



THE CHIMES

April 2021

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELIZABETHTON, TN



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™

*He forgave all our sins. He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow.
He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross.
"Colossians 2:13-4 Is not this the carpenter?" -Matthew 13:55*

If you should sell a house the prospective buyers might make a list of repairs that need to be made before they close the deal. The list would then be given to a carpenter who would bring in his tools and correct each fault until everything on the list was canceled.

Our body is the temple of God, but because of sin we are in need of being redeemed back to God. Imagine what the list would look like if all our sins and faults were written down on paper. We would need a carpenter unlike any other to cancel out that list.

We have such a carpenter in Jesus. He knows what it takes to make the necessary repairs in each of our lives. Jesus was skilled with hammer and nails. Paul said that when Jesus was crucified, he took away the record of our sin by nailing it to the cross.

In his book, "He Chose the Nails", Max Lucado helps us understand the importance of those nails. "As a carpenter Jesus knew what it took. As a Savior he knew what it meant. He knew that the purpose of the nail was to place your sins where they could be hidden by his sacrifice and covered by his blood....And as the hand of Jesus opened for the nail, the doors of heaven opened for you."

The nails that were used in the crucifixion have rusted and are gone. The gospel doesn't even mention them, only the nail prints in Jesus' hands. The nail that really held Jesus on the cross was his great love for us.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Ray





2nd....John Connors
 4th....Margo Bentley
 5th.....Ruth Ritchie
 6th.....John Crockett, Carolyn Pilkton
 11th.....Mark Dugger
 12th.....Jack Hyder
 13th.....Bill Stanton, Stephanie Keith, Robin Folse
 14th.....Betty O'Neal, Rochelle James, Dustin Milhorn
 15th.....Steven Seeley
 17th.....Carole Hayes
 18th.....Harry Cox, Joe Alexander
 19th.....JD Livingston II, Becky Pinkston
 22nd....Kathy Connors
 23rd.....Steve Hayes
 24th.....Bob Carroll, Daniel Bowers
 25th.....Debbie Wortman
 26th.....Jerrie Sue Bowers, Easton Forinash
 27th.....David Arney, Chris Little
 28th.....Jobelle Hood, Jeannie Sholes, Chris Dillow
 30th.....Jesse Combs

**Please advise Robin in the Church Office of additions or corrections*

Acolyte Ministry

April 4th: Hannah & Tori

Acolyte Parents: Parlier & Casbeer

April 11th: Sophie P.

Acolyte Parents: Campbell

April 18th: Piper Kate

Acolyte Parents: Bennett

April 25th: Sophie H.

Acolyte Parents: Little



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday,
 April 8th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
 Please see Dona Dvorak for more information.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH



FOCUS ON FAITH

Camp Bays Mountain is a camp with a long legacy and an important purpose...helping campers grow in the Christian faith. They offer an environment where children and youth can find opportunities to explore and grow in their faith. This is done daily through Morning Watch, Prayer Times, Evening Worship, and Bible Studies. Also, every camper is part of a small group of about ten campers with two counselors/mentors that journey with them. There are also Pastors and Church Leaders every week that serve as Ministers-In-Residence.

MISSION

The Board of Directors mission was to Dream, Define, Design, Develop and Dedicate a new facility for the next generation of campers of our region. Phase 1 was finished in 2017. Phase 2 was finished in 2018; and Phase 3 was finished in 2019.



Summer camps at Camp Bays Mountain are back in business!!

If your child/grandchild is interested in attending camp this year please see Miss Jen for a scholarship code.

All camps will be following the latest CDC guidance. Check the camp website at campbaysmountain.com for more information.



MUSIC News



Good news! The Chancel Choir is starting to crank up to be ready to sing as a socially-distanced and masked group starting on the Sunday after Easter. Of course, this all depends on no dramatic changes in our community Covid numbers. Many of our choir members have had their Covid shots and feel safe about coming back to church and church activities.

We are practicing on **Wednesday nights at 6:00** in the Fellowship Hall with precautions in mind. This would be a great time to include YOU!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any choir member for specifics. Let's rejoice in the opportunities in front of us; not behind us.

Always,

Catherine Edwards-Bunton

Wednesday evening Coolagers will resume on April 7th at 6:00 PM in the third floor Children's Church classroom. Pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be served. Please remember to bring a mask and your Bible!!



Coolagers

Altar flowers are given for the Glory of God and.....

- March 7th: Given in honor of *Reverend Ray and Pat*, may God continue to strengthen and heal you; and in honor of *Teresa Bowers Parker* in appreciation for joining us and bringing God's word on this date.
- March 14th: Given in honor of *JoAnne Ames* - thank you for your service on so many Sundays over the past year; and In honor of *Joy McCray* - thank you for using your media talents to spread the FUMC ministries online during this pandemic.
- March 21st: Given in memory of *Dude LaPorte*, who was the cause of so much laughter in our lives. Given by Leta Hale and Joyce Birchfield.
- March 28th: Given in memory of our parents, *June and Frank Harrill* and *Yvonne and John L. Bowers* by Greg & Julie Bowers and family.



Thank you for your prayers, cards and memorials during the recent passing of our sister, Shirley Mynatt. We really appreciate the love and kindness that you have shown to us.

Bob Carroll and Gordon "Lynn" Carroll

To ALL the people of First United Methodist Church...

Please know each of you touched my heart with the love, prayers and condolences regarding the passing of my mother, Ida Hale... THANK YOU!!

Please know each of you hold a special place in my heart.

I state all these things and remain:

Respectfully yours,

Mark



Altar Flower Vases

Your help is needed! We are having flowers on the altar once more, and we are running out of the plastic vases that we use to send the flowers home -- they cost much less than the florist vases they arrive in. Please check around and see if you have either the clear plastic vases or any of the green ones? We can use them again and would appreciate their return!

Thanks so much

Dona



Bible Study Class with Terri Parker

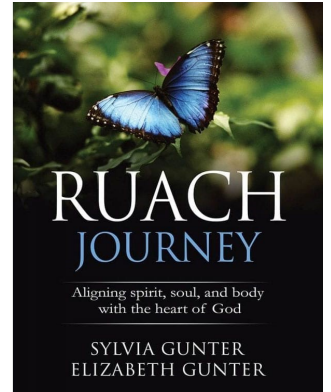
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Our study continues through May 31 and all are welcome to join us! It is designed for both group and individual studies so let me encourage you to get this study guide even if you cannot participate every week with the group. Do not let FOZ (fear of Zoom) inhibit you from joining. I will personally come help you set up a Zoom at your home on your device. (If the Fellowship Hall opens back up, the morning group will meet at the church while evenings will continue on Zoom.)

Terri Parker

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I wish to say thank you to everyone who has been so kind during my surgery. We are thankful and blessed to have wonderful people like you in our lives. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Rev. Ray



In Memory

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:

George Simmons

Sam & Vickie Shipley (Worship Fund)
Maryetta Elliott (General Memorial Fund)



Ida Hale

Richard & Norma Tetrick (Music Ministry)
Sam & Vickie Shipley (Worship Fund)
Joanne Ames (General Fund)
Jean Madgett (Memory Garden)
Gayle & Jobelle Hood (General Memorial Fund)
Ken & Claudette Howerton (Music Ministry)
Maryetta Elliott (General Memorial Fund)

Tony Ramsey

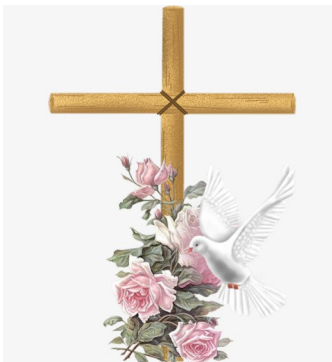
Tom & Pam Witherspoon (First Bank Memorial Fund)
Scotty & Catherine Bunton (Children's Music Ministry)
Tommy Horton (First Bank Memorial Fund)

Shirley Mynatt

Tommy Horton (Youth Ministry)

Dude LaPorte

Fred & Ruth Bowers (Holston Habitat for Humanity)





Easter Memorials

Donations received were given to River's Edge—Loaves & Fishes Ministry to help feed those in need in our community.

B.E. & Gwynnell Wooten
Cathy Armstrong Ogg
Bobbie McLaney
By: Bill & Catherine Armstrong

Joe & Bernice Shipley
Thomas Dale Archer
Jerri Shipley Stevens
Sarita Archer
Dave Forinash
By: Sam & Vickie Shipley

Diane Horton
By: Tommy Horton

Don & Jeanette M. Peifer
William J. & Dorothy Dvorak
W.T. Dvorak
By: The Dvorak Family

Dude LaPorte
By: Darlene LaPorte & Family

Ed & Ruth Alexander
Sam & Betty Barker
Crawford Alexander
By: Joe & Debbie Alexander

Mike Pierce
By: Kathy Pierce

Austin Frazier
Joyce & Carroll Broome
Jim Odom
Marie & Howard Matherly
By: Jim & Jama Frazier

Diane Horton
By: Meg & Gary Brown

Tom Huntington
Tim Kuhl
Shirley Hurst
By: Sue Huntington

Dave Forinash
By: Jean Forinash and family

Eugene W. Branham
By: Matt & Trish Branham

Richard Bradley
By: Sonya Bradley

Our Loving Father, Randall Birchfield
By: Allie Gillenwater, Ashley Blevins
And families

Josh Wandell
By: Mom, Elizabeth & Neal

Uncle Josh
By: Drake & DeAnndra

Richard Armel
Richard & Betty Grindstaff
By: Tom & Pam Witherspoon





Easter Honorariums

Donations received were given to River's Edge—Loaves & Fishes Ministry to help feed those in need in our community.

Rev. Ray & Pat Amos

Jean Forinash

Paul & Myong Powers

Katherine Archer

By: Sam & Vickie Shipley

Ruth Ann Cullop

By: Jim & Jama Frazier

Tommy Horton

By: Meg & Gary Brown

Rev. Ray & Pat Amos

By: Sue Huntington

Myong Powers

By: Paul Powers

Granny Jo

By: Her Children & Grandkids

Uncle Kelly

Uncle Matt

Uncle Neal

By: DeAnndra & Drake

Michael

By: Drake & DeAnndra

Momma

By: Drake & DeAnndra

Connie Armel

By: Tom & Pam Witherspoon



In person and Live Stream

**Maundy Thursday
Worship Service**

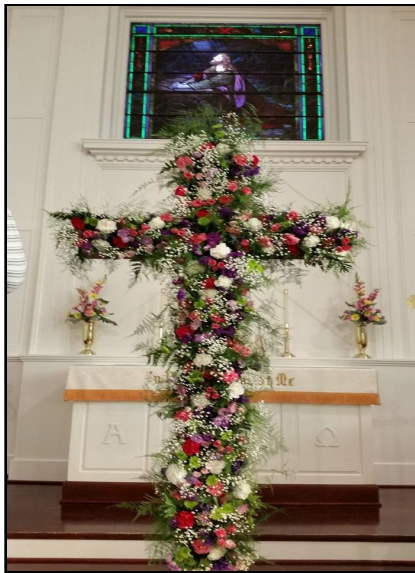
April 1st at 7:00 PM



Sunday, April 4th

Easter
SUNRISE SERVICE

In the Memory Garden at 7:00 AM



Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	On hold due to COVID-19
Sunday Night Bible Study	6:00 PM
Sunday Night 4:12 Jr. & Sr. High	5:30 PM - 7:45 PM
Wednesday Coolagers	6:00 PM
Wednesday Life Lessons	TBA
Wednesday Choir Practice	6:00 PM

April 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<i>March 28</i> Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 AM	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Terri Parker's Zoom Bible Study 10 AM & 6 PM	<i>31</i> Lent Bible Study Online 7:00 PM	<i>1</i> Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00 PM	<i>2</i> Good Friday Church offices closed	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> Easter Sunrise 7:00 AM Easter Worship 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Terri Parker's Zoom Bible Study 10 AM & 6 PM	<i>7</i> Life Lessons TBA	<i>8</i> Worship Meeting 7:00 PM	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday Service (March 28th): 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Service & Communion (April 1st): 7:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service (April 4th): Memory Garden 7:00 AM

Easter Worship Service (April 4th): 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



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