Announcements

***Church after Church***  WILL NOT meet today. Happy Easter with your families!!

***Children’s Worship:*** 3, 4, and 5 year olds are invited to leave after the Children’s Sermon for a special Worship time.

***Children and Youth will*** **NOT** meet this evening.

***Pastor John’s Bible Study will*** **NOT** meet this evening.

***Special thanks for the Altar Guild***  for placing the Easter Lilies!

***Prayer Request Cards*** may be found in the pews as well as in the Narthex and on the table by the Elevator. To have someone placed on the prayer list, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Cards may be used to let the staff know about upcoming procedures. You may also call the church office or send an email to the church.

***GEMM Card Reminder:***  Please be sure to get your GEMM card filled in and returned to the church by April 30th!!

***Thanks to Misty Powell*** for her work on securing a $1,000 grant for a Green House for the church garden.

***Bridal Shower*** for Avie Etheridge, bride elect of Isaac Brewton, is on April 16th from 1:30 – 3:00pm in Wesley Hall.

***Today’s Anthem***  was given in memory of Mark W. Carleton.

**April Giving Received: YTD Giving Received:**

$ 15,524.91 $103,288.00

**April Giving Needed: YTD Giving Needed:**

$ 39,688.00 $158,752.00

First United Methodist Church

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April 9, 2023



**Church Staff**

Senior Pastor: Rev. John Woodrow

Minister of Education: Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Nancy Carleton

Church Business Administrator: Caroline Hardin

Nursery Director: Christi Dunn

Nursery Attendants: Letitia Gibbs & Rosie Parker

**Morning Worship**

April 9, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Easter Sunday**

**ENTRANCE**

Gathering  *Prelude* Nancy Carleton  *Welcome and Opportunities* Rev. Pam Barnhardt

What I Love About My Church Charlotte Chambers

Invocation Rev. Barnhardt

† Hymn 302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Congregation

**PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE**

Prayers of the People Rev. John Woodrow

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal, 895

Offering Nancy Carleton

Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal, 95

† Hymn 304 *Easter People Raise Your Voices* Congregation

 *(Let the children come forward during the last stanza)*

Children’s Moment Rev. Barnhardt

*(After Children’s Moment 3-5 year olds are invited to go to Children’s Worship)*

Anthem *All Things New* Chancel Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss
Strength after weakness, crown after cross; Alpha and Omega
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears Beginning and the end
Home after wandering, praise after tears He is making all things new

Springs of living water

Sight after mystery, sun after rain Shall wash away each tear
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain; He is making all things new
Near after distant, gleam after gloom
Love after wandering, life after tomb

Scripture  *Matthew 28:1-10 (NLT)* Rev. Woodrow

Homily *“A New Start”* Rev. Woodrow

Baptism/Confirmation Revs. Barnhardt and Woodrow

† The Apostle’s Creed

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I Believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***Confirmands***

 *(\* Also being baptized )*

*\* Charlotte Chambers \* Rex Chambers*

*Harrison Martens \* Asher Sims Fielding Wiggins*

**Congregational Response**

Special Music *How Beautiful* Melody Bradley

**SENDING FORTH**

† Benediction Rev. Woodrow

† Three-fold Amen Congregation

Going Forth *Postlude* Nancy Carleton

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† *Standing as able Please silence or turn off your cell phones.*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

 **Attendance registration August 13, 2017**

 Check one: 9:00\_\_\_\_\_11:00\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Member(s)
* First time visitor
* Visitor
* Wish to join church
* Desire pastoral visit

Will you share your birthday below for our newsletter birthday list?

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 Ushers: Boyd Robinson and Kenny Croft

Crucifer: Charlie Martens Acolyte: Joe Chambers

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the greater glory of God*

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*