

## CALENDAR FOR APRIL 8 ~ 15

Sunday	8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 4:00 pm - Confirmation (Youth Room) 5:00 pm - Middle & Sr. High Youth (Youth Room)
Monday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 10:30 am - Lydia Circle (Parlor) 11:30 am - <i>Young at Heart</i> Luncheon (F. Hall) 1:45 pm - Congregational Care Team (Library) 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 6:45 pm - Boy Scouts 7:00 pm - Vision & Leadership Team (Library)
Tuesday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs - Morning Bells (Sanctuary Balcony) 11:30 am - JOY Bible Study (Parlor) 2:45 pm - Choir for 4 yrs - Kindergarten 7:00 pm - Trustees (Library)
Wednesday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 2:45 pm - Choirs for 1st - 6th Grades 6:00 pm - Solid Rock Café (F. Hall) <i>Menu: Turkey, Biscuits, Gravy, Veggies, Salad</i> 6:45 pm - Usher Training (Library) - Youth Devotion & Games (Youth Room) - Children's Bible Study (SS Classroom) - "Cost of Discipleship" Study (Chapel) - Evening Bells (Sanctuary Balcony)
Thursday	9:00 am - Weekday Program 10:00 am - Adult Bible Study (Library)
Sunday	8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:00 am - Confirmands Worship at Wesley Chapel 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 2:00 pm - Children's Ministry Team (Library) 5:00 pm - Middle & Sr. High Youth (Youth Room)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Congregational Care Team

Monday, April 9, 1:45 pm (Library)

### Vision & Leadership Team

Monday, April 9, 7:00 pm (Library)

### Trustees

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm (Library)

### Children's Ministry Team

Sunday, April 15, 2:00 pm (Library)

### Finance Team

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm (Library)

### Missions Team

Monday, April 23, 7:00 pm (Library)

## 2018 ELKIN FUMC LEADERSHIP

### CHURCH VISION AND LEADERSHIP TEAM

Lay Leader/Facilitator of the Team: James Freeman  
Staff-Parish Chair: Jeff Seaford  
Finance Chair: Herb MacDonald  
Trustees Chair: Steve Wells  
Treasurer: Ellen Schumak  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Joan Sanders  
Nurture Coordinator:  
Outreach Coordinator: David Van Antwerp  
Witness Coordinator: Sharon Harvey  
At-Large: Mary Keller, Randy Hunsucker, Gardner Meek  
Pastor: Mike Shuford

### TEAMS AND COORDINATORS

Weekday Programs: Gail Midkiff ('18), Ali Wells ('19), Lauren Meek ('20)  
[Board elects chair]  
Lay Leadership: Tammy Coley ('18), Loretta Cash ('18), Linda MacDonald ('18), Betsy Robertson ('19), Louise Cockerham ('19), Gina Peterson ('19), Nancy Ball, ('20), Larry Johnson ('20), Emaline Cockerham ('20) plus Lay Leader (James Freeman), Pastor, Chair (Mike Shuford)  
Trustees: George Brown ('18), Eris Ball ('18), Dave Johnson ('18), Steve Wells, chair ('19), Jake Schott ('19), Mike Smith ('19), Charles Bellia ('20), Steve Brown ('20), Martha Smith ('20)  
Staff-Parish: Jeff Seaford, Chair ('19), Bob Midkiff ('18), Jill Bellia ('18), Bern Schumak ('18), Trish Grider ('19), Ray Parker ('19), David Ackerman ('20), Steva Bledsoe ('20), Birdie Johnson ('20) plus Lay Leader (James Freeman), Lay Member to Annual Conference (Joan Sanders), Pastor (Mike Shuford)  
Finance: Herb MacDonald, Chair ('20), Larry Irwin ('18), Ann Merlo ('18), Carey Gupton ('19), Birdie Johnson ('20), plus Treasurer (Ellen Schumak), Lay Leader (James Freeman), Lay Member to Annual Conference (Joan Sanders), Trustees Chair/Rep, Staff-Parish Chair/Rep, Pastor (Mike Shuford), Carol McDowell [non voting]  
Endowment: Gambill Aldridge ('18), David Robertson ('19), Bill Green ('20), Trustees Chair/Rep, Finance Chair (Herb MacDonald), Treasurer (Ellen Schumak, Missions (David Van Antwerp), Pastor (Mike Shuford) [Endowment elects chair]  
Parsonage: Steve Wells ('18), Omegia Seaford ('18), Marian Green ('19), Donna Thompson ('19), Martha Maier ('20), Randy Bledsoe ('20) [Trustees elect chair]  
Worship Coordinator: John Kennedy  
Outreach (Missions) Coordinator: David Van Antwerp  
Witness Coordinator: Sharon Harvey Social Action: TBA

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor - Michael A. Shuford (mshuford@elkinfumc.org)  
Director of Discipleship - Cindy Furr (cfurr@elkinfumc.org)  
Director of Music & Children's Ministries - Amy Johnson (ajohnson@elkinfumc.org)  
Parish Life Coordinator - Benjamin Wallace (bwallace@elkinfumc.org)  
Director of Weekday Programs - Beth Darnell (bdarnell@elkinfumc.org)  
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## Order of Worship

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*April 8, 2018*  
*8:45 am*

*Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World*

*Welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church.*  
*We especially welcome those who are guests today.*

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

**Break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

For the Lord has comforted his people,

**And will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

—Isaiah 49:13

✠ Invocation

✠ Hymn No. 304 - "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

Holy Scripture I John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible, p. 224)

✠ John 20:19-31 (Pew Bible, pp. 108-109)

*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!*

Sermon- "Seeing is Believing"

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession - In Unison

**O Lord, we confess that we have failed to always listen when you call us. We have certainly failed in the call to perfect righteousness. Please forgive us the necessity of the cross and help us to be restored and reconciled in the resurrection, in the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.**

Words of Assurance

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled; "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Musical Setting A, pp. 17

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

✠ Hymn No. 303 - "The Day of Resurrection"

✠ The Benediction

✠ Please stand as you are able

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor - Rev. Michael A. Shuford  
Pianist & Communion Steward - Pat Trexler

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TRI-C REQUESTS SALTINE CRACKERS:** Thanks to the abundance of Toilet Tissue donated by our church (1,442 rolls in 3 months), Tri-C has enough on hand to last until July. They have asked if we can begin donating Saltine Crackers instead of Toilet Tissue. Please place crackers in the basket in the entryway of the church office.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, April 9 at 10:30 am in the Parlor. Following the meeting, we will attend the Young at Heart lunch in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.

**SUPPLIES BEING COLLECTED:** The UMW are collecting supplies to help students in memory of Lynn Sloan Barnes and in memory of Nina Tharpe. Needed items include: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, soap and hand sanitizer. UMW collection boxes are located in the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY:** April 15 is Native American Ministries Sunday throughout The United Methodist connection. Today Native Americans - with many unique languages and cultures - honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by primarily Native American pastors. A special offering will be received to help equip Native American congregations and their pastors.

**CHURCH WORKDAY IS SET FOR APRIL 14:** The trustees invite volunteers to assist them in the next church workday on Saturday, April 14 beginning around 9 am. There are quite a few projects to be done as we “spruce up for Spring.”

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Mark your calendar, VBS will be held July 13-15. More info coming soon on flyers around the church and in the newsletter.

## PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ON THE MOVE DAY TRIP:** The Young at Heart will be on the move Friday, April 27. We will travel to Hiddenite, NC. We will see Moravian Falls (from the bus), visit the Hiddenite Arts & Heritage Center, have lunch at The Yellow Deli and visit the Emerald Hollow Mine. Cost is \$10 for a bucket at the mine, plus money for lunch. Please register and pay Cindy Furr by April 24. Make checks payable to FUMC and note on the memo line “Hiddenite.”

**USHER TRAINING SET FOR APRIL 11:** Our ushers are a wonderful and important part of ministry at Elkin FUMC. These members are some of the first people you see on Sunday mornings. They not only greet others with a smile, they work behind the scenes making sure our services run smoothly! We will hold an information/training session for our Ushers (new and old) at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, April 11 in the Sanctuary (following the Wednesday night meal). Please contact Ben Wallace at the church office for more info or if you will be unable to attend this training session.

**NOW ACCEPTING PROJECT AGAPE DONATIONS:** Project AGAPE Sunday is April 22 when you will have an opportunity to contribute to Project AGAPE. You may also bring in donations to be shipped to Armenia. The collection week is set for April 23-26, however you may bring your donations to the church office before then. Deadline to bring donations is Sunday, April 29. A list of needed items is available in the Narthex and on the table outside of the church library.

**CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** You are invited to help the youth create care packages by bringing 26 of the same item(s) and drop them off at Cindy Furr’s office before Sunday, April 22 when the youth will assemble them for mailing. Suggested items can be found in the March 26 newsletter.

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS:** Join in the conversation and community effort to reduce stigma and the silence that surrounds mental illness by taking an Adult Mental Health First Aid Class April 24 and May 1 from 3:30 - 8:00 pm. Understanding, knowledge, and skills learned in class can result in giving hope and even in saving lives. It is an eight hour class which prepares participants to recognize signs and symptoms of mental health concerns and then assist the person with a five step action plan. **This class is open to everyone—professionals and lay persons.** Participants receive a certificate from the National Council for Behavioral Health. The class is presented by CareNet Counseling of Wilkes and will held in the Fellowship Hall of Elkin FUMC. Cost of the class is \$25.00 which includes a resource manual (scholarships available). Please call 336-838-1644 or email [bwsmithy@gmail.com](mailto:bwsmithy@gmail.com) for information and to register.

**ALDRIDGE & COLEY TO SERVE ON CCC STAFF:** Emma Aldridge and Austin Coley will be serving on staff with Carolina Cross Connection this summer. CCC is a ministry that our youth group has attended each summer. CCC's mission is to serve homeowners in need in Western NC by completing home repair projects such as yard work, painting, and building wheelchair ramps. As staff members, Emma and Austin will be responsible for meeting with homeowners, organizing projects, and facilitating camp activities. Another responsibility is to raise a portion of their summer salary through Staff Partnerships. They would be grateful for love and support from our church family through donations to their partnerships as well as continued prayers and encouragement for this summer! Please make checks payable to “First UMC” with memo line "Austin and Emma CCC." We will be accepting donations until Sunday, April 22.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Church Family:** Bliss Vanderpool, Ann Graham, Sam Tesh, Holly Gambill, Betty Tesh, Rev. Paul McCauley, Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, Emad Elkhayat, Ray Fencl, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Ercel Carter, Dan & Sallie Park, Laura Gwyn, Gary Conrad, Bonnie Stuart, Cindy Furr, Loretta Cash, Family of Gary Maxey, nursing home residents & homebound

**Extended Care:** Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Mary Neil

**Extended Family:** Ruth Deck, John Seats, Diana Hamm, Richard Smoot, Clifford Jordan, Ronnie Ray, Nada Sheets, Emily Stewart, Ethan Spencer, Florence Leverett, Ana Garciana, Steve McLain, Betty Jordan, Linda Caudill, Jeff Miltner, Sharon and Brad Watterson, Pierce & Aishling, Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Lynn & Dale Rose, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Staley, Robert Miller, Joan Shuford, Dr. Richard Belcher, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Mary Harper Edsall, Nan Boyd, Gus Bellia, Lonnie Snider, Teresa Shook, Millie Joyce, Martha Key, Kidd Family, Phyllis Lowe, Family of Margaret Poole Griffin, Deborah S. Smith, Judy Moody, Family of Bruce Morton, Andra Hankey, Abe Heath

**All of our military personnel and their families**

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF...

	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>
Tues. Choir Snacks	Brooklyn	Johanna
Wed. Choir Snacks	Wyatt, Callie	Avaya, Victoria, Starr
Wed. Night Desserts	Lowe, Sanders, Andrew, McCrary, Parker, Dent	Harris, Johnson, Erlandson, Coley, Petrocy