



First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton



When: Easter Sunday – April 4th

Times: 8:30 am and 10:00 am

All required Covid 19 protocol will be followed.

Please see important information concerning this service on the following page.

welcome
back to
church!

April 2021

Protocol for Easter Sunday Worship, APRIL 4TH

We will return to in-person worship in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4th. For this special Sunday, we will have 2 worship services; one at 8:30 am and one at 10:00 am. Both services will be identical, except for a few elements. In preparation for these services, we want to highlight the guidelines that we ask all members to follow to ensure the safety of all. If you are not prepared to return to in person worship, please know we will continue to livestream our worship services via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) each Sunday morning.

FACE COVERINGS WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL CONGREGANTS DURING THE INDOOR SERVICES. This is not only for your safety, but the safety of those around you, and those leading the service.

- ◆ When you arrive at the church, please enter at the Portico (handicap) entrance. Please have on your mask and keep it on during the entire time you are inside the church. If you do not have one, one will be provided. You may socialize outside before service begins.
- ◆ Please stop at the check in table. Volunteers will take your temperature and ask you a few Covid related questions. If you meet any of the criteria, you will be asked to worship from home using our online services.
- ◆ Collection plates will be set up at the entrance to the sanctuary for your convenience. You may also give online using the giving portal through the website. (www.fumclincolnton.com/give-online/)
- ◆ When you enter the sanctuary, an usher will direct you and your family to a seat. Please remain seated for the entire service.
- ◆ During the worship there will be no bulletins, hymnals or Bibles. You are invited to bring your Bible from home.
- ◆ Until further notice, we will refrain from congregational singing or other interactive responses from the congregation.
- ◆ We will have a children's service but ask that the children remain in their seats.
- ◆ In an effort to improve air flow, the front and side doors to the sanctuary will remain open. Please dress accordingly as the temperature in the sanctuary may be lower than normal.
- ◆ Following service, you may exit through the open doors. You may socialize with other congregants once you leave the building.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Restrooms – We will utilize the restroom located in the Middle building across from the choir room. A volunteer attendant will be there to sanitize the area following each usage.

Nursery/Child care – We will not be able to open the nursery at this time

- ◆ ***We will return to one single service on April 11th at 10:00. We will also live stream this service on Facebook and You Tube.***

April Birthdays

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| 3 Olivia Belk | 17 Brad Cranford |
| 3 Jennifer Ellis | 20 Chris Ausband |
| 5 Mallie Kate Edwards | 20 Ron Ballard |
| 5 Kelly Noles | 22 Mitchell Abernethy, Jr. |
| 5 Michael Noles | 22 Bob Gazdeck |
| 9 Dylan Lawing | 23 Wayne Sibert |
| 10 Bryan Beal | 24 Mary Heather Lineberger |
| 10 Elijah Pomeroy | 24 Cameron Owen |
| 11 Joann Parker | 24 Emily Sykes |
| 12 Brinkley Dedmond | 24 Tabor Sykes |
| 12 Lulu King | 26 Kris Dedmond |
| 13 Cindy Drum | 27 Keith Dedmond |
| 13 Ken Kindley | 27 Kevin Dedmond |
| 15 Will Fox | 27 Judy Komas |
| 15 Brendan Swengros | 29 Rosalind Welder |
| 15 TJ Wilson, Jr. | |
| 17 Paul Douglas | |



∞ *United Methodist Men* ∞

*UMM schedule for 2021

- April 25
- May 23 (Memorial Day 31st)
- June 27
- July 25
- August 22
- September 26
- October 24
- November 28 (Thanksgiving 25th)
- December 26

***These are the dates for our breakfast meetings when it**



Feb 2021 year-to-date revenue	\$	40,262
Feb 2021 year-to-date expense	\$	55,190
Feb 2021 year-to-date deficit	\$	(14,928)



On March 27, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, the children of the church will be celebrating Palm Sunday by having a Children's Message and Palm Processional. The children will meet on the front steps of the church at 10:00am and Allison Thompson will share the story of Palm Sunday. After the message, the children will do their Palm Procession

from the fellowship hall to the front steps of the church and into the sanctuary, where they will lay their palms branches on the altar railing. If you would like to come by and watch their processional, please do!



Sunday School Update:

We are currently looking at options for resuming Sunday School for all ages. Watch this space for further information

Graduates

Please contact the church office if you have a high school or college student who will be graduating this year. We will be planning a special recognition for them during our morning worship service in early May.



Children's Sermons for February

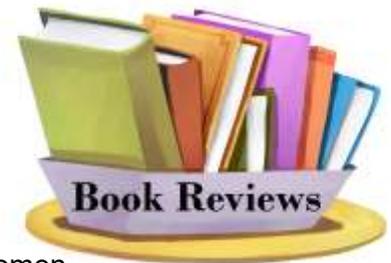
April 4 – Kathy Douglas (8:30 and 10:00)

April 11 – Lucy Thompson

April 18 – Whitney King

April 25 – Suzanne Peeler





Not Your Princess: Voices of Native American Women

What do you know – really know – about indigenous women of North America? If, like me, your source of knowledge is from western movies/tv, Pocahontas, Hiawatha, Cherokee legends, etc. then you will want to read this “voices” book. The women who wrote these easy to read experiences bring to light the oppression, abuse, and, yes, the racism that they have endured.

Racism. Did you ever think about the native Americans being affected by racism? Sure, the ‘trail of tears’, reservations and stereotypes exist but wasn’t that in the past? Through these writings you will come to realize that these indigenous women continue to be subjected to racist thinking and actions.

This is a ‘youth book’ from the Leadership Development category of the reading program. An easy, quick read.

Cheryl Cole



Amazing Parade Against Hunger—Sponsored by Christian Ministry of Lincoln County

**Sunday, April 25 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Christian Ministry 207 South Poplar Street**

Here is how it works:

- ◆ *Start NOW collecting money for LINC meals*
- ◆ *On Sunday, April 25th gather you family and friends and decorate your car, your bike, your lawnmower, golf cart or church van and drive to Christian Ministry between 3:00 to 4:00 and drop off your donation. Please try to enter from Congress St. headed toward Main St.*
- ◆ *Pictures will be take of all decorated vehicles and posted on our Facebook page. First, second and third place winners will be chosen.*
- ◆ *The team to bring the most money will be the Grand Champion and the recipient of our trophy for the year.*



Backpack Ministry – Thank you to all who made donations of food or financial donations during the month of March. Because of your generosity, the Backpack Ministry will be able to purchase Food Lion gift cards for Easter Dinner for all of our Backpack families.

Preschool Update from Kristen Willis, Preschool Director

The preschool is off to a great spring semester. We just finished up a fun spirit week to celebrate the books of Dr. Seuss. Each day the students and teachers dressed up for a particular theme.



The 2's Class has been busy learning colors, shapes and numbers, and

The 3's Class just finished a study on dental health.

The 4's love doing science experiments, learning sight words and playing alphabet bingo. They are currently memorizing John 3:16.

Each week, Ed Willis visits the school and teaches a biblical lesson and music.

The preschool plans to participate in a food drive in April to help stock the Backpack Ministry. We look forward to continued support from FUMC.

Girl Scout Update from Joyce Ledford, Girl Scout Leader – While COVID has restricted much of the Girl Scouts normal activities, they still remained very active. During December, they sent Christmas cards to soldiers overseas, as well as to several local nursing homes and cancer patients. The troop also



prepared gifts for caretakers at Cardinal Care Nursing Home, and sang Christmas Carols outside the nursing home with several other Girl Scout Troops. In February, they sent Valentine cards to children at St Jude's Hospital, and they helped out the Lincoln County Library with an art project for local nursing homes, where they painted 50+ 5" wooden hearts, which were distributed to all

nursing homes in our area.

- ◆ Sent birthday cards and a thank you to a soldier who was turning 100 years old, and sent birthday cards to a young terminal cancer patient.
- ◆ Maintained the community service food box, located on our church campus, as well as provided hats, scarves and toboggans during cold weather.
- ◆ Conducted a meeting about World Peace for World Thinking Day, opening it to Girl Scout troops throughout Lincoln and Gaston County. Speakers for the event were Sandy Thomas and Audra Ellis.
- ◆ Collected canned good for Lincoln Christian Ministries



In Memory

Sarah Lantz by Brian, Kim, Jacob, Caleb and Sam Bowers

Sarah Lantz by John Lantz

Max and Faye Robinson by Mike and Letha Owen

Jim and Jill Owen by Mike and Letha Owen.

Reverend Bob Combs by Shirley and Robbie Combs

Our Parents, Clarence and Barbara Papetti by Tim and Rosemary Leonard

Our Parent, Joe and Ruth Leonard by Tim and Rosemary Leonard

Joe and Consie Melton by Thurmon Melton

In Honor

Bobbie Robinson by Mike and Letha Owen

The Chancel and Handbell Choirs by Neil and Joanna

Our FUMC Church Family, who we have missed seeing in person this past year

by Neil and Joanna

Pastor Tim and Staff by Keith and Kathy Dedmond

Chancel and Handbell Choirs by Keith and Kathy Dedmond

Our Church Family by Carl and Rosalind

🌀 *In Memory* 🌀

Bob Rankin

*Hal and Joann Parker
Monty and Sherry Modlin*

Mary B. Abernethy

*Shelley Early
Mike and Letha Owen
Keith and Kathy Dedmond*

Doris Lail Leonhardt

*Kapro Tools, Inc.
Stan and Rita Cronland
Mike and Nancy Bruessel
Hal and Joann Parker*

Dana Gates

Review Book Club

Blake Ballard

Mike and Letha Owen



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