CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 22
8:00–12:00 Church Office Hours

Sunday, March 24
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am
9:15 AM CONFIRMATION CLASS
9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
  Clegg/Open Door - Parlor- led by David Cole, Billie Dadgar, Roger Guevara
  Explorers/Morning Star -Upstairs—Scott Nipper/Dan Grantham
Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess/Diana Courson
Jr. High and High School- Basement- led by Pastor Kenny
10:15 AM Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording (posted later) on Website, YouTube
  4:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY "FOOLISH LOVE" (AVERITT)
  5:30 PM NO YOUTH (SPRING BREAK)

Monday, March 25
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPOT

Tuesday, March 26
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPOT
5:30 PM ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING (PEACE HALL)

Wednesday, March 27
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
11:00 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY “FOOLISH LOVE” (AVERITT)
  5:00 PM CHILDREN’S CHOIR GRADES 4-5
  5:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
  5:30 PM YOUTH (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
  6:10 PM ADULT HANDBELL PRACTICE
  7:00 PM YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)

Thursday, March 28
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
10:00 AM THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM STEWPOT
6:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 29
5:30 PM CHANCEL BOARD MEETING

Sunday, March 24
9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.—Sanctuary Worship
Noon—Cable Channel 13

Wednesday
7:00 PM—Broadcast of previous Sunday’s 10:15 Service Cable Channel 13

How to Reach Us:
Church Office Hours Monday—Thursday 8:00–4:00
Friday 8:00–Noon
870-234-4530

Our Staff:
Reverend Kenny Lee
Shelly Burgess, Children & Families;
Tracie Nipper, Administrative Secretary;
Dr. Kim Shirey, Director of Music;
Sharon Ard, Organist;
Shawn Warlick, Building Supervisor;
Kenneth Manning, Custodian
Gwendolyn Murphy, Director, Child Development Center
Barbara Lewis, Director, The Caring Place
Stephan and Dionedra Biddle, Stewpot Cooks
Burlene Easter, Kathy Easter & Kim Easter, nursery attendants

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Thursday, March 28
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Join us as we observe Holy Thursday by participating in the Lord’s Supper.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

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CHURCH-WIDE EVENT
Come with us to Camp Tanako near Hot Springs to view the Solar Eclipse on April 8 and have lunch.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
5:30 p.m.
CHANGE OF PLANS
WE WILL MEET IN PEACE HALL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET AWARDS
Deborah Nipper, Citizen of the Year
Gary Herron, Educator of the Year
Stewpot—Valerie Sanders accepting, Non-Profit of the year
Kenny Lee, Pastor of First United Methodist Church

Spring time blooms—First day of Spring is March 20
Awash with the hues of spring

Sunday afternoon, before bible study, I went into the courtyard and the West Garden to snap some photos and send them to Tracie. The pink dogwood is inundated with delicate shades of rose, pale white, and light green. I also snapped a picture of a beautiful light pink rose at the corner of Madison and Main. The Azaleas are running riot, blushing with bright fuchsia and violet. It gives me joy to capture the various types of flowers and foliage.

Saturday, I couldn’t help but notice a couple of workmen busy trimming trees on the courthouse lawn. In the wake of their efforts, there is quite a substantial pile of limbs to be hauled off. It is now much easier to see the impressive architecture of the building and the grandstand.

I must admit to having a healthy skepticism regarding the near-legendary proliferation of pollen. People describe clouds of pine pollen thick enough to occlude the trees themselves. But having experienced the phenomenon first-hand, I must admit that Magnolia takes the prize for its ability to produce volumes of tree pollen.

Sunday after lunch, I drove through the local carwash to dislodge what looked like a half-inch of pollen, only to discover a thick coating on it later in the evening. People warned me, but conditions like this must be seen to be believed. I’m happy that pine pollen doesn’t bother me.

Spring may have begun to have its way, but winter will not easily relax its grip and go quietly on its way. Seasonal change in the Natural State ebbs and flows back and forth above and below freezing. Several times throughout my life in numerous parts of Arkansas, I’ve experienced snowfall in late April or early May.

Midweek, my family and I will celebrate the forty-second anniversary of my 21st birthday. One of the reasons I love springtime so much is that my birthday is the first day of spring. Penny told me to pick something nice for myself, as she rarely knows what to get. Maybe I’ll find a good deal on a 1979 Honda CB750 that I just know she would love for me to have. Then she’d really have a reason to roll her eyes and tell me I’m still just a kid at heart.

The four of us look forward to peace and quiet this week. The dogs will be happy to have another yard to water and maybe a deer to chase through a thicket like the last time we visited the cabin. The forecast for Monday is expected to be pretty cold, but Tuesday and Wednesday will warm back up nicely. Spring at Tablerock won’t be as far along as Magnolia. It will be good to catch up with a few friends, visit some of our favorite places, and spend some leisure time together.

The cabin has nearly no cell phone coverage and absolutely no internet. The people will likely spend much of their time in Berryville at the Community Center. I promised Penny a quiet trip to Branson to peruse antique shops, flea markets, and thrift stores. Maybe we will find a priceless treasure, but we will make good use of the time together.

Lent continues toward Easter, our journey together leading us toward the cross. We’ve been studying and worshipping together, making room in our hearts for the joy of Resurrection Sunday. It’s time we think about who we want to invite to church. Easter is one of those magic times when people visit and join us in worship. Let’s make the most of what is left of Lent by following Jesus to Calvary.

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24

Pastor Kenny