

First United Methodist Church

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Return Service Requested

You are invited to join us

Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

in the Church Parlor as we celebrate the

100th birthday

of

Mrs. Voncille Perkins

First United Methodist Church

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Lent

He bore the sin of many and
made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:12

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The First Sunday describes Jesus’ temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

The Great Three Days - sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch - from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden. They should be seen as great unified services of Easter Day. These services may be connected with a prayer vigil lasting from Holy Thursday evening (or Good Friday) until the first service of Easter and may be accompanied by fasting. Somber colors such as purple or ash gray and rough-textured cloth are most appropriate for paraments, stole, and banners. Unbleached muslin cloth with red stitching is also appropriate.

All shiny objects should be removed from the worship area. Some may wish to omit flowers. Other visuals may include a large rough cross (possibly made from the trunk of the Chrismon tree) or a veil over the sanctuary cross. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday the church may be stripped bare of visuals.

from The United Methodist Book of Worship

Within Our Church Family

Remember in Prayer

The family of Miranda Strickland, the Wesley Foundation, Jimmy Lunsford, Conner Walton, Jennifer Hill, Gail Johnston, Rosetta Walton, Angela Smith, Patty Sadler, Phyllis Rollins, Dale Griffin, Fran Ford, Joe Fagiolo, Ron Sutton, Ralph Ford, Burton Green, E.B. Johnson, Johnny Stroud, Jeannie Marie Sanders, Nina Kieras, Zac Etheridge, Kaye Stinson, Mae Penn, Carla Guthrie, Bill Blount, Amy Spurlock, George Bennett, Riley Stewart, Bob Goins, Becky Wallace, Stacy Smith, Rex Grant, Trudy Healy, Jim Terry, Dena Rogers, Alex Morgan, Robert Grice, our "adopted" soldiers (Donal Dunbar, James Petry), our nation and leaders.

Words of Appreciation

Dear Church Members,

We would like to thank you all for the memorials, flowers, food, and cards you sent to us during the illness and death of Roy's mother. May your lives continue to be blessed as you have blessed us.

Roy and Kathe Bray

Dear First Methodist Church,

We at the Pike County Salvation Army would like to thank you for your continued support. Through your donations we are better able to assist those in need within our community with food, clothing, rent, utilities, domestic abuse, disaster relief, Christmas programs and more. I invite you to come by the service center anytime and have a look at our food bank and see for yourself all of the services that we provide. Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Kim May, Director

In Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Shane Tatum and his family upon the recent death of his father, Leo Tatum.

March Birthday Additions

Calvin Lott - 7th

Sharon Lott - 21st

Opportunities to Serve

Sunday, March 7

Informal Cokesbury Service.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Refreshments.....10:40 a.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....10:40 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Birthday Celebration for Voncille Perkins2:00 p.m.
Adult Handbell Rehearsal.....5:00 p.m.
Jr. and Sr. High MYF.....5:30 p.m.
The Common Meal.....6:30 p.m.

(Hosts: Beth Starling/Sherry Starling)

Monday, March 8

Boy Scouts6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9

Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)6:15 a.m.
Discipleship Class (Ann Love Classroom).....10:00 a.m.
A Covenant Group (Conference Room)11:00 a.m.
Juvenile Redirection Program (Youth Room)6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10

Troy Charity League Meeting.....8:30 a.m.
After School FaithWeaver Friends Program...3:00 p.m.
Preschool Friends4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Meal5:00 p.m.
Friends/Chorus.....5:30 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry6:00 p.m.
Discipleship Classes.....6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 11

Alcoholics Anonymous.....7:00 p.m.

Just a Reminder

Sunday, March 7

Nursery: Elly Reeves

Preschool Volunteer: Mary Starling

K-2nd Grades: Jessica Tatum

3rd - 5th Grades: Trish McVay

Children's Church: Richelle Jefcoat/Kerry Loflin

Outreach Opportunities

Please remember to bring your items or cash donations for our adopted soldiers this Sunday and leave in the collection basket in the Round Room. Also, the Sunday School offering this Sunday goes toward the purchase of gifts, supplies, and postage for our soldiers packages. Thank you for giving to this ministry.

Our March mission emphasis is Relay for Life. Please make your check payable to FUMC and earmark it "Relay for Life."

This month we will supply non-perishable food items and paper products for the food pantry at Troy's Salvation Army. This project is sponsored by the Annie B. Green Sunday School Class. Collection boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall and the Annie B. Green classroom.

Isn't It Time?

Isn't it time for a new FUMC Cookbook? Methodist Favorites - Heirloom Edition was published in 1994. If we worked really hard we could be ready in time for Christmas gifting. Anyone interested in being on the work committee contact Elaine Blair or the church office. A meeting will be set and a time to submit recipes will begin.

VBS Date Changed

The volunteer response for VBS has not been what we hoped for. Therefore, the Children's Council has decided to change the date to June 21-23. Hopefully this date will not conflict with other camps and VBS opportunities in the community. We are also hoping that by changing VBS to 3 days instead of 5 that more people will be able to volunteer. Most of our young mothers work so we are relying heavily on those of you who do not. If you can volunteer please call Trish McVay at 566-4400. We will order materials after we have all positions filled. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this ministry to the children of our church, preschool and community.

The Children's Council

Holy Week

Make your plans now to experience Holy Week with us at First United Methodist Church.

Palm Sunday Services, March 28

Informal Cokesbury Service - 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Service - 10:55 a.m.

The Procession of Palms by the congregation will begin on the front lawn.

Lenten Worship Services

We will have guest speakers and special music each day followed by a delicious meal.

Monday, March 29th - Thursday, April 1st
12:00 noon to 12:50 p.m.

Meal Cost: \$4.00 per person/\$12.00 per family

Maundy Thursday Service, April 1st

Our Maundy Thursday Service, a combination of communion and the traditional Good Friday Service of Darkness will be held Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Included in the service will be a Lenten cantata, Covenant of Grace, by the Chancel Choir.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd - Details TBA

Easter Sunday Service, April 4

Combined Worship Service - 10:55 a.m.

Children will decorate the Cross with flowers.

