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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DEKALB FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2019

Holy Week

As we begin the month of April, the signs of Spring are all around us. The season of Lent, which is a word meaning "Spring," is a time of growth and transformation. Lent comes to a close at the end of Holy Week — the week before Easter — which this year falls on April 14-20. Lent is a season when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, and Holy Week is an important part of this preparation. The following is the schedule for Holy Week and Easter at DeKalb First United Methodist Church this year:

Sunday, April 14: Passion/Palm Sunday Service — Join us for the Gathering Service/Coffee with the Pastor at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Sunday School at 9:45. Then, at 10:50, in the Sanctuary, we will have a special service dedicated to the celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The second half of this service will focus on the reading and observance of the passion narrative. All children are encouraged to be there to participate in the joyous entry with palms in the beginning of this very special service.

Wednesday, April 17: Holy Week Communion Service — This service will be held at 5:00 PM on Holy Wednesday. This will involve a celebration of the institution of the Lord's Supper prior to Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection as we share singing, communion, the reading of Scripture, and a Holy Week message. Following the service, there will be a community potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall for all who wish to attend.

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday — Come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! Start the morning with a Sunrise Service held at 7:00 AM. Then, gather in the Fellowship Hall for the Gathering Service/Coffee with the Pastor and Breakfast/Family Pictures. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds beginning at 9:30 that morning, followed by the Children's Easter Story at 9:45 in the Pre-K/K classroom. Adult Sunday School classes will meet at 9:45, followed by the Worship Celebration Service in the Sanctuary at 10:50. Come and worship together!

Pastor's Ponderings By Rev. Terry Cashion



Have you ever stopped to think about the interactions we have with people that provide opportunities to communicate love? At this point in our

journey through the season of Lent, we need to remind ourselves that we are truly loved by God, and that God desires for us to grow and to bear fruit in our lives. We are reminded of this love and grace as we grow as believers in Jesus Christ through the Scripture passage about the fig tree that was not bearing fruit. Jesus tells the parable in part of our passage from church this past Sunday. Luke 13:6-8 (NIV) says, "Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did

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Nursing Home Ministry at the Ponderosa

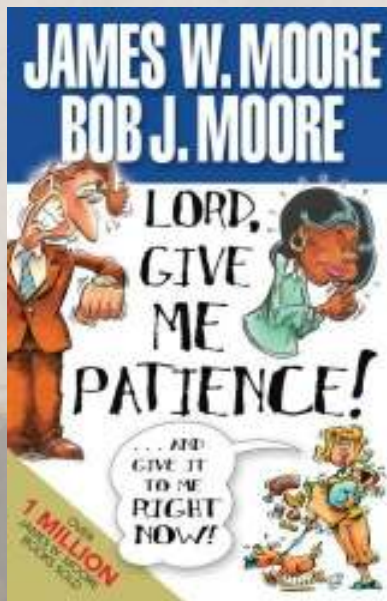


Children's Choir getting ready for the Spring Concert



Sunday School

There are Sunday School classes for all ages and life stages. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 as we grow in community with one another and deepen our faith journeys together. Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall and upstairs and downstairs in the Educational Building. The young adult class is starting the study by James Moore, retired United Methodist Pastor from Texas, *Lord, Give Me Patience! ... and Give it to Me Right Now!* This class meets upstairs, next to the youth room; the book cover is pictured below. Come and visit a Sunday School class this Sunday!



Blessing of the Piecemakers' Prayer Shawls, March 24

Need for Summer Camp Counselors

Are you an adult, age 18 or older? Would you be willing to serve as a Summer Camp counselor at Lakeview Methodist Camp the week of June 30-July 5? Contact the church office, Paul, or Breanna for more information.



The beautiful dogwood tree at DeKalb FUMC

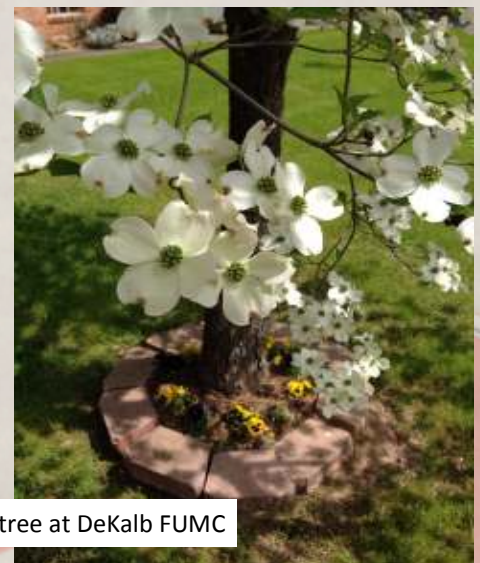
Pastor's Ponderings

not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?" "Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.""

Like the person in this parable who takes care of the vineyard, God *longs* for us to grow and produce fruit in our lives that demonstrate a loving relationship with God. We all fall short at times — grace and forgiveness is so important. This reminds us of the importance of grace. There are many ways in which we communicate love with one another. Gary Chapman, in his book, *The 5 Love Languages*, describes five ways that we communicate love. These ways include words of affirmation, acts of service, quality time, receiving gifts, and physical touch. This concept draws our attention to the differences in each of us regarding how we uniquely communicate love. This could apply to marriage, parenting, friendship, family, coworkers, and even strangers.

Give me a call or stop by the church office if you would be interested in taking a "quiz" that would help you to learn more about your primary ways of communicating love. Or, you can go online and take a quiz tailored to fit your life situation for couples, singles, teens, or children. The website and the quizzes can be found at www.5lovelanguages.com/quizzes/ when you are ready to try one.

The important thing here is that we take time to remember that each of us is loved by God, and that God longs to see us grow and produce fruit. During this point in your prayerful journey through Lent, and as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ at Easter, remember to love God and to love others — yourself included.



Prayer List

For Those Who Mourn

Family & Friends of Brute McKinnie
Family & Friends of Alexis Rivas
Family & Friends of Mildred Davis
Family & Friends of Thad Vanderburg

Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents

Bob Griffis, Greenhill Villas, Mt. Pleasant
Moeta Newman, Reunion Plaza, Texarkana
Mary Clawson, Ponderosa
Iva Jean Barrett, Ponderosa
Lucy Hillis, Ponderosa
Virginia Wray, Focused Care, Clarksville
Bobby Clinton, Reunion Plaza, Texarkana
Wanda & Bobby Tidwell, New Boston
Joe Martin, Ponderosa

For Our Members

Mary Ann Tucker
Mike Farris
Dwight Barnett
Catherine Pearson
Peggy Lee
Fred Gilliam
Mickey & Sharon Charlton & their son, Marty
Boyce Rhea
Angie Harp
Opal Waller
DeVeda Foster
Bill & Dorothy Lee
Lynn Rains
Abbi Capps

For Our Family & Friends

Mike McCrary
Zadie Bates
Judy Lee
Tina Constantine
Violet Wilson
Teresa Hobbs
Carolyn Grider
Manuel Urbina, Sr.
Melba Grider
Andrea Cole
Curtis Richison, son of Mamie Constantine

Eddie Wood (surgery)
Byron Penrod, friend of Keith Willey
Marty White (cancer)
Anne Weisman (cancer)
Linda Harris (cancer), Rev. Cashion's aunt
Crystal Brown, friend of Janet Tidwell
Dawn Gaulden Smith (lung cancer)
Davis & Houston Rowan
John Cowley, Dorothy Sheridan's brother
Joni Haldeman
Courtney Shaffer, friend of Robby Bates
Sherry Barrett, Randy Barrett's aunt
Gloria Cunningham Cheney, Marsha Telford's sister
Chris Henderson, Becky Buttram's nephew
Lynnda Ell
Tina Petty (cancer)
Jean Phillips
Charles McCrary, Kansas City, Missouri, brother of Mike McCrary
Mari McFatrige (cancer), friend of Molly Willey
Jordan Morris (Leukemia), great nephew of Molly Willey
Tammy Matthews
Diana Melton
Riley Danielle Wright
Jay Bennett
Cleo Green
Tommy Dudley (cancer)
Robert & Linda Hickey
Barbara Mebane
Linda Coates
Angela Tidwell, cousin of Carolyn Pirkey
Caleb Barksdale (Brooke Tidwell's brother)
Max, 10 yr. old (leukemia)
Marilyn Barron (cancer)
Patsy Martin
Michele Stryk (cancer)
Linda Kight May
Mary Ann Hawkins
Bobbie Lum (cancer)
Leah White (cancer)
Leslie & Peggy Jaynes
Bruce Crouch
Bryce Turner (double lung transplant)

Maxine Pearson (skin cancer)
Ken & Joyce Howard
Debbie Schliesman (cancer)
Denise Richardson (cancer)
Sam Moore (cancer)
Maddox Skipper (brain surgery/recovery)
David & Levita Louviere
Billy Betts (cancer)
David Rickard (cancer)
Doug Abshire, friend of Boyce Rhea
Kara McQuatters
Newman Hodgson
George Hutson
Logan Baird (liver transplant)
Susie Tucker
Tim Fletcher
Lavada Starr Garrett
Robert Lakey (stroke)
Keitha Savage
Denny Rowley
Mike Brooks (cancer)
Betty Bartlett
William Willey, brother of Keith Willey, on Hospice
Charles Pirkey
Melissa Tolson-Senior @ U of Ark, bone cancer
Jean Isbell, cancer
Barbara Ruesch, cancer, friend of Engles
Cheryl Abbott
Adron & Louise Hanna
Alisha Lamb (bone cancer)
Tex Matthews
Joe Mac Davis

For Our World & Leaders & Our Servicemen & Women Serving Our Country

Roscoe Schwab, Military
Michael Tucker, Military
Michael A. Hunnicutt, Military
Richard Matthews, Military
Lt. Travis Waller, Military
Jeanette Weir, Military, El Paso, TX
Robert F. Waller, Ft. Hood, Killeen, TX

Reader and Scripture

Apr 7 —Randy Pirkey—John 12:1-8
Apr 14—William Blackstone—Luke 19:28-40
Apr 21—Renau Garner—Luke 24:1-12
Apr 28—Robby Bates—John 20:19-31

Attendance and Giving (Mar 2019)

Average Sunday School Attendance — 59
Average Worship Attendance — 97
Monthly Income Needed for Budget — \$19,099.00
Income for March — \$ 22,775.00

Communion Servers (April 7)

Randy & Carolyn Pirkey, tbd

DeKalb Hope Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter; Canned Meats; Canned/Dry Soups; Canned Veggies; Instant Rice; Canned Fruit; Pasta; Spaghetti Sauce; Oatmeal; Cereal; Ramen Noodles; Chili; Crackers; Personal Toiletry Items

Children's Sermon

Apr 7 — None
Apr 14—John Booth
Apr 21—Betty Bates
Apr 28—Rev. Terry Cashion

Children's Church

Apr 7 —None
Apr 14—Micki Usrey
Apr 21—Worth & Cynthia Matteson
Apr 28—Jason & Julie Hawkins

Ushers

4/7 — Boyce Rhea, John Garner, Jim Constantine, Fred Gilliam
4/14—Bill Jones, Tommy Barnett, Dwight Barnett, tbd
4/21—Worth Matteson IV, Jason Hawkins, Brian Triplett, Troy Zeringue
4/28—Worth Matteson III, Ross Schwab, Keith Willey, Richard Engle

Thank You

Dear Piecemakers,

Thank you so much for the very thoughtful Prayer Shawl! It feels like a wearable hug/loving embrace. I wear it often and enjoy the comfort it brings as I wait for my surgery. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you!

Andrea Cole

Dear Prayer Warriors!

We are so thankful for your prayers. We need them! We also love the prayer shawl. What a blessing. We love you all. God bless you as you have us.

Byron & Lou Penrod

Summer Camp Registration!

Summer Camp at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center is right around the corner — the week of June 30th through July 5th! Children and youth who will be entering third grade through graduating seniors are invited to attend.

The camp is located outside of Palestine, Texas, and was established in 1947 as the setting for camping ministries of the Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. Lakeview has been providing safe, fun, and life-changing camps for over sixty-five years! Lakeview's mission is "Transforming lives by the experience of God's love in a unique environment as we inspire the heart and mind, nurture the soul, and celebrate life."

The cost for camp is \$400 per camper. DeKalb First United Methodist Church will pay for half of this cost for each camper who is a church member, making the cost only \$200 for members. Scholarships are available. Please contact the church office at 903-667-2705 or visit the Lakeview website for a scholarship application form. The final deadline to register is June 16. To register, visit the website at lakeviewmcc.org or contact the church office for more information.

Congratulations!

Gracie Reese Telford was born March 4, 2019 in Little Rock, AR to John & Molly Telford.

Grandparents are Marsha & Barry Telford

FUMC Designated Giving Policy

Designated Gifts Disclaimer: The Church Council of First United Methodist Church, DeKalb, TX reserves the right to remove any designations or restrictions on gifts when it is in the best interest of the church to do so. At the point in which a designated gift fulfills its purpose any remaining amount shall be shared with the broader mission of DeKalb First United Methodist Church.

Calendar

Every Sunday

Coffee with the Pastor, Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 — 10:30 am
Worship	10:50 am
Youth Jam	5:00 pm
Meal for Youth	6:00 pm
Youth Devotional and Games	6:30 pm

Every Tuesday

Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall — 7:00 am

Every Wednesday

Wesleyan Wednesday—7:00 am—at The Grinder Coffee Shop
Children's Choir—immediately after school
Bible Study — 5:00 pm
Lenten Dinner (Potluck) for everyone—6:00—6:30 pm
Chancel Choir — 6:30 pm

Every Thursday

"Piecemakers" Fellowship Hall — 10:00 am — 2:00 pm

Sunday, April 7

Communion Sunday, Sanctuary — 10:50 am
PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS FOR DEKALB HOPE
Vision Group, after morning worship

Wednesday, April 10

Nursing Home Ministry — 2:00 pm

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

United Methodist Women—Fellowship Hall—after Morning Worship

Wednesday, April 17

Holy Wednesday Service (Communion)—5:00 pm
Community Potluck Dinner after Service

Sunday, April 21—Easter

Sunrise Service—7:00 am
Coffee With the Pastor—9:00 am
Breakfast & Family Pictures—9:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt—9:30 am
Children's Easter Story—9:45 am
Sunday School—9:45 am
Morning Worship—10:50 am

Tuesday, April 23

Amazing Grays, Potluck & Games, Fellowship Hall — Noon

Wednesday, April 24

Grief Support Group—5:00 pm

Sunday, April 28

Children's Spring Concert during Morning Worship

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