

THE WHITFIELD



SPIRIT



For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church

April 23-April 29, 2017

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Last Sunday, on a beautiful Easter morning, we gathered to worship, celebrate and give thanks to Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and reigning Lord. As I continue to reflect on Christ's resurrection and its eternal impact in the world and our lives as believers, God is using the following words by Martin Luther King, Jr. to bless and encourage me. May they bless and encourage you, as well.

Good Friday may occupy the throne for a day, but ultimately it must give way to the triumphant beat of the drums of Easter. Evil may so shape events that Caesar will occupy a palace and Christ a cross, but that same Christ will rise up and split history into A.D. and B.C., so even the life of Caesar must be dated by [Jesus'] name.

We are broken people living in a fallen world corrupted by sin. However, Jesus Christ, the pure and spotless Lamb, is victorious over the grave. He breaks our chains of bondage to sin and death. By grace through faith in Christ alone, we are victorious. Thanks be to God!

The following words are shared by my former classmate, Brian Rhea, pastor of Fourth United Methodist Church in Millville, New Jersey. They continue to describe the power of Jesus Christ and His glorious resurrection. May God use them to speak to your hearts, as they speak to my heart.

Christ is risen and Hell is thrown down. Christ is risen and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life reigns in freedom. Christ is risen and no one is left dead in the grave. For Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Thanks be to God for His love and life that triumph over sin and death! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Victorious in Christ,

Carolyn

“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.... But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.... ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:14, 20, 54b, 55-57

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ.” 2 Corinthians 1:20a

“And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.” Colossians 1:18-20

Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer: Please pray for our state and new governor.

Thank you to Patty Macready, who will share the message on Sunday, April 23.

Whitfield Restaurant Supper Club

Monday, April 24, 6:00 PM, at
Sinclair's East, 7847 Vaughn Road.
Call Pat Stevenson at 281-0677
for reservations.

Trip to American Village

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Step back in history to the time of
the American Revolution.

American Village brings to life our
nation's stories of liberty and
sacrifice. Travel with us to the Montevallo area on
Thursday, May 4th. We will plan to travel in private
cars, leaving the church at 8:00 am. The cost is \$9.00
for the Village. We will enjoy lunch (Dutch treat) at a
local restaurant in Montevallo.

Trip sponsored by the A+ Council. Please sign up in
the church office no later than Thursday, April 27. Find
out more by going to: www.americanvillage.org



5th Sunday Luncheon

April 30, 2017

After 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Service

Blue Lake Camp Fundraiser!!

May 21, 11:30-ish

Join us for a Spaghetti Luncheon to benefit our
Blue Lake Camp Scholarship Fund. We have 8 kids
eligible for camp this year (including our 3
tweens). We always appreciate our church family
helping with the cost of camp. We'll enjoy a great
meal, fellowship and probably some funny camp
stories. Mark your calendars!!

Attendance April 16, 2017

Sunday School 75 Morning Worship 161

Wednesday Night Dinner

April 26

MENU: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Steamed Cabbage, Corn Muffin &
Dessert.

PROGRAM: Mr. Ty Pelham, New Director,
Renaissance House.

Renaissance is more than a halfway house – it's a
fresh start, a new life. For men serving sentences
for non-violent offenses, the lack of a willing sup-
port network is the main obstacle to beginning a
successful, productive transition back into society.
Renaissance exists to help provide a structure to
meet that need.

Lenten/Easter Calendar:

Wed., 4/26 - Ty Pelham, Renaissance

Sunday, 4/30 - Confirmation Sunday, 10:00 AM (Lunch
follows)

Wed, 5/3 - Sara Dubose, Storyteller

Wed., 5/10 - Zara Grace Centennial Celebration

Wed., 5/17 - The Kempfers!!

Sunday, 5/21 - Spaghetti Fundraiser following 10:30
service



Summer is around the corner, and that means we
are gearing up for VBS and Blue Lake Camp.

Camp Fundraiser Spaghetti Luncheon - May 21,
following 10:30 service.

VBS - June 12-15 (Mon-Thurs), 5:30 - 8:00 pm.

Hero Central: Discover Your Strength In God!

Blue Lake Crossroads (Tween) June 26-July 1

Blue Lake Worship Arts (Elementary) July 3-8

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for April 23 are offered
to the Glory of God and in memory of my nephew,
Sonny Eagerton by Nancy Allen.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, April 23

Worship Service	8:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Morning Social	10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
UMYF	5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24

Walking Group (M-F)	7:15 a.m.
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Tuesday, April 25

Prayer Group	7:15 a.m.
OA Game Day	10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Prayer Group	2:30 p.m.
PoP Prayer Group	4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper	5:30 p.m.
Program	6:15 p.m.
Children's Activities	6:15 p.m.
Youth Engage	6:15 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27

No Events Currently Scheduled

Friday, April 28

Sew n Sews	10:00 a.m.
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Saturday, April 29

No Events Currently Scheduled

Sunday, April 30 - 5th Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

APRIL 30, 2017

10:00 a.m. (one service)

SARAH BLACKWELL

EMMA DUFFEE

GRACIE EDWARDS

There will be a basket available for congratulation cards. We will also enjoy a 5th Sunday Fellowship Lunch after this special service.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Jelly, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables and Dried Milk.

You Are In Our Prayers!!

Whitfield Members

Vivian Rogers, Kirk Wood, Peggy Brown, Martha Parker, Henrietta Cusick, Alma Reynolds, Jo Moody, Peter Brambir, Joan Rodgers, John Woodson, Dottie Suber, Charlotte Brambir, Mildred Jones, Betty Fuller, Bill Fischer, Kay Littlepage, Brownie Brown, Lib Cain, Tom Burns, Caryll Carrick, Elmer Stelk, Eloise Parsons, Jim Solomon, Edna Kohn, Helon Haack, Susan Richardson, Telsie Davis, Betty Woodson, Louise Forrester, Ashton Mashburn, Thursa Brown, Betty Bradsher, Jay Byrd

Home Bound Members (in-town)

Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye Solomon, Margaret Deacy, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Libby Richardson, Lois Payne

Home Bound Members (out of town)

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper, Blenda Lushington

Friends of Whitfield

Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Bill Miller, Jeff Varner, Sharon Brugh, Margaret Ann Batley, Emma Hope Shaw, Joy Lushington, Doug Estes, Kate Lindsey, Myrtle Knight, Mona Pirsig, Mary Ellen Millis, Paul Lanier, Myles Wright, Ashley Dunwoody, Beverly Cornwell, Jean Cantey, Mac Macready, Darlene Fox, JoAnne Westery, Wayne Merritt, Bailey Casteel, Molly Nelson Brantley, Susannah Jones Cleveland, Jack Behm, Philip Landry, Aaron Turner

Peace for the nations and protection for all those who live and serve in harm's way.

Note: Please submit any names you would like added to the church via telephone (281-2467) or e-mail (whitumc@bellsouth.net) All names submitted are kept on the prayer list for **four weeks** unless otherwise notified. *Those names in Italics are in need of long term prayers.*

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Church Office Hours:

8:15-12:30 and 1:30-4:15, M-Th

8:15-12:30 p.m. Friday

Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Worship Assistants - April 23 (4th Sunday)

Ushers: (8:15) Mark Willis
(10:30) Youth

Counters: Martha Pippin, Ida McCain

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Soundboard: (8:15) Harry Brantley
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Readers: (8:15) Margaret Feld
(10:30) Jeannie Anderson

Children's Worship: TJ Whitehead,
Patty Macready