

In Touch

Sharing the Faith Story of Ooltewah United Methodist Church



Pastor's Letter

Pastor Ramón Torres

Financial Obligations

I recently listened to a speaker who began with this sentence: "All the church ever talks about is....." With hardly a pause, the audience responded: 'money.' All the church ever talks about is 'money.' There was laughter throughout that room because we could all identify. Knowing how the average church member feels about preachers talking about money, just to approach the subject causes me some anxiety. However, I want to talk about money. I'd like to talk about money because Jesus talked about money and Moses talked about money. At least five of the commandments have an implication of money.... 'you shall have no other gods before me; you shall not make for yourself any idols, Remember the Sabbath—keep it holy, you shall not steal, you shall not covet.'

Jesus' #1 focus was the Kingdom of God, BUT some have pointed out that His #2 focus was money. More than Jesus talked about worship attendance he talked about our treasures, our money, our possession. The parable of the Prodigal Son is a story about a young boy who wants some free and easy money. Free and easy money, the story tells us, will destroy.

There is a story of a rich young ruler who comes to Jesus. For the rich, young ruler, money was literally everything, and even when Jesus was very close to him, the rich young ruler couldn't let it go. Money has power.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is a story about an outrageously compassionate person who covers the health care costs of a total stranger. Compassion is not free. That is what the story says. Compassion is not just words, it is costly.

The story of Judas is a story of how a mere 30 pieces of silver broke a relationship between him and Jesus. How many times has money broken a family? And I'm not just talking about a shortage of money, it's sometimes the other way around.

And then Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Sadly, as I write this, our congregation has already fallen behind in the support of our 2010 Church Budget. There are so many wonderful things going on at OUMC – God Things – and we don't want to let any of them slip. Let us give, give generously, give sacrificially. Please, consider your giving to God, and ask yourselves, "Is God my # 1 priority?"

Money can be hard to talk about. But it sure is interesting to hear what our money says about us.

In Christ Jesus,

Ramón

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March 7
Luke 12:13-21
Rethink Missions

March 14
Isaiah 55:1-9
Food For The Fed Up
(Communion Sunday)

March 21
Isaiah 43:16-21
The God of New
Beginnings
(Membership Sunday)

March 28
(Palm Sunday)
Luke 19:28-39
Choose Your Attitude
Special Guest Singer
Ashley Cleveland
in both services

**Ministry Team
Leaders**

Congregational Care

Pauline
Tomlinson

Education
Team Leader

Alan McClellan

Evangelism
Team Leader

Mike & Sandi Davis

Missions Team
Leader

Bob & Becky
Lockaby

Worship
Team Leader

Robby & Shawn
Dunn

Missions News

The Calling 2010 - Rethink Missions

March 3 – 7

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the OUMC Annual Missions Conference, The Calling 2010 – Rethink Missions. We will continue to explore the idea that “Church is a verb.”

Wednesday, March 3rd

5:30pm - Fried Chicken Dinner with all proceeds going to The Bethlehem Center.

6:30pm - Performance by Voices of Lee along with guest speaker, Lurone Jennings of The Bethlehem Center in the Worship Center.

Thursday, March 4th – Saturday, March 6th

Mission Projects planned by Sunday School classes. Please see website for more information.

Saturday, March 6th

6:00pm - International Experience. Bring the whole family and experience all the mission opportunities available through OUMC and listen for your calling.

Sunday, March 7th

Both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services will have an emphasis on missions. You will not want to miss Pastor Ramon’s message as he challenges everyone to Rethink Missions. For questions or more information regarding The Calling 2010, please contact Dana Reeves at danadreeves@yahoo.com.

What is a Faith Promise Commitment?

You will have an opportunity to make a new Faith Promise commitment for 2010 during Sunday morning worship on March 7 as part of The Calling weekend. A Faith Promise commitment for missions is a personal commitment, made in faith between you and God, for local and world outreach. When we make such a commitment, we say “By faith, I commit to give a certain amount of money to missions above my tithe, and I trust God to enable me to fulfill this commitment.”

In taking this step of faith, we gain a totally different perspective on what we have and on our priorities in life. We begin to see everything we have as belonging to God, and we look for ways He will provide for us to fulfill our commitment. When we commit ourselves in this area of faith, we are not relying on our own limited resources. We now rely on God’s unlimited resources. We are expressing our obedience to Christ’s command “to make disciples of all people”. God uses our faithfulness to build His church worldwide. At the same time, as we trust God for the funds and observe His faithfulness in providing, our own faith grows.

Literacy Program

Give someone the gift of reading- the gift of God’s Word. OUMC is looking to offer a Literacy Program ministry in the spring of 2010 and is seeking volunteers who would be willing to serve others in our community through this outreach. For more info on this outreach, please contact Bill or Julia Westerfield at 313-6630 or 316-5409. You may also request more info on your registration tab.

Ecuador Mission Trip

A mission trip to Ecuador is being planned for July 2-12, 2010. We will be working with Tim & Daina Datwyler of the Mission Society. OUMC has supported the Datwylers for a number of years and has watched their ministry grow and improve. If you would like to participate in this exciting opportunity to share Jesus in another country, contact Dewey Howard at 892-4839 or by e-mail at deweyhoward1@yahoo.com.

Habitat For Humanity in Ooltewah

The local chapter of Habitat is evaluating building a home in our area and will need contributions in the form of volunteer labor, monetary donations for building materials, or donations of building materials from various businesses. They are also looking for land to purchase to build on. If you have an interest in participating in or contributing to this future project, please contact Ken Bonk, 910-0508 or kbonk01@gmail.com.

Interfaith Homeless Network

OUMC joined with St John UMC and Northminister Presbyterian to host several homeless families with young children the week of Feb 21. Many thanks to representatives of the Discovery Class for covering Wed PM, and to the representatives of the Foundations of Life Class for covering Fri PM. These OUMC reps prepared and served a dinner meal for the families, and then enjoyed time visiting with them and playing with the children after dinner. Being able to show love and concern for these families is a tremendous blessing to all who volunteer. Contact Diane Howard at dehoward94@att.net or 892-4839 if you would like to help next quarter.

Announcements...

Career Link Luncheon & Seminar

Do you need encouragement and practical support as you search for new employment opportunities? OUMC is hosting Career Link, a series of outreach luncheons featuring church and community speakers offering helpful advice on interviewing, resume writing, stress management, as well as internet and community based resources to aid in your job search. If you would like to participate in or help put on this outreach ministry- please contact Eric Light at 238-9216 or indicate Career Link participant or helper on your registration tab. Luncheons will take place weekly beginning Monday, March 8 at 12:00pm in the CLC.

Come Join Our Choir!

If you have an interest in special event choir music, please consider being a part of our Easter cantata. This opportunity is open to all, regardless of the service you attend. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the choir room. Please contact Farah Claxton at farah.claxton@ooltewahumc.org if you have any questions or would like to sign up. Walk-ins are also welcome! As always, the Chancel Choir is always looking for new members to help lead worship in the 9:30am service. If this is a ministry that you can see yourself being a part of, we would love to have you! Participation in the Easter cantata does not require regular Sunday commitments. Hope to see in choir! Farah Claxton

Choir Music Missing!!!

If you have sung with either the Celebration or Chancel Choirs and taken original sheet music home with you and forgotten to bring it back, please drop it by either the choir room or the church office at your earliest convenience. I am preparing to inventory our music resources and would like to account for everything we have. Thank you for your assistance. Farah Claxton

Craft and Home Business Fair

Looking for a great way to raise funds for a Ministry or group? We are looking for a group or person(s) to take over the "Craft and Home Business Fair" 2010 will be the 7th year for this successful event. If you are interested in more information please call Jill Stansell at 238-9216.

Congregation Directories

We will have new Congregation Directories available starting March 7th in the Narthex, Connection Point, and the Administration Building. If you are not able to pick one up please call our office to make other arrangements to receive one.

Mystery on Maui Luau Singles Dinner

Saturday, March 20 at 6pm at OUMC in the Christian Life Center. Wear your fun tropical attire. Questions call 423/364-8834

We Need Your Opinion!

Do you have internet?

Do you ever check out our OUMC website?

<http://www.ooltewahumc.org/home>.

We'll be making the switch soon from paper newsletter to viewing the newsletter on our church website. Please contact the church office at office@ooltewahumc.org and let us know if you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter via US Mail or if you want to view it via the internet. We will need your current email address to send a notice that it's ready to view each month.

Sing for Joy

Sunday, March 14- 1:30pm

Do you like to sing but so far the shower is the only place you have tried? Here is your chance to shine! Sing for Joy is one of the many ministries we have here at OUMC. Once a month (second Sunday) we visit 2 of our local nursing homes and sing the old hymns. We meet at Morning Pointe Assisted Living at 1:30pm and move to The Lantern at 2:15pm. Please try this fun and rewarding ministry out! If you need more information please call Jill Stansell at 238-2067.

Membership Sundays

If you would like to join Ooltewah United Methodist Church and need more information about becoming a member, please call our office at 238-9216. Membership Sundays are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The Supper Club is coming March 2010

What is it? Groups of eight will be formed with a designated leader. Each group will meet once a month for dinner. This may be at a house or restaurant.

- How long will it last? We ask that each group meet for a 4 month period.
- What's so great about a Supper Club? This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people in a casual, fun atmosphere.
- How do I join? Look for the flyers in your bulletins, starting in March.
- Need more information? Please contact Jill Stansell- 238-9216

Alpha Circle

Alpha Circle will meet Thursday, March 4th at 10:30 in the Conference Room of the Administration Building. All ladies are invited. Judy Turner will have a program on "Call to Prayer and Self Denial". Judy asks that you read chapters 3 & 4 in the Book of Joshua before coming to the meeting. Also, think of a time when you needed help in getting from one point to another in your life and how you managed to go forward. We will enjoy a time of fellowship during lunch following our meeting. We would love for you to join us.

In helping to provide a holistic approach to a healing ministry, the Congregational Care Team would like to offer the following ministries, and community agencies as resources to you, your family and for those whose life you touch and minister to. This is not a complete list, nor do we exclusively support these agencies, rather for convenience sake, would like to provide you with some of the agencies that we have developed trusted relationships with:

If you need additional information please contact Amy Nutt at 238-9216

AAA Women's Services
892-0803

Alzheimer's Association
265-3600

Bradley Cleveland
Community Services
479-4111

Chattanooga Cares
267-2273

Children's Advocacy
Center 266-6918

Contact of Chattanooga
266-8228
(hotline &
crisis response)

First Call for Help
265-8000 or 211

First Things First
267-5383

Partnership for Families,
Children & Adults
755-2822

Respond
499-2300
(hotline &
crisis response)

Samaritan Center
238-7777

S.E. Area Agency on
Aging & Disability
424-4256

Children's Ministry News

Allison Groves, Director of Children's Ministries

I pray that Christ will live in your hearts by faith and that your life will be strong in love and be built on love. And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is. Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

(New Century Version)

Easter Eggstravaganza

We will be having our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on March 27th from 2-4pm. Come and join us! Plastic eggs and candy donation can be dropped off in the Narthex or Connection point lobby. Help is need in several capacities, from a 15 minute volunteer shift during the event to eggs stuffing before the event. If you are interested in helping out with this event please contact Allison Beavers at 238-9216 or allison.beavers@ooltewahumc.org

What the Kids have been up to...

During the month of February the kids have been participating in outreach projects on Wednesday nights. They made 8 fleece blankets for the shut ins of the church, nine valentine gift bags for widows, several hand crafted prayer cards for those on the prayer list and 30 Haiti disaster relief kits. We are looking forward to the month of March, our focus is going to be on missions around the world and here at OUMC.

Thank you!

Thank you volunteers! Without you we could not offer Sunday school, Children's Church, and any of the community outreach events like Easter Eggstravaganza VBS and Trunk or Treat. You continue to bless our children each week. My prayer is that God will greatly bless your sacrifice of time for our children.

We have a place for you to serve...

(once a month, once a quarter, every week, as needed)

- Hall Greeter
- Fill-in Teacher
- Nursery volunteer
- Game coordinator
- Worship leader
- Story teller
- Teacher

Announcements continued...

Ashley Cleveland to be @ OUMC!

Mark your calendars for March 28 (Palm Sunday). Ashley Cleveland will be sharing with us in BOTH services. Many might remember Ashley's soulful bluesy sound from one of our Worship Center Grand Opening concerts with her, Kim Hill and Susan Ashton. Ashley is a previous Grammy Award winning artist and was nominated for another Grammy just this year! It will be an honor to have Ashley lead and participate in both services at OUMC!

Services for the Hearing Impaired

Beginning March 7, OUMC will be featuring American Sign Language at both of our worship services. If you know someone who is hearing impaired please let them know about this exciting new direction we are taking with our worship services!

Walk and Talk

A new small group is forming at OUMC. The group will plan regular walks on the Collegedale Greenway and then have a time of fellowship over coffee. Anyone interested? Contact Jim McKelvey at jcm546625@comcast.net for info.

Welcome to Our New Members

Diane Brooks
Maryah & Braedyn
3945 Arthur Lane
Ooltewah TN 37363

Russell & Kelly Collins
9126 Quail Mountain Dr.
Chattanooga TN 37421

Chad & Bridgett Crawford
Kaydence, Tandice & Landyn
11315 First Street
Apison TN 37302

Jim & Gail Moon
6243 Gibbs Lane
Ooltewah TN 37363

Fred & Dawn Perkins
8621 Gable Crossing
Chattanooga TN 37421

Eric & Melissa Retzlaff
Ethan & Emma
4006 Timber Trace Dr.
Ooltewah TN 37363

Craig Radtke
PO Box 17341
Chattanooga TN 37415

Nathan & Danna Vaughn
Taylor & Lyndsay
504 Sharondale Road
Chattanooga TN 37421

Tony (TJ) & Julie Brown
6905 Anderson Acres Dr.
Georgetown TN 37336

Charles & Francis Clay
4714 Rolling Green Drive
Ooltewah TN 37363

Joe & Amanda Legge
6252 Gibbs Lane
Ooltewah TN 37363

Alan Elkins
3722 Stephens Road
Cleveland TN 37312

Bailey Hanson
6620 White Tail Drive
Ooltewah TN 37363

Don & Lisa Burke
5625 Hyacinth Lane
Ooltewah TN 37363

Robert & Shelly King
Daniel
9169 Trout Lily Drive
Ooltewah TN 37363

Deborah Smith & Kendall
9501 Pearson Rd
Ooltewah TN 37363

Sheldon & Crystal Spears
Presley & Hudson
8207 Gentle Mist Circle
Ooltewah TN 37363

OSM in March '10

Sunday School,

every Sunday 9:30-10:30

We have co-ed classes for both Middle and High school students. These classes meet in the Christian Life Center and are led by a great group of adult volunteers who love investing in the lives of your students.

242 Small Groups

"The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared life together. They broke bread and ate together. And they prayed." Acts 2:42

Small Groups are designed so that students and their leaders have time to engage in deeper matters of life and faith.

Currently, we have a middle school co-ed group (led by Karen Light), a high school gals group (led by Leigha King) and a high school guys group (led by Kevin Bowling).

Groups meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 in the Christian Life Center. Feel free to grab some dinner and join us at 6:00 for an informal 'meal time'.

Groups will be meeting on:
3/10, 3/17 & 3/24

On 3/3

Join the entire OUMC family for a night of food, fellowship and worship.

Dinner begins at 5:30 & at 6:30 we'll Rethink Missions

The Mix

Sunday nights 5:30-7:30
Dinner is served at 5:30.

Meeting On:

3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28

The Mix

Dinner Schedule

See the OUMC website for current dinner schedule assignments.

www.ooltewahumc.org

Click on the student ministry link.



OSM Coffee House

March 26

7-9pm

Join us for a warm cup of coffee (or tea) and enjoy the music, musings and art of the students of Ooltewah Student Ministries.

The students will display their art, music and written work for you to enjoy. Please come and support the amazing artists we have right here in OSM.

Easter Eggstravaganza 2010

March 27

2pm-4pm

If you can help by volunteering on that day, please let Pam know by emailing her at osm@ooltewahumc.org. There are plenty of opportunities for you to help the kiddos have a great day.

OUMC Has

Pod Cast

If you have iTunes or a similar program to "catch" Podcasts then this is for you! Catch it at

www.ooltewahumc.org/podcast

Alzheimer's Ministry

Faith Connections
Our next Faith
Connection service
will be
March 21
at
11:00 a.m.,
at the Lantern.

Alzheimer's
Support Group
This group meets
the 2nd Wednesday
of each month at
Greenbriar Cove
Community Center
at 11:30 a.m.

Congregational Care

Amy Nutt, Associate Pastor

Holy Traditions of Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Maundy Thursday is the day that we as Christians remember the gathering of Jesus and his disciples for the Last Supper. Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning commandment, in reference to Jesus' teachings about a new commandment. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35, NRSV).

In some churches Maundy Thursday is commemorated with a symbolic washing of the feet (See John 13:1-20). Other traditions observe Maundy Thursday with a service of Holy Communion, we as a faith community has traditions of both. This year at our Maundy Thursday service, April 1st we will have a sacred time of learning the traditions of the Seder Meal.

At this special service each table will be set up symbolizing the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples on the eve of his arrest and ultimate betrayal. Therefore the Seder plate will be set among the elements for a Passover meal which was a tradition and celebration recognized since the ancient Israelites' departure of Egypt some 3,500 years ago, the central focus of Passover has become the Seder meal.

The modern Hebrew expression *b'seder* often translated as "very well" literally means, "in order". A Jewish prayer book is called a *siddur* because it includes an order of service. A Passover Seder is the proper order of the Passover meal. When Christ came to fulfill the Scriptures, everything was done in order. The miracles that he performed, the teachings he gave to us, and His daily activities were all in line with the Scriptures. So in fulfilling prophecy in scripture, the Last Supper was not just the "last meal" that Jesus has with his disciples. It was a very special time that prophetically speaks of our Father's progressing plan for His creation, as Jesus would later be tried and executed for our sins.

The Seder plate has an assortment of elements that are to remind us of various aspects of Exodus. There are five traditional elements that are placed on the seder plate, three of them are specified in Exodus 12:8, and the other two have become customary since:

1. **The Shankbone** or *zeroa* is representative of the lamb that was slain. *Zeroa* is the Hebrew word "arm" as we know that the Lord led the Israelites out of Egypt "with an outstretched arm and with great judgments" Exodus 6:6

2. **Unleavened Bread** or *matzah* is the bread of haste that the Israelites made on their journey out of Egypt. There was not sufficient time for the bread to rise, thus it is not puffed up. *Matzah*, having no leavening agents, is "without sin".

3. **Bitter herbs** or *maror* is symbolic of the bitterness of slavery. The most customary of the bitter herbs that you will likely see on a seder plate will be horseradish, although in ancient times it may have also included radishes, onions, or garlic.

4. The **roasted egg** is an element that has been added which represents the hardness of Pharaoh's heart and his resistance against God. It is a reminder to the participant in the Seder that we are not to harden ourselves against the Lord and not have hearts of stone.

5. **Charoset** is often made with apples and honey and represents the mortar and straw used to make bricks in Egypt. It has been made sweet so that servants of God now remember that performing His work is a delight.

The first three of these elements would have been present at Jesus' Passover Table. The other two might have been, but do appear on the seder plates of Jewish people today. They all have symbolic meaning for us as Believers who have experienced our own Exodus from slavery to sin to new life in Christ. "Truly I say to you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God" Mark 14:25 As we remember the Passover, and the events that occurred with the Ancient Israelites Exodus from Egypt, let us also remember that Jesus, is the Lamb of God and through his sacrifice we are free in His spirit and serve a risen savior. Thanks be to God!

Amy

Facing Your Giants Begins Wednesday, March 10

Giants. We must face them. Yet, we need not face them alone. This profound look at the life of David digs deeply into the defeats he suffered, and the victories he won, as he faced the giants in his life. When David focused on God, giants tumbled. But when David focused on giants, he stumbled.

Goliaths still roam in our world. Debt. Disaster. Dialysis. Divorce. Deceit. Disease. Depression. These super-sized challenges swagger and strut into our lives, pilfering our sleep, embezzling our peace, and robbing us of our joy. And while these giants try to dominate our lives, we know what to do. We've learned what David learned, and we do what David did. We become God-focused. We pick up five stones. We make five decisions. And we take a swing.

This Wednesday night class begins on March 10 and will continue for 6 weeks based on the book by Max Lucado. This class will be led by Rev. Amy Nutt at 6:30pm each week in Room 305 of the Worship Center.

Our Stewardship

Vital Signs through February 21

Sunday School/Small Group Attendance..... 331
Average Worship Attendance641

Our Gifts

Ministry, Program and New Building Budget
\$1,369,963.00
Received to Date.....\$140,551.00
Expenditures to Date..... \$167,653.00

Faith Promise for Missions

Pledged to Faith Promise on February 22, 2009
\$106,895.00
Given to Date \$74,167.00

Designated Special Giving

(Share & Care, Congregational Care, Mission Trips, etc.)
Given to Date \$10,398.00
UMCOR/Haiti Given to Date.....\$7,045.00

Christian Sympathy

We express our Christian Sympathy to Mary Lou Miller in the death of her husband, Jim, on February 2nd. A funeral service was held in Ohio, their home town, and there will be a Memorial Service at OUMC on Saturday, March 6, at 11am.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Jerry Chastain and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Charles Houston Scott, who died on January 30th.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Kris Jeffrey and family in the recent death of her grandfather.

We express our Christian Sympathy to Cindy Barksdale and family in the death of her uncle.

Prayer Concerns...

- Ken Bon recent diagnosis of cancer
- Sherry Chapman recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Dan Clippinger
- Betty Fitzgerald undergoing chemotherapy
- Linda Kirkland recent hospitalization for heart concerns
- Virginia Poe
- Joshua Rice, 7 year old member undergoing chemotherapy for cancer at TC Thompsons'
- Please keep in prayer all our church members and extended families that have recently lost jobs
- Our military personnel serving around the world

Stewardship is A Way of Life!

Stewardship is the expected way of life for a Christian. Stewardship provides a spiritual way of living for all of us a way of being in the world, particularly as we continue to embrace the Great Commission and respond by Loving God, Loving Others, and Offering them Christ. Stewardship is much more than a focus on giving to the church. It is about the proper management and use of the many gifts our gracious God has given us. It helps us to reflect upon our blessings; all that we have: Our families, friends, time, talents, skills, material possessions, finances, prayers, service, presence, and witness.

Stewardship is about reflecting on our faith and on the way we live and act as disciples of Jesus. As Christians Stewards, we receive Gods gifts gratefully; cultivate them responsibly; share them in love and justice with others; and stand before the Lord in a spirit of accountability.

What kind of steward are you? Are you properly managing all that God has given you? Over the next few months you will be hearing more about the different aspects of stewardship. Jesus has blessed OUMC greatly and we want to be a blessing to others.
The Stewardship Team

Baptisms

Nicholas Thornburgh - Infant Baptism
Savannah Cummins - Infant Baptism
Kendall Smith

Upcoming Meetings...

Finance Team - Monday, March 15. 6:30pm
Mission Team - Tuesday, March 30, 6:30pm

Church Staff

Ramón Torres Pastor
Amy Nutt Associate Pastor
Eric Light Director of Connectional Ministries
Ryan Beavers Director Worship and Media Arts
Farah Claxton Associate Director of Music
Pam Wells Director of Student Ministries
Allison Beavers Director of Children's Ministries
Stacey Voelp Children's Ministry Assistant/MDO
Jill Stansell Congregational Care/Membership Development
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Sarah Roach Business Manager
Todd Hibbard Accompanist
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Prayer Focus for
March
-Missions-

March 7th
For all to know and
Offer Christ

March 14th
For all the
missionaries,
prayers
of protection

March 21st
For the
Restoration of
Haiti

March 28th
For our
Missions Team

"I will be loyal
to the United
Methodist
Church and do
all in my power
to strengthen its
ministries by my
prayers, my
presence, my
gifts, and my
service."

Holy Week Opportunities

Saturday, March 27th - Easter Eggstravaganza - 2-4pm

Sunday, March 28th - Palm Sunday

- Guest Musician Ashley Cleveland will be joining us in both worship services
- 9:30am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
- 11:00am Contemporary Service in Worship Center

Wednesday, March 31st - Lunch n Learn's

- Noon Downtown, Chattanooga with Eric Light
- Noon Downtown, Chattanooga with Ryan Beavers
- Noon Hamilton Place Area with Pastor Ramon Torres
- Noon Christian Life Center, covered dish luncheon with Pastor Amy Nutt
- Allison Beavers, Director of Children's Ministries will be at several local Elementary schools to visit with children
- Pam Wells, Director Student Ministries will be at local Middle/High School's to visit with students.

Thursday, April 1st - Maundy Thursday Service

- 5:30pm Dinner in Christian Life Center
- 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service in Christian Life Center

Friday, April 2nd - Holy Communion Delivered to Shut In's

- Sanctuary opened for prayer from 9:00am - 4:00pm
 - Communion will be delivered to shut in's homes throughout the day
- If you would like to help serve communion to shut in's or have someone you would like to have visited and communion taken to, please contact Rev. Amy Nutt at the church office

Easter Celebrations

- Saturday, April 3rd - 6:30pm -
Holy Saturday, Contemporary Easter Celebration Worship Service @ 6:30pm in the Worship Center
- Sunday, April 4th -
8:00am - Traditional Easter Celebration Worship Service in Sanctuary
9:30am - Traditional Easter Celebration Worship Service in Sanctuary
11:00am - Contemporary Easter Celebration Worship Service in Worship Center

Purpose Statement

To bring people to Jesus, develop them to Christ-like maturity, equip them for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to magnify God.

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