Weekly Update:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FRIDAY, APRIL 5
8:00 - 12:00 PM Church Office Hours

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
7:30 AM - 10:30 AM ROTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST (PEACE HALL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
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 - Pastor—led by David Cole, Billee Dadgar, Roger Guevarra
  - Explorers/Morning Star - Upstairs—Scott Nippen/Dan Grantham
  - Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
    - Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess/Diane Couson
    - Jr and High School - Basement—led by Gary Herron
9:15 AM Young Adult Sunday School—Pastor's Home
   Led by Pastor Kenny Lee
10:15 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
   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 YOUTH

MONDAY, APRIL 8
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPOT

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPOT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Church Office Hours
11:30 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)
7:00 PM YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
10:00 AM THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM STEWPOT

A Record of Our Faithfulness

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OUR SYMPATHY
Sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Anna Peace.

High School Senior Sunday Luncheon
Sunday, April 28 (Peace Hall)
Please return your application for the Tucker Elliott Franks Memorial Scholarship on or before Monday, April 8 to the church office.
Please call the church office, 234-4530 if you are planning to attend the luncheon.

Easter Festival 2024
Sunday
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
Latrina Wyrick, Interim Director, Child Development Center
Barbara Lewis, Director, The Caring Place
Stephen and Dionedra Biddle, Stewpot Cooks
Barlene Easter, Kathy Easter & Kim Easter, nursery attendants

First United Methodist Church
320 West Main
Magnolia, AR 71753

He is Risen
What’s Next?

Last week and this weekend were incredibly busy; with Maundy Thursday, Saturday’s Easter Celebration, and Resurrection Sunday, the staff found plenty to keep them busy. I want to thank each of them for all the extra work put into making these events go smoothly. There were tables to set up (and sometimes shifted into and out of a space), extra cleaning, and a great deal of planning to buy supplies that allowed these events to be impactful.

Tracie nudged me to prepare for Maundy on Thursday before I went on vacation. Upon returning to Magnolia and seeing the workload for the week, I am grateful for her encouragement. Shelly did an excellent job planning for the Easter Celebration, which was a huge success. We’ve already discussed some tweaks to make next year’s event successful.

On Friday, I watched the livestream on Facebook and downloaded the file to be used on YouTube. It felt like Facebook applied an algorithm to service because my word cadence was much higher than usual. I don’t usually look at or listen to my preaching because I tend to be a perfectionist, and no sermon is perfect. I will investigate the recording anomaly.

Seeing so many of our friends and family worship on Easter Sunday is a joy! I know you all put your best foot forward to invite people to church with you. Let me be the first to encourage you to ask them to come again soon. You never know where people are or what’s going on in their lives. Sweeten the deal by telling them you will sit with them and invite them to lunch.

The Young Adult (anyone under 50) Sunday School class grows weekly. We are studying a book by retired Bishop Will Willimon, “This I Believe,” that covers the fundamental doctrines and Wesleyan distinctions of the United Methodist Church. If you want to join us, there is plenty of space and several books left over, too. This newest class meets in the living room of the parsonage at 9:15 AM every Sunday.

We will finish up our Lenten Study “Foolish Love” this week. I’ve chosen a new book for those classes, “Jesus-Centered Small Group Bible Studies: 7 Sessions for Discovering Jesus in the Old and New Testaments.” I’ve previewed some of this material and feel it is an excellent segue between Easter and Pentecost. More about this when the books arrive.

Worship this Sunday was a veritable symphony of praise and wonder thanks to our church accompanist, Sharon Ard, and guest musician, Dr. Flint Angorath Franks. Dr. Kim Shirey did a fantastic job recruiting Dr. Franks, choosing hymns, and leading the Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir. The Handbell Choir has been practicing this presentation for a while and did a stellar job. The Chancel Choir also had a superb presentation, and we appreciate everyone who contributed to making this a vibrant worship service.

175 members and guests joined the Easter Celebration. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24

Pastor Kenny

Save the Date
Vacation Bible School 2024

July 8 -11
We would love for you to be a part of VBS this year!!
For volunteer opportunities contact Tabitha Lewis (870) 904-5746 or Shelly Burgess (870) 234-4530.

ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday, April 6
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
FUMC Peace Hall

Proceeds go to Rotary Community Projects
$10, Admit One

Sponsors are:
Peoples Bank & Farmers Bank & Trust

CHURCH-WIDE EVENT
Come with us to Camp Tanako near Hot Springs to view the Solar Eclipse on April 8 and have lunch. Call the church office, 234-4530 if you are interested in going.

Celebrate! JESUS IS ALIVE!

Magnaolia Junior Charity League is collecting new socks, undershirts, and undies for Columbia County schools during the month of March. Basket is located in the office area.