

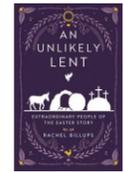
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Gather

 **Lunch Bunch**
 Make plans to join us next **Sunday, March 29th at Habaneroz Tacoz** located at 34 Chestlehurst Road in Senoia. Let Amie know by Thursday afternoon if you are able to be there so she can give the restaurant an approximate head count. Hope to see you then!

 **Easter Breakfast & Worship**
 Plan to join us on **Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 am** as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ with **Easter Sunday Worship!** We will begin the morning with a **Potluck Easter Breakfast at 9:45 am.** Bring a favorite dish to share. All are welcome!

Grow

 **Joy Sunday School Class**
 Kemp Wright leads the JOY Sunday School class that meets on **Sundays at 10:00 am.** They are reading Rachel Billups' *An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story.* Explore the lesser known Biblical characters who played a crucial role in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

 **Men's Prayer Group**
 Sam Sweat leads this group **Mondays at 7:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Join with other men to share accountability and support one another. They are reading Trevor Hudson's *Hope Beyond Your Tears: Experiencing Christ's Healing Love.* All are welcome!

 **Monday Morning Bible Study**
 Join Pastor Julie for a Lenten Study that meets on **Mondays at 9:00 am** entitled "Tell Me Something Good."

 **Wednesday Night Bible Study**
 Join Rev. Stephen Soulen each **Wednesday at 6:45 pm** as they study Henri Nouwen's *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of Spiritual Life.* **There will be NO CLASS on March 25th.**

 **House of David**
 Join us on **Wednesdays from 10:00 am to Noon** in the JOY Room for the streaming series *House of David.* **There will be NO CLASS on March 25th.**

 **Maundy Thursday**
 Join us on **April 2nd at 7:00 pm** for our **Maundy Thursday Worship** as we follow Jesus through his last supper with his disciples. **There will be a light supper at 6:00 pm before the service.**

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 **Park of Hope Spring Cookout**
 On **Wednesday, March 25th** we are hosting a cookout for the neighborhood to celebrate the arrival of **Spring** and get to know our neighbors. Join us at **Park of Hope from 5:30-7:30 pm** for hot dogs, games, and great fellowship with one another. Stop by for a hot dog or to help serve, greet people, or clean up.

WELCOME TO SENOIA UMC

We welcome you to Senoia United Methodist Church. If you are a guest with us today for the first time please let the usher know so you can be given a welcome gift. Please complete the yellow Guest Card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. A nursery for children birth to under 4 years old is available. Please see an usher for assistance. Restrooms can be reached through the rear sanctuary door by the organ. An accessible restroom is in the hall and additional ones are in the Fellowship Hall.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<p>Sunday 3/22 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday Worship</p> <p>Monday 3/23 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group 9:00 am Lenten Bible Study 6:30 pm Rotary Club</p> <p>Tuesday 3/24 6:45 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>Wednesday 3/25 10:00 am No Bible Study 5:30 pm Park of Hope Cookout 6:45 pm Chancel Choir 6:45 pm No Bible Study</p>	<p>Thursday 3/26 7:00 pm AA Friday 3/27 6:00 pm NA</p> <p>Saturday 3/28 10:00 am Leadership Retreat</p> <p>Next Sunday 3/29 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday Worship 12:15 pm Lunch Bunch</p>
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<p>Those Assisting in Worship Today Acolyte: Luke Tobleman Reader: Kay Sutton Ushers: Jeff & Susan Miller Counters: Katy Sweat & Mary Pearman Greeters: Brent & LeAnn Burgard</p> <p>Those Assisting in Worship Next Sunday - 3/29 Palm Sunday Acolyte: Harrison Baggarly Reader: Jan Fenner Ushers: Kemp Wright & Vijay Purugulla Counters: Mark Edwards & Vijay Purugulla Greeters: Sam & Katy Sweat</p>
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Gather ♦ Grow ♦ Go

WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting	Dr. Julie Schendel, Pastor	
Chiming of the Hour	Nancy Lewis, Organist/Pianist	
Welcome and Announcements	Dr. Schendel	
Prelude	<i>The Holy City</i>	LeAnn Burgard, Pianist
Lighting of the Candles		
*Call to Worship	Welcome to the weary and the worn. Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking. Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up. Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers. Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy. Welcome to the sinners and the saints. This is God's house. You can make yourself at home here. Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God! Amen.	
*Hymn	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	UMH 121
*Affirmation of Faith	We believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so we believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. We have seen it alive in the world. And even when our hearts ache, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, we remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. We remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. We remember that the good news really is good news, for we have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.	
*The Gloria Patri	UMH 71 <i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.</i>	
Meditation	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Peter Fenner, Soloist

WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

Call to Confession	Dr. Schendel	
Prayer of Confession	We love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.	
Words of Forgiveness	So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Our God is a God of mercy. Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace. We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way. Thanks be to God for yet another second chance. Amen.	
*Hymn	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	UMH 381, V1, 3, & 4
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer	Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.	
Congregational Response	TFWS 2205 <i>Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight, May this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ. Amen.</i>	
Worship with Tithes and Offerings	The People	
*Presentation and Doxology	UMH 95 <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>	
Anthem	<i>Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain</i>	Chancel Choir

*Those who are able please stand. UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)
TFWS (The Faith We Sing)
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The candle on the altar table is lit in memory of those who have died due to gun violence and in awareness of this ongoing tragedy.

*Gospel Reading	<i>John 8:2-11</i>	Kay Sutton, Reader
Response to the Word	Reader: The Word of God, for us, the People of God. Congregation: Thanks Be to God.	

Sermon	The Good News is... Rooted in Justice, Mercy & Faithfulness	Dr. Schendel
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WE GO TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH 140
SPR Announcement	Ginger Wright	
*Benediction	Dr. Schendel	

*Sending Forth

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

BY OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers & Praises: Prayers for health and healing for Ellis Crook and Ralph Arnold. For protection of those serving and peace throughout the world. Thankfulness for the First Day of Spring!

You can make your prayer requests (including updates or to remove a request) by either email or calling the church office.

PRAYER CARDS

Prayer cards are located in the Narthex as you enter the front of the church. Please pick one each Sunday and pray for that person throughout the week.

