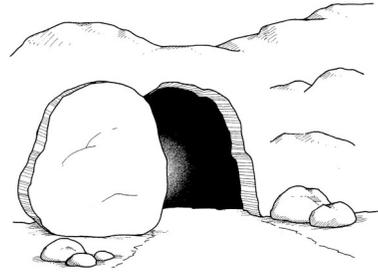




CHAPEL CHIMES



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Getting ready for Easter.

When I was a little boy, Easter was about getting new dress shoes, I hated these shoes because they were leather and not broken in, I called them my 'Sunday shoes'.



*From the
Pastor*

Sometimes there were new clothes for Easter. Then there was always the mess of coloring Easter eggs and then, there was the basket of candy. Woo-hoo! Then came the day, Easter Sunday, church, followed by family pictures. It was pretty much the same for my two little ones, but something changed for me.

Now the Easter season calls me each year to read the accounts of Jesus' suffering and the cross from each gospel. The readings are heavy for me and move me to sorrow. Trying to grasp what Jesus went through so that I may come to know how much His Father loves me. Amazing love! I am reminded of the hymn by Charles Wesley written in 1739, 'And Can It Be that I Should Gain' Here is the first line:

"And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!

Died he for me? Who caused his pain! For me? Who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

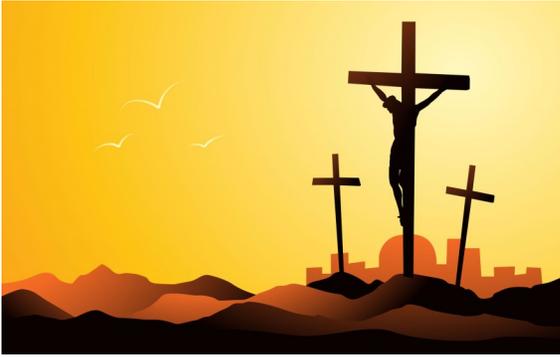
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?"

In getting ready for Easter, remember Jesus' Thursday and Friday before Easter Sunday. It makes Easter Sunday that much more incredible.

Here is a little insight for you to read about Jesus' Thursday and Friday: Genesis 3:14-15, think of the work of the Cross. Matthew 26:36-74, Isaiah 50:6, Isaiah 52:13-14, Isaiah 53:4-7, Psalms 22:14-18, Luke 22:54-65, Mark 15:1-20, Matthew 27:27-31, John 19:1-16, Luke 23:33-46, Matthew 27:50-56

Looking forward to worshipping with you on that special day.

Getting ready for Easter Sunday, Pat



Hymn writers and artists have conveyed to us a picture of Jesus hanging on a cross on a hill far away. In fact, the place of execution was just outside the city gate, beside the main road leading into Jerusalem. And those to be crucified were only raised two to eighteen inches above the ground. That meant all the dignity and modesty and purity of Jesus' physical person

was stripped away and He was left naked to die in searing, scorching heat, writhing and groaning in agony, at virtually eye level with those who passed by on their way to and from the city. In their rush to get to the temple area in time to purchase a lamb for sacrifice, did the pilgrims preparing a Passover even notice the Lamb that God was sacrificing for their sin? As Jesus poured out His life, people must have passed by without a glance. In a small way, are you pouring out your life for those who don't notice? Jesus understands.

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ from Blessings of the Cross

Why Did God Choose the Cross

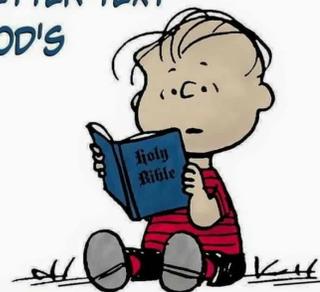
God wanted to give people a dramatic demonstration of His love for them. And not only that but He also wanted to give His children an example of the kind of love that He wants us to have for Him and for one another. The kind of love that is willing to give the most precious gift that we have.

You are one of the people that Jesus suffered and died for in order to demonstrate His love for you. The message of the cross seems foolish to those who are physically minded but for us who are sensitive to the Holy Spirit we know it is part of God's perfect plan. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." (1 Corinthians 1:18-19)

Galatians 6:14-16 New Living Translation (NLT)

14 As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. 15 It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation. 16 May God's peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God.

THERE IS NO BETTER TEACHER
THAN THE HOLY SPIRIT
& NO BETTER TEXT
THAN GOD'S
WORD.



JESUS IS MY ROCK

THANK YOU, PEANUTS.



Church Events

3/1 @ 10 am United Methodist Woman's meeting

3/25 Good Friday

3/26 Easter Egg Hunt - time TBD

Guest speaker Freida Lewis - How to use plastic grocery bags to crochet sleeping mats for the homeless

3/27 @ 6 am Easter Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary

3/5 @ 9 am Church Planning meeting

9 am Contemporary Service

3/13 @7 pm Administrative Council meeting

11:00 am Easter Cantata - Sanctuary

No evening service

3/17 St Patrick's Day

3/24 @ 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary



AN IRISH PRAYER

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

About the Irish

What shall I say about the Irish?

The utterly impractical, never predictable something irascible, quite inexplicable Irish.

Strange blend of shyness, pride and conceit, And stubborn refusal to bow in defeat.

He's spoiling and ready to argue and fight, Yet the smile of a child fills his soul with delight.

His eyes are the quickest to well up in tears, Yet his strength is the strongest to banish your fears.

His faith is as fierce as his devotion is grand, And there's no middle ground on which he will stand.

He's wild and he's gentle.

He's good and he's bad.

He's proud and he's humble.

He's happy and he's sad.

He's in love with the ocean, the earth and the skies.

He's enamored with beauty wherever it lies.

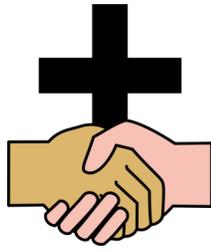
He's victor and victim, a star and a clod,

But mostly he's Irish in love with his God.

Author unknown

MARCH GREETERS

- 3/6 - James Green
- 3/13 - Tim Hollis
- 3/20 - Wayne white
- 3/27 - Roger Brookins



MARCH NURSERY WORKERS

- 3/6 - Lee Ann Walker
- 3/13 - Beth Helms
- 3/20 - Rebecca Murphy
- 3/27 - Karah Wilson

If you would like to volunteer to help with nursery duty, please contact Jean Hardman our Church Secretary.

256-574-6685

If you are scheduled for nursery duty and can't be there, please make arrangements for someone to work in your place.



A big thank you to Randall's Chapel from UMW for over 1,500 Labels for Education and 800 box tops for Education for our teachers.

Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Jim Lovingood
- 4 Richard Olander
- 5 Teresa Wendlick
- 7 Bobbie Dawson
- 8 Beth Smith
- 9 Macy Culpepper
- 10 Josh Potts
- 14 Brenda Orlander
- Bently Miller
- 15 Gracie Rossmeir
- 17 Ralph Grider
- 22 Boots Ricker



- 11 Chris & Sherry Miller
- 13 Eddie & Eleanor Allen
- 26 Nathan & Julie Richey
- 29 Wesley and Jean Hardman

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



This recipe came from Pat's Mom. This is so creamy and delicious and so easy to make. As she noted on the recipe "Special Yum"!

INGREDIENTS

2 - 10 oz. frozen florets of broccoli - you can also use fresh

2 cups cooked chicken breast - shredded

2 cans of cream of chicken soup

1 c mayonnaise

2 tsp lemon juice

1/2 cup shredded sharp cheese

Sleeve of Ritz crackers

1 stick of butter (melted)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Cook broccoli and drain completely. Put the broccoli in the bottom of large baking dish and add shredded chicken.

Combine soup, mayo, juice and pour over chicken.

Sprinkle cheese on top.

Bake for 15 minutes and take out and sprinkle topping on.

Topping—Crumble the crackers (I keep them in the package and crush them. Mix with butter.

Bake another 15 minutes

Serves 8 or 6 big eaters!

If anyone would like to contribute a recipe that is one of their favorites that they like to make, please send it to me and I will be glad to publish it. Thanks, Kathy

MARCH 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 am UMW meeting	2 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Children and Youth	3 10:30 am Bible Study	4	5 9 am Church Planning Meeting
6	7	8	9 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Children and Youth	10 10:30 am Bible Study	11	12
13 7pm Admin Council meeting Daylight Savings begins 	14	15	16 6pm Bible Study 6pm Children and Youth	17 10:30am Bible Study  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 First Day of Spring 	21	22	23 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Children and Youth	24 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service 	25 GOOD FRIDAY	26 Easter Egg Hunt 
27 RESURRECTION DAY 6am Sunrise Service 	28	29	30 6pm Bible Study 6 pm Children and Youth	31 10:30 am Bible Study		

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

It's a Shamrock, not a four leaf clover. It's about the blessing of the Lord and not the luck of the Irish.



On March 17th, many will wear green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day and I will be one of the many. I celebrate St. Patrick's Day because of my ancestral heritage, but also because of what Patrick did through God's redeeming grace.

Patrick shared the love of God with those who at one time had kidnapped and enslaved him. Patrick escaped from his kidnappers in Ireland and returned to his home on the British isle. Years later, Patrick responded to God's call to go back and share the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Irish. It is amazing how the love of the Lord changed Patrick's heart to forgive those who at one time kidnapped him and then go back to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

I hope that we can celebrate not only the redeeming grace of God in St. Patrick's life, but celebrate the experience of God's redeeming grace that can free us to forgive others as Patrick did.

Celebrating the redeeming grace of our Savior, Pat



Why the Shamrock instead of a four leaf clover should be used as a symbol of St Patrick's day. St. Patrick (A.D. 385-461) used it to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity to the native Irish. This illustration (like many of those in use today) helped make the Christian concept of the Trinity intelligible to the non-Christians St. Patrick evangelized, contributing to the massive wave of conversions to Christ that occurred under his ministry. St. Patrick was very firm about the doctrine of the Trinity, referring to it repeatedly in his writings.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS AND EVENTS

REFRESH & RETREAT



Renewal

“I will open rivers on the bare heights and fountains in the mist of the valley; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water”

Saturday April 9, 2016

Refresh and Retreat is a spiritual enrichment experience, a day to refresh and renew as we welcome opportunities to expand our horizons with spiritual growth and mission opportunities.

Our theme is **Renewal**. Let us work together to renew our commitment to work for God’s mission in the many opportunities that we have to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Are you facing something that seems to be taking all of your energy? Wait on the Lord! Expect, look for and hope in Him. The Bible promises that when you live with expectancy, when you stay hopeful, when you make preparations for the goodness of God, you’ll rise up higher. Your strength will be renewed, and you’ll be empowered to overcome life’s obstacles! *Our Goal: “to renew your relationship with God.” Refresh and retreat is meant to be a time of spiritual renewal and rest in the Lord.*

The North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women’s Executive Team invites you to attend the **2016 Refresh and Retreat** at beautiful Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL, on April 9, 2016. It will be a spirit filled day planned with Holy Communion, Worship, special music, fellowship, mission, and group singing for everyone. We will set up **Prayer Stations** for you to devote prayer for the mission of United Methodist Women. This will be a place to pray for Mission projects and Mission partners, for Missionaries, Deaconesses, Home Missioners, and the staff of United Methodist Women and Global Ministries. The Prayer stations will also be a place for you to pray for your participation in United Methodist Women along with other individual members in your unit, district, conference, and around the United States and the world.

2016 Keynote Speaker for Refresh and Retreat Spiritual Enrichment

The Reverend Dr. Kay Mutert

Veriditas Master Teacher ; Labyrinth Workshop Leader - Facilitator Trainer Speaker - Creative Musician - Author

information and registration at www.umcna.org/events

8:00—8:45 a.m. - Registration,

Book Room, Refreshments

8:45 a.m. - Gathering Music

9:00 a.m. - Session begins

Child (ages 5-10 lunch): \$ 4.50

(under 4-free)

On-site registration: \$15.00

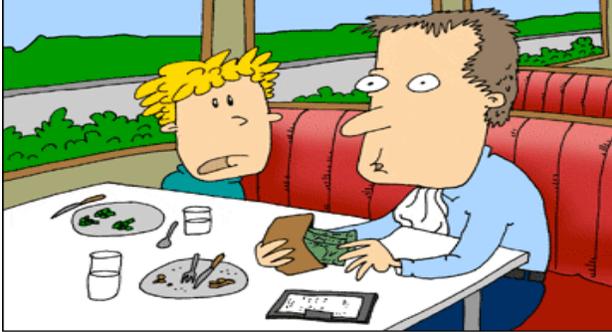
Childcare will be provided.

Pre-Registration:

Adult (includes lunch): \$12.00

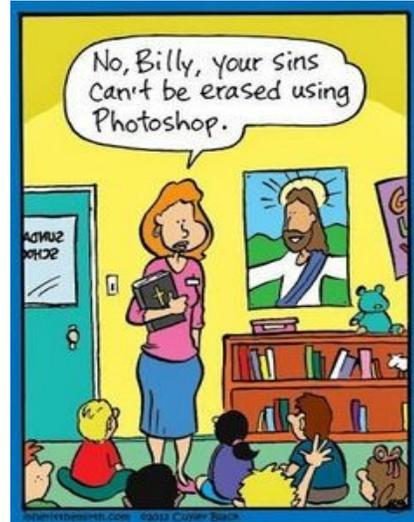
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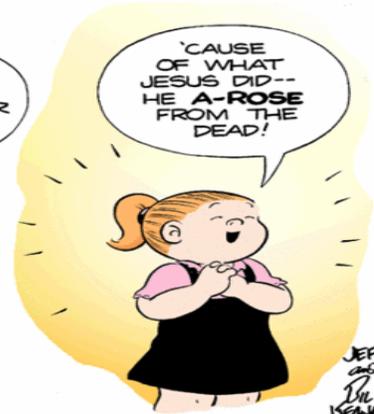
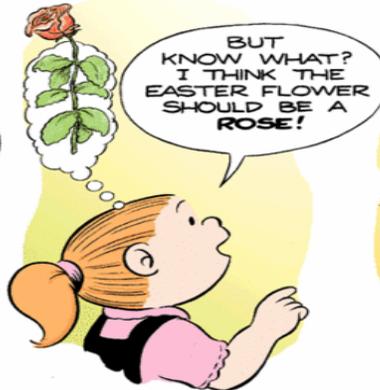
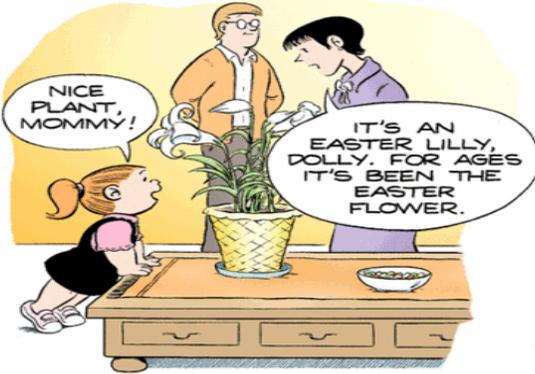


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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



By Bill Keane



JEFF and Bill Keane

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(See Matthew 10:29-31) 11-16-2005

WE ONLY HAVE TO NUMBER THE HEAD HAIRS, RIGHT?



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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

Classes for all ages - nursery provided

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

WEDNESDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

YOUTH AND CHILDREN 6 PM

THURSDAY

BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM

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