

Sunday
April 15, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Pastor Greg

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

Come! Listen to the call of the Lord.

Let us respond together to His call.

Come! We are His chosen instrument.

Let us be equipped together as His people.

Come! Let us declare the name of the Lord.

Let us worship together the Lord of all!

*Responses

Blinded by the light, cut loose like a deuce, another runner in
the night. Blinded by the light.

**From the dark and into the light, we worship right now,
revealed to the One Who loves us and calls us.**

Blinded by the light, remove the scales from our eyes, let us
come closer to the Source of all that is good.

— *With thanks to Bruce Springsteen, American singer &
songwriter*

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Almighty God, Giver of life, we meet here today to sing Your
praise, to hear Your word, to listen for Your still small voice, to
learn more of You and of ourselves.

**Lord, You long for us to know You more. Your wish is for
all Your children to know You and love You. Your call
comes to each one of us, in different ways but with the
same desire, that we respond and serve You.**

Lord, help us to see and hear Your call, help us to seek You out
in our daily living, to actively look and listen for You and to
respond when we see and hear You.

Forgive us for those times when we forget the call and choose to ignore it for our own selfish desires.

Forgive us for those times when we become deaf and blind to Your call because we are afraid of what You will ask of us.

Lord, open our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds to all that You wish to say to us, to all that You call us to, help us to face our fears and obey Your call. So be it. Amen!

*Hymn: #698 God of the Ages

Scripture Lesson: Acts 9:1-19

Children's Time: *Hank Stamm*

Choir Anthem: An Unending Song

Sermon: "Caught & Converted!"

*Hymn: #558 We Are the Church

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Recognition and Blessing of Christian Service

Today we recognize Michelle Morgan and consecrate her service in the name of Christ as our church financial assistant.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Fear Is a Liar ~ *performed by Ken Franklin*

*Doxology: #94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

All the world belongs to You, O God. All that is in the air, on land or sea. Everything is Yours. Receive our offerings this day, our gifts of money freely given, a sign and symbol of all that we offer to You, our very selves. Take and use these gifts for the work of Your kingdom at home and abroad. May Your word be heard in every corner of the world and may Your people respond by turning to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

*Hymn: #175 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (verses 1, 2, 4)

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, April 22: "All Shook Up!" — Acts 16:16-34.

Today's altar flowers are provided by Barbara and Bill Adams in memory of their son, Brad: "You are not visible but never from our hearts. You are loved by many. Mom and Dad."

Today's acolytes are
Briar Luegge and Ella Luegge

April 8 attendance:
Worship 131



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Family and Friends

New Requests This Week

Phyllis Barrett's daughter has pneumonia.
Rex Bragg passed away. Please remember Glory and the family in prayer.
Del and Myrna Forsythe's son is recovering from serious injury to his fingers.
Carol Lohman is recovering well. However, her house was damaged by lightning.
Prayers for Upjohn residents and staff in the midst of public drama
Julie (Vera Walker's niece) is 25 weeks pregnant but the baby is not getting enough nourishment.

Previous Requests

Felicia Taylor Bassler needs healing.
Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Diane (Vera Walker's sister) is struggling. Prayers are needed for her children to make hard decisions.
Sue Epley has back issues and needs healing.
Lauren Frantz
Martha (Betty Thomas's sister-in-law) fell and broke her back in 2 places. She is 92 and can't have surgery.
Mary (friend of Diana and Andrea) needs prayer as she goes through the last few days of her life on earth.
Tim Melvin
Pray for safe travels for Ryan Miller.
Summer Munn (11-year-old girl) has been having pain since October, and doctors don't know what is wrong.
Carmen Moreno-Parsons is in rehab due to a blood poisoning emergency from an earlier fall.
Tammy Quich (Abbigale Murray's coworker) needs healing after surgery for fluid around the heart.
Riley (4th grader at Tobey) was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer.
Scott Weaver (Julie Taylor's son) is in need of emotional healing.
Lord, please heal the United Methodist Church and our country so that all can recognize YOU did it.

For Cheer and Hello

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| Liz Anderson | Robert & Carmen Parsons |
| David Bretz | Char Rice |
| Barb Griner | Marv & Kitty Starbuck |
| Pat McClelland | Al Thomas |
| Iris McGahan | Mina Willett |
| Beverly Nimmo | |

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 16

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Library

Tuesday, April 17

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committ., Library
6:30 p.m. Scout Committee meeting in Room 125

Wednesday, April 18

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
2:30 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)
5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth)
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room
10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle in the Taylor Room
5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)
7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee in the Library

Friday, April 20 - Pastor's Day Off

6:00 p.m. Scout Pack meeting in the Taylor Room

Saturday, April 21

11:00 a.m. Funeral service for Rex Bragg
Rummage Sale set-up in the FLC
5:00 p.m. Holmes anniversary in the Taylor Room

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Monday, April 23

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale drop-off till 6:00p
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting, Taylor Room
NO VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale drop-off till noon
6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting

Wednesday, April 25

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale till 6:00p
6:00 p.m. Advance Care Workshop in the Library

Thursday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale till 3:00p
NO PLAY GYM

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Apr 15:
Apr 22: Marshall Linebaugh

PLEASE JOIN US
for a
PIG ROAST
hosted by
THE SCOUTS AT
SUNDAY **May 6** 11:30 AM

church parking lot (or FLC) as a thank you to the church



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler
16 Claymore Dr
Hampton VA 23669

Major Jeff Kudary
1049 Willow Circle
Clarksville TN 37043

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli

Geoff White
5112 Hickory Ln
Klamath Falls OR 97601

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, April 29

1:00 Registration in the Family Life Center
2:00 Walk

See Brad Addis for information.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

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| 4/15 Tom Aitken | 4/20 Josephine Hosner |
| Owen Moberley | Lee Philport |
| 4/16 Sawyer Barton | <u>Anniversaries</u> |
| Anna Culver | 4/16 J.R. & Nancy Fulton |
| Joel Smola | 4/18 Michael & Lori |
| 4/17 Ron Wolak | Tichvon |
| 4/18 Becky Berndt | 4/19 Gary & Tina |
| Logan Pauli | Corsaut |
| 4/20 Annelore Canniz-zaro | 4/20 Paul & Marilyn Schutter |

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

SPRING HAS SPRUNG.....Robins, daffodils and OUR SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

Needed: Clean, gently-used clothing, electronics, jewelry, tools, toys, decorations, books, magazines, music, movies, small appliances and furniture, household items, crafts, treasures, etc.!

Large paper grocery bags and food for the workers are also appreciated! Fill a box while tackling your Spring cleaning!

Also Need: Men and women volunteers! We need lots of help! YOU choose which days and hours- it will be so appreciated! Just show up - **No Experience Necessary!**

Drop off dates: Monday, April 23 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Tuesday, April 24 (9 a.m.-noon).

On Thursday, unless noted otherwise, clothing is \$1/bag, 6th bag free!

April 25 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.)
April 26 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

WE ALSO NEED SHOPPERS! We have lots of good stuff (no junk!) and many bargains! Come, shop and save! Monies earned will benefit local and area mission programs such as South County Community Services, Generous Hands, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, VUMC Youth Mission Trip, and many others.



Family Camp will be Thursday, June 14 through Tuesday, June 19. Invite all your friends! Contact Holly Bland at 598-6755 or hbland15@gmail.com by April 30.

Give Your Family the Precious Gift of your Choices

What if a sudden medical event happened to you and you could not make medical decisions? Have you made an advance care plan for your healthcare? Attend an informative kitchen table small group discussion where we will discuss the steps involved to share the precious gift of your wishes for healthcare.



**Wed., April 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
in the church library**

Please call Polly to RSVP at (269) 649-2343.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due tomorrow
- Church Council submissions are due Tuesday, April 17
- Newsletter items are due Monday, April 23

We Need Buttons

The program for the All Daughter Banquet on May 9 is entitled, "Buttons & Bows," so we are looking for individuals who have their grandma's, mother's, or aunt's old button boxes and would like to put them on display for the Banquet. Please contact Betsy Myers.

Coffee hour

Cookies and treats are needed for April and May. Please provide 4 to 5 dozen cookies or snacks and leave them in the old kitchen marked coffee hour. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call Vera Walker, 532-3551.