

ORDER OF WORSHIP

<u>April 24, 2016</u>	<u>5th Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Gathering of God's Children		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Acolyte
Call to Worship	"Onward Christian Soldiers"	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	UMH 158
*Affirmation of Faith	"The Apostles' Creed"	UMH 881
* Hymn	"He Is Lord"	UMH 177
Children's Time		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory		William Elliott
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95
Anthem	"Revelation Song"	Riddle/Larson
	Chancel Choir	
Scripture	Nehemiah 8:10 and 2 Corinthians 9:15	
Message	"A Methodist Rejoices in God and Gives Thanks"	Pastor Brad
Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn	"In the Garden"	UMH 314
*Dismissal with Blessing		
*Choral Benediction	"Go Now in Peace"	Chancel Choir
*Taking out the Light of Christ		Acolyte
*Postlude		William Elliott
*People Stand As Able		

PRAYER REQUESTS

ILLNESS

Eddie **Abshire**, Joe **Akers**, Fran **Alba**, Andy **Anderson**, Patsy **Arnold**, Jim **Ayers**, Barbara **Bailey**, Janet **Barker**, Charlotte **Bass**, Catherine **Beamer**, Bobbie **Bellamy** (Margaret Elam's Sister), Dennis **Bennett**, John & Carol **Bohaby**, Edna **Bone**, Suzanna **Bovenizer**, Carol **Cole**, Doug **Cook**, Lester **Coomes**, Doug **Coon**, Debbie & Herbert **Creasy**, Veleda **Davidson**, Anna **Deitrich**, Blair **Deskins** (Jean Miller's Granddaughter), Richard and Patty **Dillon** (Wade's Parents), Darlene **Dolin**, Jayce **Evans**, Gertrude **Farmer**, Margaret **Farmer**, Vicki **Furrow**, Debbie **Gillespie**, Shirley **Glover**, Laura **Gooch**, Stephanie **Gressett**, Amanda **Griffith**, Gus **Hartsock**, Carrie **Hendrick** (Gerry Stowers' Granddaughter), Erinn **Hollo**, Arlin **Honaker**, Jim **Houchins**, Trina **Jackson**, Amanda **Jessee**, Jim **Justice**, Dr. David **Kovach**, Mary Virginia **Lester** (Linda Hash's Sister), Mary **Martin**, Penny Sue **McKenzie** (Keith's Daughter-In-Law), Louise **McVey**, Debbie **Misak**, Richard **Morsan**, Ethan **Oliver**, Gary **Pardue**, Phil and Rebecca **Peterson**, Patty **Ramage**, Carol **Riddle**, Mark **Riley**, Brian **Rose** & Family, Ruby **Roten**, Deb **Sarver**, Kenny **Sawyers**, Suzette **Sawyers**, Carol **Scott**, Mary Ruth **Scott**, Ruth **Shrader**, Ellie **Spencer**, Roger **Stacey**, Amanda **Stephenson**, Russell **Synan**, Will **Thompson**, Kim **Tinder**, Terry **Trenton** (Nancy Trenton's daughter-in-law), Dave **Trippett** (Shirley Saunders' Nephew), Betty **White**, Viola **Wilborn**, Edith **Wilkinson**, Ellen **Windle**, Michael & Susan **Williams** (Mary Ruth Scott's nephew), Ted **Yost**, Sharon **Ziegler**

OUR MILITARY

Ryan **Shott**, Lucas **Graham**, Jeremy **Woody**, and those serving our country

HOMEBOUND

Smokey **Blaylock**, Joe **Davidson**, Leon **Devor**, Syd **Ellison**, Russell **Garrett**, Pat **Jones**, Charles **Miller** (Pam Rose's father), Wilma **Shay**, Nancy **Trenton**, Irma **Webb**

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to **Tom and Robin Graham** in the death of Robin's brother, Jimmy Sharpe, who passed away on April 20.

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex. One for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12.

*The center arrangement on the altar is given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Stelio and Betty Corte.*

By: Southwest Virginia Community College

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24	JOY! Service	8:30 a.m.	
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Haley Lambert, Jean Miller's
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.	granddaughter, is COLLECTING
	"War Room" Study	6:00 p.m.	SHOES FOR HER GIRL SCOUT
	Youth	6:00 p.m.	TROOP through May. If you have
Tuesday, April 26	TOPS	5:30 p.m.	new or used shoes to donate, please
Wednesday, April 27	Bible Study	6:00 p.m.	leave them in the basket at the
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Tazewell Avenue Entrance.
Thursday, April 28	Clay Reception	6:00 p.m.	

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**FRIENDS OF GERALD CLAY (FORMER MEMBER OF FUMC) ARE INVITED TO A LIGHT DINNER/RECEPTION** for him Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Palmer Hall. Gerald will be traveling to Bluefield and wishes to see old friends here at the church. Gerald & Audrey were integral members of our congregation and FRIENDSHIP CLUB before relocating to Kentucky. Since Audrey died suddenly New Year's Eve 12/31/15 friends are so important to him and this is an opportunity for him to see you once again. Please join us in surrounding our friend and Christian brother with our love and friendship. Mark your calendar and join us.

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The **MAINTENANCE TEAM** will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to complete some painting and other projects around the church. Anyone willing to help would be appreciated. If you have questions, please call Ervin Rich at 304-320-5312.

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**JUST OLDER YOUTH RALLY** will be on Thursday, May 5 at Ebenezer UMC. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Closing devotion will begin at 1:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Harry Howe, Executive Director of Ministry of Project Crossroads. Cost for lunch \$7.00. Please notify the church office or the District Office if you plan to attend.

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SCHOOL KITS FOR LIBERIA, Holston Conference 2016 Mission Project, are due on May 22. Information for putting together a kit is available at each entrance. Our goal is 50 kits.

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If you would like to be an **USHER** – men or women – please see J. C. Higginbotham.

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 4 – Family Night – Theme: Celebrating Mothers. If you wish recognize your mother, please see Darlene Little.

May 15 - Young Life Sunday
There will be a free will offering Spaghetti Dinner to follow worship in Palmer Hall.

May 22 - Honor the Graduates Sunday
Donations to the Higher Education Loan Fund in honor of the graduates are due in the office by May 18.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS - APRIL 2016

2016 Monthly Budget	\$23,417.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings to Date	\$16,710.13
Monthly Unbudgeted Receipts to Date \$	1,753.05
ATTENDANCE:	
8:30 a.m. Worship	14
10:30 a.m. Worship	113
TOTAL WORSHIP	127
Sunday School	50



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