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*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 2024

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We live-stream our worship service at 9am and 11am on Sundays. For live-streaming go to www.gibsonvilleumc.org. On that page, click on your choice:

Watch Worship **Live** @ 9AM
Watch Worship **Live** @ 11AM
Watch Worship @ Other Times
Watch on Facebook
We worship in person at 9am & 11am.

Our worship team loves to hear your feedback, so please feel free to let us know you are watching and any other comments at ccarkin@wncumc.net
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6)

As the women head to the tomb after the Sabbath to anoint and prepare Jesus' body as was the custom for burial, they rise early and go with heavy hearts. Jesus was crucified so close to the Sabbath, there was barely time to place him in the tomb. As disappointing as the death of Jesus is, they are determined to honor him according to their customs. On days when it is hard to rise at all, it is especially hard to prepare for all the obstacles that lie ahead. Mark's gospel tells us that on the way they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" (16:3). We all come up against stones we are powerless to move that get in the way of the work God has for us. Faith is rising and setting out anyway. Mark 16:4 tells us "But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away."

Recently, I got to visit with some of our older members. For them the stones may be the hands they long to hold but are out of reach, not being able to live independently in the places they once called home, or the arthritis or back pain that makes once simple tasks like coming to church or making a meal more complicated than the young can imagine. Death is often not feared by these saints. They have witnessed it coming for many they love, and they know it will come for them. They do not resist death like the young whose stones may come from lack of sleep tending their young, financial burdens that seem insurmountable or kidney stones from too much caffeine trying to stay awake for it all. Our elders have known these stones too, but they were long ago overcome. We rise anyway, some of us longing for quiet and others visited by the memories of the noise of companionship that has given way to silence.

We rise holding on to some measure of hope, however small. Jan Richardson's writes in her poem *The Magdelene's Blessing* about Mary encountering Jesus and him calling her by name:

You hardly imagined standing here, everything you ever loved suddenly returned to you, looking you in the eye, and calling your name.

And now you do not know how to abide this hole in the center of your chest, where a door slams shut and swings open at the same time, turning on the hinge of your aching and hopeful heart.

This is an invitation, a choice, a threshold, a gate.

This is your life calling to you from a place you could never have dreamed, but now that you have glimpsed it's edge, you cannot imagine choosing another way.

So let the tears come as anointing, as consecration, and then let them go.

Let this blessing gather itself around you.

Let it give you what you will need for this journey.

You will not remember the words-they do not matter.

All you need to remember is how it sounded when you stood in the place of death and heard the living call your name.

Jesus calls us each by name. Perhaps we hear him best in the thin places. Jesus speaks the hope of resurrection and promise of eternal life. Praise God for the blessings of Easter!

THE JARRETT AUSTIN & CHILDREN'S FUND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This golf tournament is sponsored by Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church to raise funds for those in the community who have extraordinary medical needs and expenses. It was started to raise money to provide a wheelchair for a young man in their congregation named Jared Austin who was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Jared passed away in December of 2004.

To date, this fund has provided medication for a liver transplant recipient, cancer treatment, a medically necessary air conditioner for a shut-in, insulin pumps, prosthetic limbs, and has helped several families with out-of-pocket medical expenses. Benefits have totaled more than \$257,000 since the inception of this fund.

This event will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Brookwood Golf Course. Registration is at 8AM and it begins at 8:30AM. Entry fee is \$300 per team. A breakfast and picnic lunch will be served.

For more information, contact Joe Brady, Tournament Director at (336) 269-2038.

Missions & Outreach

Fruit and Protein Collection First Sunday of Every Month

Gibsonville First Baptist Church operates a food pantry that serves our community. Each week 25 to 30 families/individuals receive food. Our church supports this mission by collecting food and delivering it to the food pantry. Hunger continues to be a problem in our area so this is an important way we can support those in need. Please remember to bring non perishable food to church on **Sunday, April 7** and place it in the bins in the welcome center or in the closet off the narthex. Suggested food items include the following: peanut butter, canned meat, canned meat stews, beans, brown rice, quinoa, and canned fruit. Please check expiration dates on all donated food.

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels Delivery will be Monday, April 15 and Wednesday through Friday, April 17-19.

Community Dinner

The Community dinner for Thursday, April 18, will be hot dogs. I would like to invite folks to bring potato salad, baked beans, chips and deserts. Bring it by Wednesday evening or Thursday and put in one of the refrigerators. We will also need people to help serve. Contact Lynn Woodruff for questions or more information. Please sign up on the signup sheets in the narthex and the Welcome Center for this event.

SkyWild Trip

On Sunday, April 14, the teen youth group will be going to SkyWild at the Greensboro Science Center. We will meet at the church at noon for lunch, leaving the church around 12:45 to go to Greensboro, returning around 5:30. The cost is \$15 per youth.



Upcoming Activities & Information

Care & Share

Care & Share will meet Thursday, April 11 at 10:30 AM. Anyone who wishes to join us please contact Lois Fuller at (336) 446-1117.

UM Men's Meals Together

The United Methodist Men will have their breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 6 at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. They will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00PM at Southbound Sandwich Shop. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Claude Little (336-447-4002) or Ben McMillan (336-269-7724).

United Methodist Women in Faith

United Methodist Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 AM in the church parlor. All women are invited to attend.

By our Gifts (as of

Annual Budget	<u>294,801</u>
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Operating Fund Received in February	21,780
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Operating Fund Received Year to Date	39,771
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Operating Fund Needed Budget to Date	45,354
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Above/(Below) Budget to Date	(5,583)
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Building Fund received in February	5,895
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Building Fund received Year to Date	9,395
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Mortgage Payments Year to Date	14,240
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Above/(Below) Mortgage Payments YTD	(4,845)
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Mortgage Principal Balance	469,430
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A complete copy of the current financial statement is available in the Welcome Center.

Offering Counters for April (Purple Team) Deleno Flynn, Howard Hendricks

Liturgist 9 AM

4/7 Chris Kirkman
4/14 Lynn Woodruff
4/21 Susan McNeill
4/28 John Malave

Liturgist 11 AM

4/7 Michelle Rash
4/14 Matt Morrow
4/21 Joe Cline
4/28 Susan Flynn

Proclaim Designer

4/7 Melissa Troutman
4/14 Carol Dees
4/21 Denise Little
4/28 Jane Deaton/Melissa Troutman

Slides - 9 & 11 AM

4/7 Sue Hudson
4/14 Carol Dees
4/21 Ainsley Rash
4/28 Jane Deaton

Camera - 9 & 11 AM 2/4

4/7 Carol Kirkman
4/14 George Dees
4/21 Brantley O'Day
4/28 Barry Deaton

Sound Operator - 9 & 11 AM

4/7 Chris Kirkman
4/14 Terry McNeill
4/21 Lucas Troutman
4/28 Brent Shepherd

Ushers 9AM Service

4/7 Terry McNeill
4/14 Sam Law
4/21 Chris Kirkman
4/28 Terry McNeill

Head Usher 11AM Service

Mark Shepherd

Memorials & Specials Gifts to Honor Friends & Loved Ones

IN MEMORY OF

Christopher Jarrett
Ginger Jarrett

Donnie Summers

JoAnna & Sally Apple, Faye Martin,
Sharon & Alexandra Sanderson,
Jim & Pam Young

Stella Townsend

Faye Martin

Charles Weisner

Carol Younger

Matt Younger

Ginger Jarrett

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Carol Younger for making a contribution to the General Scholarship Fund in memory of her son Matt Younger.



Mother's Day-May 12, 2024

On Mother's Day, the United Women in Faith will place flowers on the altar. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the UWF Fund to be used for missions, in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, these names will be printed in the May 12 bulletin. Please make checks payable to GUMC and mark UWF-Flowers. Place your form and check in the offering plate or mail to GUMC, PO Box 82, Gibsonville, NC 27249. Please have all forms in to the church office no later than Monday, May 6. For additional information or questions, contact the church office at (336) 449-4810 or email:

karen.johnson@gibsonvilleumc.org.

Please return to the church office by Monday, May 6.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By: _____

Phone No: _____

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 PM Boy Scouts	2 6 PM Praise Team 7 PM Alive in Christ 7 PM Cub Scouts	3 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	4	5	6 9AM United Methodist Mens' Breakfast
7 2nd Sunday of Easter-White <i>Communion/Fruit & Protein</i> 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship 4-5:15PM Tweens 5-6:30PM Youth	8 7 PM Boy Scouts	9 6 PM Praise Team 7 PM Alive in Christ 7 PM Cub Scouts	10 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	11 10:30 AM Care & Share Mtg. 4 PM Kids Hour	12	13 Churchwide Connect Presentation
14 3rd Sunday of Easter-White 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship 4-5:15PM Tweens 5-6:30PM Youth	15 7 PM Boy Scouts MOW	16 10:30 AM United Women of Faith 6 PM Praise Team 6PM United Methodist Mens' Dinner 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	17 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time MOW	18 4:00 PM Kids Hour 5:30 PM Community Dinner MOW	19 MOW	20 9-2 Shower for Kimberly Ezekiel in Fellowship Hall
21 4th Sunday of Easter-White 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship 4-5:15PM Tweens 5-6:30 PM Youth	22 7 PM Boy Scouts	23 6 PM Music Rehearsal 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	24 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	25 4:00 PM Kids Hour	26	27
28 <i>5th Sunday of Easter-White</i> 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship Tweens 4-5:15PM Youth 5-6:30 PM	29 7PM Boy Scouts	30 6PM Praise Team 7PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts				

Children & Youth Activities for April

The Children and Youth Council will meet Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Wharton Room.

Trauma-Informed Children's Ministry Training

We will offer the third of our four modules on trauma-informed children's ministry on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. and Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Wharton Room. Each session should last about 90 minutes, and individuals only need to attend one. This module is titled Reaching and Teaching Hurting Kids and will focus on how to recognize the impact of trauma in the learning environment, utilize teaching time as a unique opportunity for ministry, and integrate teaching strategies that reduce behavior problems, increase engagement and give struggling kids a chance to succeed. Please let Michelle Rash know if you plan to attend one of the sessions so she can make sure there are enough materials.

Children's Programs

Kids Hour (K through 4th grade)
Kids Hour is held Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the orange room on the second floor of the church. All children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for April:

April 4: No Kids Hour
April 11: Texts From God: ABD
April 18: Texts From God: WAN2TLK
April 25: Texts From God: TMA

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the end of Kids Hour most weeks (children will still participate in the Community Dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month) starting in January. We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Tween Programs

Tween Youth Group (5th through 8th grade)
The GUMC Tween Youth Group meets Sundays from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in the green room on the second floor of the church. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for April:

April 7: Be Bold: What Does the Bible Say About What I am Supposed to Be When I Grow Up?
April 13: Movie Night at the Church
April 14: No Tweens
April 21: Be Bold: Why Doesn't God Fix Our Country
April 28: Cookout at Moricle Park-4:30-6:30

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the end of Tweens each week. They will eat with the teen youth group from 5 -5:15. We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Teen Programs

Teen Youth Group (9th through 12th grade)

The GUMC Youth meet Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of the church unless otherwise noted. Youth is open to students in 9th through 12th grade. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for April:

April 7: Lesson on Influence
April 14: Skywild at Greensboro Science Center
April 21: The 23 Psalm
April 28: Cookout at Moricle Park 4:30-6:30

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the start of Youth each week. (They will eat with the Tweens group from 5-5:15). We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Youth Midweek Break

During the month of April, the two youth rooms will be open most Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for any high school youth that want to come hang out. Snacks are provided.

2024 Youth Mission Trip

We will be headed to Hinton Rural Life Center in the North Carolina mountains the week of July 28-Aug. 1. **This trip is open to youth who are 12 at the time of the trip through current high school seniors.** We have reserved our spot for this week. However, as long as the week has not reached capacity, we are still able to add to our group. If you have not registered but would like to go, please let Michelle Rash know ASAP. There is a \$150 deposit to save your place on the mission trip. Scholarships are available if needed.

Children and Youth Sunday School

Sunday School is available for children kindergarten through 6th grade in the orange room on the second floor of the church each Sunday morning from 10 to 10:45. Snacks are provided.

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month (the weeks we run the bus), a separate tween Sunday School class meets in the pink room on the second floor of the church from 10 to 10:45. Snacks are provided. The remaining weeks, our tweens will meet with the elementary class for a combined-age class.

The youth have Sunday School in the youth rooms on the lower level of the church. Snacks are provided.

The bus will be available to bring children and youth to 9:00 service and Sunday School on April 14 and April 28 If your child needs transportation, please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424.

See page 4 for information about Vacation Bible School!

Thank You Notes

Dear Gibsonville UMW,

On behalf of our entire family, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for all you did for Frances Childs. Although we weren't able to be with her as often as we wanted, we knew you all were visiting her, sending cards, bringing gifts at holidays, offering her communion, and providing large print Upper Rooms-in other words you let her know she was never alone and was cared for just because she was! Although quiet, and she did not always express herself, she felt all of your care and compassion and very much appreciated it!

We also appreciate the gift you made in her memory-it will no doubt bless others as you blessed her and all of us!

God's Peace,

Tressa Childs & all of Frances Child's family

Story Scholarship

The Story Scholarship Committee will be meeting on Sunday, April 14 at 3PM to review applications.

Applicants will be notified of their decisions no later than May 6.

The scholarships will be presented on the Sunday after Mother's Day, May 19.

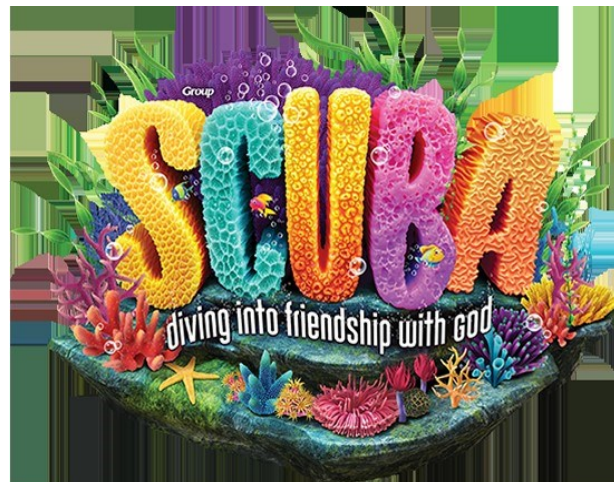


Vacation Bible School

June 17-21

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School! Our theme for 2024 is "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God." VBS will be held June 17-21 from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. and is open to children from age 3 through rising 6th graders. (Older youth are encouraged to volunteer.) There is no cost to attend. We are limiting registration to 80 children this year, so please register early to save your spot.

For more information, to register or to volunteer visit <https://vbspro.events/p/bela7>.



United Methodist Men To Attend Baseball Game

The United Methodist Mens Group will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at the church and take the bus to attend an Elon baseball game. Please contact Claude Little at (336) 447-4002 and let him know if you plan to attend.



April Birthdays

- 4 Tina Gunn
- 7 Phillip Ingle
- 7 Julie Isley
- 7 Stacey Thomas
- 10 Matthew Rickard
- 11 Chris Kirkman
- 12 Lisa Barfield
- 12 Timothy Holloway
- 12 Linda Hunt
- 13 Emily Newton
- 14 Kara Solomon
- 15 Aleigha Cash
- 17 Mitzi Ingle
- 17 Tim Wood
- 19 Carter James
- 20 Scott Key
- 21 Ron Steigerwaldt
- 22 Jeri Hazel Barringer
- 24 Barry Raker
- 25 Eddie Brown
- 25 Donald Merner
- 30 Tammy Riggs

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office so that we may correct our files.



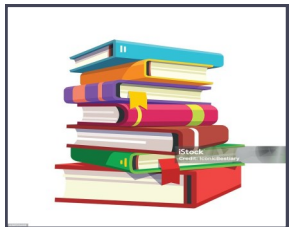
April Anniversaries

- 4 Larry & Peggy Frazier
- 5 Terry & Christina Nesbit
- 23 Barry & Jane Deaton



The church is looking for a volunteer for a project in the conference room/library. Edward Marsh has donated several boxes of books to the church and these need to be gone through.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please contact the church office.



GOOD NEIGHBOR EXPERIMENT

COMING SOON!

Good Neighbor Experiment. This is a 4-month learning cohort that takes Jesus' call to love your neighbors literally and seriously. How would your life be different if you knew your neighbors better and could support one another? How could those individuals and relationships transform your church? Help your congregation move from inauthenticity to joy. We will begin with a 4-week worship series and concurrent small groups in May and we hope many will commit to the longer 11-week training and two gatherings in Raleigh following that. Please pray for this focal point in our life together as a church.

Small Groups will be offered:

- during Sunday School
- Mondays at 7pm
- Thursdays at 1pm

Sign ups will be in the narthex and welcome center soon.