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This Month In Worship

March 6

One Great Hour of Sharing

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13

5th Sunday in Lent

Philippians 3, 4b-14

March 20

Passion/Palm Sunday

Philippians 2:5-11

March 24

6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

March 25

6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service

March 27

Easter Sunday

Luke 24:1-12

*Join Us This
Sunday!*

Traditional Worship -8:40 AM

Grow Groups -9:50 AM

**Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM**



Join us in celebrating our Lord's victory **Easter Sunday, March 27**, in three exciting morning services. Beautiful Easter lilies will adorn our Sanctuary and help us welcome the joy of Easter morning.

Our first service, at 8:40 will be our Traditional Easter Celebration. Our Chancel Choir will provide music leadership in this service.

We are adding a second service at 9:50 which will also be a Traditional Service.

The Contemporary Easter Celebration will be at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team providing music leadership.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, and is the high-point of the Christian year. Invite your friends and family to join you for this exciting time of celebration and worship here at First Methodist.



A Maundy Thursday Service will be held on **March 24 at 6:30 pm.**



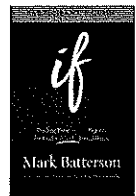
A Good **GOOD FRIDAY** Friday Service will be held at **6:30 pm, March 25.**

Three New Wednesday Studies **Wild at Heart**



Dare to be the man God created you to be! In eight provocative lessons on masculinity, John Eldredge challenges you to abandon passivity and

actively pursue your God-given dreams. Encouragement for men to walk the road least taken--and important insights for the women who love them! This study will begin on **March 30th**. Chad Mitchell and Johnny Horne will be leading this study in the Conference room. We hope you will be able to join them.



Wrestling with regrets? Let God take your "if only's" and use them as a springboard to a future filled with great possibilities! With his trademark enthusiasm and joy, Batterson helps you

embrace a confident, ready-to-conquer attitude based on the astounding question posed in Romans 8: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Sheila Carlisle will lead this 4-week study in Rm. 201 **Mar 30th**.



All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A cunning, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you - your emotions, your mind, your family, your future.

Join us in a 7-session Bible study that will challenge you to suit up, stand firm, and secure victory in your life. Kara Mitchell and Donna Horne will lead this study in the parlor beginning **March 30th at 6:40p.m.**

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory: Dorothy Hart
 Given By: Jimmie & Betsy Hunt

In Memory: Vernon Tevebaugh
 Given By: Jimmie & Betsy Hunt, Mary Sampson, Rodney & Sue Price, Wray & Mary Ann Boyd

In Memory: Eugene Knight
 Given By: James & Desiree Stephens

In Memory: Tucker Vasser
 Given By: Jimmie & Betsy Hunt, First United Methodist Church, John & Jean Roberts, Bruce & Kim Raglin, Betty & Mike Emery, Bubba & Sheila Carlisle, David & Sonya Holman, Archie & Sally Barron, Wray & Mary Ann Boyd, Jay & Anne Orr, Willie & Mavis Stargell, Gerald & Linda Shields, Randy & Michelle York, Donna D. Hutcherson, Robert Kautzman, James & Desiree Stephens, Mary & Tony Pate, James & Anna Butler, Jim & Becky Thomas, Darlene Suttle, Johnnie McPherson, Stan & Mary Jackson, W. M. & Bonnie Ellis

In Memory: Jake Walker
 Given By: FUMC, Donna D. Hutcherson

In Memory: Doris Davis
 Given By: First Methodist Church

Important Dates

March 7-11—Spring Break- No Wednesday activities
 March 19th 11:30- ? FUMC Easter egg Hunt & Picnic
 June 20- 24—5TH -12TH Camp at Lakeview

**In Memory
 of
 Alton Wayne (Tucker) Vasser
 Doris Lynn Walker Davis
 Jake A. Walker**

May the Lord Bless and Keep those
 who mourn their passing.

	January 31	February 7	February 14	February 21
Worship Attendance 8:40 am	124	143	121	115
Worship Attendance 11:00 am	141	131	115	113
Total Worship Attendance	265	274	236	228
Sunday School Attendance	151	132	166	148
General Budget Received	\$9,664.65	\$18,150.62	\$11,379.60	\$7,671.59

Year to Date Financial Report as of January 31, 2016

General Budget Year to Date Received: \$45,775.69
 General Budget Year to Date Expenses: \$45,400.71
 Loan : \$514,322.02

Serving on Sunday – March 6, 2016

Liturgist: Susan LaBay
8:40 Ushers: Bobbi & Gary Wade, Andra & Ronnie Jones
8:40 Prayer Partners: Robert Womack
11:00 Head Usher: Lori Herrington

Serving on Sunday – March 13, 2016

Liturgist: Jay Orr
8:40 Ushers: Ginger Bailey, James Stephens, Craig Witherspoon
8:40 Prayer Partner: Karon Cox, Crystal Hardy
11:00 Head Usher: Jim Thomas

Serving on Sunday – March 20, 2016

Liturgist: John Roberts
8:40 Ushers: Michael & Amy Whittle, Bob Kautzman, Bubba Carlisle
8:40 Prayer Partner: Donna Dean Hutcherson
11:00 Head Usher: Jim Buchanan

Serving on Sunday - March 27, 2016

Liturgist: Chad Mitchell
8:40 Ushers: Jim Cline, Kerry Kilgore, Doug Allen, Lee Gaw
8:40 Prayer Partner: Bernice Kilgore
11:00 Head Usher: Susan Roerecke



Easter Eggstravaganza!!!

We are happy to announce that we will have an Easter eggstravaganza on **Saturday, March 19**, beginning at 11:30. There will be hamburgers, hot-dogs, chips, popcorn, and snow cones. The kids will enjoy the bounce houses, and hunting Easter eggs! There will be door prizes too!

We will need lots of eggs! Please help us by sending candy filled eggs! There will be baskets in the Welcome center and Wesley Hall to put eggs in. We will need lots of help with this event since we are inviting the community. If you would like to help, please contact Danyelle at education@fumchallsville.org or 903.660.3216 ext.18. — Please invite your friends and neighbors.



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20, the children will celebrate Palm Sunday by walking in at the beginning of both morning worship services waving palm branches and singing. Please have your children here by 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary foyer. Please plan to stay for the beginning of the 2nd Service as well, if possible. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to minister to our church family.

Joyful Noise

Our children's choir, "Joyful Noise" is already at work on our spring musical. We will be performing "Kingdom Connection" on **Wed., May 18th**. We would love to have every child here at First Methodist Church children's ministry participate. If you need more information, please contact Meredith Brooks or Danyelle Meyer.



THANK YOU-THANK YOU!!!!

A huge "Thank You" to our church for making First Friends Silent Auction a success! **We raised over \$2400.** Our "Most Beautiful" edible creation went to Alice Ward for her 6 lb. chocolate box. Next for the "Cutest Creation" went to Evelyn Ward for her "Ice Cream Sundae Special." In our auction items category Anne Orr for her stained glass tray and Sarah Plunkett for her square door wreath took the "Highest Bid" awards. Our auction would not be complete without Jim Cline's Meal Deal which also took the "Highest Bid" award. Other favorites were Pastor Brian's Mexican Casserole, Sonya Holman's Lasagna and everybody loves Cheryl McKey's chicken spaghetti. Always a favorite was Nelwyn Glezen's Italian Cream Cake, Sue Price's Honey Bars and Claudia Inman's chocolate pretzel candy. It was fun to see everyone excited and having a good time with our auction. Thank you again for your support of our ministry.

Nursery Workers needed

Do you love to hold little ones and sing or play with them? The nursery is the perfect place for a child to feel the love of Jesus while his or her parents attend worship, Sunday school, or another church event. I am currently searching for a few people to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and other times as needed. If you or someone you know would be a great, responsible caregiver, please have them contact Danyelle Meyer at 903.660.3216 ext. 18 or education@fumchallsville.org. Must be at least 16 years of age.



March Birthdays

- 1 Jacqueline Huffman
- 2 Brett Cartwright, Kylee Glosson
- 3 Lana Cayce Charlton
- 4 Blake Richey
- 5 Katie Buie
- 7 Ami Cartwright, Jan Short, London Underwood, Donna Horne
- 8 Desiree Stephens, Janice Northcutt, Brayden Miller
- 9 Linda Witherspoon, Colynn Stapp, Evelyn LaBay
- 10 Mark McMahon, Denver Hazard
- 11 Bobbi Wade
- 12 Barbara Wallace, Rhonda Jones
- 14 Kelly Aloia
- 16 Lexi Horne
- 17 Robert Kautzman
- 18 Dennis Scott, Natasha Shultz, Brad Hull
- 19 Lauren Moore
- 20 Darrell Shields, Michael Grubbs, Amy Whittle
- 21 Kathryn Hernholm
- 23 Judy Kennemer, Charles Boddie, Jeannie Brooks
- 24 Ron Tevebaugh, Ronnie Jones
- 25 Gary Wade
- 26 Cody Harrison, Raina Baughman
- 27 David McLeod, Jesse Crawford
- 29 Elliott Winsted
- 30 Jordan Landauer

Renowned Author & Speaker Terry Hershey comes to Longview

Grace Crossing UMC and the North District invites you to hear Terry Hershey on **Sunday, March 13th** at 6:00 pm at Grace Crossing, 1001 W. Hawkins Pkwy., Longview. *If you have been overwhelmed or overworked, and want to slow down to spend time on what's important, join us in finding Sabbath Rest.*

Please Note: March 7-11—Spring Break- No Wednesday activities

Thank You

"Thank you" are not sufficient words to express our appreciation of our church family this last month, but thank you. We appreciate your visits—your presence as we struggled through the toughest two weeks of our lives was such a comfort to us. Thank you for taking such good care of us. We never had to cook a thing. Thank you for all the calls and the cards. Thank you for helping us honor Daddy with a beautiful service, and thank you to all who put the lunch together. Our family was stunned when they walked into the fellowship hall. It was so beautiful. Most of all, thank you for your prayers to our gracious God. They continue to carry us as we struggle to move forward.

Annabelle, Shinia & Bob

One Great Hour of Sharing, Mar. 6

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering **March 6** is absolutely essential to United Methodist Committee on Relief. We can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering, your church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion will be in the lead to ease the pain.



line, and competition, so I may end up trying to fly professionally in some realm of sport flying (Red Bull Air Race) or acrobatics (Air Shows) of some sort. I am excited to be able to lead in the youth ministry since I was once a student in the youth myself. I am blessed with the opportunity to preach the gospel to the future generations. If your children begin to speak to you more often about spiritual matters, don't be worried, it's all a part of the plan.

My goal for the youth, for the duration of my stay, is to have them use their faith in their daily lives. It's one thing to say you are a Christian, but it's another to actually walk the part. I will eventually have them do "homework" that involves speaking with parents and friends about spiritual matters.

The youth have explicitly stated to me that they want to become more of a family. What better way to come closer together than to spend more time with one another? There will be a series of "Sunday Fun-day's," that will be announced on Wednesdays. The youth will come up to the church for some pre-planned games or events (Nerf Wars, Bowling, Board Games, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.). Not everything will cost money.

For the trips we take, we need each youth to have a filled out 2016 Medical Release Form. This Wednesday I will be handing out the forms for the youth. Camps will be announced as well, so be sure to ask your children when it is. I will try to put together a flyer for them to take home. I will update everyone on future events when they come about.

God Bless, Cole Cathey

Youth Notes 2016

Hello all, My name is Cole Cathey and I am the interim youth director. For those that do not know me, I will fill you in as to who I am. I am currently a student at LeTourneau University pursuing a degree in Professional Flight. After graduation, I have no idea what I want to do. The plan is to become a commercial pilot for the airlines, but that seems somewhat boring at the moment. I like adventure, adrena-



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