

The Messenger

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 20th: Palm / Passion Sunday- Procession with the palms, 11am
- March 24th: Maundy Thursday Service- Holy Communion, 7pm
- March 25th: Good Friday Service- Praying the Stations of the Cross, 12pm in the Chapel

March 27th: Easter Sunday Service- Festival Worship including the lighting of the Paschal Candle, 11am



PRAYER LIST

Church Members

Bill Freeman
 Pearl Harrelson
 Anna Kathryn Hodges
 Jason Hodges
 Tosca Oxford
 Carolyn Price

Friends & Family

Charlene Armitage
 Jana Howard
 Carolyn Rowland
 Todd Sinclair
 Clay Zupp, Sr.

Shut-ins

Wanda Adams
 Jerry & Juanita Aldredge
 Jean Cowden
 Zoe Dixon
 Skeeter Faulkner
 Evelyn Glover
 Lavene Grant
 Dot Hale
 Pearl Harrelson
 Harry & Laura Leigh Hicks
 Bobbie & Jake Longino
 Verna Mills
 Jewell Moore
 Caroline Rowley



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

10AM—11AM

Garland Watkins Class—
 Meets in the Parlor and is a discussion class.

Hambrick Brewster Class—
 Meets in the Chapel and is led by Alene Lang, Jimi Hill, Garland Watkins.

Young Seekers Class—
 Meets in the gym and is led by Chuck Couch and Stuart Gulley.

UMC Youth Class—Larry Smith teaches the 6th-12th graders upstairs in the Centennial Room.

The Children's Class—
 During March Kim Mulkey will teach The Children's Class, grades PK - 5th (Located downstairs just off the main hall).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01 Casey Macaulay
 03/02 Delores Watson
 03/02 Thomas Gary
 03/02 Val Johnson
 03/03 Chelyn Park
 03/04 Karen Ridley
 03/05 Lorri Gray
 03/06 Marion Stallings
 03/07 Gordon Hunter
 03/08 Jennifer Robertson

03/10 Kay Young
 03/10 Joey Pruett
 03/11 Sam Skelton
 03/14 Leslie Haskins
 03/18 Robert Longino
 03/18 Gil Grau
 03/21 Mildred Neville
 03/22 Teresa Strain
 03/23 John Ziegler
 03/23 Wanda Adams

03/23 Anne Watkins
 03/23 Seung-Ho Park
 03/23 Desi Johnson
 03/25 Lexie Van Orden
 03/25 Aiden Calloway
 03/26 Avery Bennett
 03/27 John Moore
 03/28 Skeeter Faulkner
 03/27 Matt Rusk
 03/27 Haley Haskins

03/29 Ginny Underwood
 03/30 Harold Cook
 03/31 Julie Askew

Happy Birthday



A WORD FROM REV. SMITH

About Special Offerings



One of the things I love about our congregation is its generous giving to ministry beyond our local church. A member of our congregation recently asked if I would write something for the newsletter about the various offerings that we receive in addition to our 'regular' Sunday offering. Here are the basic facts:

Six times per year, the United Methodist Church encourages local congregations to give above and beyond apportionments to support a variety of ministries through agencies not funded by the General Church budget.

These six 'special Sunday' offerings are:

Human Relations Day (Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday) strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

One Great Hour of Sharing (fourth Sunday in Lent) enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

Native American Ministries Sunday (third Sunday of Easter) nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

Peace with Justice Sunday (first Sunday after Pentecost) enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

World Communion Sunday (first Sunday of October) provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

United Methodist Student Day (last Sunday of November) furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

In addition to these denomination-wide offerings, our North Georgia Conference allows a handful of agencies related to the UM church in our Conference to make direct appeals to local congregations at certain times of the year. These include offerings for the North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council in February, for Wesley Woods on Mother's Day, for Murphy- Harpst in July, for the Children's Home on Labor Day, Aldersgate Homes in October, and Action Ministries in December. One other request is made each year by the Bishop to support a local or global cause or agency on a one-time basis with an offering to be made during worship at Annual Conference in June each year. CPFUMC has traditionally collected this offering on Father's Day. In the past, the Bishop's offering has gone to support a variety of local and global causes including initiatives in education, health, poverty and social justice.

Our giving to the local church to support its budget, fund special projects or build capital reserves is crucial to our life together in ministry. It's what we sometimes call 'first mile giving.' These other, 'special' offerings are giving above and beyond our support of our local church. Not everyone gives to every appeal, and not everyone gives equally to each cause; but everyone has the opportunity to give. Every dollar raised makes a difference and is a direct benefit to the agencies and programs carrying out the mission of loving God and neighbor in the world.

Peace and joy,

Vicki

EASTER LILY ORDERS

We look forward to all our celebrations of this most holy day of the year, including adorning the sanctuary with white lilies and colorful flowers from our gardens! If you would like to contribute an Easter lily in memory of, in honor of or in gratitude for a loved one or friend, please submit \$12 **per lily** by *March 20th*. Please include the form below with your payment.



Your Name: _____ Total number of lilies ordered: _____

1) Name of Honoree: _____

Please put a check after the appropriate sentiment: In Memory of : ___ In Honor of: ___ In Gratitude for: ___

2) Name of Honoree: _____

Please put a check after the appropriate sentiment: In Memory of : ___ In Honor of: ___ In Gratitude for: ___

3) Name of Honoree: _____

Please put a check after the appropriate sentiment: In Memory of : ___ In Honor of: ___ In Gratitude for: ___

4) Name of Honoree: _____

Please put a check after the appropriate sentiment: In Memory of : ___ In Honor of: ___ In Gratitude for: ___

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DIRECTORY UPDATE



We are working on a significant update and would like to include *YOU!* To that end we would like new pictures and up-to-date information!!

Snapshots from Christmas, school pictures and of course portraits are all welcome. Electronic format can be emailed to info@cpfirstumc.org or if you would like your picture returned please put it in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate and we will scan it and return it ASAP. **PLEASE WRITE THE NAMES ON THE BACK OF EACH PICTURE!**

INFORMATION TO BE UPDATED AND INCLUDED IN THE NEW DIRECTORY:

Full given name: _____

Prefer to be called: _____ B-day: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (best contact number): _____

Email address: _____

Child 1: _____ B-day: _____ Child 2: _____ B-day: _____


Child 3: _____ B-day: _____ Child 4: _____ B-day: _____

INFORMATION TO BE UPDATED AND KEPT IN DATABASE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relation: _____

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 One Great Hour of Sharing Choir practice	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Choir practice 12:15pm	14	15	16 SPRC Mtg. 7pm	17 St. Patrick's Day!  Finance Meeting 7pm	18	19
20 Palm / Passion Sunday Easter Lily order deadline Choir practice 12:15pm	21 TLA Council Mtg 6:30pm	22	23	24 TLA Easter Egg Hunt Maundy Thurs Service 7pm	25 Church office Closed Good Friday	26
27 EASTER 	28 Newsletter Deadline	29	30	31		

CPFUMC COUNCIL UPDATE

We are off to a blessed start of the new year with good news about the Learning Academy and a new group of enthusiastic Church Council members!

We are grateful to Stuart Gulley, our Stewardship Chair, who was able to secure the needed funds for renovations to the Education Building. Thank you as well to our generous donors!!! This means that the Learning Academy will be able to move/expand this summer - part of our plan to make up the shortfall in income resulting from the departure of the Main Street Academy. The Learning Academy is most importantly one of our best mission/outreach efforts into the community, supporting our mission: "To share the Gospel message in the College Park community by providing meaningful worship experiences, creative music ministries and quality childhood education."

In efforts to kick off the new year, the Council has also committed to focus on the worship experience and new member assimilation. Please plan to provide some input on our efforts, and as always, we welcome any ideas and suggestions you have.

Thank you to Garland Watkins, for providing leadership as the Council Chair for the last three years. Garland has been part of the glue that holds the church together, serving as head usher, master gardener and newsletter folder in addition to his work leading the church through the Main Street Academy departure and everyday church needs.

We look forward to serving you!

Meredith Hodges and Julie Askew
Co-Chairs, Church Council



THIS YEAR HAS BEEN OFF TO A ROCKETING START AT THE LEARNING ACADEMY OF COLLEGE PARK!

- TLA has welcomed two new families to the program
- Our teaching team will attend the Georgia Preschool Associations Annual Conference
- Our staff will receive training from leading national and local early childhood educators to incorporate into our program

Did you know that TLA is hosting a summer camp program for children ages 6-10 years?

Summer at TLACP



This program will be filled with fun exploration for your young learner(s)!

Limited space is available so please contact The Learning Academy of College Park at 404-766-9252 for registration details ASAP!

WHEN YOU GIVE YOU EQUIP CHRIST'S BODY TO SERVE IN HIS NAME



Your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday is **March 6th**. This Special Offering is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing.

In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

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MARCH COUNTERS

March 6: West Gary / Peggy Morris
March 13: Mary Bieberstein/Meredith Hodges
March 20: Janet Deorio / Leslie Haskins
March 27: Kathleen Gulley / Leslie Haskins

GATEKEEPER

Garland Watkins

The 22nd Annual CPUMC Fish Fry!



Mark your calendar for
Saturday, April 23rd
from 11am - 6pm!

Bible Study



BOLD, BRAVE, BODACIOUS WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

A bible study lead by Reverend Vicki on
the following Thursdays, 10:30am—12noon.

March 3, 17, 31 / April 7, 21 / May 5

**EACH MEETING IS A
STAND ALONE LESSON.**

PLEASE COME AS YOU ARE ABLE!

Our thoughts and prayers to the
family of Jane Willingham who died

Friday, February 26th.

Funeral arrangements
are pending.

