

Easter Decorations

Each year, our sanctuary and Kerr Hall are decorated with lilies and palms to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. If you would like to contribute to these beautiful decorations, please complete the form below and return to the church office attn: Gwen) or place in the offering plate by Sunday, April 17th. Each gift of \$12 may be given in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Your Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____ Please contact Gwen (ext 214) with questions.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) - Pacific

Emergency Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Japan in your prayers for safety and recovery. If you would like to make a donation to the relief efforts, please make your check to ESUMC and mark UMCOR in the notes. UMCOR works in shelter and infrastructure reconstruction, water and sanitation, income generation, health and nutrition, education and community development.

Staff Book Picks Please stop by our Staff Picks table located outside of room 251 today. There are books available for purchase that have helped deepen our dependence on God, as well as titles referenced in recent sermons and we would love to share them with you!

“When Pigs Fly, Missions Happen” UMW BBQ

Friday, April 1st 11:00 - 2:00 pm and 4:30- 8:00 pm

Benefiting the Methodist Home for Children and Urban Ministries.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 27th

8:40 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)

9:45 am Sunday School, New Member Class, Roots (Parlor, rm 204)

10:45 am Sermon Discussion (164), Tour the Holy Lands (163)

10:55 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)

4:00 pm Children’s Dance Reh. (357), Youth Handbells Reh. (351), Joyful Ringers Reh. (Ch Annex), Women’s Bible Study (168), Leadershift Study (Chp Annex), Health Committee (Library)

4:30 pm The Last Week (161), Christian Believer Study (162), Confirmation Class (163)

5:00 pm Youth Choir, Youth Praise Band Reh. (Kerr), Cherub Choir (306), Celtic Choir (317), Youth and Adult Dance (357), Crusader Choir (169)

5:45 pm Sunday Dinner (Kerr)

6:00 pm Wesley Handbell Choir, Youth Group Leader Mtg (Bulla)

6:30 pm Youth Group (Bulla)

7:30 pm Youth Group After Party (Bulla)

Monday, March 28th

9:45 am Physical Fitness Class (357)

11:00 am UMW book Study (321)

5:30 pm Girl Scout/ Brownie Troop (Bulla)

6:00 pm Alpha Study and Dinner (Kerr), Understanding of Faith (163), Heart of Revival (251)

6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ. (166), Andy Stanley Bible Study (167)

7:00 pm Disciple I (165), Cub Scouts (Bulla)

Tuesday, March 29th

7:00 am Design for Discipleship (251)

9:15 am Bible Study (167)

2:00 pm Disciple III (167)

5:30 pm Men’s Bible Study Leaders (357)

6:30 pm Christian Caring Study (321), Disciple II (162)

7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study (Kerr), Young Adult BB (Bulla)

Wednesday, March 30th

8:00 am Walking Club (offsite)

9:45 am Physical Fitness (357)

10:30 am Wed. Morning Bible Study (Chp Annex)

11:15 am Intercessory Prayer Group

12:00 pm Lenten Noonday Worship Service and Lunch (Kerr)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Bulla)

Thursday, March 31st

6:00 pm The Gathering Worship Team Rehearsal (Kerr)

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (165), Chancel Choir

Friday, April 1st

7:00 am HS Breakfast (offsite)

8:00 am Step Up Jobs (Bulla)

11:00 am – 2:00 pm UMW BBQ “When Pigs Fly, Missions Happen” (Kerr)

3:15 pm HS Lunch (offsite)

4:30 pm – 8:00 pm UMW BBQ “When Pigs Fly, Missions Happen” (Kerr)

5:30 pm Lent Retreat Youth (Bulla)

Saturday, April 2nd

8:30 am Sheets Center Annual Retreat (Sheets), Love Wins Breakfast (offsite)

Edward F. “Ned” Hill, II, Senior Pastor

Matthew R. Ashburn, Pastor of Caring Ministries

Lisa N. Yebuah, Pastor of Inviting Ministries

William J. Weisser, Minister of Music

Leigh Holloway, Director of Preparing Ministries

Carlin Johnson, Director of Equipping and Sending Ministries

Josh Dumbleton, Associate Director of Music • Joy Owen, Welcoming Ministries

Susan C. McGuire, Older Adult Ministries

Stefan Youngblood, Contemporary Worship • Ruthie Jones, Children’s Ministries

Justin Morgan, Youth Ministries • Renae Newmiller, Missions

Ray Beale, Young Adult and College Age

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2011

As the community gathers, we respectfully request that you enter into a time of silent preparation for worship. May the music of the prelude draw your hearts and minds to God. The chancel area is open for prayer before the service and during the last hymn.

The Prelude *Lord, Be Glorified* Helman
Ave Maria Schubert/Rogers
The Wesley Handbell Choir, Dr. William Weisser, Director

The Greeting Rev. Hill
The Announcements for the Morning
The Introit *Lamb of God* Weisser

+The Call to Worship Rev. Hill

Minister: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey during this season of Lent;

People: towards the One who calls us each by name.

Minister: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us;

People: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Minister: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us;

People: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ

+The Processional Hymn 127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Williams
Tune: CWM Rhonnda Hughes

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Hill

God of our ancestors in the faith, we are a people who have known the hurt of broken promises, and have spoken words we could not keep. We are quick to condemn those who make wrong choices, but want only gentle criticism directed our way. We let our lives be guided so much by our past, rather than opening our eyes, our hearts, our hopes to your amazing future. Forgive our distrust of the vows you have made to us, God of Sarah. Forgive our disbelief that you can bring hope to those places where we see only despair, God of Abraham. Forgive our hesitancy in denying all that keeps us from committing ourselves completely to you, God of Peter and the psalmists. Forgive us, so we may take up the handheld life you offer to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Time of Silent Confession

The Words of Assurance

Minister: Listen carefully, dear friends. God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not back out of the relationship created so long ago, God restores it to its original purpose. God does not hold back, but pours abundant forgiveness into our lives.

People: Forgiven, we can follow; filled with hope, we can empty ourselves for others; restored to new life, we can live in relationship with God, with our neighbors and enemies, with ourselves. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Anthem *The Lord's Prayer* Duruflé
** Chancel Choir Ensemble D * Chancel Choir

* The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. Ashburn and Rev. Yebuah, Pg. 39, Hymnal

Harrison Thomas Edwards, son of Mike and Marlet Edwards

Annabelle LeBlanc Masters, daughter of Timothy and Nicole Masters

At each service, Rev. Yebuah will invite the children to gather at the chancel rail for the Lesson for the Children and Mission Moment. After the Pastoral Prayer, the fours and fives may leave for Wiggler Worship in 206.

The Lesson for the Children Mrs. Leigh Holloway

The Mission Moment Pastor Leon Dorleans,
House of Hope Orphanage, Founder

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ashburn

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *My Faith Is In Thee* Jaeschke
** Chancel Choir Ensemble D * Chancel Choir

Lord, my faith is in Thee. Thou art all my strength and power and might and my salvation. Lead me on in wisdom and truth, in love and righteousness, O Lord thou art my strength and power and might and my salvation.

+The Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+The Hymn 123 *El Shaddai* Card/Thompson
Tune: El Shaddai Card/Thompson

The Practice: Cultivating Our Prayer Lives Ms. Hope Ledbetter

The Scripture Lesson Genesis 22:1-14 Pg. 17 OT, Pew Bible

The Sermon Taking Matters Out of Your Own Hands Rev. Yebuah

+The Hymn 347 *Spirit Song* Wimber
Tune: Spirit Song Wimber
You are invited to a time of prayer at the altar rail.

+The Affirmation of Faith 881 Rev. Ashburn

+The Gloria Patri 71

+The Benediction Rev. Yebuah

+The Choral Response *Irish Blessing* Horman
The Sending Forth of the Cross and the Light of Christ into the World
The Chimes - In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

+The Postlude *Litanies* Alain
+ Please stand, if able. ** 8:40 * 10:55

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: ** Parker York * Colbourne Whitley, Warren Grady, Cameron Reese

Liturgists: Edward F. Hill, II, Matthew R. Ashburn

Preacher: Lisa N. Yebuah

Minister of Music: William J. Weisser

Director of Christian Programming: Leigh Holloway

Organist: Josh Dumbleton Pianists: ** Betty A. Hansen * Gaynelle Glass

Welcome to all guests worshipping with us this morning! We are honored that you chose to worship at Edenton Street. Let us know who you are by signing our Fellowship Pad found in the pew. Please receive your gift on the Information Table in the belltower after the service. For information concerning membership or ministries, please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at 832-7535 ext. 350 or jowen@esumc.org.

Roots of Faith: The next session for both prospective and new members has begun. We meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor (room 204, 2nd Floor). Each class is independent of the other, so you are welcome to join us on the Sundays that fit your schedule and pick up the ones you missed in the next series.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Alice and Hubert Park by Betty and Jim Whitaker, Sheryl and Vern Park, and Alice and Woody Fairbrother.

The rosebuds and cradle crosses on the altar are in honor of the births of: *Jonathan Holt Wade, son of Jonathan and Emily Wade*
Claire Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Tim and Sarah Martin
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