



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

Join us on Palm Sunday,
April 13th @ 11:00am
for our Palm Processional
from the Front Lawn as we
raise our palm branches
high and proclaim,
"Hosanna in the Highest!"

HOSANNA

Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service



Thursday, April 17th @ 6:00pm
"When Darkness Falls"
John 13:1-15

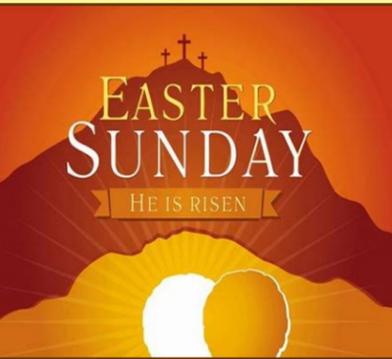


Flowering of The Resurrection Cross

Join us on
Saturday, April 19th
@ 10:00am for the
Flowering of The
Resurrection Cross

Cut Flower Contributions Are
Needed & Can Be
Dropped Off At The Office

Join us on Easter Sunday,
April 20th @ 11:00am
as we celebrate the
Risen Savior with
Music of the Resurrection
by our Chancel Choir,
Easter Lilies &
The Resurrection Cross, and
The Lighting of
The Paschal Candle!!



We are in need of Volunteers at our Food Pantry @
Christ Episcopal Church, 1904 Greene St.,
which will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30am.

We hope you will join us in helping to serve
our community and to help those in need.

May God Bless You Always!!

 **Bishop Robin Dease**
Resident Bishop
Georgia Area of The United Methodist Church

Rev.

Thank you & the Congregation
on paying 100% apportionments.
I am so grateful to be on
this journey with you.
Have a great year ahead!

Grace & Peace Bishop Dease

Rooted In Faith Lunch Bunch

Please join our Rooted In Faith Lunch Bunch
group on Wednesday, April 23rd
for a time of fun, food, and fellowship!!

Be on the lookout for more details regarding
Place & Time of our outing!!

Please let Joan Satcher or Marion McChesney
know if you plan on attending!!

As always,
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Birthdays: 04/13 - Kayla Wilder</p> <p>Anniversaries: 04/09 - Tommy & Kathy Boyles</p>		1 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	2 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Chapel - 9:30am Prayer & Reflection - 12:00 (Noon) Choir - 5pm	3 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	4 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	5
6 Lenten Study - 9:45am Sunday School - 10am Sunday Service - 11am 5th Sunday of Lent "Final Days" John 12:1-8	7 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Bible Study 10am	8 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	9 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Chapel - 9:30am Prayer & Reflection - 12:00 (Noon) Choir - 5pm	10 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	11 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	12
13 Lenten Study - 9:45am Sunday School - 10am Sunday Service - 11am Palm Sunday "The Unstoppable Parade" Luke 19:28-40	14 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Bible Study 10am Esther Circle - Noon	15 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	16 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Chapel - 9:30am Prayer & Reflection - 12:00 Choir - 5pm	17 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Food Pantry - 9:30am Maundy Thursday Service - 6:00pm "When Darkness Falls"	18 Preschool - CLOSED	19
20 Sunday School - 10am Sunday Service - 11am Easter Sunday "Light Eternal" John 20:1-18	21 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Bible Study 10am	22 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	23 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Chapel - 9:30am Prayer & Reflection - 12:00 Choir - 5pm	24 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	25 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	26
27 Sunday School - 10am Sunday Service - 11am 2nd Sunday of Easter John 20:19-31 Birthday/Anniversary Luncheon After Service	28 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Bible Study 10am	29 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm	30 Preschool - 6:30am - 6pm Chapel - 9:30am Prayer & Reflection - 12:00 Choir - 5pm	<p>APRIL 2025</p>		

April 2025

School Specials Schedule:

Music - Monday Mornings

Soccer Shots - Tuesday Mornings

Dance & Movement - Wednesdays

Chapel - Thursday Mornings

Art - Fridays - PreK, K3, & Young 3's



Service Project: Children can continue to bring change to chapel on Thursday mornings to benefit our Food Pantry Client's children.

SAFETY ISSUES: Please when entering and exiting the building, DO NOT ALLOW other people to enter or exit the building unless a staff member is present.

PLEASE WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILD, ENTER THE BUILDING BY THE OFFICE AND EXIT THE SAME WAY. NO ONE SHOULD BE EXITING FROM THE KITCHEN DOOR SIDE OF THE BUILDING OR THE PLAYGROUND!!

We are asking all parents to MAKE SURE that when dropping off & picking up your children that you are SUPERVISING THEM & KEEPING THEM SAFE

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

NEED: We are in need of clean, plastic grocery bags for the Food Pantry and the Center.

Easter Parties: Please check with your child's classroom teacher about Easter Parties. All parties will take place on Friday, April 11th.

Family Fun Night: On Friday, April 25th we will have our next Woodlawn Family Fun Night. Join us for an exciting evening beginning at 5:30pm where we will enjoy a delicious meal of Finger Foods with a delicious treat for desert!! Following the meal, beginning at 6:15pm we will enjoy our feature presentation of "Paw Patrol: The Movie" in our Woodlawn Sanctuary, with popcorn being served during the film. We hope you will join us for a fun and exciting evening and a wonderful time with family!!

Reminder:

Please make sure that your children have enough diapers and wipes each week!

All children should have at least one change of clothing.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday - April 18th - Woodlawn Preschool will be CLOSED in observance of Good Friday.

The Preschool will reopen on Monday, April 21st.

Friday - May 16th - Join us for our Pre-K Graduation at 9:30am.

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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THE TIDINGS

Woodlawn United Methodist Church

Established 1889

PIERCED DARKNESS

"He thrown everything off balance. If he did what he say he did, there's nothing for you to do but to throw away everything and follow him. If he didn't, then enjoy the minutes you have left the best you can."

From A GOOD MAN IS HARD TO FIND, Flannery O'Connor.

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.



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The QR CODE Below!!

Thank You For Your
Generous Contributions!!



Come.... Share.... Rejoice!!

Pastor Sonny Mason

I am the resurrection, and the life. - John 11:25