

LÖÖKING AHEAD



Sun. 3/24	Palm Sunday 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship
Mon. 3/25	Noon News Deadline
Tue. 3/26	6:00p Cub Scouts
Wed. 3/27	6:00p Fellowship & Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 3/28	10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Maundy Thurs. Communion Service
Fri. 3/29	Offices Closed
Sat. 3/30	9:00a AFLS
Sun. 3/31	Easter Sunday 9:00a Pancake Breakfast 9:45a Church School 10:55a Worship/Cantata Lenten World Hunger Offering Taken



LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

As in past years, your gifts will help support 11 programs that ease the burden of those living in poverty and hunger. Through food banks, soup kitchens, feeding ministries and other projects, many will be touched by your generosity. Your offering may be given at the special time designated during Easter Sunday worship or in any way that is convenient for you. Thank you for helping.



EASTER CANTATA - MARCH 31st

The Splendor of Easter was created to relate the powerful events of that final Passover week as God has described through His Word. How often we need to hear, remember and meditate on this focal point of our Lord's ministry. Invite family, friends and neighbors to join us for *The Splendor of Easter* at our 10:55 service.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Alyssa & Jackson Little and Tom Lockhart for "tidying up" around the church last week. Be sure to let them know how appreciated they are!



THE BRIDGE- CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY

What's it all about? Its about churches building relationships through service; being the hands, feet and voice of Jesus; living out the Gospel in community and blessing our neighbors unconditionally.

You are invited to partner with White Station Church of Christ in this Outreach. There will be a FREE breakfast fellowship on Saturday, April 13, at 9:00a.m. in the Christian Life Center, 1106 Colonial Rd., to discuss this program. **Please RSVP by March 29th** to Robby John, at rjohn@cocws.org or call the office at 901-761-2007.



LET'S EAT!

Remember our United Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast on Easter morning at 9 a.m. There is no charge for breakfast, however, donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to mission projects.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S

Fish Fry

At Archer's Chapel on April 16

356 Archer's Chapel Rd., Frog Jump, TN

Mark your calendars now!

All men are invited to join our Bishop, Bill McAlilly, at the UMM's Fish Fry at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16. The Bishop will be the special guest and speaker for the program that begins at 7 p.m. Make individual or group reservations with District UMM President, Erv Walker, 731-424-4085 or ervwalker@bellsouth.net, and tell him if you would like to carpool.



UMW NEWS

Jewelry Sale Coming Up To Benefit Methodist Hospital Auxiliary

You have two opportunities to purchase jewelry designed by Michael Rocks: April 1st from 8am to 4pm at Methodist North Hospital's Meeting Room and April 5th at Methodist Germantown's Private Cafeteria, also from 8 to 4. All proceeds will go to Methodist Hospital Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary is also in need of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, scrubs and t-shirts. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please give items/cash to Aleita Tutor or leave in the church office. Thank you.

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How are you doing on your Reading Program goals? Are you on your way to reading at least one book from each category? Try *Forgotten Girls* from Education for Mission or *The Power of Half* from Social Action. Then there is *The Perfect Board* from Leadership, *A Single Thread* from Nurturing for Community and *The Noticer* from Spiritual Growth. There are also children's books in each category. All are good reading and offer incites and possibilities you may never have thought of and...they are all in the church library.

You don't have to be a UMW member to read these books. We invite all our men & women, boys & girls to read for pleasure, education and spiritual growth.



TRIP TO THE IMAX COMING UP

Plan to join us on April 11 as we go out to lunch and journey to the IMAX Theater to see *Titans of the Ice Age*. Lunch will be Dutch Treat and admission to the IMAX is \$7.50 for those 60 and over. A sign-up sheet is on the office window. Please indicate if you are willing to drive.

SPECIAL GOOD FRIDAY PRESENTATION

At Lindenwood Christian Church

2400 Union Ave, 901-458-1652

Friday, March 29, 5:30 p.m.

Join several area clergy, the Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Soloists, organist Chris Nemeec and conductor Gary Beard as they present music from the Requiems of Mozart, Verdi, Brahms, Rutter and Faure'. Admission is free and a nursery is available.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A quote from John Wesley:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."



FOOD PANTRY FOR MARCH

Hot Cereals



DISCIPLINE FOR DISCIPLES

Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church

Article XXII Of the Rites and Ceremonies of Churches

It is not necessary that rites and ceremonies should in all places be the same, or exactly alike; for they have been always different, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's word. Whosoever, through his private judgment, willingly and purposely doth openly break the rites and ceremonies of the church to which he belongs, which are not repugnant to the Word of God, and are ordained and approved by common authority, ought to be rebuked openly, that others may fear to do the like, as one that offendeth against the common order of the church, and woundeth the consciences of weak brethren.

Every particular church may ordain, change, or abolish rites and ceremonies, so that all things may be done to edification.

The Articles of Religion are reprinted from the Discipline of 1808

OUR PRAYERS

Baptist Mem'l

Gene Finger 3143

Hospice Care

Frances Coffman
Mary Stanley

At Home

Russell Gallimore Jimmy Hight
Lorelle Woodard

Our Sympathy, love and prayers go out to Bill & Barbara Oeding and family in the loss of his mother, Alice Oeding

OUR PRESENCE

March 17
Church School 41
Worship 61
Visitors 4

OUR GIFTS

March 17
This Week's Offering \$ 3,690
MTD \$ 14,440

OUR SERVICE

Assisting March 24

Greeters Happy Gbeneneh
Anna Deekae
Liturgist Bruce Hughes
Scripture Warren Petty
Children's Time Frances Morris
Lock-up Barry Mathis

OUR WITNESS

March Scripture Readers
31 Brother Paul



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Easter Egg Hunt
Sat., March 23
1pm

Open to the community!

Come join the Easter

Bunny for games, fun and snacks.

For the young and the young at heart, ages 1-10 are invited to hunt.

All others are invited to cheer them on and join in the fun and games.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

A lot of us want Jesus to be a certain way. We want God to solve our problems as we perceive them, in the way we think is best. We want Jesus to be the champion of our causes, whatever they may be. We want God to take our side in every conflict, from family squabbles to international politics. And when things don't go our way, we are quick to conclude that God or Jesus has let us down.

But the Palm Sunday story should remind us that this is not how it works. Jesus will not simply step in to champion the cause of Jewish independence two thousand years ago. Jesus, on a donkey's back, was a sign and we ought to heed. Jesus is not interested in our agenda; Jesus has his own agenda.

This was shared by Jim Benedict in "Not What We Had in Mind". My question is, should not Jesus' agenda be our agenda? Hope to see you Palm Sunday.

Peace and Grace,
Brother Paul

Scripture Readings for March 24

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon Title

"A Gift from a Gracious God"