

## Opportunities this week for Worship, Study, and Service

Sunday 4/15/18	Monday 4/16/18	Tuesday 4/17/18	Wednesday 4/18/18	Thursday 4/19/18	Friday 4/20/18	Saturday 4/21/18	Sunday 4/22/18
<b>Homecoming</b>  9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School  10:30 AM Combined Worship  12 PM Covered dish lunch  4 PM Brownies  4-6 PM Children & Youth Fellowship	7 PM Boy Scouts  7 PM SEND Committee  7 PM Circle 3	8 AM Men's Breakfast Group  7 PM Alive in Christ  7 PM Cub Scouts	5 PM Staff Meeting  6 PM Handbell Rehearsal  7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM Praise Team Rehearsal			8 AM Praise Team Rehearsal  9 AM Worship ACTS29@9  9:45-10 AM Coffee & Refreshments in Fellowship Hall  9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School  Traditional 11 AM Worship  Children & Youth leave after the 11 AM worship for Latham Park, Elon

Worship Assistants For April 15, 2018	Worship Assistants For April 22, 2018
Acolyte: Brantley O'Day Altar Flowers: Kent & Emily James Altar Guild: Don & Glenda Blalock Camera Operator – 11am: Melissa Troutman Counters (Offering) Purple Team: Deleno Flynn, Howard Hendricks, Nancy Shepherd Greeter: 9am: Wallace Kale Refreshments: Homecoming Greeters: 11am: Jean Butcher & Vicki Holmes Liturgical Color of the Day: White Nurseries: 9am - Hadley Duquette & Ann Moore 10am-12pm – Hadley Duquette & Amanda Morrow Head Usher-11am: Randy Apple Scripture Reader: Carter James Visitation: Leonard Mangum & Ken Rickard	Acolyte: Devin McMullen Altar Flowers: Claude & Denise Little Altar Guild: Don & Glenda Blalock Camera Operator – 9am: Van Moore Counters (Offering) Purple Team: Deleno Flynn, Howard Hendricks, Nancy Shepherd Greeter: 9am: Wallace Kale Refreshments: Carol Mangum Greeters: 11am: Jean Butcher & Vicki Holmes Liturgical Color of the Day: White Nurseries: 9am - Denise Little & June Owens 10am-12pm – Volunteer & Jennifer Smith Head Usher-11am: Randy Apple Scripture Reader: Claude Little Visitation: Terry & Susan McNeill

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Our Stewardship for 4/8/18
Sunday School Attendance: 43 9 AM Worship: 33 11 AM Worship: 103 Offering Received for Operating Budget: \$4,098.55 Offering Received for Building Fund: \$1,040.00 Weekly Offering Needed for 2017 Operating Budget: \$5,843.00 Weekly Offering Needed for Building Mortgage Payment: \$1,643.00



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### MISSION STATEMENT

Gibsonville United Methodist Church exists to **WELCOME** people to faith in Jesus Christ, **EQUIP** us with a faith that helps us grow as disciples, and **SEND** us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus' sake.

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

### GATHERED

WELCOME

Pastor Sybil Parks

Please sign the attendance pad as it is passed to you. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

PRELUDE

“Come, All You People”

Uyai Mose

Light of Christ Lead Us Into Worship

Acolyte

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are pulled in many directions.

**People: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.**

Leader: This day, in this place, we can choose to serve God or other things.

**People: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.**

Leader: Blessed be our Abba Father who has called us to this place.

**People: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.**

\*HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#89

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

#881

**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.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

Let us be the Peace of Christ for each other

\*RESPONSE *The Old Rugged Cross* #504

(Stanzas 1 & 2)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

### GATHERED FOR GIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

First time visitors you are our guests. Your presence is your gift today.

OFFERTORY "Doxology" arr., Mark Hayes  
(Robert Hallquist, piano)

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### GATHERED BY THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM "Hallelujah! By and By" arr., Mary McDonald  
(Chancel Choir & Praise Team)

SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 24:1-21 Carter James  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE **Choose This Day** Pastor John F. Howard, Jr.

### GATHERED AND SENT OUT

\*HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* #593

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD Acolyte

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Humoreske, Op. 10, No. 5 Sergei Rachmaninoff

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\*Please stand in praise of God if you are able

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Carter James' 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by Kent and Emily James.

Today we welcome Rev. John Franklin Howard, Jr. as our guest preacher. John was with his family at GUMC while he was in middle school. He has a lot to share about how this church helped form him and influence his call into the ordained ministry. Currently, John is serving as pastor of the Toe Valley Charge (Mount Zion-Pine Grove UM Churches).

## WORSHIP

**Welcome to Worship!** We are glad you are here and we pray you will be refreshed, renewed and blessed in this time of worship. We offer two worship services: ACTS29@9 is an informal service at 9:00am, using audio visuals and contemporary worship music. The Traditional worship is at 11:00am, which includes hymns, creeds and traditional liturgy. WELCOME!

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nurseries:** For children Birth - 3 years old. We offer nurseries during Sunday school and both worship services. The nursery is located behind the Sanctuary on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 114.

**Sunday Morning Groups for Children and Youth...**Children and Youth meet at 10:00am in three groups on the top floor of the education building: Younger children; Elementary children and youth.

**Children, 4:00-6:00pm (Dinner with the youth today at 5:30pm). Secret Servants. Join the Secret Service in April!** Bring your sunglasses and become a “Secret Servant”. At this meeting, we will learn how to be a “Secret Servant”, accept our mission and prepare our secret servant cards. We will also complete one of our secret servant missions.

**Youth, 4:00-6:00pm, (Dinner with the children today at 5:30pm). Youth Room Service Night...**The youth will gather in the finished youth rooms to plan décor, furnishing, etc. to make the two rooms their own. One room will be the game room. The other room will be the group study room. Start dreaming now about how you want these rooms to look (wall hangings, colors, etc).

**Children, Youth and Parents, Next Sunday April 22, after the 11:00am worship service.** We will be going to see Elon Phoenix play baseball at Latham Park on Elon’s campus. Bring \$3.00 for admittance and money for lunch and snacks. **Sign up with Ryan and Pastor Sybil TODAY!**

## SMALL GROUPS

**Sunday School for All Ages:** The Wharton Sunday school class, for senior adults, meets at 9:45am; Classes for children, youth and other adults begin at 10:00am. See a Greeter for directions.

**Circle #3:** On April 16 at 7:00pm, the U.M. Women will be making hygiene kits to be distributed to the Residential Treatment Services of Alamance. We will meet in the Wharton class room. All women are invited to participate. Also, we are collecting paper products to be given to them to help in this very worthwhile cause.

**Men’s Breakfast Group:** The Men’s Breakfast Group will meet Tuesday, April 17 at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited. This group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. For additional information contact Wallace Kale at 336-209-0175.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Coffee Available:** Before Sunday school, beginning at 9:30am, coffee is available in the fellowship hall.

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

**5th Sunday Collection: April 29:** Yes, it is April, but summer is around the corner. After school is out in June, we will begin the PB&J bag lunch program. Bring the following items to begin to stock for this ministry: jars of peanut butter, grape jam, individual fruit cups, individual bags of chips, individual bags of cookies, individual juice boxes, paper bags, and plastic sandwich bags. This is a great ministry for children and senior adults in our community. Monetary donations can also be made, earmarked “PB&J”. Thank you!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

**SEND Committee:** The SEND Committee will meet Monday, April 16 at 7:00pm in the conference room.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all articles and information for the May Newsletter in the church office by Wednesday, May 18.

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Remember In Prayer	Requested By	Prayer Request
Jaxson Cates (12 Yrs Old)	Joe & Dianne Cline	In UNC Hospital with brain aneurysm.
Carol Edmonds	Anita Johnson & Family	Has bladder cancer – starting procedures and treatments. Prayers for encouragement and love
Suzie Griggs	Friends	Healing and comfort
The Family of Fred Graves	Edith Younger	Peace and love
Pam Fagan	Irma Walker	At Cone Hospital for rehab
Walter Koaler	Emma Kirkman	His wife just died a couple of months ago
Linda Raker	Friends	Healing and peace
The Family of Jeff Ragan	Barry Raker	Sympathy, peace, hope

**Long Term Prayer Needs:** Sue Ann Allison, Buddy Blakely, Joycelyn Brookshire, Tootie Burke, Carolyn Corbett, Pam Fagan, Larry Frazier, E.R. Gerring, Janis Hawk, Jake Holloway, Anita Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Jennifer Kimbro, John Learned, Pat Lewis, Jennifer Lineberry, Abbie Martin, Leon Martin, Bill Modlin & Family, Vernon Novak, Patricia Patton, Larry & Margaret Poole, Matthew Rickard, Joe Thompson, Sylvia Whitfield, Matt Younger, Ronnie Yow

**Extended Care Facilities, Retirement Facilities and Homebound:** Buddy Blakely, Bobbie Frazier, Bookie Gates, Nell Gerring, Betsy Greeson, Millie Schumpert, Margaret Shepherd, Frances Soule, Dot Tickle, Stella Townsend, Margie Underwood, Evelyn Wall, Amy Whitesell, Juanita Wicker, Matt Younger

**Military Personnel:** Michael Cash, Jeremy Cobb, James Dahl, Jeremy Gerring, Mike Gidcumb, Tim Hawks, Steven Johnson, Jerry Moize, Jr., Rick Moor, Jeffrey Shepherd, Dustin Smith, Kristine Smith