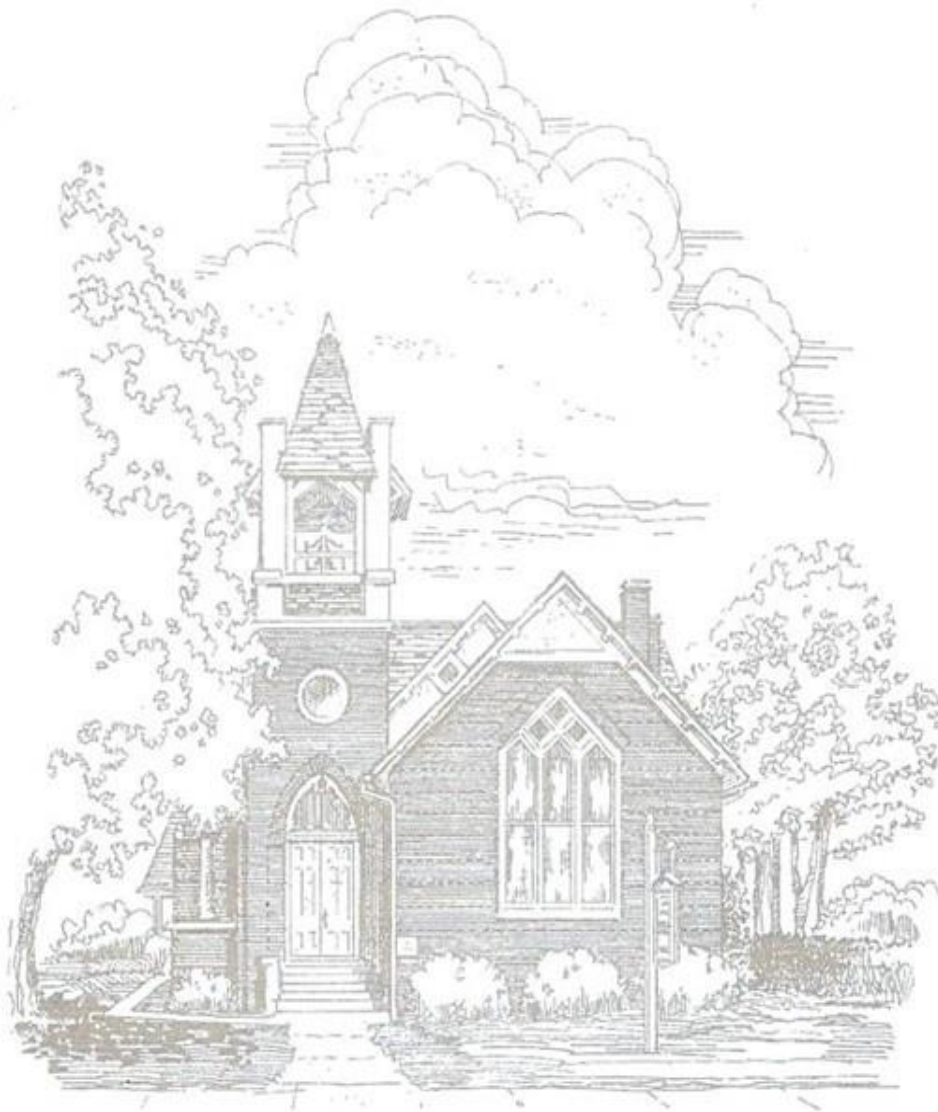


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

April 16, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

(Please prepare for worship through prayer and silent meditation.)

CHORAL INTROIT

He Lives

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PASS THE PEACE

*HYMN No. 302, Vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING No. 95

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN No. 304

Easter People Raise Your Voices

ANTHEM

Amazing Love Medley

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dan Gill

(Following this part of the service, preschool children may go to the nursery, and children in grades K-6 may go to Creation Station.)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she

turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Difference Can a Day Make?
Reverend Scott Wilks

*APOSTLE'S CREED No. 881

*HYMN No. 322

Up from the Grave He Arose

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Following the Benediction, please greet one another with joy and affection.)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you may be able.

Items in **BOLD** are unison.

CALENDAR/EVENTS

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

UMM: Second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW: Second Thursday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

District United Methodist Women's Retreat: Theme-Day Apart; April 22; Camp Ahistadi, near Damascus; cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Registration begins at 9:30am and meeting officially runs through lunch but the camp has been reserved for all day so stay as long as you want. The 2017 District Hands on Project is Bristol Recovery Road for Women, a program that helps women transition from incarceration back into society. In support of this program, we are asked to bring the following items: tampons, shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, body wash, hand soap, lotion, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes. Please bring any that you can; our unit will combine a box. Reservations must be mailed by April 15th; signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway or call Sharon at (352) 817-3876. We will carpool and leave the church at 9:00am.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

United Methodist Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Unique Boutique: Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

NOTICES

Large Print Hymnals are available. If you would like to use one, please notify an usher.

Pastor Scott can be found on Facebook, (540) 818-9155, or parsonwilks@gmail.com.

Please silence your **Electronic Device** during the service out of respect for others.

The **Telephone** number for the church is (423) 727-7554 and the parsonage is (423) 727-7572.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
04/02	Holder	Perry/W. Smith	Communion	Pennington	Angel Easter & Spring
04/09	Bellamy/B. Smith	Winningham	J. Walsh	K. Walsh	
04/16	Worley	McGee	Gill	Payne	
04/23	Glenn	Hall	Wilks	Leigh	
04/30	Wright	Littlejohn	Fifth Sunday	Peake	