

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



Easter for Christians is not just one day. It is a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day to observe and honor the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (described in the book of Acts in the Bible, Chapter 2).

Easter is also more than just an extended commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new believers to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. This tradition is still followed in many churches today.

Today, this season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we proclaim Christ is risen. We remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are incorporated into Christ's body of believers. As "Easter People", we celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit, and how we are to live as faithful followers.

I so look forward to our Community Wide "Holy Week" Services. This will give us a time to come together as a unified body of Christ and worship our Risen Savior.

In His Service, Pastor Pam

**APRIL 2019**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:30 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: Morning Worship 4:00 PM-5:00 PM: Youth Time 5:00 PM: Choir Practice 5:00 PM-5:45 PM: Children's Time	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
		9 am Growth	6 pm Service & Supper Team 2  6:30 pm-7 pm Youth & Children's Time	7 pm AA		<b>Family Free Day @ Camp Wesley Pines (Time To Leave Will Be Determined)</b>  11 am AA
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>4 pm Lydia Circle @ Parish House</b>  <b>6 pm or After Choir Practice - "Children &amp; Youth Planning for Summer" Meeting (Open Invitation/ Discussion To All)</b>		9 am Growth	6 pm Service & Supper Team 3  6:30 pm-7 pm Youth & Children's Time	7 pm AA		11 am AA
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b>  <b>6 pm Holy Week Services @ First Baptist Church – Quitman (Program)</b>	 <b>6 pm Holy Week Services @ First United Methodist Church-Quitman with Rev. Bobby Purvis</b>	9 am Growth  <b>6 pm Holy Week Services @ Bethany Church of Quitman with Rev. Pam Randall</b>  7 pm AA	<b>No Supper due to Holy Week Services</b>  <b>6 pm Holy Week Services @ Cooper's Chapel Methodist Church with Rev. Glenn Lafferty</b>	 <b>6 pm Holy Week Services @ Mont Rose Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Coats</b>  7 pm AA	 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  <i>(The Church Office Will Be Closed Today)</i>	 <b>10 am – 12 pm Easter Egg Hunt @ FUMC (Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>  11 am AA
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
 <b>7 am Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion and Breakfast Pot-Luck @ Clarkco State Park</b>  <b>10:30 am Regular Worship Service @ FUMC (No Sunday School)</b>  <b>No Evening Activities</b>		9 am Growth	6 pm Service & Supper Team 4  6:30 pm-7 pm Youth & Children's Time	7 pm AA		<b>9 am-1 pm District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat @ Archusa Park</b>  11 am AA
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>2 pm-4:30 pm Children &amp; Youth Sunday Serve</b>		9 am Growth  7 pm AA				

## PRAYER LIST

### MEMBERS:

Charles Davis, R. H. "Bobby" Donald, Jr., Suanne Ellzey, Celia Holloman, Joyce Hyatt, Tom Impello, Harriet McCann, Tony Smith, Harold Sumrall, Lee Vinson, Sylvia Vowell, Jonathan Watkins, Brian Williams

### FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF MEMBERS:

Summer Demetris, Lori Domingos, Carol Greer, Lacie Hadley, Daniel Harwell, Rev. Byrd Hillman, Laverne Holloman, Ben Jones, Penny Lane, Whitley Grace Mathis, Dwight McCarra, Hazel Nichols, Patsy Richardson, Rev. Ron Stanley, Hermann Stoesser, Carolyn Urbano, Candy Widener

### NURSING HOMES/SHUT-IN's:

Tom Byrd, Karen Cockrell, Florine Gunter, Bennie Sue Hubbert, Annette Hutto, Janelle O'Neil, Mildred Roberts, Grace Sanders

To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please call Susan Lewis, 601-776-3238.

### CARE GROUP FOR APRIL

If the Care Group is needed for **APRIL**, please call Chairpersons: Karen Byrd, 601-776-5478 or Carolyn Smith, 601-776-6290. Other members are: Wayne Byrd, 601-776-5478; Ray Smith, 601-776-6290; Steve & Becky Watkins, 601-776-5433; and Francis & Janice Clark, 601-480-4505.

### APRIL SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- 7 Charles Davis
- 14 Bobby & Thetis Tisdale
- 21 Helen Ann Riley, Edie Denham & Lisa Morgan
- 28 Wayne & Karen Byrd

### MEMORIALS

Harold Cockrell, Denise Davis, Sue Donald,  
LaVerne Kemp, Frances Randall

### WITH DEEPEST THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thanks for all the love and concern that has been expressed in numerous ways for my health and healing. I continue to get good reports from the doctor and I owe that to my many friends' love and concern for me.

Thank you. Ron Stanley

### IT'S A BOY!



Congratulations to Clark & Meagan (Smith) Boatner on the birth of their new baby boy, Robert Case Boatner, born on Thursday, March 21, 2019. He weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tony & Patsy Smith and Barry & Angie Boatner.

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Holloman (Celia)
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Will Longwitz (Leigh Ann)
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Young (Alison)

*Happy Anniversary!*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Kayla Mathis
- 3 Nayoka Givens, Jason Oswald
- 5 Scott Sanchez
- 6 Bettye Jones (In Memory)
- 8 Chelsee Dew
- 11 Guillian Graham
- 12 Kelli Dedwylder, Lisa Norsworthy
- 13 Taunya Whaley
- 15 Hop Hopkins
- 16 Florine Gunter
- 17 Alison J. Young
- 19 Charles Davis, Amy Wheat
- 20 Bailee Holloman
- 21 Johnny Roberts
- 23 Kevin Mathis
- 25 Charles Shepherd, Allison S. Mason, Ann Potuk, Kristen Colston
- 27 Carol Ann Norsworthy
- 28 Julianna McRee
- 29 Martha Brewer, Mike Weathers

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT COOKING TEAMS FOR APRIL

- 3 Team 2 Carol Ann Norsworthy, Karen Byrd, Lisa Kramer, Taunya Whaley
- 10 Team 3 Rosie Hopkins, Glenda Fulcher, Marcia Stanley, Helen Stevens
- 17 ----- No Supper - Holy Week Services at Cooper's Chapel Methodist Church
- 24 Team 4 Faye LaBoone, Nora Price, Cindi Conner, Tootsie Culberson, Harriet Waltman, Helen Ann Riley

## FUMC FLEA MARKET NEWS

Another Flea Market is now in the books! We appreciate the outpouring of support for this effort. It warms our hearts to hear of the cancer patients who have benefited from the funds. Thank you for contributing your items and for purchasing from us. See you next year!

## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to order Easter Lilies this year "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" someone special, order forms are available on the table in the Church Foyer, in the hall outside the Church Office, or also in the Church Office. The Easter Lilies will cost \$10.00 each. The deadline to place your order will be on Sunday, April 14th. Order forms should be turned in to Rose Longwitz, Patsy Smith, or the Church Office.

## EASTER SERVICES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

Please come join us as we celebrate the risen Christ this Easter Sunday on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will begin the morning by having Easter Sunrise Services with Holy Communion at Clarkco State Park beginning at 7:00 a.m. followed by a breakfast pot-luck. We will also have our regular Worship Service at the Church beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or evening activities.

We wish everyone a very Blessed Easter!



### FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS

The Easter Cross will be placed in the Sanctuary and it will be decorated with live flowers Easter morning. This is a beautiful addition to the Sanctuary and a celebration of our Christ's resurrection. If you would like to participate in this wonderful celebration, please remember to bring your live flowers on Easter Sunday for the 10:30 a.m. morning Worship Service.



### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In anticipation of Easter Sunday, Community Wide Holy Week Worship Services will be held the week of Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. each night at the following churches:

*Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>* – First Baptist Church-Quitman (Program)

*Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>* – First United Methodist Church-Quitman with Rev. Bobby Purvis

*Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>* – Bethany Church of Quitman with Rev. Pam Randall

*Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>* – Cooper's Chapel Methodist Church with Rev. Glenn Lafferty

*Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>* – Mont Rose Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Coats

*Come Worship With Us This Week!*

### CHILDREN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Children's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for ages Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the church. Easter-themed games and activities are being planned, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the Church grounds. (Each child should bring an Easter basket if he/she plans to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.) Candy donations are being accepted and can be dropped off at the Church Office during office hours or you may give them to Teresa.

### DISTRICT UMW SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Attention Ladies: You are invited Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to Archusa Water Park, 9 am-1 pm, to a UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat. Bring a used purse in good condition and small toiletries to be given to a homeless woman or those in need. The theme is "What's in Your Purse". The district chose to come to Clarke County, so let's show our support.

## DAY-TRIP TO RIDGELAND, MS IN MAY

We are planning a day-trip to Ridgeland, MS on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to see "The Spring Musical Extravaganza" presented by Bill Clark at Christ Life Church beginning at 2:00 p.m. This is a "taste of Branson in Mississippi and the music of your life!" Tickets cost \$18.00 each. You may purchase your tickets online at [www.billclarklive.com](http://www.billclarklive.com) or by phoning 601-750-2364. If you are interested in attending this concert, it is recommended you purchase your ticket(s) as soon as possible. We will stop and eat lunch ('Dutch treat') before going to the concert, so plan to bring extra money for your food. Please let Pam know if you are planning to go on this day-trip and plan to ride on the Church van.



### PRE-REGISTRATION

First United Methodist Preschool in Quitman is taking applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications are available in the Church Office. Registration Fee is \$35.00. For more information, please call Cheryl Waltman, Preschool Chairperson at 601-692-8700.



### ATTENTION!!

#### 2019 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

We want to celebrate with you! Please help us make sure no one is missed by sending a reminder of your Graduation date, the name of your school or college, and any personal information you would like included in your Graduation announcement to the Church Office by Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

### SUNDAY AFTERNOONS:

Youth Time will meet from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Children's Time will meet from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

Youth and Children's Time: 6:30 p.m. following the Service/Suppers at 6:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>:

#### FAMILY FREE DAY AT CAMP WESLEY PINES

"This day is for individuals and church groups to come and get a feel for summer camp activities." If you have a child interested in attending camp this year, but maybe a little unsure, this is a fun opportunity to see what camp will be like. There is no charge. Please let Teresa know by Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> if you plan to go, so she can tell Camp Wesley Pines how many will be coming. (They will need this information to know approximately how much food/ice cream to prepare). "Come and experience their camp as you "Get Outdoors and Get Into Christ". \*Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

*SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>:*

*6 PM (OR AFTER CHOIR PRACTICE)*

*Children & Youth Planning for Summer Meeting*

*This will be an Open Invitation/Discussion for everyone.*

*All ideas and suggestions are welcomed!*

*SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>:*

*CHILDREN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-QUITMAN*

*10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Ages Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Held on the Church grounds*

*CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SERVE*

*WILL MEET ON*

*SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

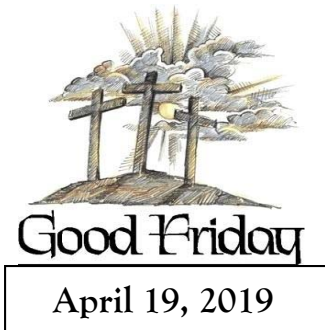
## **CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please don't forget to contact the Church Office if you have a change of name, address, phone number, or email.

## **NEWSLETTER NOTICES**

The monthly Newsletter is also on the Church's Website at <https://www.quitmanfumc.com>. If you have anything you would like printed in the monthly Newsletter, please email the Church Office at [fumcquitman@gmail.com](mailto:fumcquitman@gmail.com). Be sure to add "Newsletter" to the subject line so your announcement does not go unnoticed.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON



*Three Crosses:*

*One man died in his sins.*

*One man died with his sins forgiven.*

*One man died for the sins of the world.*

*~Author Unknown~*



*Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019*