we are on track and moving well. Plans for the Sight and Sound system were also considered.

#### Breakdown of Completion Costs

Phase one:

Finish Exterior Walls	\$ 8,500	Fully Funded
Frame all Interior Walls	\$53,000	Fully Funded
Acoustical Ceiling	\$16,000	Fully Funded
Interior Doors, Frames Etc.	\$16,850	Fully Funded
Cross and Flame	\$ 3,500	Fully Funded

Items still to come in order of priority:

Painting Room	\$36,925	Fully Funded
Floor Covering	\$22,522	
Blinds/Accessories	\$ 6,000	
Choir Room plumbing and Fixtures	\$22,500	Fully Funded

Other Estimated Costs not currently under contract:

A/V Sound	\$99,000
New Chairs	\$12,000
Choir risers/Staging	\$15,000
Landscaping	\$11,000



### The Wesleyan Way Group Meetings

Tuesdays @ 2 pm      Wednesdays @ 6pm

In our groups we'll share together what we've been learning from our weekly readings and praying for each other and our church. Pick a group that works for your time schedule. Child care is available on Wednesdays and Sunday School classes for children and youth on Sundays.

If you have 3 friends that would like to start a group at a different



Happy Spring!! We started a series on Worship, took a little time off for spring break, then we learned about Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The youth filled eggs and hid them for the children on Easter Sunday. We will pick-up where we left off on the Worship series this month. The kids are about to be super busy with extracurricular activities, hopefully we can squeeze in a game night or an outing.

*Natalie Johnson*