



## The First Word

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## FUMC Prepares for Poignant Holy Week

### COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES MARCH 26-30

This year's Community Holy Week Services will be held daily at noon at First Baptist Church in Jonesville. This year's preachers are Rev. Stuart Taylor, Elkin Presbyterian (Monday), Rev. Judy Davis, Ebenezer and First UMC, Jonesville (Tuesday), Rev. Mark Smith, Maple Springs and Charity UMC (Wednesday), Rev. Jeannette Hayes, Elkin Piney Grove and Wesley's Chapel UMC (Thursday) and Justin Bell, First Baptist, Elkin (Friday). After the short service, a lunch will be provided each day, except Friday. Both the service and lunch together last about an hour so persons may be able to use their lunch hour for worship and fellowship. Make plans now to join your neighbors in remembering the events of Holy Week.



### Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25

8:45 am – Early Worship

9:45 am – Sunday School

10:55 am – Worship

The service begins outside in front of the church, weather permitting. We will begin with the proclamation of the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and follow our children into the Sanctuary in the traditional palm processional. The service will climax with a thought-provoking anthem that will set the tone for the week.

### Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm – A Celebration of The Eucharist and Tenebrae Service

“Maundy” comes from the Latin word for “commandment.” Before His crucifixion, Jesus celebrated the Passover for the last time with his disciples. “Tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows.” The Tenebrae service dates back to the eighth century and commemorates the passion and death of Jesus Christ. We will begin with subdued lighting. As the candles are extinguished, the darkness deepens. The service will conclude by stripping the sanctuary. After the benediction you are invited to leave in silence to honor this solemn occasion.

### Saturday, March 30

10 am – Easter Egg Hunt

Children need to bring eggs to dye and a basket. Crafts, dyeing supplies, games and snacks will be provided.

### Easter, April 1

8:45 am – Service of First Light

Gather around the fire in front of the Chapel for the lighting of the Paschal Candle and process inside singing “Alleluia!”

10:55 am – Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

Bring fresh flowers for the Easter cross as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Following the service Larry Irwin will be glad to take your photo at the cross.

### FUMC TO PROVIDE LUNCH FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICE



We are providing the lunch for the Community Holy Week Service on Wednesday, March 28 at First Baptist Church, Jonesville. We need Crock-Pots of soup, sandwiches and desserts. We will also need a few hosts/

hostesses to help with the meal on March 28. If you would like to contribute an item or two, please sign up at the bulletin board beside of Pastor Mike's office. Please sign up by Sunday, March 25. Items should be dropped off at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall between 11:30 am and noon on March 28.

### Stone's Throw Ministry is March Missions Focus

The mission of Stone's Throw Christian Ministry is to glorify God by providing assistance to individuals, churches, missions teams and other agencies. They gather and provide the resources needed to assist those who are hurting.

The missions team is sponsoring a work day at their Distribution Center (1657 North Bridge St) on Saturday, March 17 from 9 am - 1 pm. A sign up sheet is located on the Missions Bulletin Board outside of Pastor Mike's office. For more information contact Missions Team chair, David VanAntwerp at 336-244-1808.

Don't forget

## Daylight Saving Time

*begins this Sunday.*

# Announcements & Reminders

## CHILI COOK-OFF TO BENEFIT YOUTH MISSIONS:

The next youth fundraiser for missions is the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, March 14, 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Several varieties of chili along with toppings, salad, cornbread and peanut butter/jelly sandwiches are on the menu. Judges will choose the champ of the cook-off.

**LAY SERVANT TRAINING:** Lay Servant Training is a two-day opportunity for youth and adults to learn about ways to serve in the United Methodist Church. Appalachian District Lay Servant Training will be held on Saturday, April 14 and Saturday, April 21 (must attend both days) at Wilkesboro UMC. Registration and a \$30 fee are required prior to attending. Contact the church office for more information or for an application form.

**TRI-C REQUESTS TOILET TISSUE:** We have been asked to provide toilet tissue each month during 2018. Our goal is a total of 300 rolls each month! In February nearly 450 rolls were donated! Please place your toilet tissue donations in the narthex or under the table in the entryway of the church office.

## MISSION TRIP TO HENDERSON SETTLEMENT:

Missions Team Chair David VanAntwerp will take a group from Elkin FUMC to Henderson Settlement April 22-28. The cost will be \$270 per person. A deposit is due March 23. For more information or to sign up for the trip contact David at 336-244-1808.

## UMCOR SUNDAY GIFTS ENABLE WORLDWIDE DISASTER RESPONSE:

March 11 will be UMCOR Sunday, formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing. We will collect a special offering which enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to respond to disasters around the world by covering its operational and administrative costs. There will be an envelope insert in the bulletin on March 11 or you may mail your contribution to the church office. Make checks payable to Elkin FUMC and note that it's for "UMCOR Sunday."

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Vision & Leadership Team

Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm (Library)

### Trustees

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm (Library)

### Children's Ministry Team

Sunday, March 18, 2:00 pm (Library)

### Worship Ministry Team

Tuesday, March 20, 6:15 pm (Library)

### Missions Team

Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm (Library)

## 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 Fencil, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Ercel Carter, Dan & Sallie Park, Laura Gwyn, Gary Conrad, Bonnie Stuart, Cindy Furr, Greta Wallace, Loretta Cash, Family of Pat James, Linda & 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 Randy Core, Family of Bruce Morton

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

### *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. Campers from across the state attend camp for a week and go out and do these projects during the day, returning to camp in the evening for fun activities and worship. 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. For more info or to donate online visit [www.carolinacrossconnection.org/staff-partnerships](http://www.carolinacrossconnection.org/staff-partnerships).

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