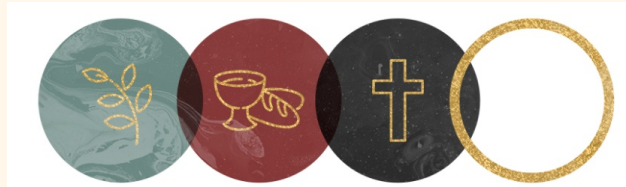


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A Word from our Associate Pastor...

Over the past several weeks we have had dozens of plastic eggs and candy delivered to the church! Every time I see the basket of multi-colored eggs it makes me smile. Easter egg hunts were so fun as a kid. I remember the adrenaline rush when the adults released the kids, the surprise when finding the egg that everyone else looked past, and of course the anticipation of the golden egg! So simple, but so fun.

The eggs are a colorful reminder that Easter is coming. We have spent the last several weeks fasting, praying, and repenting as we journey toward the cross with Jesus. We have thought about humanity's condition while also remembering God's grace and unrelenting love for all of creation. Lent is a powerful season that ends with Holy Week – a week that contains Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, and finally the joy of the empty tomb. It is an emotional, hard week, but one that is necessary to glimpse "how deep the father's love for us!"

Beginning with **Palm Sunday, April 2**, we will have our regular worship services and Sunday School (Ascension at 9am; Sunday school at 10am; Traditional at 11am). At the Ascension service we will have a special song by two of our children. At the traditional service all of our children will process in with palms and sing two songs, one with the choir! At noon we will have a churchwide lunch. Our hospitality chairs, Mae Winters and Leslie Johnston, will provide the chicken fingers and hot sides. You are invited to bring a cold side and/or dessert to share! After everyone has eaten, the children will have their Easter Egg hunt.

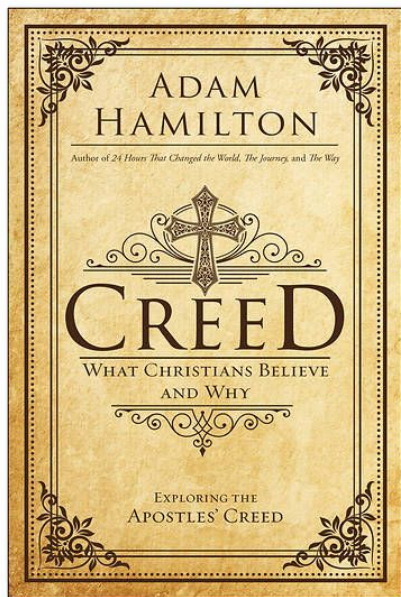
On **Thursday, April 6**, we will have our **Maundy Thursday** service in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. We will be led in worship by the Ascension band, the Handbell Choir, and will share in a unique communion experience that you will not want to miss. On **Friday, April 7** at 6pm we will have our **Good Friday** service in the Sanctuary led by our Chancel Choir and special guests. This is a powerful service centering us on the reality of Friday before we jump to Sunday.

Easter morning, April 9, we will have three worship opportunities:

- 7am Easter Sunrise service in the courtyard (Old Shell and Wisteria)
- 9am Ascension Easter service in the Fellowship Hall
- 11am Traditional Easter service in the Sanctuary

It is a joy to be one of your pastors! I look forward to celebrating Holy Week with each of you.

Grace and peace,
Kristen Curtis Wright



New Adult Sunday School Opportunity Begins April 16th "Creed"

A new Sunday School opportunity will begin on April 16th. We will spend six weeks exploring the Apostle's Creed that we affirm each week. Using Adam Hamilton's study, "Creed", we will consider what we believe and why. Through the course of the study, we will explore our beliefs regarding, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church and the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the Resurrection of the body.

If you are not part of a Sunday School Class or study, join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Ascension Service. The study will begin around 10:10 each week.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

Children currently in Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School on June 5-8th from 9am to Noon each day.



Children will rotate through a Bible story group, art, music, recreation and a yummy snack time! Adults and Youth are needed to shepherd the groups, teach classes and provide general support. Click the link below for online Participant and Volunteer

Registration. (Or go to our website (apumc.com) and click on GIVE then use the VBS Registration tab from the "drop down menu".

VBS Online Registration

Early Response Team Training, April 15

Be prepared to respond to the next disaster. Early Response Training (ERT) covers the basics of early disaster response, including roof tarping, cleaning out damaged homes, spiritual and emotional care, team protocols, and more. The purpose of ERT Training is to prepare our United Methodist Volunteers to do good and do no harm. Proper credentials are sometimes required for individuals and teams responding in the first few weeks after a disaster. Participants who successfully complete this training receive those credentials, including an ERT identification badge (when they deploy). *Contact Joe Stuart or the Church Office, at 251-478-6356 if you are interested.*



Church Work Day Outside, April 22

Mark your calendars for the morning of April 22nd! We'll be planting and cleaning up outside. All ages are welcome.

AROUND THE CONGREGATION...

Circle of Concern

John Allen, Jean Brown, James Williams, Tootsie Chitwood, Linda Lee Counts, Dan Dumont*, Jane Ford, Ruffin Graham, June and Jim Harter, Bill Higgs*, Melanie Jackson (Katie McCorrison's mother), Freddie Jones, Don Jordan, Peggy Mann, Haley Maxime, Lexi Mayhall, Michael Pierce, Sr, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Cindy* and Burton Roton, Mary Davis Rutledge, Joann Smith, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Kathryn Willingham (*new this week)

Christian Love and Sympathy to Alice and Joey Jones, and Taylor and Jordan Jones and their families due to the death of Joey's father, Paul Jones. His service was on March 24th

We look forward to seeing you in this time of fasting and reflection. Please let us know if you have questions about faith, our church, or about making Ashland Place UMC your church home. Use this CONNECT QR with your cellular phone, or click on it for a direct link.

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Helpful Suggestions from the Finance Committee...

It would help us if you assume that we don't know your preferences -- If you are giving cash or a check that needs to be split a certain way (budget & building fund), please indicate that on the check/envelope. If you go by a name other than the one on your check, please make sure we know how to connect it to you! Thanks!



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