

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- April 3—  
Fifth Sunday of  
Lent
- April 10 - Palm  
Sunday
- April 11 - 15  
Holy Week
- April 17 - Easter
- April 22 -  
Earth Day
- April 27 -  
National Arbor  
Day

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## There Stands A Cross

Because of Bethlehem, we have the assurance of Emmanuel, God with us.

Because of Calvary, we have the precious promise of forgiveness through the blood of Jesus,

And because of the empty tomb, we have the hope of eternal life through the Risen Christ.

The cross reminds us of a love so great. Because there was a cross, there will be a crown.

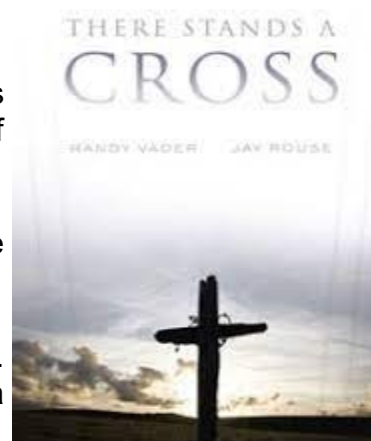
We look and remember and know that at the end of our journey, there stands a cross.

**Join us on Easter Sunday, April 17th**, as our Chancel Choir, under the direction of Tina Smith, Choir Director, performs "There Stands A Cross".

## Easter Services

Join us on April 14th at 6:00 p.m. for a Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday service. Maundy Thursday celebrates Jesus' final Passover with his disciples, when He washed their feet and shared his last meal with them. Maundy is derived from Latin and means commandment.

Easter Sunday begins with a Sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. This service will be held in the fellowship hall and will include the flowering of the cross by the lake. The youth invite you to join them for breakfast immediately after the sunrise service. Be sure to worship with us at 11:am when the choir presents our Easter Cantata "There Stands the Cross".



*Worship With Us  
This Easter*





**“As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, ...**

***Our God seeks out with forgiving love those who live in sin and strayed away from His flock.***

**Join us on Easter Sunday!!**



## A New Birth into a Living Hope

“As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”  
—Mark 16:5-7

It is amazing that after the Resurrection Jesus wanted to meet with the disciples who failed Him so deeply, yet He did and made special notice of Peter. Our natural assumption would be that Peter, the denier of Christ, would be the last person Jesus would want to meet with. But He did. Jesus wanted to meet with Peter because He had special hope, special forgiveness, special restoration for the one who denied Him the worst.

Our God seeks out with forgiving love those who live in sin and strayed away from His flock. Peter’s forgiveness by Jesus illustrates the hope we have in the Resurrection. In 1 Peter 1:3, Peter writes, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Easter is a time of celebration of that new birth into a living hope! In the Resurrection of Christ, we have hope in the assurance of our own resurrection: “For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.” (1Thessalonians 4:14).

Throughout this Easter season I encourage you to focus on your relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending yourself in faith. I encourage you to be in fellowship with your brothers and sisters here at Blountstown UMC and reflect our Lord’s mission in joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tyler

## Why Christ Calls Us to Worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an “average” Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron; “Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons.”

He continues: “The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don’t really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?”



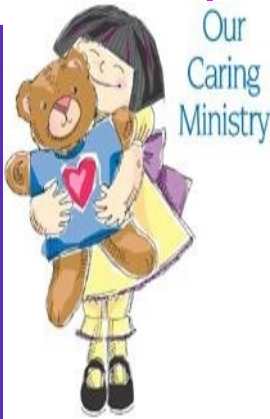
“Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Christian Symbol

**Paschal Candle**—This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.





... let your  
request be made  
known to God.

*We are each a  
God-carrier  
and a  
sanctuary of  
the Holy Spirit.  
- Archbishop  
Desmond Tutu*

# Our Caring Ministry

## Short Term Concerns

Joe Alford  
Becki Freet  
Don Stephens  
Ken Williams  
Virginia Williams

## Intercessory

Hannah Stephens  
Ann Weiler

## Those Battling Cancer

Nancy Newsome  
Becky Nobles  
Katheryn Patrick  
Karen Pilcher  
Cayman Stephens

## Our Shut-Ins

Joe Webb  
Bernice Whitfield

## Our Military

David Mills

## Persecuted Christians

## Coronavirus Patients

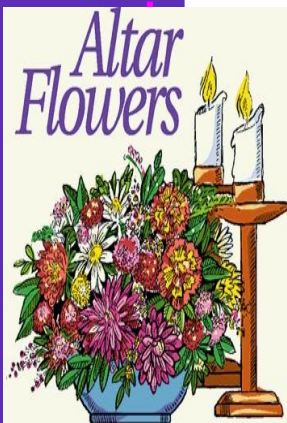
## Caregivers

## Ukraine

Please contact the office with any  
updates to this list - Thank You!

Requests can be done by emails,  
phone calls, or prayer card  
placed in the offering baskets

**Make your plans to join us at 6:00 a.m. for our  
Easter Sonrise service, and stay for our fellow-  
ship breakfast afterwards.**



## FLOWER CALENDAR

April 3 - Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Russell  
April 10 - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Cox  
April 17 - Jimmy & Powel Adams Family  
April 24 - Mr. Bill Gaskin

<div> <div> Chancel Choir Youth Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm </div> <div>  </div> <div> T.O.P.S. Thursdays @ 5 P.M. </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>COMMUNION OFFERING</b>  ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	<b>Ushers</b> Glenn Kimbrel Brooks Hayes  <b>Stand-By</b> Raymond and Susan Russell		<b>Wednesdays</b>  Bible study @ 10:00 a.m.		<b>1</b>  <b>WORK DAY</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>WORK DAY</b>  <b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
		 Mary Catherine Hayes	 Christina Sheppead Futrell	 Alton Carpenter		
<b>10</b>  <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
		 Finlay Corbin				 Kristopher Jordan
<b>17</b>  <b>Easter</b> Sunrise 6 am Breakfast Cantata 11 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
		 Andrew Bennett			 Jared Weiler  Norma Failes	 Jerry Register
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
 Sally & Mike Mayo			 Gina Averett		 Alva Martin  Eden Elease Whitfield	



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**Glorifying God by loving and leading all  
people to Christ.**

## **Methodist Moment**

Preaching outside the churches allowed John Wesley to become adept at open-air preaching, and reaching many who the Church of England had shown little concern.



This style of preaching was not easy; he encountered hostile crowds, bullying and abuse. During one sermon a bull was let loose in the audience where he was speaking.

John Wesley traveled the length and breadth of England on horseback, riding more than 4000 miles every year - covering 250,000 miles in his career. He preached 15 sermons weekly adding up to more than 40,000 sermons in his lifetime.

## **PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES**

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|---|---|---|
| 1. Norah Handley /<br>Louise & Sonny Harrison         | 11. Sally & Mike Mayo /<br>Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill      | 21. DellAnn & Michael Schrufer /<br>Shelia Shelton      |
| 2. Eileen Hatch /<br>Trevor Haser Family              | 12. March McCaskill Family /<br>Michael McCaskill Family  | 22. Ken Sheppard Family /<br>Stacy Sims                 |
| 3. Brooks Hayes Family /<br>Cheri & Quentin Henderson | 13. Danita & Glen McClellan /<br>Heath McClellan Family   | 23. Brittany Smith Family /<br>Rodney Smith Family      |
| 4. Mark Herndon Family /<br>Jackie & David House      | 14. Hentz McClellan Family /<br>Kyle McClellan Family     | 24. Donald Stanley Family /<br>Sue & Don Stanley        |
| 5. Owen House /<br>Nick Hughes Family                 | 15. Sharon & Henry McCrone /<br>Helen McCowen             | 25. Mert & Don Stephens /<br>Scott Stephens Family      |
| 6. Laurie James Family /<br>Sandra & Jim Jines        | 16. Phyllis & Frank Miller /<br>Kathryn McMillan Mitchell | 26. Virginia House Szrowicz /<br>Chris & John Tomlinson |
| 7. Billy Jordan Family /<br>Kinsey & Seth Jones       | 17. Betty Monford /<br>Brenda Parrish                     | 27. Ann & Mike Tucker /<br>Ann Weiler                   |
| 8. Becky Kastli /<br>Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel            | 18. Gary Parrish /<br>Joyce Peacock                       | 28. Janis & Jack Weiler /<br>Jarred Weiler Family       |
| 9. Jonathan Kimbrel Family /<br>Clay Knight           | 19. Michelle Pettis Family /<br>Charmian & Jerry Register | 29. Joe Webb /<br>Cherie White Family                   |
| 10. Richard Leath /<br>Alva Martin                    | 20. Susan & Raymond Russell /<br>Diane & Russell Scholz   | 30. Bernice Whitfield /<br>Doug Whitfield Family        |