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On the cover: Cross of Ashes

The season of Lent envelopes the entire month of March this year. Lent is the season of preparation in the church year before Easter.

Many people choose to give up something that is hindering them, or add a spiritual practice to their lives for this season. It is an opportunity to remember our mortality and the brokenness that separates us from God. After participating in this season, celebrations on Easter Day are even sweeter!

Visioning Days: Page 4

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our first Visioning Day in February, and look forward to our next visioning day later in March.

Boston Butt Sale: Page 6

Help make missions happen! You may notice we have some exciting fundraisers going on this year in support of missions. The Boston Butt sale is one such fundraiser that is helping us cover the difference in our smaller missions budget this year. Encourage family and friends to buy a ticket in support of missions!

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REMARKS

As we make our way through the “Year of Prayer,” we are discovering insightful ways to explore a life of prayer. What if we read a poem, even read it out loud, and allowed its inspiring verse to guide our prayers? Could that work?

Here’s one: the author and poet Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) composed a brilliant poem for us to consider.

If—

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run—
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

Isn't this a brilliant poem? It was originally written for Kipling's own son, as one might infer. The poem grew to represent much more, having been referenced and quoted in several movies and public speeches. Perhaps one or two lines of this iambic pentameter especially strike you, rousing you to live more faithfully in the face of adversity.

If you can read this poem to be inspired, or think upon its meaning for your life; If you can rise above its masculine language, to understand its broad intention for all; if God can translate these earthly lines into your heart's heavenly prayers; you will live the day with God-sized courage, and you will grow as a Christian disciple, my friend!

May God continue to bless you,

Pastor Mark



2020 YEAR OF PRAYER



VISIONING Days

Thank you to everyone who participated in the visioning day on February 23.
We look forward to the next visioning day. Plan to be there!

Sunday March 22, 1:30-5:30pm

This session will focus on a systems approach to the church's mission and vision.

John Dyer is leading workshops for churches across Western North Carolina, taking his expertise from the world of industrial engineering and applying its lessons to churches like ours. He is the Lay Leader at Williamson's Chapel UMC in Mooresville, and the author of [The Façade of Excellence: Defining a New Normal of Leadership.](#)

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



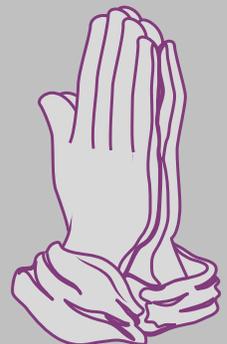
Lenten Prayer Services

After Ash Wednesday, each week in Lent we will continue in a spirit of prayer in the Chapel for Lenten Prayer Services at 6:15 in the Chapel.



Stations of the Cross

On April 1, Salisbury Youth will lead us in the Stations of the Cross: a journey through the last week of Jesus' life and his passion on the cross. It is always meaningful!



CHURCH HISTORY

"Looking back, moving forward."

Two of our historic Sunday school classes, the Daisy Hedrick Class and the Golden Rule Men's Bible class, recently succumbed to the mortal realities of advancing years and merged with the Friendship class now renamed the New Beginnings class. For over 100 years, these two classes proudly stood as places of learning, faith formation, and church leadership. One was for women and the other for men. Together they excelled all other adult classes in size and importance.



Their roots go back to 1890 and a hot summer day in Syracuse, New York. During the Sunday school hour a group of young men in their late teens gathered across the street from the East Genesee Street Church. Each lad hoped to meet his sweetheart or potential sweetheart when the girls left church. When the church door opened, however, they were surprised to see not a crowd of young ladies but Marshal Hudson, a prominent business man. The boys were wary at first. They thought Sunday school was just for children, women, and old people but Hudson struck up a casual conversation with the boys. They sensed genuine caring from this rich businessman. He invited them to join him inside to talk about the Bible. Sixteen followed him to a dusty room where they sat on the backs of chairs and listen to Bible stories. From that small group grew the world-wide Baraca-Philathea young adult ministry.

They chose the Hebrew word Baraca (accent on the middle syllable) because it means "blessing" in Hebrew and Arabic. We know it today as the first name of our 44th president Barack Obama. The name Baraca affirmed the potential God placed in each young man's life as he discovered he was blessed and could be a blessing to others. Three years later in 1893, Hudson's daughter, Mae, started a similar Bible class for young women. The men and women studied separately, and the women's class took the name Philathea which in Greek means lover of God.

From its beginning the Baraca-Philathea Union was non-denominational. On June 29, 1905, Salisbury's First Methodist Episcopal Church, South officially chartered a Baraca class. They met in a room next door at the parsonage which became known as the Baraca Room. The movement's first North Carolina state convention was held in Salisbury in 1912. With the construction of our 1917 sanctuary, a room was set aside as the Baraca Room and built to accommodate 200 students indicating the size and importance of this growing class.

Several local church members are particularly remembered for their leadership including B.V. Hedrick who rose to world-wide Baraca prominence. It was B.V. Hedrick's wife, Daisy, who organized our church's Philathea class. Known originally as the Junior Philathea class for young women, it quickly grew and was later renamed to honor its founder.

The Baraca movement flourished for 30 years and was gradually absorbed into the structures of its various denominations. The Golden Rule class, established in 1934, is a good example of that assimilation. As the 20th Century drew to a close, the declining World-Wide Baraca-Philathea Union officially disbanded. What had started as a young men and young women's ministry had simply gotten old and died. That same sad scenario repeats in all churches who enjoy the company of fellow church members so much they stop reaching beyond their church walls to offer youth the life transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

Fred Jordan, Church Historian

5TH SUNDAY SEMINARY

March 29

9:45am in the Chapel

We will welcome Dr. Scott Bullard, President of Pfeiffer University as our guest speaker for the 5th Sunday Seminary Series. Sunday School classes are invited to join together to hear from Dr. Bullard on this day.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UMW Spaghetti Luncheon

March 29

On Sunday, March 29th, the United Methodist Women will serve a spaghetti luncheon in Fellowship Hall from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

UMW members will sponsor a bake sale during that time. Please make reservations on the forms in the pew registers or in the envelop on the UMW bulletin board.

Money raised will support local missions and our youth mission projects.

Our students in Club 45 will be helping serve drinks and assisting in carrying plates.

CHURCH GOLF LEAGUES



ATTENTION GOLFERS!

Spring is right around the corner so it's time to dust off the sticks. FUMC participates in two golf leagues. One league is at McCanless Golf Club, the other league is at The Revival at Crescent Golf Club. The Crescent League begins in early April and the McCanless League begins in May. Both leagues are handicapped so all skill levels are welcomed.

If you have interest in participating and did not play in 2019, please contact Giles Goodman (ggoodman@bahnsen.com or ggoodma@bellsouth.net, or 704-576-5083).

WOMEN'S RETREAT



HOLDEN BEACH

Women's Beach Retreat

MARCH 13-15

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! COST: \$135 FOR LODGING

CONTACT PASTOR STACEY (STACEY@FUMCSALISBURY.ORG | 704.636.3121)
OR SIGN UP AT FUMCSALISBURY.ORG



BOSTON BUTT SALE



Boston Butt Sale

Mission Fundraiser
Supporting Rise Against Hunger, Camp Discovery, and Rowan Helping Ministries

Order Deadline: Wed, March 25
Pick-Up: Fri, Apr 3

"Help Make Missions Happen!"

METHODIST CONNECTION



Covered Dish Luncheon with Methodist Connection March 10

Phoenix Readers will be Methodist Connection program March 10 at 12 noon. We look forward to having this group again. We will have a baked potato, salad, and dessert bar. Cost for this great meal is \$8.00. Wear your green as St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. For reservations, please call or text Carol Bachl at 704 798-2333.

MISSION TRIPS

We have two exciting mission trips happening this year!

International Trip to Cuba: June 20-26

Regional Trip to Wilmington: June 23-27

We invite you to be in prayer for these exciting ministry opportunities. Jenni is leading the international trip, and Bailee is leading the regional trip this summer! To support our teams financially, you can always dedicate a gift to 'Summer Missions.'

We plan to have a sponsors event after our return where we can share pictures, and tell stories from our trips!



PREPARING FOR EASTER



Sanctuary Flowers *March 22 Deadline*

This year you are invited to contribute toward the beautiful flowers we will use to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Day.

There are forms available in the bulletins and on the tables in the Narthex for those who wish to help purchase flowers that will decorate our beautiful Sanctuary.

Flowers can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one, and these remembrances will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Day.

Please return your forms and flower donations to the church office (or the offering plate) by Sunday March 22.

March 27 Deadline

Easter Butterflies

On Easter Day, following the 11:00am service, we will be releasing live butterflies! To sponsor a butterfly, please fill out a form and return to the offering plate or the church office by March 27. The cost is \$10.00 per butterfly.

Butterflies can be sponsored in honor or in memory of a loved one. To do so, please print the information clearly on the order form. These beautiful butterflies are always a joy to see, and a reminder of the the beauty of resurrection.

Order forms are available in the bulletin, and on the tables in the Narthex.



Easter Egg Hunt Donations

Candy donations are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off candy in the box located near the volunteer office or the church office by Sunday, March 27, 2020.

Please consider individually wrapped candy or sticker items to fill our eggs. Peanut free candy is ideal! Many thanks in advance from the Children's Ministry Team!

CHILDRENS MINISTRY



YOUTH MINISTRY

Love Week

March 8-14 we're challenging our youth to see how many loving things they can do for someone else in the span of a week. How many acts of service can they show their family? How many times can they serve their community? Go ahead, challenge yourself to love your community too!

A pink graphic for 'Love Week' featuring a large heart outline. Inside the heart is a drawing of a sandwich with a knife. The text 'Love Week' is written in a white cursive font at the top left, with 'MARCH 8-14' below it. To the right, it says 'HOW MANY KIND THINGS CAN YOU DO IN JUST ONE WEEK?'. Below the heart, there are two event details: 'MARCH 8 KICKOFF LOVE WEEK WITH RICE AND BEANS PACKING ON SUNDAY NIGHT' and 'MARCH 12 6:30PM PACKING FAMILY FOOD BAGS AT RHM GROUP OPPORTUNITY'. At the bottom, it says 'JOIN US IN OUR PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY DRIVE FOR ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES! BRING YOUR JARS OF PB & J TO THE MISSIONS ROOM BY MARCH 15'. The 'Salisbury Youth' logo is in the bottom right corner.

A pink decorative box with a scalloped border containing the text: 'JOIN US APRIL 1, STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:15PM'.



A green decorative box with a scalloped border containing the text: 'APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST 9:15AM'.

YOUTH MINISTRY CONTINUED



March

- 1, Movie Night
- 8, Gathering
- 15, Bowling (offsite)
- 22, Gathering
- 29, Gathering

LOVE WEEK:
MARCH 8-14
SHARE SOME LOVE
WITH THE
COMMUNITY!

GATHERINGS ARE FROM 5:30-7:30PM
ENTER THROUGH THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DOOR

Follow us on Social Media

Always looking for more pictures of what our youth are doing? Follow us on social media, or join our email list and get more youth ministry content all month long! You'll see pictures from youth events as well as games, performances, and concerts where our youth are participating in activities they love!

Follow: salisbury_youth on Instagram
Or email jenni@fumcsalisbury.org to be added to our email list!

PRESCHOOL

The crocuses and daffodils are already blooming indicating spring is just about here. The children are eager to get out and play, as well as learn new things.

- In early February, the four-year-old class walked over to the Norvell Theater to watch the production "Stuart Little" and mid-month celebrated the 100th day of school.
- During the last week in February, the three-year-old class celebrated Dr. Seuss and enjoyed getting dressed up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character.
- Our two-year-old class has been working on name recognition, colors and numbers.
- All students enjoyed the Valentine's Day celebration.

Our classes are quickly filling up for the 2020-2021 school year, but we still have very limited openings in all classes. If you know anyone interested, have them contact the school Director, Patsy Langlais at 704-754-0443.

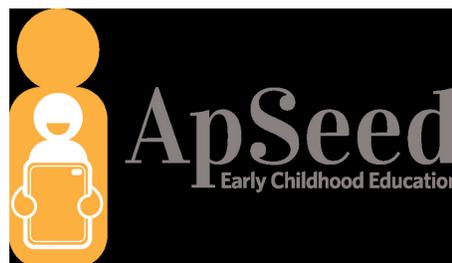


CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



The children are learning so much everyday at the First United Methodist Church Child Development Center! The children are a blessing and joy as the teachers and staff continuing to help the children with their developmental and academic achievements!

We are always having fun as we continue to learn with our friends every day! We will be learning all about recycling and how we can help our community. We will learn how we can reuse items and how trash is created. We will also learn all about community helpers.



Our CDC is excited to partner with ApSeed Early Childhood Education Program. The center received ten Seedling touchpads loaded with literacy applications that focus on colors, shapes, numbers, and letters. The Seedling touchpad is child friendly and does not have the ability to connect to the internet. Each Seedling comes with 17 specially curated apps that are designed to enhance the logic and reading skills of young children. The Board and Staff of the Child Development Center are appreciative of the ten Seedling touchpads for our children and look forward to working with the ApSeed Early Childhood Education Program.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

Half the school year is gone and as we begin the last half, we are happy to see the children growing, learning and playing. Everyone is busy!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year begins on Monday, March 16. Application packets available in the hall outside of the After-School Care rooms upstairs, and on the church website.

We serve students from the following elementary schools and transportation is provided: Hurley, Granite Quarry, Isenberg, Koontz and Overton.

We also serve North Hills Christian School. We offer daily snacks, devotions and homework assistance plus indoor/outdoor play, games and more. Come visit us sometime! If you have any questions, please call (704) 433 6679.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe spring!

"It's spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart." - Rainer Maria Rilke



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1** Kelsie Crider
Isabelle Goodwin
Reid Leonard
Bob Myers
Steve Mueller
Nancy Rudd
- 2** David Austin
Joseph Clark
Janet Parker
- 3** Jill Duggan
Bob Johnsen
- 4** Walter Maxwell
Barbara Safley
- 5** Thomas Allen
Mark Beymer
Kelly Fisher
- 6** Casey Gouge
Jennifer Newman
Jeff Schoch
- 7** Will Douglas
Christine Maloney
Hilda Pyatt
- 8** Sarah Hensley
Kerry Kribbs
Jeff Lineberry
Katherine Miller
- 9** Linda Bowman
Don Carter
Shelley Cross
John Ellis II
- 10** Jarrett Bradshaw
Catherine Warren
- 11**
- 12** Taffy Jordan
- 13** Julia Baker
Ed Lutz
Robin Safrit
Kate Zimmerman
- 14** Nettie Noble
- 15** JoAnn Smith
Susan Whitaker
- 16** Annie Jo Ragsdale
- 17** Norman Clark
Gary Price
Camille Robinson
Jamie Webb
- 18** Van Kelly
- 19** Robbie Ladd
Gwen Pendleton
Jessica Watson
- 20** Linda Brown
- 21** Dudley Johnsen
Harriet Murphy
Brenda Newman
Max Parker
- 22** Ronnie Clement
Robert Egloff
Jim Gilland
Jake Goodnight
Phil Maness
Ben McCubins
Martha Miller
- 23** Cherathee Hager
- 24** Alex Grenoble
Carolyn Peck
- 25** Lacey Mastro
Billie Moore
Shulley Storey
- 26** Debbie Carter
Katie Menees
William Ragsdale
Charleigh Weisensel
- 27** Brooke Busby
Elizabeth McClelland
Glenn Moore
Allison Robinson
Meredith Smith
- 28** Howard Douglas
Kay McCartney
Boyd Watts
- 29** Holland Bradshaw
Adrienne Howe
Richard Smith
- 30** Barbara Senter
- 31** Kate Goodman

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary 12:15 PM Open Arms Ministry-offsite 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study-B102	2 10:00 AM Naomi Circle - B107 (Parlor) & Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 442-Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Girl Scouts-Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Hannah Circle-B104 (Seekers Room) 6:30 PM Susanna Circle-offsite 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Room	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite 2:00 PM Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum) 7:00 PM SPRC-B110 (Conference Room)	4 2:00 PM Deadline for Bulletin announcements 5:30 PM Midweek@FIRST-Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM Kids Connection-B101 6:15 PM Lenten Prayer Service-Chapel 6:15 PM The Casting Queens-B110 (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Way of Forgiveness-B102	5	6 World Day of Prayer 12:00 PM Deadline for Ecclesia articles	7
8 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary 2:00 PM Usher Captain Meeting-B110 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study-B102 5:30 PM Club 45 - Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM Salisbury Youth-Fellowship Hall	9 6:00 PM Girl Scouts-Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Room	10 10:00 AM Methodist Connection-Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite 2:00 PM Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum)	11 2:00 PM Deadline for Bulletin announcements 5:30 PM Midweek@FIRST-Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM Kids Connection-B101 6:15 PM Lenten Prayer Service-Chapel 6:15 PM The Casting Queens-B110 (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Way of Forgiveness-B102	12 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 AM Rowan Missional Network-B107 11:00 AM Endowment Meeting-B110 6:30 PM RHM Supper	13 Women's Beach Retreat-Holden Beach 6:00 AM RHM Breakfast 7:00 AM Scouts Camping- bus	14 Women's Beach Retreat-Holden Beach 7:00 AM Scouts Camping- bus
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29 UMW Spagetti Luncheon and Bake Sale 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM 5th Sunday Seminary-Fellowship Hall 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary 2:00 PM Lenten Prayer Session at Christ UMC 5:30 PM Salisbury Youth-Fellowship Hall	30 6:00 PM ASC, CDC, SDC Board Meeting-B110 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 442-Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Girl Scouts-Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Room	31 10:00 AM Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite 2:00 PM Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum) 6:00 PM SPRC-B110 (Conference Room)	1 2:00 PM Deadline for Bulletin announcements 5:30 PM Midweek@FIRST-Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM Kids Connection-B101 6:15 PM Stations of the Cross 6:15 PM The Casting Queens-B110 (Conference Room)	2 10:00 AM RMN-B107	3 Boston Butt Sale 8:00 AM Preschool 3's class party-Fellowship Hall 12:00 PM Deadline for Ecclesia articles	4

FUMC FAMILY AND EXTENDED FAMILY TRANSITIONS

In Remembrance

Please keep the family in your prayers

JOSEPH BUXTON FOWLER

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Susan Fowler

January 31, 2020

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." - Psalm 46:1

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Peggy McDaniel

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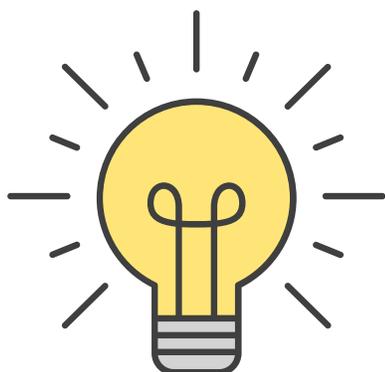
128 Brawley School Rd.,

Room # 127 Mooresville, NC 28117, phone - 980-234-7139

TAKE NOTE

Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before going to bed on March 7, so you will not be late to worship on Sunday March 8!



Help us take care of our resources

Please do not prop doors open, we have had issues of damage being done to doors by leaving them propped open. Help us avoid the cost of repairs by holding the door for a friend!

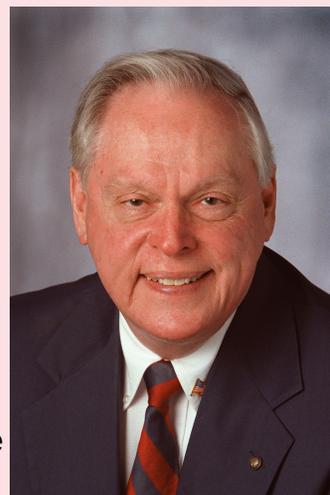
Please also remember to turn off lights before you leave the building. We can save a significant amount on our energy bill if we stay vigilant.

SAVE THE DATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



“The Prayers of Jesus” with Dr. James “Mickey” Efird

Sunday, April 26
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Dr. Efird is a master Bible teacher. Born and reared in Kannapolis, Dr. Efird began teaching at Duke Divinity School as a graduate student in 1958, joined the faculty full time in 1962 and has taught Greek and Biblical studies to generations of students. He is an ordained Presbyterian (USA) minister, and the author of 13 books.

Dr. Efird's presentation will look closely at Jesus' prayers in the New Testament, inviting us to imagine these prayers for our spiritual life.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 5- PALM SUNDAY

8:30 WORSHIP

9:15 PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

11:00 WORSHIP, CHILDREN PROCESSING WITH PALMS

APRIL 9- MAUNDY THURSDAY

12 NOON, FOOTWASHING

7:00, COMMUNION

APRIL 10- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

12 NOON

APRIL 12- EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

7:00 - IN THE CHAPEL

EASTER EGG HUNT AT 10:00

8:30 & 11:00 - SANCTUARY

BUTTERFLY RELEASE TO FOLLOW 11:00 WORSHIP



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NEWLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

