



# April 2024 Newsletter

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## A Note From Pastor Gary . . . . .

I've always thought April Fools ought to be the day after Easter. Jesus returns from the dead and says, "April Fools"! I'm no longer dead but alive forevermore!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Now what do we do? The month of April reminds us that Easter is *more than just one day*. Easter is an "every day" celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life."

So *what* do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After the two angels reminded Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women that Jesus had risen, St. Luke tells us that "they remembered the words, and *returning from the tomb they told all these things* to the eleven and to all the rest" (Lk 24:8-9, emphasis mine). They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to bring an "every day" witness of God's power over Sin, death, Hell, and Satan himself.

So *where* do we go once we leave the empty tomb? They went back to their vocations or stations in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them. The disciples went back to their vocations and lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary lives.

Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are "every day" witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe and are baptized. We have the hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection *living* inside of us. Also, like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we have vocations or stations in life that God has given to us as gift. Most of us are not fishermen, but all of us have one or more of these callings: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities. As repentant Christians, by God's grace we wrap the daily duties and responsibilities of our vocations in the joy, love, peace, and forgiveness of Christ.

Now, we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb free as God's forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by God's Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as "every day" witnesses.

## **Church Tithes & Offering Update**

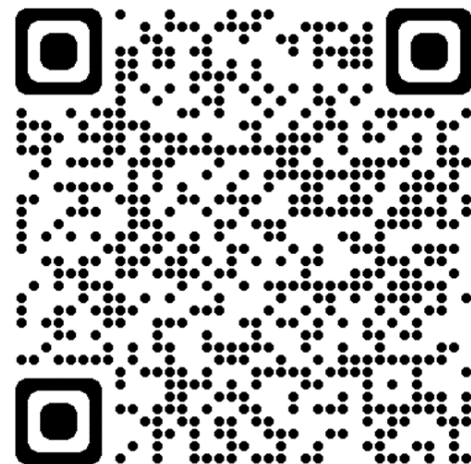
### **March 2024 Financial Update**

#### **Church Budget needs after 13 Sundays thru March 31, 2024.**

Budget: \$63,024  
Received: \$59,132  
Difference: **-\$3,892 or 6.17% short**

Please review the numbers above and see where we stand with our finances at the end of the first quarter.

God works in our lives every day. Sometimes, we just need to take a step back and let God take charge. We were approaching the last week of the month and we needed just a little over \$10,000 to pay the remainder of our bills and payroll. I was worried sick and thought there is no way we could come up with \$10,000. Well, guess what? We did! Praise God! He always comes through.



## Instructions for Using Tithely

Here are some instructions on using tithely. The QR code can be found on the front page of the bulletin, the financial page of the newsletter and on facebook.

When you link through the QR code or website link, you will be taken to the giving screen. You can opt to sign-up, or just to enter each time to click on the link/QR code. If you sign up, you will simply log in and all your information will auto fill the screen. By signing up, Tithely will keep track of your givings.

You will enter the amount of your giving, and then click the "Fund" Drop Down Box to designate where your gift goes. You have the option of choosing to make this gift a One Time gift, or you can set it up to be recurring - Weekly, Bi-weekly, 1st and 15th, or monthly. Then you will enter your name, email address and phone number. And, then click on "Add Payment Method". Click on Card or US Bank Account and enter your card or bank account information here.

There is a small fee (3.14%) for each transaction. This can be paid by the giver, or it will be paid by the church. Choose Yes or No if you would like to cover the fee. You can add a comment or instructions for your gift in the memo section.

At the bottom of the screen is the total amount of your gift. Check on the "Give" button to complete your transaction. You will receive an email confirmation of your gift.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Hockaday.



- April 1 - Christian Trombley
- April 3 - Kymberly Stanek
- April 4 - Ted Washburn
- April 4 - Chance Weaver
- April 8 - Charles Pinkston
- April 8 - John Steven Schooley
- April 9 - Sonya Robinson
- April 11 - Samuel Dean
- April 14 - Cindy Hosey
- April 14 - Randy Whitaker
- April 15 - Abbie Lamb
- April 17 - Blake Hockaday
- April 17 - Will Pope
- April 18 - Michael Keeney
- April 20 - Tommy Barger
- April 20 - Tana Teague
- April 22 - Carol Ackley
- April 26 - Brandon Schwope
- April 27 - Dana Dickinson
- April 28 - Brenda Barber
- April 29 - Corey Hockaday
- April 30 - Marc Kuykendall
- April 30 - Jack Bennett
- April 30 - Kathy Barnes

Ushers

- April 7..... Volunteers
- April 14..... Volunteers
- April 21..... Volunteers
- April 28..... Volunteers

Liturgist

- April 7..... Telia Dunn
- April 14..... Connie Castleberry
- April 21..... Gerald Moses
- April 28..... Mike Myers

Acolytes

- April 7..... Talon Stanley & Minka Stanley
- April 14..... Jaylee Hughes & Presley Bennett
- April 21..... Ember Boyce & Wyatt Kuykendall
- April 28..... Jayci Stanley & Talon Stanley

Children's Church

- April 7..... Alyssa Cupples
- April 14..... Vickie Kuykendall
- April 21..... Jennah Bennett
- April 28..... Lori Harrison

Children's Church Helper

- April 7..... Jaylee Hughes
- April 14..... Wyatt Kuykendall
- April 21..... Jayci Stanley
- April 28..... Minka Stanley

Children's Sermon

- April 7..... Judy Cassady
- April 14..... Dede Robinson
- April 21..... Telia Dunn
- April 28..... Carol Ackley

Money Counters

- April 7..... Telia Dunn & Heather Cox
- April 14..... Marilyn Hockaday & Connie Castleberry
- April 21..... Gary Dan Futrell & Vickie Kuykendall
- April 28..... Marilyn Hockaday & Stacy Purnell

Youth Snacks

Need volunteers to sign up for snacks.

Security

Need volunteers to sign up.

# Memorials

In Memory Of

Royce Bryant  
*Connie Castleberry*

### **Children's Church Volunteer**

**We need two to three more adult volunteers for Children's Church. You will rotate every other month. Contact Annie Washburn to get your name on the list.**

### **Acolytes Needed**

We are in need of extra people to acolyte on Sunday mornings. We are trying to get enough people so that they will acolyte every 6 to 8 Sundays.

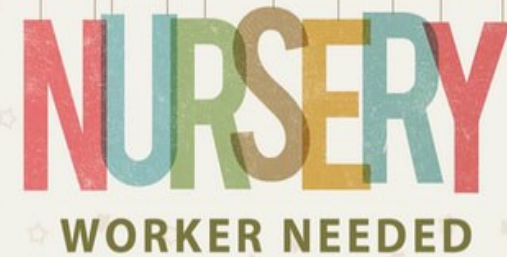
### **Security Team**

We are in need of volunteers for the Security Team. We need people to help with sitting in the foyer during the Morning Worship. You do not have to be a concealed carrier. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Mike Myers at (318) 470-77313

### **Youth Snacks**

**We need volunteers to sign up for Youth Snacks for Sunday afternoons.**

**Sign up sheet is in the foyer.**

A sign with the word "NURSERY" in large, colorful, block letters (red, green, yellow, blue) and "WORKER NEEDED" in smaller, dark letters below it. The background is light with small star patterns.

**NURSERY  
WORKER NEEDED**

### **Nursery Worker Needed**

The Church is seeking someone who is interested in watching children during Sunday Morning Worship and for Special Occasions. Please contact the Church office for an application.

**Please**

**NO FOOD OR  
DRINK IN  
THE  
SANCTUARY**

**thank you**





# April 2024 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Schedule:</b> 9:45am S. S. Class 10:50 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm Youth	1 UMW Meeting 11:30am, brown bag lunch	2 Mother's Day Out 9-2	3 Kids Club 3:00pm Blood Drive 4:30pm-6:30pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm	4 Mother's Day Out 9-2	5	6
7	8 UMW Meeting 11:30am, brown bag lunch	9 Mother's Day Out 9-2	10 Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm	11 Mother's Day Out 9-2	12	13
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21	22 Master Gardeners Mtg. 5:00pm	23 Mother's Day Out 9-2	24 Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm	25 Mother's Day Out 9-2	26	27
28 VBS Meeting for all volunteers 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall	29	30 Mother's Day Out 9-2				



# First United Methodist Women

April 1, 2024 at 11:30 AM

Brown bag lunch  
in the Fellowship Hall

**Bible Study read Luke 24: 13-35 and Mark 16: 12-13**

**Two question:**

**1. Where is Emmaus?**

**2. Who are the two walking down the road?**

**Love Group— April 15 at 1: 30 PM in fellowship hall**

**Joy Group—April 15 at 6 PM in fellowship hall**

**If you have not received a Mother's Day Bulletin and Loved Ones letter by April, there be will be extras in the foyer. Your letter along with your donation should be turned in no later than April 28, so we will have time to prepare the bulletins.**



## VBS Mission Project

Calling all kiddos and adults:  
Our money collected this year  
will go to the Scrapper Super-  
market and the Mule Ride Food  
Pantry.

Bro. Gary has made a challenge.

If we raise

\$250 he will get a bucket of ice  
water dumped on him

\$500 a pie in the face

\$1,000 he will shave his beard.

Let's get that \$1,000 raised.

You may start early raising that

money. If you write a check, put

VBS Challenge on your check

The Kids and adults will have a

great time raising money for a

good cause.

(We are also collecting paper towel  
rolls for craft)



**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
March 3, 2024



Dede Robinson - Children's Moments



Bro. Gary - Sermon



Mike Myers - Liturgist



Ember Boyce & Presley Bennett - Acolytes



**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
March 10, 2024 (UMW Sunday)



Carol Ackley - Children's Moments



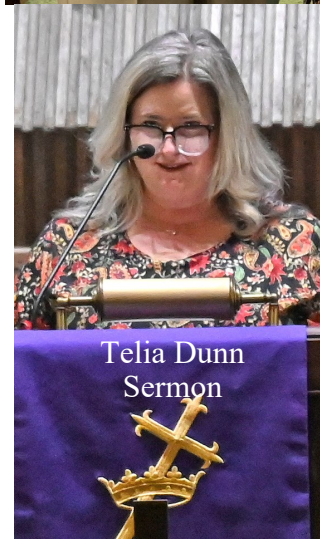
Telia Dunn holding flowers presented to Carolyn Ellis from UMW



Connie Castleberry  
Liturgist



Kathy Peer—Soloist



Telia Dunn  
Sermon



Meet & Greet



**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
March 17, 2024 - Easter Cantata



Chancel Choir & Don Hall - Easter Cantata



Cindy Willard & Becky Posey - Duet

Lily Trombley & Emmie Trombley - Acolytes



Jaree Hall - Pianist, Cantata

Don Hall - Liturgist

Ember Boyce - Solo



**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)



Telia Dunn - Children's Moments



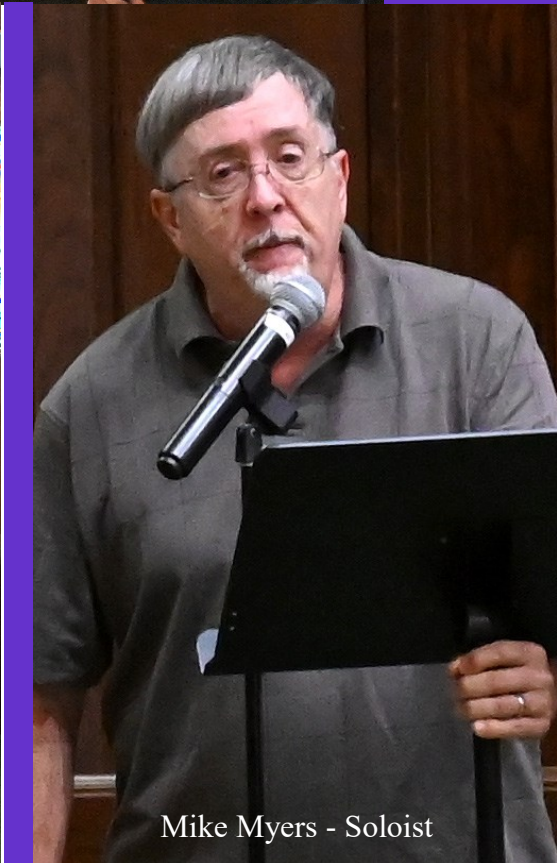
Dede Robinson & Lily Trombley - Acolytes



Bro. Gary Harrison - Palm Sunday



Amelia Hart & Larry Frohnappel



Mike Myers - Soloist



Linda Campbell - New Member



**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)



Wade Eggers - Children's Moments



Wyatt Kuykendall & Ember Boyce - Acolytes



Mike Myers - Liturgist



Tom Dupree - Chimes



Telia Dunn - Sermon



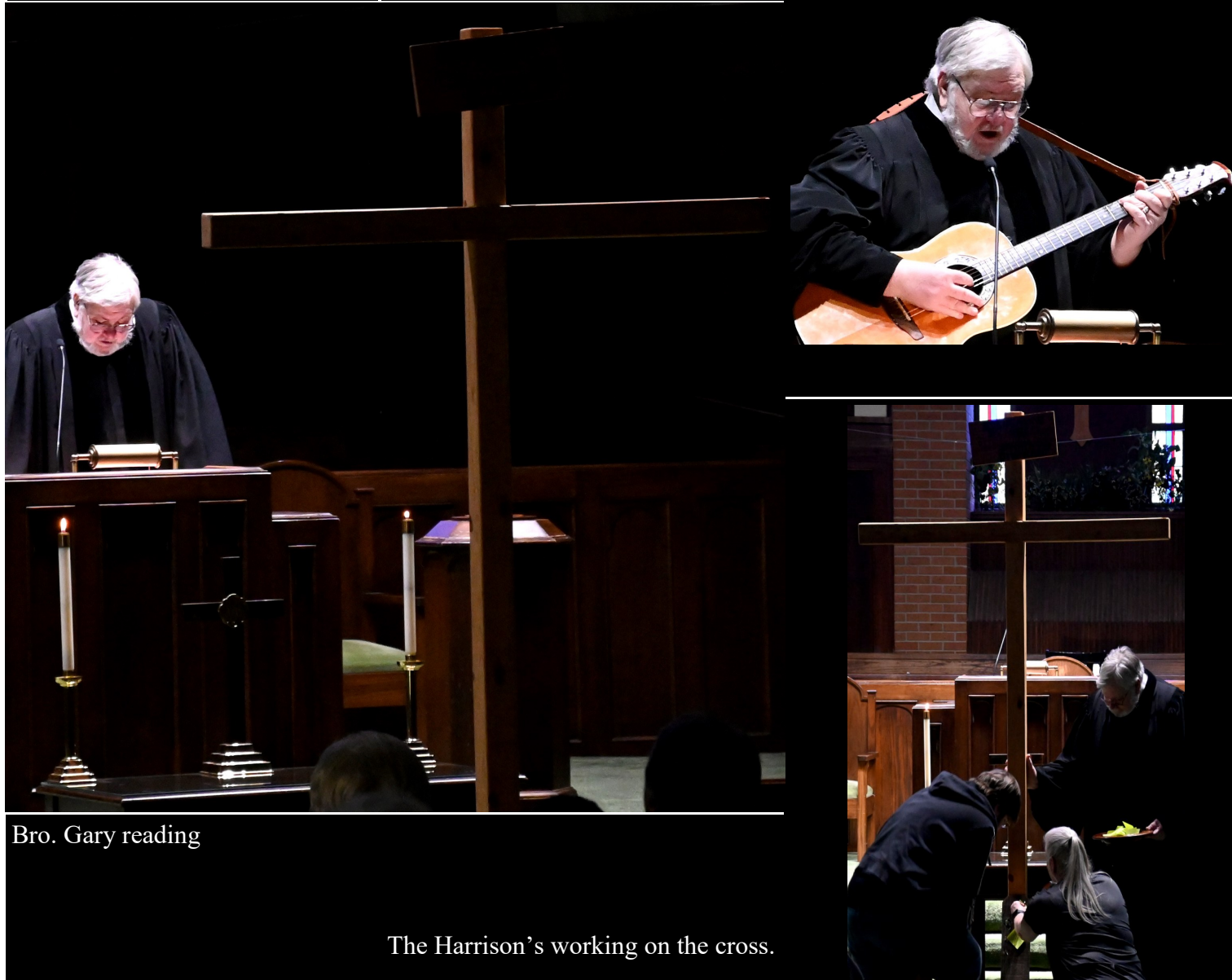
Congregational Hymn



**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer

March 28, 2024 & March 29, 2024 (Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Service)





First United Methodist Church  
March 30, 2024  
Easter Egg Hunt

