

First United Methodist Church of Union County  
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### Holy Week Schedule

***Palm Sunday, 17th*** *Children will process in the services  
Children and their families Cookout on the Hill  
Easter Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny*

***Monday—Friday*** *Lunch will be served at 11:30 & 12:30  
Services will be at noon in the sanctuary*

***Wednesday*** *Regular supper and Programming*

***Thursday*** *Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 pm*

***Easter Sunday*** *Easter Brunch in the fellowship hall, 9:45 am  
(This will be in lieu of Sunday School)  
Confirmands will be confirmed in 10:45 service  
Roy Cardell Garden Dedication, Noon*

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**Times that Services are aired on Cable Channel 4:** Sundays at 9:00 am and 8:30 pm.



# First News

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“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”  
Hebrews 4:13

The science of color in autumn leaves tells us that during the summer, green chlorophyll normally masks the yellow and orange pigments, which become visible when the chlorophyll fades in the fall. The colors are there all along, but don’t show up until the time of year when chlorophyll stops being manufactured. The trees know that it is time when there are longer periods of darkness.

Cindy Lauper has a song called, “True Colors.” Some of the lyrics say:

**I see your true colors shining through,  
I see your true colors and that’s why I love you.  
So don’t be afraid to let them show; your  
True colors are beautiful like a rainbow.**

Hopefully we can live so that if someone saw our True Colors, they would be beautiful. When our public face fades, and our True Colors show through, we should be proud for others to see them.

Our Lord sees our true colors all the time. Remember the story of Matthew, the tax collector, which was about Jesus befriending him, eating with him in his home, and making a believer of him. The first gospel in the New Testament was written by Matthew. Others saw a cheating tax collector, but Jesus saw his true colors.

Jesus died for us while we were yet sinners, because He saw possibility in us. He loves us even though He sees through our “public faces.” We are told that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38), not even our True Colors.  
- submitted by Jackie Franklin



Pancake Breakfast

## Don’t Miss Out on our BIG Campus Day, Saturday, April 30th!

*The Methodist Men having their annual Pancake Breakfast!*

*The Parish Nurses are sponsoring the Health Fair from 7:00 am till 9:30 am!*

*The children and youth ministry are having a car wash 7:00 am till noon!*

*The Crafty Ladies will be having a Treasures Sale in the annex from 8:00 am—1:00pm.*

*And, there will also be a Bake Sale by the Crafty Ladies that day!*



## Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

**8:30 am Casual Service**  
Sanctuary  
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

**9:45 am Sunday School for all ages**  
**10:45 am Traditional Service**  
Sanctuary  
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

**10:45 am Contemporary**  
The MAC  
Pastor Richard Rivera

## Membership News

### March Average Worship Attendance

8:30 Early Service	74
9:45 Sunday School	146
10:45 Traditional	207
10:45 Thrive	92

### April Servants

**Ushers:** Gary Connolly  
Lois Connolly  
Pennie Hebble  
Joel Palmer  
Ron Taylor  
Jack Bailey

### **Greeters:**

**8:30** Barbara & Bill Gleasure

**10:45** Sherry & Roger Pope



THE GATHERING

THE GATHERING is a good time for us to get to know each other better. Come by and join us around 9:30 am in the Youth Room downstairs in the MAC.

The schedule is as follows:

April 3rd	Joy/Searchers
April 10th	Friendship
April 17th	Journey

Thanks to the Sunday School classes who bring scrumptious food items for this social time before Sunday school each week.

## New News

preschool registration



CEC preschool public registration begins April 11th. Registration fee is \$70. Please see Ms. Martha Cone or contact the church office for further details.

We welcome Deidra Gilbert to the church staff as our new financial secretary. She will be in her office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays part-time. We have also moved the financial office to its new location, directly across from the administrative offices.



Ronda Rich, author of "What Southern Women Know about Faith" will be speaking at our church on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 pm in the MAC. Tickets are \$15.00. Dessert will be served. Come join us for an evening of laughter and inspiration. All proceeds benefit our church's Relay for Life team. Contact Stacy Head at 706.897.1194 or [stacyhead@windstream.net](mailto:stacyhead@windstream.net) for tickets.



You may give to the Pacific Emergency UMCOR Advance fund #3021317

**Online:** [www.givetomission.org](http://www.givetomission.org)

**By Offering:** mark your check with the advance #

**By Check:** Mail directly to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087

**Or by Credit Card:** Call toll-free (800) 554-8583

These funds will go 100% towards the relief effort in Japan.



The United Methodist Women are collecting personal hygiene items for Hope House to distribute. You may drop off soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, etc. in the boxes in the narthex and MAC. Hope House saw 75 households in February and over \$3,392.92 was spent helping them. Anyone interested in learning more about Hope House or volunteering, please contact Evelyn in the church office.

### Conference Sponsored Leadership Training to be held at Sharp Memorial UMC

April 16th from 9:30 am till 3 pm

Chili Lunch will be provided, donations appreciated

RSVP by March 30th at 706.319.3210 or email [laurenjudyneal@gmail.com](mailto:laurenjudyneal@gmail.com)

### **Sessions to be offered:**

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| 1. Teaching Models and Methods for Methodists              | 10:00 am and 1:00 pm |
| 2. So You're in Charge of the Meeting! Led by Mike Selleck | 10:00 am and 1:00pm  |
| 3. Resources for Children and Youth                        | 10:00 am             |
| 4. Resources for Adults                                    | 1:00 pm              |



**Directories** are now in the church office. You may pick yours up from there.



# April Calendar

April 2 Tom Womack  
 April 3 Savannah Medley  
 April 4 Kenna Bauman  
 Tim Derflinger  
 April 6 Erin Innis  
 April 8 Art McCann  
 April 9 Tissy Harris  
 April 10 Tammy Palmer  
 Linda Womack  
 April 11 Tom Heuker  
 Marsha Hughes  
 Steven Seiler  
 Teresa Turner  
 April 14 Mary Corbin  
 Jason Gilliland  
 Mikala Jones  
 Fritz Simonsen  
 Bretney Turner  
 April 15 Jim Wiley  
 April 16 Bob Head  
 April 17 Stacy Head  
 April 18 Nick Frechette  
 April 20 Donald Cummings  
 Glenda Taylor  
 Warren Wilson  
 April 21 Margie Bowron  
 Grace Rivera  
 April 22 Robert DenBleyker  
 April 23 Camryn Carter  
 April 24 Greg Lane  
 Travis Warren  
 April 26 Lois Connolly  
 Mason Schuknecht  
 April 28 Gary Connolly  
 April 29 Evelyn Ueltzen

Sunday, 3rd Worship Services  
 Monday, 4th UC Spring Break  
 Stephens, 6:00pm  
 Zumba, 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, 5th Scrapbooking, 9:30 am  
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm  
 Tai Chi, 1:30 pm  
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm  
 Radical Hospitality, 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday, 6th Morning Glory Circle, 10:00 am  
 NO WNL Supper or Programming  
 Choir, 7:00 pm  
 Thursday, 7th OASIS  
 Get Fit, 5:15pm  
 Circle of Love/Bible Study, 6:15 pm  
 Sunday, 10th Worship Services  
 Monday, 11th Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am  
 Zumba, 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, 12th Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm  
 Men's Bible Study, 10:00 am  
 Tai Chi, 1:30 pm  
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm  
 Wednesday, 13th FUNDamentals, 3:30 pm  
 WNL Supper 5:00pm  
 Adult Bible Study, 6:00pm  
 Choir, 7:00 pm  
 Thursday, 14th OASIS  
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm  
 Sunday, 17th Palm Sunday/Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
 Monday, 18th Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am  
 Holy Week Lunch/Service, 11:30 —1:00pm  
 Stephens, 6:00 pm  
 Zumba, 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, 19th Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm  
 Men's Bible Study, 10:00 am  
 Holy Week Lunch/Service, 11:30—1:00 pm  
 UMW Missions, 10:00 am  
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm  
 Radical Hospitality, 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday, 20th Holy Week Lunch/Service, 11:30 –1:00 pm  
 FUNDamentals, 3:30 pm  
 WNL Supper, 5:00 pm  
 Programming, 6:00 pm  
 Choir, 7 pm  
 Thursday, 21st Holy Week Lunch/Service, 11:30—1:00pm  
 Get Fit, 5: 15 pm  
 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 pm  
 Ladies' Bible Study, 6:15 pm  
 Friday, 22nd Holy Week Lunch/Service, 11:30—1:00pm  
 Sunday, 24th Easter Brunch, 9:45 am  
 HE IS RISEN!  
 Roy Cardell Garden Dedication, noon  
 Monday, 25th Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00  
 Zumba, 6:30 pm

Calendar continued.....

Tuesday, 26th Scrapbooking 9:30 am  
 Yoga, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm  
 Men's Bible Study, 10:00  
 Health Cabinet, 5:00pm  
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm  
 Wednesday, 27th FUNDamentals, 3:30 pm  
 WNL Supper, 5:00 pm  
 Programming, 6:00 pm  
 Choir, 7 pm  
 Thursday, 28th OASIS  
 Get Fit, 5:15 pm  
 Relay for Life Speaker, 7:00  
 Saturday, 30th Pancake Breakfast  
 Health Fair, Car Wash,  
 Treasure's Sale, Bake Sale





**Think on These Things**

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.*

*Philippians 4:4-8*

What do you think about? Your favorite TV show? What's for dinner? What the rest of your day will hold? Your weekend plans?

Whatever you do think about, let it praise God. What we put into our minds determines what comes out in our words and actions. Think about what we are putting into our minds through TV, books, movies, magazines, and conversations. Let's replace those things with good, wholesome materials and thoughts. Include God's Word! Spend time with the Lord! There are 1,440 minutes a day. Let's give God at least one!

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And when you pray please remember our military and homebound members.

**Homebound:**

Bonnie McCullum  
Omah Rogers  
Shirlee Evans  
May Langman  
Lavon Butt

Jim Hinton  
Elizabeth Henley  
Hattie Gleasure  
Lois Barr

**Michael Couture, US Marine Corps, Afghanistan.**



**Fireman Brandon Rignour**, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: brandonrignour@yahoo.com. He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

**EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton**, He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

**ND Brody Dorton**, He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son .

**AW3 Evan Albright**, HS-4 Unit 25172, FPO AP 96001-5704. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

**1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J.**, 11 11th Street, Apartment 9, Columbus, Georgia 31901. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

**A1C Krystle Lewis** 1531 West Lemom Street, Apt. 4405, Tampa, FL 33606. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

**Pvt, Prentice, Nathaniel**, 11214 8th Avenue CT E #82, Tacoma, Washington 98455. He is the grandson of Juanita Prentice.

**Krogmeier, Cory** Army. Grandson of Lois Connolly.

**Capt. Paul Hargrove** (Army Special Forces), 1266 Arailia Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28314. He is Myrtle & Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

**1st Sgt. Kevin Ryan** (Air Force), 104 Creekside Lane, VAFB, CA 93437. He is Henry Von Staden's grandson in law.

**Cpt. Laura Jeffrey, 1 Sgt. Craig Jeffrey, Lt. Andre LaTaste** All children of Vern and Angie Craft

**Sgt 1st class, Josh Pierce**, grandson-in-law of George Houdeshel.

**Sgt. Patrick Riley** 2/1 WPNS Co., Unit 40210, FPO AP 96427-0210. Patrick is Norm and Carole Thompson's grandson.

**USAF Major Curtis DeLoach**, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Curtis is the son of JoAnna and Sam DeLoach

**Corp Christopher Womack**, P.O. Box 8549, Camp Lejune, NC 28528. He is the grandson of Glen and Linda Womack.

**Sgt. Ueltzen, Matthew, 55th MAC (1st Platoon), FOB Ramrod, APO AE 09313.** He is the son of Evelyn and David Ueltzen.



## United Methodist Women Circles

The OASIS Spring session got under way on March 24th and will continue through May 19th, meeting each Thursday. THE EXCEPTION BEING NO OASIS ON APRIL 21ST. This session shows 344 students registered for 47 classes, requiring 90 dedicated volunteers to make the program successful.

An addition to our curriculum this session will be the class "Writing Your Personal History". This class will take students into their family history and genealogy and should prove interesting to those participants. Although we have scaled back our lunch catering program, Cook's Country Kitchen continues to deliver box lunches each Thursday to those students that so desire, by ordering the lunches a week in advance.

The OASIS staff is looking forward to this session before breaking for the summer. The Spring session should be a time of learning and fellowship for everyone involved.

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.oasisfumc.com](http://www.oasisfumc.com)

Circle of Love will continue with the Beth Moore study, "Jesus the One and Only". We will meet April 7th and 21st at 6:15 pm downstairs in the children's theater.



Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, April 6th at 10:00 am in the Friendship SS room.

UMW Missions Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 19th in the Bray Chapel.



## Parish Nursing

Blood pressures will be taken Sunday, April 3rd in the MAC.

### ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

April 30th, Saturday

7:00 am—9:30 am

- Lab work by Union General Hospital Lab
- This will include blood chemistry, CBC, TSH (thyroid), and optional PSA (prostate). The cost will be the same as last year (\$30 for all blood tests except an additional \$15 for the PSA for men.) CASH or CHECK only. This is a huge savings and is a special health fair price. You must fast for 12 hours before having the blood test.

All other tests and screenings will be free:

- Hearing Screening
- Glaucoma Screening
- Fitness Testing/Information
- Special information about heart attacks and strokes
- Information tables, including Diabetes, Walking Club, Organ Donation, Cancer and more!
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Health Age Appraisals
- Critical Conditions, Advanced Directive Forms

Don't miss this popular event! The Methodist Men will be having a Pancake Breakfast the same day. After your blood test, have a great breakfast! Then get your car washed by the Youth!

## Wed. PM Schedule

3:30 FUNdamentals  
 5:00 Supper  
 6:00 Hand bell Practice  
 6:00 Children/Youth Programs  
 6:00 Adult Bible Study  
 7:00 Choir Practice



April 3 Team #1  
 April 10 Team #2  
 April 17 Team #4  
 April 24 Team #5

Team #1 Steven Seiler  
 Sam Seiler  
 Adam Rowe  
 Team #2 Ben Wegas  
 Alex Collins  
 Milo Bauman  
 Team #4 Caroline Legg  
 Adalyn Rogers  
 Isaac Metcalf  
 Team #5 Grace Rivera  
 Tanner Carrier  
 Team #6 Emma Collins  
 Grace Wischmeyer  
 Mary Wischmeyer

## Wednesday Night Suppers

**Wed. , April 6 NO SUPPER or PROGRAMMING due to Spring Break**

**Wed., April 13** Baked ham, mac 'n cheese, baby peas, carrot and cranberry salad, biscuits, apple and peach cobbler  
**Diane and Rick Gutierrez**  
**Kids' Menu:** Subs, chips, fruit, chocolate chip cookies and pb & j station

**Wed., April 20** Spring Salad Week—chicken, ham and egg salad and salad bar, assortment of breads and crackers, coconut cake  
**Dinah Carter**  
**Kids' Menu:** Spaghetti bake, green beans, fruit, cake and pb & j station

**Wed., April 27** Open—Available for someone to step up to the plate  
**??????**  
**Kids' Menu:** Chicken nuggets, mac 'n cheese, veggies, ice cream cups and pb & j station

**Survey:** Our volunteers for Wednesday Night Supper have dwindled (as evidenced by the above 27th) causing us to look at other options for the Fall. We would appreciate your input as to what YOU are willing to do:

- hire a caterer
- have the supper only once a month
- cancel the supper all together and only come for programming at 6pm
- volunteer to serve on a kitchen or clean-up crew once a month

**Please let us hear from you now so we might plan for the fall.**

## SOLID ROCK STUDENT MINISTRY

HOMETOWN NAZARETH VBS  
 June 5th—9th  
 5:00 pm till 8:30 pm



Location: here at FUMC

Celebration begins at 5:00 pm with check-in and ends at 8:30 pm.

For more information please contact Richard at 706.745.2073 ext. 232.

Participants and volunteers may register online through the church's website  
[www.fumcunioncounty.org](http://www.fumcunioncounty.org)

### Upcoming Events:

There will be **no** children programming on Wednesday, April 6th due to spring break!

Palm Sunday for the Children—Sunday, 17th  
 Hotdog cookout after services for children and their families  
 Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

D'NOW Youth Retreat—the weekend of May 13th—15th  
 Youth will be on campus for the weekend, Cost is \$30.00

## EXERCISE CLASS



### Mac Fitness ...

**“Zumba” Fitness...** Mondays at 6:30pm Class meets downstairs in the MAC in room M-0. What is a Zumba fitness class like? It's a very exciting dance party atmosphere full of Latin and international music. You'll forget you're working out with the simple moves to dance music like Cha Cha, Salsa, reggaeton, rumba and more. Best of all, you don't need any previous dance experience! The workout is basically watch and follow. The moves are repeated often enough for you to catch on and they're not complicated. Class will work with DVD instruction. There is no cost.

### **“Get Fit” Exercise Class:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays led by Dan D'Agostino. Class includes weight training, cardio exercise, and muscle toning and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15pm until 6:00pm in room M-0 downstairs at the MAC and there is no cost. Bring a mat and some hand weights.

### **Christ Centered Yoga:**

Compliment any exercise program at any fitness level with yoga. Led by Pat Tomzyck. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Bring your own yoga mat. Meets Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room M-0 and 5:30pm in room M-32.

**“Tai Chi”:** Tuesdays at 1:30pm downstairs at the MAC in room M-0 and is open to everyone. Class is led by Dr. Dennis Tidwell. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Bring a mat!

## Opportunities @



### MAC Winter Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8:00am - 8:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – 1:00pm

**Our Upward Indoor Soccer season at the MAC...** was a great experience for our FUMC kids as well as many kids from our community. Special thanks to Richard Rivera and our Youth Ministry for providing our concession stand for the season and to Joe Collins for helping administrate our games. We look forward to our next Upward league, Flag Football this Fall! Below are the 2011 dates for our coming Upward sports leagues...

### **Flag Football & Cheerleading!**

**Age Group:** Kindergarten - Grade 6  
**Registration:** May 21st - July 23rd  
**Evaluations:** Saturday, June 11th & June 18th,  
10am - 12 noon at House of Prayer  
**Practices Start:** Week of August 1st  
**First Game:** Saturday, August 20th  
**Last Game:** Saturday, September 24th



**FLAG FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE**

### **Basketball & Cheerleading**

**Age Group:** Kindergarten thru Grade 8  
**Registration:** August 1st - Sept. 15th  
**Evaluations:** Tuesday, Sept 21st  
6pm - 8pm  
Thursday, Sept 24th  
6pm - 8pm  
@ the House of Prayer  
**Practices Start:** Week of October 18th  
**First Game:** Saturday, October 22nd  
**Last Game:** Saturday, December 3rd  
**Awards Night:** Saturday, December 3rd  
**Cost:** Basketball: \$60  
Cheerleading: \$55



**Do you have old dumbbells (weights, that is) at home?** Donate them to the MAC fitness program. We need weights 8 lbs.—15 lbs. for our fitness classes. Bring them to the MAC or call Stan today!

## Young at Heart

**AARP Tax-Aide!** Who: Ages 60 and up. Where: First Baptist Church, Blairsville  
When: Tuesday and Thursday 9am –2 pm through April 15th. What: Free one-n-one counseling plus assistance on the phone to help individuals to prepare basic tax forms. For information please call 706-745-7998.

**Smokie Mountain Melodies** “Spring Concert”, May 14th @ Young Harris College!  
Watch the MAC desk for ticket and bus information.