



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 1	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 2	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 3 Bible Study Lenten Bible Study - 5:15PM Wilder Chapel Choir Practice 6:00PM	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 4	Preschool 6:30am-11:30am 5	6
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**Birthdays**  
 03/18 - Danette McGee  
 03/23 - Debbie-Joy Agee  
 03/24 - Lyle McGahee



**Anniversary**  
 03/27 -  
 John & Alice Caldwell



March 2021

**Service Project:**

For our March Service Project, we will be collecting travel items for the homeless here

in Augusta. We will be accepting items such as travel size deodorant, tooth paste, soap, wipes, mouth wash, hand sanitizer, etc.

All items must be in by Friday, March 26th.

**Bloomz:** We have officially rolled out our new communication app for parents and teachers, Bloomz. All parents have received a link inviting them to their child's class. If you have not received a link, please let us know so that we can have one sent to you.

**Half-Day:** Woodlawn Preschool will close early on Friday, March 5th for a staff meeting. All students will be fed lunch prior to leaving. Please make sure all children are picked up by 11:30am.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Woodlawn Preschool will be collecting Easter Eggs and Candy for individual classroom Easter Egg Hunts. We are asking that all donations be in by Friday, March 19th. Teachers will be sending lists of items for the individual class parties. Also, please remember **NO NUT BASED PRODUCTS!**

**Good Friday:** Woodlawn Preschool will be closed on Friday, April 2nd, in observance of Good Friday.

**Master's Week Day Camp:** We will be offering a day camp for school age children during Master's Week. Please call the office for more details and pricing.

**IMPORTANT DATES/CLOSURES:**

*There are several dates to take notice of:*

**Friday - March 5th- Woodlawn will be closing early for a staff meeting. Please have children picked up promptly by 11:30am.**

**Friday - April 2nd - Woodlawn will be CLOSED in observance of Good Friday.**

Please feel free to contact the office during normal business hours at  
**(706) 738 - 2546**

You can also email us after hours at the emails below:

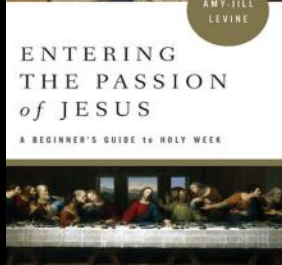
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Woodlawn UMC will be distributing these "Love Your Neighbor" Masks to our Woodlawn Family. We strongly encourage you to wear your mask whenever you go out and be sure to wash them each time you wear them. God Bless You All!



Join Us For Our Lenten Bible Study Every Wednesday @ 5:15PM In The Wilder Chapel



Join Us For Our Maundy Thursday Service April 1st, 2021 @ 6pm In Our Sanctuary We will celebrate Holy Communion and will utilize safety precautions, wear masks, and observe social distancing

Midweek Prayer & Reflection Led By: Rev. Mason Join us each Wednesday @ Noon as we are led in a Midweek Prayer & Reflection on Facebook Live. These sessions will be led by Rev. Bernard S. Mason

**LOCAL MISSIONS**

\*Bring in paper towels and toilet paper for our monthly donation we give to

Pathways - the Maxwell House store.



# THE TIDINGS Woodlawn United Methodist

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## Pierced Darkness

William Styron, the novelist and author of *Sophie's Choice* suffered a crippling depression that he thoughtfully chronicles in his memoir *Darkness Visible*. On the eve of a contemplated suicide attempt he finds himself sitting in his home in the darkness of what seems an interminable night when the music of Brahms pierces the darkness: "this sound which like all music-indeed all pleasure- I had been numbly unresponsive to for many months, pierced my heart like a dagger, and in a flood of swift recollection I thought of all the joys this house had known ...All this I realized was more than I could inflict on these memories, and upon those, so close to me with whom those memories were bound. And just as powerfully I realized I could not commit this desecration on myself..."

Styron had dared to face the darkness and lived on because he did. The Gospel of John records the story of a depressed Mary Magdalene going to the tomb of Jesus early on the first day of the week, and then John tellingly says, "While it was still dark..." Mary the dedicated follower had not abandoned him. But putting one foot in front of the other she forced herself to face the darkness. She had witnessed his miracles and heard the cruel words of his enemies. She had seen love lavished upon him when he entered Jerusalem as well as the lashes unleashed on his burdened back. She had stood in the shadow of his cross and heard his final words. And now she came to honor him with a proper burial.... "while it was still dark."

As the poet Milton put it, "no light but darkness visible." Mary in facing the darkness was actually profoundly living into her faith in a way that my friend and truth teller Barbara Brown Taylor speaks to in her book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. She dares to ask, "When we run from darkness, how much do we really know about what we are running from? If we turn away from darkness on principle, doing everything we can to avoid it...isn't there a chance we are running from God?" What will happen next? Mary had to be thinking. Or is there a next? And then reaching the tomb she finds it empty. In the darkness, isn't it enough to face her loss and now to know that His body is absent?! Is it not enough that he suffered the most degrading of deaths, now his grave has been robbed? She had heard of others who had claimed to be messiah. They too were no more.

Like the stone cold memorials of the Roman gods, his tomb was silent and empty. She turns and runs in the darkness to the disciples so they might share in her sadness. Running to the tomb as the light gradually illuminates the scene, John and Peter see what Mary had been unable to see in the darkness. And to her surprise they rejoice. Mary still weeping finally through the blurred vision of her tears and the light of the new day sees Jesus' garments and two angels sitting where he had been laid in the darkness. That darkness had been pierced by God working even when Mary could not see and could not know. God had thrown death off balance in the shadows. She turns with the angels' words "He is not here He is risen" lifting her feet from ground only to meet Jesus face to face. The darkness in Mary's heart has been pierced and her life transformed as Jesus appoints her to preach the good news to his followers: Death is no more... don't be afraid of the dark! Easter you see means throwing it all away....all our fears....and following him, even in the darkness.

*Grace & Peace,  
Sonny*



"Death has been swallowed up in victory"  
"Where, O death, is your victory?"  
"Where, O death, is your sting?"  
- 1 Corinthians 15:54-55



Prayer Group will not be meeting until further notice. The Prayer List will be sent out weekly via email to inform everyone of the Prayer Requests. If you have any prayer requests, please contact Pastor Sonny at [bernardsmason@aol.com](mailto:bernardsmason@aol.com)

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