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We just celebrated Easter this past Sunday. How awesome to see our members, families, and friends fill the sanctuary! However, that is not the end of the story. Easter is a season of fifty days and not just a day in our lives. Between Easter Sunday and Pentecost (May 23 this year), there should be a plateau of continued interest and growth in church activity. Jesus is still here in His resurrected body! He breathed on them (John 20:22), and they received the Holy Spirit so that they could experience true “Shalom” and understand the things that He was going to teach them during the next forty days until the Ascension (Acts 1:3). Let’s you and me receive that breath of the Spirit and get ready for forty exciting days with Jesus, rather than withdrawing from Him. If the resurrection is a fact (and it is), church activity should increase rather than decrease!

Thomas was absent when the Lord made His first resurrection appearance. Because he was not there, he refused to believe that the disciples had received such a blessing. It was important for Thomas to have remained with the “group” in order to witness the Risen Christ and to have the Holy Spirit breathed upon him by Jesus. It is equally important for us to remain with our group—the church body—so that we may not miss the blessings God has for us.

May the Risen Christ find you present that He may breathe His Spirit upon you!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 5:00 p.m. P22 Ministries
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 5:45 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study
- 6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir

MONDAY, APRIL 12

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Group
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 12. Davis Gary, Jason Smith
- 13. Mailey Melton, Daniel Pender
- 14. Alan Swoope
- 15. Ardis Russell



Special congratulations to
Davis Gary as he celebrates his 100th
birthday!

*** Thank You Notes ***

Dear FUMC Family,

We pray this note finds you all well and hopeful for a more peaceful new year. We have seen the Lord's goodness and faithfulness in our lives and ministry despite the covid craziness we've experienced in Italy. Thank you for your numerous prayers for us, Italy, the Bible School and beyond. Thank you for your financial support as well as that allows us to minister here. We look forward to sharing encouraging news with you all in 2021.

Much love from Italy,

Danny, Marti, and Lylia Pasquale

Special thanks to Mabel George for the gorgeous flowers on the cross in the sanctuary and on the front porch. They were a blessing!

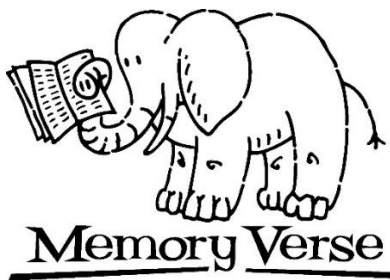
Thank you to the Chancel Choir and musicians for the inspiring Easter music. We are blessed to have such dedicated people who are willing to share their talents each Sunday. We appreciate Chip Heidel and Thomas Fisher who added so much to our last anthem.



Billy Joe Ragland

Jimmy & Lynda Hays
M/M Tim Richards

Children's Page



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19



Our lesson this Sunday is about something amazing that happened to a couple of Jesus' disciples as they were walking on the road to Emmaus. The disciples encountered a stranger on the road, and they talked about everything that had just happened to Jesus - his arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection. This stranger helped them understand everything that had just taken place.

P22 Ministries

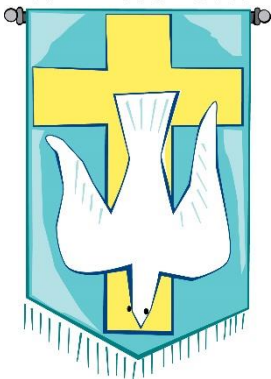


Both of our children's Bible studies for ages 5k - 3rd grade and 4th - 6th grades will be meeting for the remainder of April. We will have a Bible Study lesson along with a game and object lesson for the kids to gain a

better grasp of the meaning in the lesson. We will meet at 5:00 p.m., have supper at 5:45 p.m. then choir with Mrs. Lettie. We will dismiss at 7 p.m.



Confirmation Class



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for 6th graders are coming to a close. We have our final session to complete on Wednesday at 3:15. The Confirmands will be scheduled to meet with Bro. Lauren within the next week. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 18, in the 11:00 service.



Youth Sunday School

This month in Sunday School, our series is “A Time for Concern.” Throughout this series we will be studying the book of Micah. By studying this prophet, we will learn about how greed can affect our lives. We will also gain a better understanding of God’s justice and how to treat people in a just manner. The lessons in this series will give us the insight on how to become people of honesty and integrity.

Sunday Night Youth

I hope everyone had a nice Easter with family and friends. Spring has definitely sprung, and we are all becoming very busy with so much going on in our lives. We will be wrapping up our Bible study during the next several weeks, so make time for youth group as we resume with our study on the *Screwtape Letters*.

Wednesday Night Small Group

Wednesday Night Small Group will continue with the Wheel of Challenge and incorporating Bible trivia, activities, and games. We will also introduce a new game entitled *I Should Have Known That*. The Wheel of Challenge will be in correlation with our topic each week.

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Greeters	Debra Batton/Patsy Clark
Scripture	John 21:15-19
Sermon	“Love Lifted Me”
Acolytes	Maddie Canard/Myla Wallace
Sunday Night Suppers	Sarah Ragland/Connie Dees

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL

11. 2nd Sunday of Easter	John 20:19-31
12. Welcoming strangers	Hebrews 12:28-13:2
13. My Redeemer lives!	Job 19:23-27
14. Teach me your paths	Psalms 25:4-10
15. God’s generous promise	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
16. Overflowing gratitude	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19
17. Through God’s living word	1 Peter 1:17-23