

CARTHAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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I am so thankful for our ability to livestream. I have heard from so many people, as they travel, recuperate from illness or just tending to life, that having our service available, either live or archived to view later has been so helpful. I am thankful for the technology, the people who serve by filming, handling sound and edit and upload video. This technology makes “gathering” for worship so much easier.

During Covid quarantine live streaming made it possible for us to continue to gather. It is hard to believe that was three years ago around this time. In 2020, we held Sunday worship, Sunday school, Bible studies online. We found ways to have Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services online. It seemed, in the beginning, so awkward and foreign to most of us. We figured out ways to wave palms together, safely share in Eucharist and be the church in all the ways we could. It was fun for a season to have worship in our PJs from the comfort of our homes, often while eating family breakfast.

We never intended for live streaming to become a substitute for gathering to worship. While I am thankful for the ability to continue offering services online with Facebook, YouTube and on the local cable channel, DTC3. I am so grateful for those that found us and made the decision to join us in person. I miss many of you that really haven't made a way back, consistently. Please understand, I am not writing this article to guilt or shame anyone. Gathering with your family to worship your God should never be performed as a sense of duty but we need you! You are needed during worship for someone who has missed you or wants to meet you. You or I may not know who, but someone in that room needs you. They need your presence, your witness, your smile and your love. Just as a family with a missing member craves the presence of someone, we do too. I want to apologize if no one has reached out to tell you that we miss you because we do. I have hesitated to say too much because as the pastor that message can often sound as though I am keeping attendance.

We need you to meet all the new people that have joined our family in the last year or so; so many new faces, in Sunday school, in choir and in the pews. Your witness of worship, to the young people we hold so dear is so valuable to us and them. We have such a short window to impress this value on them.

While the world has changed and we have shifted priorities and family schedules, God is still calling us to gather, to worship, to carry each other's burdens and celebrate each other's joys. We are urged to demonstrate what is important to the world needing guidance and clarity.

I hope to see you soon and would love to chat with anyone navigating a path back to a life a worship and community. How can I help you make your way back? I am aware that lives have changed and with that needs and priorities have changed.

What do you need? What are your desires for being the church to a hurting community? What do you need from your CUMC family? How can we create a space for you? What do you need from me, your pastor? I am filled with gratitude for the time we have shared and the person and family you are.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS:

We have two church entrance door keys that have been issued by someone other than office staff and were not signed out. The key numbers are **#28 AND #49**. If you have either of these keys or know who has them, please contact the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

Happy April friends and blessings from the children`s ministry! We have had a great March and are excited to see what this month brings us! We finished up our children's ministry Wednesday night bible study of Love Does for Kids by Bob Goff. Our kiddos so enjoyed this book and I want to thank them and their parents for their commitment to it, those who completed it will get a fun reward soon so be on the lookout for details! We will begin our last study of the school year on April 5th. We meet every Wednesday night school is in session and dinner is provided. As with all children's ministry activities this is open to all children of the community so if you know of someone who might like to join in, please invite them! The adults and youth meet at the same time so there is fellowship for all ages. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you to all who supported Taco Night, we had some delicious food and a great time playing Bible Jeopardy and are so appreciate of the love offering given that will help with cost of our upcoming summer activities. We are making plans for those so be on the watch for announcements of dates and details. We would be so appreciative of many hands willing to help if you are willing please let us know! As always thank you for being a congregation that loves and supports the children in their walk with God!

BLESSINGS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Ms. Nicole and the kiddos





TN Tech Wesley Foundation's annual fundraiser on April 1st has a very special guest this year! **Bishop McAlilly!!!**

Bishop McAlilly will lead worship in the Wesley Foundation chapel located at 271 E. 9th Street, Cookeville TN at 1:00 p.m.

But come beforehand. The silent auction begins at 11:00 a.m. **If you have items to contribute toward that auction, please email loganmshock@gmail.com.**

Lunch will be at noon and worship begins at 1:00 p.m. In addition to the Bishop's leading of worship, come to hear students speak about what God is doing in their lives. Lots of wonderful things are going on at the Wesley!!!!

FOOT WASHING

APRIL 6 | 11AM-4PM | PASTOR'S OFFICE



GOOD FRIDAY

TO-GO

Join us for a Good Friday service and to-go lunch of soup and sandwiches.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 • 12:00-1:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE

AT THE DIXON'S HOUSE

6:00AM

COVERED DISH
BREAKFAST
TO FOLLOW

51 MASSEY ROAD
CARTHAGE, TN 37030

WORSHIP SERVICE

AT CARTHAGE UMC

10:00AM

NO 8:00AM SERVICE OR
SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD.

Meal & Snack Sign Up

CUMC is hosting Lay Serving School
April 28th & 29th

NEEDED:

- DINNER FRIDAY
- BREAKFAST FOODS SATURDAY
- LUNCH SATURDAY
- SNACKS FOR AN OPEN SNACK TABLE

CONTACT PASTOR MONICA



We need to make space in the table/chair storage room for the white folding chairs. We have 48 of the chairs on the left and 9 of the chairs on the right. These chairs are free to the first person who wants to come get them. If they are taken by April 28th, they will be donated.

**CUMC
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 PALM SUNDAY 4 – 5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367	3 5-7 p.m. The Spot 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. BS Pack 367	4	5 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 6 p.m. Youth 6 p.m. Monica's Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Choir	6 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Foot Washing 12 Noon – Zoom Bible Study	7 GOOD FRIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 9 a.m. Shawl Ministry
9 EASTER 6 a.m. Sunrise Svc at Dixon's Home 10 a.m. Svc at CUMC	10 5-7 p.m. The Spot 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. BS Pack 367	11	12 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 6 p.m. Youth 6 p.m. Monica's Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Choir	13 12 Noon – Zoom Bible Study 6 p.m. GS Troop 1010	14	15
16 11 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting 3 – 4 p.m. BS Pack 367 4 – 5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367	17 5-7 p.m. The Spot	18	19 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 6 p.m. Youth 6 p.m. Monica's Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Choir	20 12 Noon – Zoom Bible Study 6 p.m. GS Troop 1010	21 Confirmation Retreat	22 Confirmation Retreat
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30 11 a.m. Church Council Meeting						



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kurt Bass 4/02	Phillip Upchurch 4/23
Marissa Harriman 4/02	Steven Clemons 4/24
Heather Long 4/03	Draper Long 4/24
Harvey Tinsley 4/03	Prescott 4/24
Dezi Gage 4/04	Emily Shivers 4/24
Bettie Spiva 4/05	Lacey Laszlo 4/25
Jenny Baxter 4/06	Max Long 4/25
April Bush 4/09	Josh Kemp 4/28
Lindsey Dixon 4/09	Reese Ethridge 4/30
Margaret Watts 4/09	
Kathy Lewis 4/11	
Jon Ethridge 4/12	
Jennifer Summers 4/12	
Matthew Petty 4/13	
Alyson Pope 4/15	
Mary Leslie Wakefield 4/16	
Helen Birdwell 4/17	
Kachine Chingwa 4/17	
Abby Harriman 4/17	
Tim Shivers 4/17	
Jared Doran 4/20	
Jerry Gammon, Jr. 4/21	
Julie Wyatt 4/21	
Vivian Reynolds 4/23	

MAY BIRTHDAYS
Andrew Lavender 5/01
Ashby Long 5/02
Clayton Rigsby 5/02
Meagan Sanders 5/02

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/15 Ronnie & Gail Russell
4/25 Jamie & Mary Alice Carfi

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/03 Phillip & Gayle Hudson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Please Join Us
Saturday April 22nd at 7pm
For a night of Southern Gospel Music
Located at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church
592 Cookeville Hwy, Elmwood TN 38560



Featuring:

The Inspirations, from Bryson City, North Carolina

Also appearing: The Woodards from Elmwood, TN

Admission is free, however a generous love offering will be taken for The Inspirations.



If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers, email, etc. : please send your updated contact information to the church office. W3 need this information to keep the church membership records updated and also for the One Call Now messaging system to keep everyone updated about all things at CUMC!

Persecuted Christians

Please remember the following in your prayers.

Pastor Derek Reimer (36 yrs old): was protesting a drag queen story hour at a library. Video of the event shows him being forcibly dragged from the room & thrown to the ground. The following day he was arrested & charged with one count of mischief, one count of causing a disturbance & six “bylaw charges” that carry a potential penalty of \$10,000 per charge & jail time if default of payment occurs. No other individuals were charged for their actions. (Calgary, Canada)

Mid Vermont Christian School Girls Basketball Team: the team withdrew from a state sponsored tournament rather than compete against an opponent with a biological male on the team. MCVS Administrator Vicky Fogg stated the presence of a male on the team jeopardizes the fairness of the competition, presents a safety concern for their female athletes & in general sets a bad precedent for the future of women’s sports. The school was subsequently barred from participating in any tournament in any sport sponsored by the Vermont Principals Association. (White River Junction, Vermont, US)

The Department of Education is attempting to delete a 2019 regulation that allows the federal government to withhold funds from colleges/universities that violate religious student organizations first amendment rights. The administration contends the rule is unnecessary to protect students first amendment rights & their free exercise of religion. Additionally, DOE claims the regulation places undue burdens on the Department to investigate claims of violations. First Liberty Institute, who regularly represents students whose religious rights have been violated, noted it’s unclear how this regulation could be burdensome as the DOE can only withhold federal funds following a final, non-default judgement from a court. (US)

Submitted by Jill Garner