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The Pathfinder

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From Ash to Fire ... the Great Easter Cycle

The sweep of the Easter cycle observances is breathtaking: from ashes to fire, from grief over our mortality and sin on Ash Wednesday to joy in the power of God's Holy Spirit given at Pentecost, the seal of God's new creation in Jesus Christ. Fourteen Sundays and the holy feasts among them. Nearly one hundred days. Almost a third of the year. The holiest season of the year.

The traditions of Lent and Easter are as old as they come for Christian worship. Part of our sense of renewal is discovering just how ancient they are and joining the faithful, myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, whose mourning has been turned to dancing with each new celebration of Easter.

Lent is the season before Easter, lasting liturgically from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. Sundays are not counted in the total of the forty days of Lent. Even during Lent, Sunday is celebrated as a resurrection day and thus, a day for praise and thanksgiving. Falling within the season of Lent, however, these Sundays do have a special focus and significance. The Sunday scripture readings during this season give us opportunity for serious reflection on our need to repent, that is, turn again toward God, and prepare for the coming crucifixion/resurrection observance.

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Save the Date

April 4 2 pm
 Easter Egg Hunt at
 Kim & Randy Sex-
 ton's home, 536
 Berry Ridge Road,
 Jonesborough

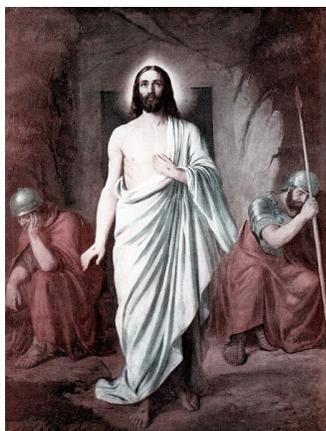
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Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we reflect on our fallibility and mortality, our need for forgiveness and the power of resurrection. But Lent is not centered on personal penitence and confrontation with the reality of death alone. Lent is especially significant for the formation of the community of faith that arises from Jesus' act of love in his death and resurrection. Through this act, Jesus brings new life to us as individuals but also as Christ's body. Lenten worship is, therefore, a source of hope for our gathered reality as the church, as well as a time of earnest reflection for each of us. In our society it is especially crucial that we reflect on the way Jesus expects disciples to live.

Lent offers an opportunity to practice that alternate lifestyle by spending more time in personal devotion, engaging more frequently in corporate worship, and working in mission projects; that is, it is a time for changing the way we do things. Lent, then, helps us show by our lives that we are not bound to the old ways but are willing to lose the old life and take up the new life Jesus offers. We observe the ancient Lenten disciplines of penitence, study, prayer, fasting, almsgiving; we keep our eyes on the cross where Christ was lifted up; and we grow as individuals and as a community of faith.

*God our help, you have given your angels charge over us,
 to guard us in all our ways:
 make known your presence with us
 throughout these forty days,
 that we may find even in the wilderness
 your springs of living waters,
 your touch that makes us whole, in Jesus' name.
 Amen.*

Blessings on your Lenten Journey,
 Lynda Carter, Worship Chair



Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 29 — Palm/Passion Sunday Service at 8:45 am, and a Cantata shared by our Choir at 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2 — Holy Communion Service at 7 pm

Good Friday, April 3 — Community-wide service hosted by JUMC at 12:15 pm, with Dr. James Harrison of First Baptist Church bringing the message

Easter Sunday, April 5 — We will conclude Holy Week with the glorious celebration of the Resurrection with a Sunrise Service (time to be announced) and our two regular worship services.

CHURCH BUS MINISTRY



Our community may not know that we have a Church Bus Ministry, nor that we actually had a new member join our Church Family recently *because* of our Bus Ministry. It is available for Sunday School and 2nd service for those within a 15 mile radius of JUMC. The bus has up to 15 seats. If you, or someone you know, needs a ride one time or every time, call Dan and Angie Huffine at 753-6940.

“Aging Happens”

The “Aging Happens: Celebrate It...but Plan Your Party” conference will be held at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Workshops include: *The Puzzles of Healthcare* such as navigating insurance concerns; *The Elephant in the Room*: preserving dignity at the end of life; how to *Eat Well & Move Often*; *Scams & Scoundrels*: protecting yourself from fraud and identity theft. Tracey Kendall-Wilson will discuss memory loss vs. forgetfulness and when you should be concerned. Mark your calendars for this fun, informative day!! Watch your bulletin for more details.

Samaritan's Purse

You've all been waiting for us to reveal the final number of shoeboxes collected in 2014, and it's finally here!

10,440,333 Shoeboxes!

Please join us in praising God for each of these amazing gospel opportunities packed by all of you. Continue to pray for each of the children receiving their gifts, that they will feel the hope and love of Jesus Christ!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

- We will now have a “lost and found” box, located in the narthex of the church, behind the screen.
- For those who have a difficult time with stairs, another box will be located in the narthex where you can leave your JAMA donations.

Thank You

My family and I wish to thank the Church and all who have expressed their love and sympathy upon the illness and death of our wife and mother. We especially thank Pastor Karen and those who prepared and served the food and drink at our celebration of Bab's life.
Joe Moore

Library News

Recent donations to the library include:

- Peggy Rice donated The Chair and Lights! Camera! Action!

Books placed in the library under Personal Religion (DD #248) include: Finding the Will of God in a Crazy, Mixed-up World by LaHaye; Grace Believers by David Jeremiah; Future Grace by John Piper; and 199 Treasures of Wisdom on Talking with God compiled from Andrew Murray.



Red Tag Tree

You've probably noticed the tree in the narthex with the little red tags hanging on it. We've asked everyone to tell us, in six words or less, just what it is that they like about JUMC. Below are some of the responses:

My church for 89 years!
 Mary Nell Roberson

Love and Joy

GOD
 HOLY SPIRIT
 FRIENDS
 FOOD!

People are nice
 to each other!

People accept
 everyone into the
 church family

They're crazy . . .
 But the good kind!

We are family!

~ March 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Brookelyn Bennett	Greg & Ann Conner	Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p	Barbara Ryon	Alan Ward	Debbie Myers	
Confirmation Class 2-4p	Storytellers (GN) 5p	Yarns With a Purpose (Lib) 10a-12p	Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p			
			Lilly Brown			
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Betty Wilster	Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p	Duncan & Nikki Pont	CYB	Civitan (FH Reserved)	Civitan Chili (FH)
Confirmation Class 2-4p	Girl Scouts (GN) 6p	Stanley Carter	Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	Olde Town Quilters Guild (GN) 6:30-8-30p		Raegan Johnson
Tim Morganstern	Thomas Snodgrass	UMW (GN) 2:00p				Rebecca Cunningham
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bradley Barringer	Destiny Prince	Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p	Andrew Ward	Anne Searcy (GN) 7-8p		
Caroline Squibb	Finance Committee (FH) 6:30p	Lynn Behrer	Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	Kim Jamerson		
Church Council 7p		Pamela Ward	Lee Hallberg	Lynda Lewis		
Confirmation Class 2-4p		Scott Gilham		Robert Calliham		
		Yarns With a Purpose (Lib) 10a-12p		Seekers Small Group (GN) 3.-4:30p		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Confirmation Class 2-4p	Dawson Morganstern	Billy Joe & Sue Russell	Family Promise	CYB	Betty Durman	Family Promise
Family Promise	Diane Hughes	Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p	Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	Family Promise	Family Promise	Raymond & Janet Bridwell
Ken & Barbara Love	Family Promise	Family Promise	Perry Elliott		Flora Miller	
	Girl Scouts (GN) 6p	Gary Woods				
	Kellie Allison	Rachel Wright				
	Lizanne Elliott					
29	30	31	Notes:			
5th Sunday Dinner 6p	Carolyn Brown	Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p				
Choir Cantata 10:45 a						
Confirmation Class 2-4p						
Linda Reynolds						
Palm/Passion Service 8:45a						

Sunday Activities: 8:45am & 10:45am – Worship; 9:45am – Sunday School; 4:00 pm -6:00 pm Confirmation Class; 5:00 – Youth
 Wednesday Activities: 5:30pm–6:30pm – Meal; 6:30pm–7:30pm – Programs for all ages: 7:30pm – Choir

Events

Birthdays

Anniversaries

March Missions Emphasis

Good Samaritan Ministries

Good Samaritan Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the homeless and those in poverty in our community. They work with individuals and families on long-term solutions for their financial, emotional and spiritual well-being. Good Sam is in urgent need of food such as canned soups, pasta and vegetables, dry cereal, mac and cheese, instant potatoes and dry beans. In addition to food and numerous other services, Good Sam furnishes help finding housing, vision care and glasses, hot lunches for shut-ins and meals at The Melting Pot. JUMC regularly serves the Melting Pot and we are in desperate need of help to cook hams and green beans. Volunteers are always needed. For more information, contact Betty Durman at 753-8779. Donations of food and/or money may be made at the church by using offering envelopes or placing food in the box in the fellowship hall.

JAMA Item for March



This month's item is
Toiletries

Please give generously to
Jonesborough Area
Ministerial Association.

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