

BY OUR SERVICE				
	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
TRUSTEE OF THE DAY	Mark Pyritz	Justin Hilton	Susan Thomas	Dennis Weatherford
FLOWERS	Peace Lilies	Jason Rabon Peace Lilies	Angela Marshall Martha Watts	Connie McLeod
FINANCE TELLERS	Ann Roberts Perry Hill	Jean Dixon Betty Reynolds	Pat Norris Sandra Wardlaw	Tom McCoy Sharon Lezak
GREETERS/USHERS	Laura Bloch Family	Keener Family	Hilton Family	The Youth
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	Lauren & Nathalie Boron	Abby Deas & Sam Hemingway	Caroline Williams & Brayden Colon	Heidi Keener & Jacob Rabon

Thank you for agreeing to serve. If you are unable to attend on your assigned date, please contact the individual in charge of the area to which you are assigned or arrange to change dates with someone else on the calendar.



Flower Calendar

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary you can access the flower calendar through the link below.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FACAB2EA5FEC61-2022>

Click on the link then the date you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary. Flowers may be placed in honor or memory of loved ones.

Please make sure to do the following:

- **Sign up for the date for which you would like to place the altar flowers by going to the link provided above or by calling the church office**
- **YOU are responsible for ordering the flowers from Flowers for all Occasions in Lugoff, SC (803) 572-5996**
- **You must order your flowers from Flowers for All Occasions NO LATER than the Tuesday before the Sunday you have requested.**
- **The cost of the flowers is \$26.50 per arrangement – payment must be made to the florist - Flowers for All Occasions - (not the church).**

Thank you in advance for participating in making worship a beautiful experience!

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St. John's United Methodist Church

Open hearts, open minds, open doors



45 Roseborough Road, PO Box 218, Lugoff, SC 29078

April 2022

S.A.L.T

Serving And Learning Together

Some people will tell you that it happens to everyone...eventually.

At some point, we get stuck in neutral. It can be for a short season or a long season; regardless, it happens.

We stop moving forward. We stop growing. We become content with just existing. And that's not all. William S. Burroughs is credited with saying: "When you stop growing, you start dying"

When we get stuck in neutral...when we stop moving forward...when we stop growing...when we are content with just existing...we begin to wither and die.

In the Church, it happens most often when a *certain phrase* is thrown around haphazardly (at least at first) to casually justify being stuck in neutral. We lose sight of our main purpose and either become stagnant or allow unnecessary chaos to slow us down until we eventually stop. Then, that *certain phrase* becomes an excuse for why we stopped moving in any direction. The next stage is when that *certain phrase* becomes the reason we are content with just existing. Finally, that *certain phrase* becomes the very reason a church dies. What is this *certain phrase*?

"We've always done it that way..."

All words have power yet these six words can kill a church. Church leaders who have served in churches that have stalled out and eventually died - as well as churches that have flourished and grown - will tell you that when a church is committed to holding onto "the way we've always done things" and thus refusing change, it will begin to wither and will eventually become extinct.

Personally, I am a firm believer that one should never initiate change for the sake of making changes; however, I also believe that we should never continue doing things "the way it has always been done" simply because we dread change or because change requires more effort than we are willing to give.

Last month, the Church Council of St. John's United Methodist Church, led by Chairman Steve Roller, was asked to look at St. John's United Methodist Church through the eyes of a first-time visitor. Then as a follow up, I invited the Church Council to secure a copy of "Becoming a Welcoming Church" by Thom Rainer.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Phone Numbers:

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Hybrid Worship Service (online and In-Person)

In our commitment to help our faith family be the best it can be – now and in the future - we identified areas of ministry where we can begin this process of becoming a more welcoming church. As a Church Council we have been intentional about viewing our church from a physical campus perspective, as well as a relational perspective. In other words, how easy is it to access the different areas of our church, do we provide clear signage, and are we being honest with ourselves concerning how visitors are being welcomed once they take that courageous first step of entering the church. As a Church Council, we are in agreement that yes, we are a welcoming and loving faith family! We also agree that what we must do now is evaluate is whether we are welcoming and loving to everyone or just to those that people we know. Do we seem surprised when visitors choose to join us for worship or ministry opportunities or do they feel as though we are expecting them? Believe it or not, the answer to this question can make all the difference in the world to a first-time visitor.

Whether you serve as part of the Church Council or not, your participation in this endeavor is of utmost importance and we invite you to be a part of this most important work.

We encourage you to ask yourself, “How can I help make sure that EVERYONE – those who have called St. John’s UMC ‘home’ for 70+ years, as well as those whom we have not yet met – know that there is a place for them to call ‘home’ and a family of faith who desires to embrace them”?

Let us all join in prayer that God would guide us as we strive to be united, inspired, encouraged, and empowered to make the changes that are necessary to live life with abundance and be open to growth – as individuals and as a family of faith.

God’s peace,

Angela



The United Methodist Women are now United Women in Faith. We’ve taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today. Our new logo represents the past, present and future of our organization and the symbol refers to our Christian roots. The multicolored pieces of the cross coming together represent the diversity we aim for and the inward and outward reflection we engage in as women of faith. The typography is solid, modern and bold, showcasing our power to support the causes in which we invest.

In 150+ years in mission, our organization has had more than 25 names, each reflecting the varying times, ways women lived their lives and the states of union of our many predecessor denominations.

The name United Methodist Women was adopted in 1972, signaling a change not only in the life of the church but in the lives of women and how they could organize for mission.

As United Women in Faith we are a powerful, fearless force driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood with a focus on women, children, and youth. We act for justice and transform communities. We invite United Methodists and other like-minded women to join us, because love in action can change the world.



St. John’s UMW will have its regular meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Contact Judy Robertson (803-292-3464) with any questions or for more information.



Watch for new meeting dates and times for the GriefShare Group. Our next season will begin after Easter. If you are thinking about being a part of this group or know someone that might be interested, give please contact one of our leaders whose information is below.

Pat Dixon (803) 420-4437 or
Judy Robertson (803) 292-3464

We are ready to help you as the healing begins.



April Birthdays



1	Amy Buring	7	Mary Smith	14	Julia Halford	22	Steven Buring
1	Tessa Ortiz	9	Donald Hemingway	15	Gina Leach	23	Luther Keith
2	Karen Roller	9	Morgan Rabon	16	Laura Barton	23	Tori Sullivan, Jr.
3	Dana Williams	11	Herman Hugo	16	Linda Dingus	25	Allison Hemingway
5	Perry Hill	12	Jacob Zeller	16	June McCaskill	25	Linda Parnell
5	Ken Moore	13	Alice Cope	16	Ross McCaskill	26	Tim Hood
6	Hunter Dingus	13	Cheryl Smith	17	Alton Campbell	27	Maleea Scott
7	Gunnar Catoe	14	Matthew Blankenship	18	Ashlynn Reynolds	28	Carol Criminger
7	Morgan Matney	14	Sherry Geiger	20	Nolan Addeo		

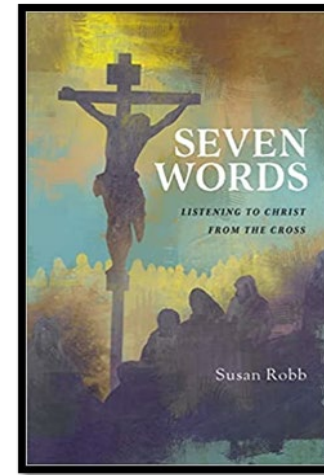


ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Hybrid Worship Service 4:00 pm The Lord's Mighty Puppets 4:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall 5:30 UMYF – Waffle Night	4 6 pm - Lent Bible Study - Zoom	5 6:00 pm – Childcare Ministry Board Meeting - Zoom	6 12 pm - Lent Bible Study 5:30 pm Hand Bell Practice 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Children Zoom Devotions & Crafts 6:00 pm – Lenten Worship @ Lyttleton Street UMC 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	7 Prayers & Squares @ 10:00 am Metal Building	8	9
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17 EASTER SUNDAY Easter Sunrise Service – Online Only 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Hybrid Worship Service 4:00 pm The Lord's Mighty Puppets No UMYF	18	19 6:30 pm Virtual Finance Committee Meeting	20 5:30 pm Hand Bell Practice 6:00 pm Children Zoom Devotions & Crafts 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 9:30am Sunday School 10:45 am Hybrid Worship Service 4:00 pm The Lord's Mighty Puppets 4:00 UMYF – Frankie's Fun Park	25	26 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting – Metal Building	27 5:30 pm Hand Bell Practice 6:00 pm Children Zoom Devotions & Crafts 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	28 6:00 pm Missions Team Meeting	29	30 10am- 5 pm Hartsville Lay Servant Ministries Spiritual Gifts – Metal Building

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

With Pastor Angela at St. John's United Methodist Church
Mondays at 6pm by Zoom or Wednesdays at 12pm in-person



Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross

Examine the last seven words of Christ on the cross this Lent.

While many of us naturally wish to avoid the reality of the cross, it's from the cross that Jesus speaks and shows his deepest love for us. It's from the cross that Jesus' full humanity draws us closest to him. It's from the cross, as Jesus breathes his last breath and speaks his last words, that his deep trust in the Father and his divine glory are revealed. Those who listen to Jesus' last words from the cross will discover what he most

wants them (the world) to hear and will experience an intimate and divine awe only available to those who are willing to draw near his cross.

Make plans to join us for this Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Angela. During Lent, this Bible Study will be offered by ZOOM on Monday evenings as well as in-person on Wednesday afternoons at 12:00pm. All are welcome. Please make sure to order your book now so that you will have it when the study begins. For those who wish to participate in-person, we will meet in the Metal Building each Wednesday. For those who wish to participate by Zoom, a zoom link will be shared in the weekly update that is emailed each week beginning the week of February 21.

Lent Week 1

Monday March 7 6:00pm ZOOM "Father, Forgive Them"

Wednesday March 9 12:00pm In-Person (Metal Bldg.) "Father, Forgive Them"

Lent Week 2

Monday March 14 6:00pm ZOOM "Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise"

Wednesday March 16 12:00pm In-Person (Metal Bldg.) "Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise"

Lent Week 3

Monday March 21 6:00pm ZOOM "My God, My God"

Wednesday March 23 12:00pm In-Person (Metal Bldg.) "My God, My God"

Lent Week 4

Monday March 28 6:00pm ZOOM "Woman, Here Is Your Son"

Wednesday March 30 12:00pm In-Person (Metal Bldg.) "Woman, Here Is Your Son"

Lent Week 5

Monday April 4 6:00pm ZOOM "I Am Thirsty"

Wednesday April 6 12:00pm In-Person (Metal Bldg.) "I Am Thirsty"

Holy Week

Monday April 11 6:00pm ZOOM "Into Your Hands"

Wednesday April 13 12:00pm In-Person (Metal Bldg.) "Into Your Hands"

God's peace,
Angela



Hartsville District Training for Spring 2022

Spiritual Gifts

HYBRID TRAINING

(IN-PERSON and ZOOM)

April 30th (10:00am – 5:00pm)

May 1st (2:00pm – 6:00pm)

Offered at St. John's United Methodist Church

The registration fee for this course is \$25 (plus the cost of your book)

BOOK:

“Each One a Minister” by William J. Carter

ISBN: 978-0-88177-375-0

Participants must attend both days in their entirety to receive credit for the course.

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Provided by the Society of St. Andrew

Follow the link below to get access to the 47-day devotional

https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/76/769e6973-fa83-4e31-b0e2-4c8de6bdf42e/documents/2022_Lenten_Devotions_Booklet.pdf

The daily devotional will also be available on the church's Facebook page

Lenten Bible Study

With Pastor Angela at St. John's United Methodist Church

Mondays at 6pm by Zoom or Wednesdays at 12pm in-person



Contact Tom McCoy

803 667-6321

tmccoy@sc.rr.com

It's Okay to be Human. . .

An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk to our Stephen Leader Tom McCoy or any of our Stephen Ministers, Laua Bloch, Chuck Groubert, Connie McCloud, Mark Pyritz, Judy Robertson, or Teri Schell. Our Stephen Ministry Team is ready to care for you!

“Christ caring for people through people”



A special thank you from Bob & Dianne Wilkerson for the beautiful prayer quilt they received from the Prayers and Squares Ministry, and the prayers and love that came with it.

A special thank you from Myra Jones for your love, prayers and the beautiful prayer quilt.



Hand Bells

All ringers--practice is at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings in the Metal Building.

St. John's United Methodist Church Family,

Here we are again with another year passed with hopes that 2021 would have been different than 2020. Who would have thought that in 2022 we would still be dealing with COVID? *BUT* 2022 finds us in a different place because we have resumed all services, meetings (many are still being offered via ZOOM), missions, and activities at St. John's United Methodist Church. In spite of all that has happened and the uncertainty that remains, God is good, and God is still in control.

At this time, the St. John's UMC Finance Committee would like to give you a recap of 2021/2020 and offer you a glimpse of how God continues to sustain and provide for our faith family through your financial generosity.

- 1) We applied for and received funding from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in 2020 which supplied the funds necessary to provide payroll for our Church staff and Child Care Ministry Staff, as well as the utility costs for our facilities for ten weeks. We submitted the loan forgiveness application in December 2020 and the loan was forgiven on April 14, 2021.
- 2) The Finance Committee adopted and approved a budget for 2022 for \$386,713.00. (This budget was a substantial decrease from our 2021 budget of \$444,059.00.)
- 3) We continue supporting the following missions: Sacks of Love, Angel Tree, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Habitat for Humanity, Christian Community Ministries, Food for the Soul, Meals on Wheels and the Warm Project in addition to several others through different ministries in the church.
- 4) We paid 100% of our apportionments to the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- 5) We continued with monthly landscaping projects on the church campus, monthly cemetery maintenance, removed 19 dead trees on the church campus, repaired potholes in the parking lot, made repairs to the picnic area, made updates to the Memorial Prayer Garden, and replaced the AED battery.
- 6) Our offerings/tithes were down substantially through the first six months of 2021 compared to the first six months of 2020; **HOWEVER**, due to God's provision through **YOU** – and your renewed commitment to offer God's tithes and offerings to St. John's United Methodist Church, we ended 2021 with total revenues of \$348,366 compared to \$336,639 for 2020.

Thank you to everyone connected to St. John's United Methodist Church who recognized the importance of supporting the local church with God's tithes and offerings helping us to maintain our missions and ministries that seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Even during a year of great loss as we have offered several of our faithful faith family members back to God, we have continued to give God thanks for their impact on our lives as we pick up their torch for St. John's UMC and light the way. We have done this in many ways – one of them by offering our resources which has allowed us to end the year with just a small shortfall between revenues and expenses.

- **Thank you** to every person connected to St. John's United Methodist Church that generously gave of their resources by offering God's tithes and offerings so that ministry would continue;
- **Thank you** to the musicians, choir members, staff members, and Pastor who week after week pulled together to offer weekly worship services while also tending to the business of the church throughout the year;
- **Thank you** to all our Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and committee members, team members who remained faithful by offering with regular meetings in spite of the limitations COVID caused.
- **Thank you** to our technology wizards who helped us stay in contact through use of video streaming and ZOOM week after week.
- **Thank you** also to everyone who participated in worship online or in person at St. John's United Methodist Church. It is truly because of the love and commitment of each person connected to our faith family that St. John's UMC ended the year with our financial status being drastically improved. We attribute these amazing accomplishments to God's provision through you - our incredibly generous faith family.

Thank you for continuing to support St. John's UMC with your *prayers, presence, gifts, service* and *witness*. We are truly excited and looking forward to what God has in store for St. John's United Methodist Church and our community in 2022!

With appreciation,

Susan Weatherford (Finance Chairperson)

Dr. Elwyn Roberts (member of Finance)

Rev. Angela H. Marshall (Pastor)

(On behalf of the Finance Committee of St. John's United Methodist Church)

(No) HOLY COMMUNION DURING LENT

at St. John's United Methodist Church

At St. John's United Methodist Church, it is our tradition to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, as well as on special days that are recognized by the Church as an appropriate day to celebrate the sacrament – such as Christmas Eve. This year, during the season of Lent, St. John's United Methodist Church is abstaining from offering Holy Communion on the 1st Sundays of the months that fall during Lent (March 6th and April 3rd).

Why would we do this?

As we seek to live a “Holy Lent” it is important to recognize that the season of Lent provides an opportunity for us to be more disciplined and focused in our living. The season of Lent is a time of preparation and focus, reminiscent of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his public ministry. When Jesus went into the wilderness, he set aside the distractions of normal “worldly” life to focus on the will of God as he began ministry. During this Lent we are invited to do the same – to focus on the “main thing” and reflect on how we all too often take this sacred, holy meal for granted.

Our hope is that in abstaining of this holy sacrament our understanding and appreciation for the sacrament of Holy Communion would grow; that we would understand it is a gift (a gift we could never earn, nor will we ever deserve); that we would come to know it is a gift offered by Christ that draws us into deeper communion with God. And it is our hope that the next time we gather at the Table to remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples, on Maundy Thursday (April 14th), we would hear their story with a fresh understanding allowing each one of us to receive the gift of holy communion as never before. You see, it may sound illogical to abstain from the greatest good we have in the world; however, it is often in the sacrifice of something that we learn to appreciate it more deeply.

GREENERY (INSTEAD OF FLOWERS) DURING LENT

at St. John's United Methodist Church

The Lenten season is designated as a time of repentance, sacrifice, and self-denial. During Lent, the physical appearance of the sanctuary often reflects these aspects of the Lenten season. While it is common for the sanctuary of St. John's United Methodist Church to be adorned with colorful flowers throughout most of the year, during the season of Lent we will honor a spirit of simplicity by not having any flowers and only using greenery. Instead of flowers, two peace lilies have been placed in the sanctuary by the worship ministry team to remain in the sanctuary throughout the Lenten season until Good Friday during our Tenebrae Worship Service.

Easter Flower Cross

On Easter morning, Sunday, April 17th, everyone is invited and encouraged to bring fresh flowers that can be used to adorn the flower cross on Easter morning in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ our Lord! This is always a beautiful display of life!

If you choose to take pictures with the cross on Easter morning (as an individual or as a family), and if you post them to social media, please tag St. John's United Methodist Church faith family or include the hashtag [#sjumclugoff](#) so that we can all share in the joy of celebration and beauty!

PRAYER Concerns

Bill Ansley
Ann Bobo
Joe and Lyndi Bonnette
Thurman Bruffey
Family of Leonard Bruffey
Family of Joan Cantrell
Marcos Catoe
Eldred Clardy
Denise Dunlap
Matthew Everist
Loretta French
Betty Georgeone
Emery Golder
Bernice and Dwight Harrelson
Margaret Hawkins
Phyllis Hect
Louise Hemingway
Noah Hill
Lisa Horn
Peggy Kinney
Acadia Labranche
Linda & Jimmy Landrum
Family of Christine Davis Mason
Laura McLeod

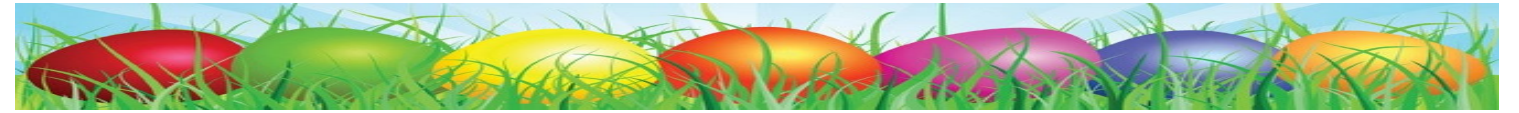
Claudia McManus
Louise Moore
Ted Moore
Our Pastor
Our Church Leadership
Our Hartsville District Leadership
Our UM Conference Leadership
Judy Patrick
Holden Pyritz
Nancy Rabon
John Reed
Terry Reed
Mike and Betty Reynolds
Larry Siems
Roslyn Singleton
Family of Louise Snider
Frances Stewart
Pat Sumrall
St. John's UMC Child Care Ministry
Joe Walden
Rosby Warnock
Rebecca Whitley
Tom Williams
Bob & Diane Wilkerson
Emily Winton

We are honored to be able to join with the Body of Christ to lift friends, family, and other loved ones in prayer as there is a need.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. . .



**The Lord's Mighty Puppets will
meet each
Sunday @ 4:00 pm**



The Children's Ministry is asking for donations for the Easter Egg Hunt (Please see flyer below). Please bring your donations to the church and dropped them off in the conference room. Thank you in advance!



ST. JOHN'S UMC

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 16 • SATURDAY • 11 AM - 12:30 PM
45 ROSEBOROUGH RD., LUGOFF

Hop on over for an Easter celebration filled with egg hunting, a bouncy house, an inflatable slide, special prizes, and a hotdog lunch.



From our Children and Youth Directors:

<p>ST. JOHN'S UMC YOUTH MINISTRY Check out our April calendar</p> <p>April 3rd - UMYF (5:30pm to 7pm) and Waffle Night! April 10th - UMYF (5:30pm to 7pm) April 16th - Easter Egg Hunt for Children (Service Opportunity for Youth - 11:00am) April 17th - Easter Sunday - No UMYF April 24th - Youth Sunday and Frankie's Fun Park (4:00pm - 7:00pm)</p> <p>Youth Sunday School will take place at 10 am. Follow our group at www.instagram.com/sjumc_youth/</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Check out our April calendar</p> <p>ZOOM Devotions & Crafts on Wednesdays at 6 pm All items will be delivered on Wednesday afternoons. April 6th - Decorate Peeps Bunnies April 20th - Easter-themed Surprise Balls April 27th - Easter Bingo and Chickfila</p> <p>Saturday, April 16th - St. John's UMC Easter Egg Hunt at 11 am</p> <p>Baking through the Bible each Sunday at 10 am!</p> <p>Children's Church each Sunday!</p>
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Parents, please let me know if your youth is interested in attending Salkehatchie this summer and we can see if we have enough for a small group to go together. I will provide the transportation unless parents want to take their campers. *(Note - All campers, directors, homeowners, and others in proximity to campers must be maximally vaccinated at the time of the camp.)*

Salkehatchie Summer Service
FAITH IN ACTION

2022 CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1



PRAYERS AND SQUARES

Prayer and Squares will meet Thursday, April 14th at 10:00 am in the Metal Building. For more information call Pat Dixon at (803) 438-9603 and/or (803) 420-4437



UMCOR is actively participating in relief efforts to aid the people of the Ukraine. They are providing food, shelter, hygiene supplies and other needed supplies to those fleeing the war. If you would like to donate to this relief effort you can donate directly at

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-641-umcor-international-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>

Or make your check payable to St. John's United Methodist Church, note Ukrainian Relief on the memo line and place in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it by the church during office hours.



FOR MISSIONS

Seeking hands and feet to volunteer at Food for the Soul. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve meals as well as participate in other volunteer opportunities.

Please contact Teri Schell at 803-309-6119 to help with this mission.



LENTEN SERMON SERIES

“Lent in Plain Sight”

“God works through the ordinary. Ordinary people, everyday objects, things we bump up against moment by moment. From burning bushes to talking donkeys to a booming voice from heaven, God goes to great lengths to communicate with people, sending Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, to unmistakably tell human beings about salvation, grace, and reconciliation.” (Jill Duffield)

During this season of Lent, we have been participating in a Lenten Sermon Series called, “Lent in Plain Sight” that offers an invitation to open ourselves to the kingdom of God, which is close at hand and in our midst. Each week we will continue to look at ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem, noticing how ordinary objects help to tell the incredible story of our salvation and the not-so-ordinary Savior who gave his life so that we might live.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

BREAD

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

DUST

Sunday, March 6, 2022

CROSS

Sunday, March 13, 2022

SHOES

Sunday, March 20, 2022

ALTARS

Mel Henson to Preach

Sunday, March 27, 2022

COINS

Sunday, April 3, 2022

OIL

Sunday, April 10, 2022

COATS

Thursday, April 14, 2022

TOWELS

Friday, April 15, 2022

THORNS

Sunday, April 17, 2022

STONES



For several years, St. John's United Methodist Church and Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church have partnered together on Easter Sunday to share in an Easter Sunrise Worship Service and a Resurrection Sunday Breakfast.

Due to the pandemic that began in the spring of 2020, we have not been able to gather together (in-person) for this special time of worship with our neighbors since 2019; however, we have been intentional about sharing in a special time of Easter Sunrise Worship via Facebook.

This year, on Easter morning, we will once again join together with our brothers and sisters of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church for our Easter Sunrise Worship; however, we will be doing it **online (only)**. This service will be available on the St. John's United Methodist Church Facebook page or on Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church's Facebook page at sunrise on Easter morning, Sunday, April 17th.

National Day of Prayer 2022

Thursday, May 5th

6:00pm

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday of May. On this special day, which was designated by the United States Congress, people are invited to turn to God in prayer and meditation. This year the National Day of Prayer will be observed by several pastors and church families within our community when we gather together in the Family Life Center of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church located on Ward Road. During this time, we will be guided in prayer by community and church leaders. We hope that you will make plans to join this important event of prayer.

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The Worship Committee will meet Sunday, April 10th at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members of this committee serving are encouraged to attend and anyone who would like to join the committee is welcome to attend. Please contact the worship co-chairs if you have questions – Chris Haff, June McCaskill and Judy Brock.