

Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

**April 2, 2023** 

### "Palms to Ashes"

This week we get the opportunity to celebrate Palm Sunday. It is a day of praise and joy when we remember the welcome Jesus received on the road into Jerusalem. It is also the start of the last week of Lent, and the week we reflect on the last week of Jesus before His death. Palm Sunday is a time of celebration that opens into mourning.

Much like the people in Jerusalem that day, we too, get the opportunity to welcome Jesus. They shouted "Hosanna" and threw down their cloaks to welcome the coming of a King. We get to do that same thing on Palm Sunday. But, if you keep reading you know that the story does not stop at "Hosanna. The same people who were so happy to throw their cloaks on the ground at His feet, were shouting something entirely different by the end of the week.

What changed between Sunday and Friday? The call changed from "Hosanna" to "Crucify Him". When Jesus was welcomed, He was welcomed as a coming King. They believed He would be a conqueror who would free them from the Romans. They believed He would be a King like David. When He didn't do that, they turned on Him. But this isn't unique to ancient Jerusalem. How often do we face a moment when God does not do what we think He should? The people who welcomed Jesus so willingly to the city were not prepared to adjust their wants for the plan God had set forth. That's a lesson we all need to take sometimes. Too often, we get caught up in our own sense of reality and forget that we are living here by the unending

So, this Palm Sunday spend time with the Lord, listening to His plan for you. We need to set aside our own wants and spend time celebrating because the Son is going to rise. Our Journey to the Cross continues with a walk through the gates of Jerusalem, and stops at Calvary. Celebrate the coming of the King, the true King.

By His Grace, Will

grace of God Our Father.

## **GIFTS OF LOVE**

In honor of **Neita & John Denny** by Claren Hill

In honor of Vicki & Glenn Martin and Cindy & Randy Autry by Bobbie Edmondson

## **River of Life Mission Trip**

Anyone interested in being a part of our Youth Mission Trip to Tifton, please come to our meeting at 4:00pm, Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dates: July 12th-17th
Tifton, Georgia
\*Amazing time of helping families in the Tifton
Community- Painting, Wheel Chair Ramps and
Community Service!

\*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!

#### LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Agnes Tew on the death of her sister, Jerrilla Capozzia, of Geneva, FL on March 21, 2023.

#### **EASTER SERVICES**

Mon - Wed. - Noon Day Facebook Online Devotional

Maundy Thursday - 5:30 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lenten Cantata & Communion

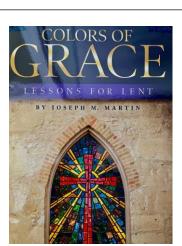
Good Friday - Service 6:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Services** - 7:15 a.m. Sunrise (In front of the church by the Butterfly Fountain) 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

On Easter morning, bring in some beautiful flowers to help decorate the cross, located outside of the fellowship hall.

## **EASTER OFFERING**

This year's Easter Offering will be going to the budget. This offering is above and beyond your usual giving.



# CHORAL LENTEN CANTATA

Thursday, April 6 Potluck Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Service 6:30 p.m.

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!

The Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church describes a service of worship for Palm/Passion Sunday as "a service that embodies the sharp contrasts of Holy Week." From the festive, joyful celebration when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and was met by a crowd waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" to a melancholy reminder of the ponderous story of Holy Week leading to the Crucifixion of Christ.

This Sunday, the Chancel Choir will tell both parts of the story through our music. The celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be recognized in our Choral Anthem, *Blessed is the King! Hosanna!* by Lloyd Larson. The Choir continues the journey to the cross as we sing the story of the crucifixion, suffering, and death of Jesus in our anthem *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* (arr. by Mary McDonald). Both of our musical offerings will include the talents of violinist Emma Markel who brings animation and passion to our musical story.

Next Thursday evening at 6:30 pm, the Chancel Choir will be joined by strings as we present our Lenten Cantata, *Colors of Grace*, by Joseph Martin. From our Maundy Thursday covered dish meal at 5:30 pm through our Lenten Cantata, the Light of Christ continues to illuminate the Truth. The "Forward" from *Colors of Grace* describes the clarity of the Teacher showing us by example the great lessons of His ministry: service, obedience, humility, and forgiveness. Through Christ, the full spectrum of God's grace is reflected in beautiful hues upon our lives.

#### Galatians 6:14

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B.

\*Prayer Breakfast & Jesus, Fridays 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey

\*Organized Chaos rescheduled to this Sunday

- \*River of Life Mission Trip info has been given out. \$50 Deposit by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Team Meeting at 4p.m. in the Basement
- \*Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
- \*Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010



## **Children's Programs**

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.

## **BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER**

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of April. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.



We had a great packing party last October! Thanks to all who participated in collecting and/or packing.

NOW we are ready to try again to do more so children everywhere can learn about Jesus. We have information in each Sunday School class and at the Welcome Center. We will continue to highlight items to bring in each month, but if you find a deal on something, buy some and let us know.

<u>April items</u>: soft wash cloths (individual or 4-6 pack), deodorant

#### ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for group fitness every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha Building.

Card Making will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

#### WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

The month of March is Wynnton's time to collect food to fill the pantry at the Network. WNN continues to find itself having to purchase most of the food that is distributed to our clients from local retail grocery stores. The amount of food received through USDA represents a small percentage of the supplies needed to meet the demand. This has put a tremendous strain on our financial resources. Wynnton UMC has always been a very generous supporter of the Network during our focus months of March and November. But, due to the current situation, the Network is asking Wynnton, along with the other congregations, to give additional donations of food and/or financial contributions. Also, grocery bags with a suggested list of items needed will be placed in the church outside the fellowship hall during March. Your support will be greatly appreciated and used to help those in need in our community.

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

## **Lenten Reading**

Week 3

Our final readings for Lent lead us up to the arrest of Jesus. Our journey has covered the last week of Jesus before the cross, and now we reach the climax. The disciples had spent a decent amount of time learning and following Jesus. They now faced the reality that the man they so admired and cared about was about to be executed in a punishment reserved for the highest treason. Being a disciple of Christ means being willing to face this reality. Christ died on the cross, bearing the weight of human sin. Christ faced betrayal by humanity, all to save them from themselves. As we arrive at Good Friday this week, remember what makes it good. The sacrifice of Christ was not to leave His disciples out in the cold, but instead it was to open the door for something new and unique. Remember the Son is rising. -Will

April 2- Matthew 26: 1-5 April 3- Matthew 26: 6-13 April 4- Matthew 26: 14-16 April 5- Matthew 26: 17-30 April 6- Matthew 26: 31-35 April 7- Matthew 26: 36-46 April 8- Matthew 26: 47-56

#### **Our Known Prayer Concerns:**

Sue Rogers Lexy McRae Aubrey Walker Jennefer Spell Daro Miller Jim Accordino David Woolbright Benjamin Feagle Pam Feagle Frank Feagle Julee Robinson McGehee Barbara McKenzie Betty Garrett Richard Holmes Tom Stafford Freddie Richardson Jeanine Cotton Shellev Montgomery Joe Batastini Tina Martinez **David Pringle** Sarah Jessie Avant Joan Colquitt Robert Garrard Joy Graham

#### **Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**

Family of Bob Ottman Family of Dom Edwards Family of Devon Garrison Family of Wylene Loeb Family of Jerrilla Capozzia

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 2 Caroline Ferrell, Wes Kelley
- 3 Carolyn McCollum
- 5 Mary Elizabeth Cawthorne, Jenny Crosby, Garrett Walker
- 7 Kathy Fields, Mary Mims, Marguerite Murdock
- 8 Wes Ezzell

#### **OUR ATTENDANCE**

3-26-23
8:30 a.m. Service37
11:00 a.m. Service 120
Sunday School

#### **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

3-26-23	
General Fund4	,078.00
Endowment	80.00
Missions	50.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network	65.00
Sunday School	39.00
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#### **SUNDAY'S SERMON**

Palms to Ashes Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Will Walley

#### WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

<u>April 2</u>: Team 5 – Jesse Kelley, Comer Alexander, Dennis Robinson

#### WELCOMER

11:00 a.m.

J.T. Taylor

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

Streams Live on Facebook

2:30 p.m. Congregational Conference for the purpose of

voting - Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. River of Life Information Meeting

5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

#### Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Fitness Class - Alpha Building
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Library
11:00 a.m. Easter Card Making – Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Facebook Online Devotional

5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

## Tuesday, April 4

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
12:00 p.m. Facebook Online Devotional
5:30 p.m. Staff Parish - Alpha Building

6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library

#### Wednesday, April 5

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building

12:00 p.m. Facebook Online Devotional 12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in) 6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in) 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Covered Dish - Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. Lenten Cantata and Communion - Sanctuary

#### Friday, April 7

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - Sanctuary

#### **PASTOR ON-CALL**

For emergencies March 31-April 2 Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.



