



The Wesley Message

Our Mission is to Love God and Our Neighbors

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From the Pastor

Easter is all about new life! Easter is about Christ's victory over death on the cross, and the glorious discovery on Sunday morning that the tomb was empty. Easter is the overcoming of something that was gone with something that is new and vibrant; a celebration of life over death! But the truth of Easter is that getting to that new life was no easy road.

To get to Easter, God spent generations urging the chosen people through the voices of prophets to live their lives according to covenant faithfulness to God. To get to Easter, God the Son left the throne of the Kingdom, took on flesh and came to walk among humanity. To get to Easter, Jesus Christ cured the sick, ate with tax collectors, fed the hungry. He was ridiculed by Scribes and Pharisees. He was tortured by Romans. He was betrayed and beaten. He was nailed to a cross. He died. All of that happened before Easter. All of that happened before new life.

This Lent, we will consider the journey to new life. We will look at the path of sacrifice, pain, change, and death that results in new life. The journey will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, as we gather in worship at 6pm. This will be a time of personal reflection as we look at our own lives and what needs to "die" in order for us to be resurrected to new life. As we move through Lent, that reflection will broaden as we explore God's story, Christ's story, the Church's story, and how we as disciples of Christ are to follow our Savior on the Journey to New Life.

I look forward to journeying with all of you. May each of us find new meaning and new life this Easter!
Grace and Peace,

Pastor Clair

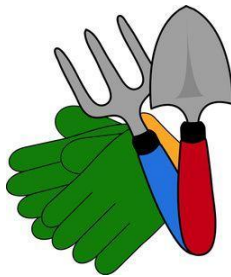
75th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, April 14, 2019

This year, we will celebrate this church's first 75 years, even as we look to the next 75 years and all that God has in store for us. The centerpiece of our celebration will be our 75th Anniversary worship service and luncheon on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. The highlights of the service will be a sermon from our own Bishop Dindy Taylor, and special music by Michael Rodgers and Rusty Taylor. There is so much to celebrate! Begin now to spread the word about our 75th Anniversary Celebration and invite all who have ever been impacted by this church to come and worship with us on April 14!



SERVICE

On Wednesday, March 6, we will observe the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service at 6:00pm. This is a time of reflective consideration of our own mortality as we look toward Easter and the celebration of new life!



HOPE GARDEN WORK DAY

The Hope Garden 2019 season has begun! On Saturday, March 9, beginning at 9:30am, we will have a work day in the HOPE Garden. The purpose of this day will be to prepare the soil, install a watering system, and plant our first/early crop. Any and all are invited to come

as we kick-off the 2019 season. If you would like to garden an individual plot, please let Pastor Clair know, or visit the church website for more information and to register. We are all looking forward to a year of fun, growth, and hope in our garden!

GENERAL CONFERENCE DEBRIEFING MEETING

Everyone is invited to an informational debriefing at St. John UMC on Sunday, March 3, at 3pm. The purpose of this meeting is to share information about decisions that were made at the called session of the General Conference.

All members of the **Church Leadership Council**, please note that we will have a meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00pm in the Library.

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Prayer Concerns

CURRENT CONCERNS: C. D. Hilliard (Erlanger East), Jerri Hilliard (Erlanger East), Kathy Mansfield, Floy Wang (Siskin), Diane Rasor, Jill Daven (Friend of Nancy Broom), Summer Cox (Friend of Charlie Hargis), Carolyn Knox, Pam Brooks, Marcia Lee, Ben Matherly, Jennifer Trent, Marjorie Webb, Betty Ellington (Mother of Phil Ellington), Eduardo Mendez (Nephew of Joy Billings), Susan Lavan (Friend of Pam Varnell)

ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITIONS: Ann Anderson, Dot & Gene Arnold, Deane Barker, Sarah Porter Bigelow (Friend of Joy Billings), Don Bowers (Father of D. J. {Valorie} Bowers), Betty Brickman, Steve Brothers, Pete Bryant, Malinda Cawthorne (Cousin of Brenda Fields), Janice Coleman, Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair), Margaret Ellington, Inez Ernst, Sara Feely, Jeanette Fults, Hazel Garner, Katie Grigsby (Niece of Stephen Walker), Will Hagaman (Nephew of Debbie Hackney), Gail Hathaway (Sister of Joy Billings), Patsy Herren (Daughter of Steve Brothers), Chris Holder (Brother-in-law of Jackie Ernst), Freda C. Johnson (Sister-in-law of Bonnie Colquitt), Eleanor Jones, Joyce (Friend of Ken Levi), Christopher Ledford (Friend of Rick Mansfield), Mike Lynn (Friend of Pam Brooks), Mike McAfee, Casey Minnick (Sister of Kelsey Shaver), Robin & David Minnick (Parents of Kelsey Shaver), Russell Pickett (Uncle of Starr Alexander), Chuck Poole (Friend of Hendrixsons), Marcia Rehman, Kelsey Shaver, Floy Strickland, Paul Strickland, Fred Thomas (Friend of Pam Brooks), Barbara Uren, J. Dan Weeks (Friend of Pam Varnell)

MILITARY: MC/MM Scott Gamble – US Navy (Goose Creek, SC)

ASSISTED LIVING and NURSING HOMES: Betty Brown – Standifer Place (Room 236), Joyce Durham – Elmcroft of Shallowford Road (Mother of Starr Alexander), Dorothy Orr – Lifecare of Collegedale (Mother of Sue Steffner), Becky Teague – Southern Oaks (Room 210)


Attendance & Offerings for February 2019

OFFERINGS (For Month of February) \$ 16,558.35

Sunday School (Average)	30
Morning Worship (Average)	57

IN MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF March 2019

USHERS/GREETERS	Dan Coleman and Allison Hargis
LAY LEADERS:	Debbie Hackney
PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:	03/03 Jerri & CD Hilliard
	03/10 Eric Burnett
	03/17 Naomi & Connie Hay
	03/24 David Smith
	03/31 Tom Steffner
ALTAR GUILD:	Karen Mansfield & Heather Mansfield
ALTAR FLOWERS:	The Church
AUDIO-VIDEO:	Dan Coleman & Kip Smith



March Birthdays

- 02 Don Anderson
- 08 Eric Burnett
- C. D. Hilliard
- Frank Pate
- 09 Terry Brown
- Jeremy Halfacre
- 13 Kim Butler
- Lisa Wheeler
- 22 Marsena Walker
- 28 Allison Hargis

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We are pleased to be the new home for the office of the Kids on the Blocks puppets and their staff. At various times throughout the year, they have events or fundraising opportunities requiring volunteers and would welcome members of WMUMC to be involved as new volunteers!

The Giving Statements for 2018 are now available. If you would like a copy of your statement, you can log in at onrealm.org and print it off or call the church office and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

A 2019 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to provide altar flowers during the year.

Give online! You can support the ministries of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church by Credit Card, Debit Card, or E-check. Visit wesleymemorial-chatt.org to give!