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EASTER LABYRINTH

An interactive journey to explore the spiritual essence of Easter



WALK LISTEN TOUCH SMELL TASTE WONDER



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First United Methodist Church—Family Ministries Center

March 20th through March 27th

Times to be announced...

Not Quite Home

*“Overcome with fear and dread, they fled from the tomb.
They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.”
Mark 16:8 Common English Bible*

There are a lot of emotions that we associate with Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus. Joy, celebration, happiness, and awe are just a few that come to my mind.

However, no matter how long my list of Easter emotions gets, I seldom end up with “fear and dread” on it. And yet, that is exactly how Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome are described as feeling when they found the empty tomb and heard the message that Jesus had risen from the dead. They not only felt fear and dread, they were overcome with it.

We know that the women did not keep complete silence about the event as Mark says in his account – how else would Mark have known unless the eye witnesses told him? So perhaps the mention of being overcome by fear and dread was a way for Mark to explain why it took a little while for the report to spread. Truthfully, I don’t know and I am not sure that we can know. The ending here is filled with as much mystery as, well, as the Son of God.

The more I think about it, though, perhaps fear and dread are pretty common emotions when God shows up in a powerful way...

We sat in the sanctuary of the little country church and were just about ready to wrap up our Wednesday evening Bible Study when the doors at the back of the sanctuary opened. Standing in the doorway in a suit jacket three sizes too big and a tie that was older than my twenty-five years was “Jack” – one of the community’s heaviest drinkers and partiers.

I watched as he walked from the back of the church to the front row and swallowed hard as I wondered what was going to happen next. He paused by the front pew and said, “Preacher, I was wondering if you all would be willing to pray for my little boy. He’s four years old and the doctors have found something on his brain and they are doing surgery on him tomorrow. I know I’m not a member or anything, but I wanted to stop by and ask you to pray.”

There was a silence as I tried to figure out what to do with the group of “veteran Christians” watching their young pastor. As I started to ask the group what they would want to do, Miss Virgie, an octogenarian with both moxie and faith stood up and said, “Well, preacher, it looks like we got some praying to do. You get Jack up to that altar and we will gather round and have a good ole fashioned prayer time!”

Yeah...I did what I was told. I didn’t mess with Miss Virgie. That just wouldn’t have gone well.

It did go well for Jack’s son. Surgery was a wonderful success and the next year the little boy headed off to Kindergarten absolutely no different than his peers.

We saw Jack occasionally at the church. He’d sneak in late and sit in the back – or at least as far back as the regular members left empty seats, that is. He wasn’t regular, but people stayed in touch



Director of Children's Ministries

Barbara Ballard, Office Hours: Mon. 9:00—10:00 AM; 11:30—12:30 PM, Tues. 1-2 & Wed 12-2, Cell (304-920-8186)

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Children's Sunday School

Led by Miss Sandy, Miss Karen, Miss Kay and Miss Barbara

9:30 AM: Fellowship Time and Snack

9:45-10:30 AM: Lesson, animated DVD, activities, prayer time

10:30 AM: visit Mr. Jerry's library

Children's Fellowship Time "Close Encounters with the Messiah"

continues through March 16th(Show Off night with snack supper).

Children's Choir, led by Miss Sherrie, will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings to prepare for their Mother's Day performance.

VBS 2016

"Cave Quest"

* Coming this summer!

***Music with Miss Sherrie, Closing with Tom Bay, snack supper with Martha and Larry Cook, Mission with Kathy Tucker and story with Stan Tucker and other actors!**

*More Volunteers needed!!

See Barb if you'd like to be part of a station team (food prep, decorating, games, imagination station and more!) or help by leading or assisting with a multi-age crew as they visit stations.





March and April

Easter Egg Hunt

Schell Hall and (hopefully) outside

Saturday, March 26, 2016

11:00 AM-to 12:00 PM

Egg Hunt, fun activities,

Plus an opportunity to visit Tom Bay's Holy Week "Labyrinth"
in our FMC gym!!!

Visit John and Gina Moore's Petting Zoo (weather permitting)

Children: Preschool - 5th Grade

Come and bring your friends!!!

We welcome any adult or youth who is interested in leading an activity,
helping with hiding eggs or supervising kids as they find eggs.

Empty eggs will be available to fill starting in March. Bags of fun-sized
wrapped candy would also be welcome as we have a volunteer willing to fill
some of the eggs this year.

Thanks so much for
dy donations that
munity event af-



your generous can-
make this fun com-
fordable!!!

News
From the
3rd floor



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Office Hours
Sunday 2-8:30
Monday 10:30-4
Tuesday 10:30-4
Wednesday 11:30-8
Thursday 10:30-12:30



Youth Night
Sunday's 4:00 -5:30 pm

Bible Study
Wednesday's at 6:00 pm



Youth



Breakfast

March 15th
&
April 12th

HEGF
Fundraiser



March 20th

with
Fried potatoes



All Proceeds go to support Feeding
Hungry Children Program.

Canned goods will be collected for
Tender Mercies & Bluefield Union
Mission



March 6th

5:45 PM



Transitions

In Memory:

Rev. John Mendez	January 04, 2016
William Jackson "Bill" Reynolds	January 17, 2016
Mrs. Violette Taylor Oney	January 26, 2016
Clarence Howard Bowman	February 16, 2016
Earl Wayne "Red" Haga	February 18, 2016

Transferred to Another United Methodist Church:

Deborah E. Farabaugh	
To Virginia Beach United Methodist Church	January 25, 2016

Transferred to Another Denomination:

Robert Charles "Bob" Grim, Sr.	
Princeton Church of God – Princeton	February 12, 2016



The Easter offering this year will be designated for the Bible in the Schools Program in the Princeton Area.



March Anniversaries and Birthdays



March 03 – Jim and Janie Sarver
 March 15 – Jamey and Raegan
 March 20 – Greg and Jane Jessee
 March 21 – Bob and Jackie Davis



March 01 – Anna Johnson
 March 02 – Janet Winfrey
 March 03 – Jim Burks
 March 03 – Mary Davis (94)
 March 04 – David Johnson
 March 04 – Bob Lohr
 March 05 – Shirley Barker
 March 05 – Keri Johnson
 March 05 – Bryce Veneri
 March 06 – Martha Cook
 March 07 – Megan Hersman
 March 07 – Emma Johnston
 March 08 – Abigail Pack
 March 08 – John White
 March 08 – Stephen Wynne

March 10 – Jordan Stadvec
 March 11 – Ed Horton (97)
 March 11 – Brenda Lohr
 March 13 – Rachel Johnson
 March 13 – Mary Frances Morris
 March 14 – Evan Bay
 March 14 – Neil Lohr (91)
 March 15 – Austin Walker Smith
 March 16 – Becky Kidwell
 March 19 – Sally Hill
 March 20 – Charity Spring Bailey
 March 20 – Patricia Holland
 March 21 – Megan Damewood
 March 21 – Lucille Reynolds (94)
 March 22 – Melissa Forbes
 March 22 – Tex Kennedy
 March 23 – Debbie Griffith
 March 24 – Joe Bowling
 March 24 – Mona Lester
 March 25 – Evan Painter
 March 26 – Sue Backus
 March 26 – Jerry Jenkins
 March 26 – Naomi Raines
 March 27 – Alston Sarver
 March 27 – Richard Steenson
 March 30 – Lela McCormick
 March 30 – Betty Moody
 March 31 – John Fleming
 March 31 – Jeff Hollifield
 March 31 – Cindy Kelly
 March 31 – Betty L. Robertson
 March 31 – Connie Scott

April Anniversaries and Birthdays

April 01 – David and Ann Graham
 April 10 – Jeff and Ginny Boyles
 April 11 – Devin and Amy Olachea
 April 14 – Randall and Sandy Veneri (56)
 April 15 – Lynn and Pat Veneri (51)
 April 21 – John Mark and Leah Mendez
 April 26 – Nathan & Lee Elmore (59)



April 01 – Stephanie Bowling
 April 01 – Jeff Boyles
 April 01 – Otis Earls
 April 01 – Robert East
 April 01 – Suzy Fry
 April 01 – Roland Munique
 April 01 – Shari Steenson
 April 03 – Sydney Ben Chaabane
 April 04 – Anna Coulbourne
 April 04 – Candace Haynes
 April 04 – Anthony Veneri
 April 06 – Barb Hampton
 April 06 – Laura Suroski
 April 07 – Greg Jessee
 April 08 – Jane Dingus
 April 09 – Betty Branch
 April 10 – Lynda Munique
 April 10 – Kayla Thomas

April 11 – Erin Mendez Rimbach
 April 11 – Brandon Roland
 April 12 – Corbin Fredeking
 April 12 – Don Stanley
 April 12 – Ella Veneri
 April 13 – Rachel Smith
 April 14 – Jean Bailes (92)
 April 14 – Carol Bailey
 April 14 – Ott Fredeking
 April 15 – Ted Gillespie
 April 15 – Bruce Smith
 April 16 – Jordan Henry
 April 16 – Devin Olachea
 April 17 – Carol Ann Cook
 April 17 – Paige Price
 April 17 – Becky Veneri
 April 18 – Brooke Henkes
 April 18 – Carol Johnson
 April 18 – Kathryn Tucker
 April 19 – Jack Stafford
 April 21 – Jerry Childress
 April 21 – Twyla Hersman
 April 21 – Justin Shaffer
 April 22 – Jasper Pritchett
 April 22 – Jersey Pritchett
 April 22 – Jillian Pritchett
 April 22 – Katy Vaughn
 April 22 – Jan Wilson
 April 24 – Elmer Bay
 April 24 – Betty Costoplos
 April 26 – Joe Damewood
 April 26 – Rick Dooley
 April 29 – Nancy Duncan
 April 29 – Ryan Shreve
 April 30 – Isaac Mick
 April 30 – Bob Robinson



In Honor and In Memory of ...

IN HONOR OF

DR. DANIEL W. FARLEY
gifts have been designated

by

his sister, Judith Fleming
Higher Education Grant Fund

IN MEMORY OF

CLARENCE H. BOWMAN
gifts have been designated
by
T.J., Jana and Madalyn Jarrett
Feeding Hungry Children Fund
(a donation of food)

EARL WAYNE "RED" HAGA
a gift has been designated
by
Men's Prayer Breakfast
Men's Prayer Breakfast Project –
Gasoline Cards

WAYNE "RED" AND ROSA HAGA
a gift has been designated
by
Judy Taylor
Feeding Hungry Children Fund
Thread Loving Crafters Fund

REV. JOHN MENDEZ

a gift has been designated

by

Jerry and Patty Flanagan
Feeding Hungry Children Fund

by

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Men's Prayer Breakfast Project –
Gasoline Cards

Marguerite Miller
a gift has been designated
by
Mike and Bonita Belcher and
Ed and Belinda Pendleton
Feeding Hungry Children Fund

VIOLETTE VIRGINIA TAYLOR ONEY
a gift has been designated
by
Edward and Mary Ruth Austin
Nancy Shelton Donovan and
Karen Shelton Thorn
Memorial Fund

WILLIAM JACKSON "BILL" REYNOLDS

a gift has been designated

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In Honor and In Memory of, continued

by

Rodney and Margaret Thorn

Bereavement Fund

Ed and Margaret Horton

Feeding Hungry Children Fund

Anna Lee Byers and Family

Priscilla Cecil

Dean and Doug Coon

Nancy Donovan and Karen Thorn

Shirley Evans

Ted and Debbie Gillespie

Bill and Sharon Ofsa

Patty and Monty Ratcliffe

Brenda Skinner

Joseph M. Sanders

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Winick

Memorial Fund

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast Project –

Gasoline Cards

Terry and Jerry Childress

Odell H. Huffman Scholarship Fund

JACK SEARS

a gift has been designated

by

Bob and Leslie Henry

Mission of Peace for WV Participants

The following book has been placed in the church library

In Memory of Jack Sears

“Wesley Country: A Pictorial History

Based on John Wesley's Journal,

compiled by Richard Bewes

by

Jerry and Patty Flanagan

VIRGINIA SHAPARD

a gift has been designated

by

Mike and Bonita Belcher and

Ed and Belinda Pendleton

Altar Guild Fund



Not Quite Home, continued

just like they do in small town WV.

I share this story with you because I have to admit that when I first saw Jack framed in the light of the opening door of that little church, the first emotion I felt was something akin to fear. I was afraid about what would happen next. I was afraid of the change that would come to this little congregation. What would transpire when what John Wesley would refer to as a “gross, scandalous transgressor” mixed among the familiar “reputable and decent sinners” (also Wesley’s words) that made up the congregation?

I didn’t know and I was a little afraid.

I also must say that I dreaded this appearance as well. Change is hard. Change is not fun. Change is, well, change! And sometimes we just dread it.

But when God shows up at the tomb of his Son, his only Son, and brings Resurrection to this world – that’s a big change. No wonder the women were afraid. No wonder they were overcome with dread.

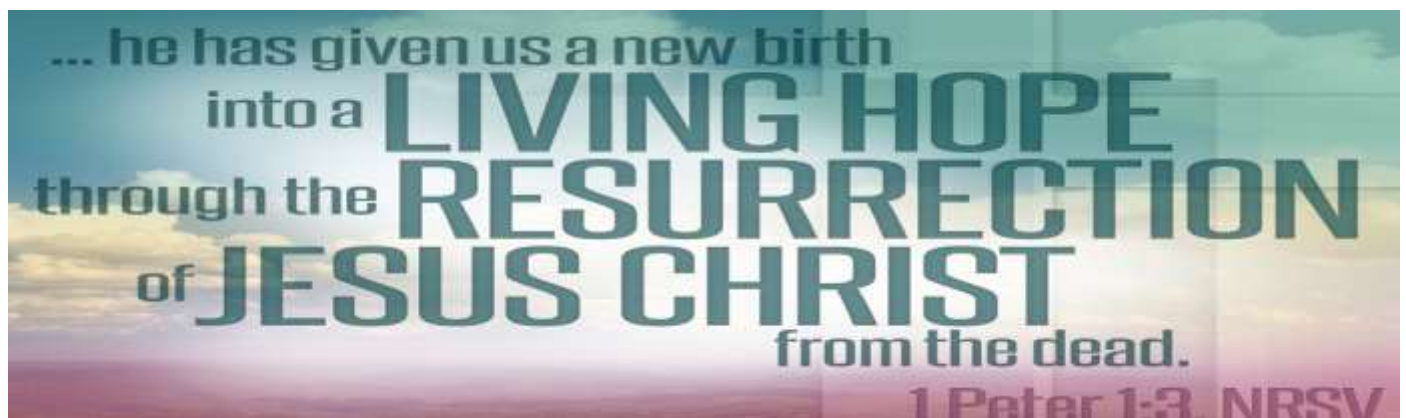
When Jesus shows up in the lives of those we, well, aren’t quite comfortable with in our comfortable little lives, there can be fear. There can be dread. All because everything is about to change.

Remember that the next times something gets changed around you. Fear and dread were part of the Resurrection story – and no story could have been better for our world than that one. It’s why we call it Good News, you know!

Peace,

Scott Sears

Pastor Scott





Thank You Notes

Thank you to the many folks who have sent me cards and notes of encouragement and concern the past few weeks. To know that I am in your prayers and that you care about me provides me added strength and comfort as I continue to go through chemo therapy. A special thank you to both the TLC group and the Feed the Hungry Children team for their special gifts.

Rosanna Reaser

Dear First United Methodist Church,

I appreciate all your help and support over the past two years by receiving the Odell H. Huffman Scholarship awards. This scholarship has been a tremendous help with my tuition and all the books I have had to purchase. The support our church provides to eligible students like myself is a wonderful blessing.

Thank you again,

Tierney Quesenberry

To the Odell H. Huffman Scholarship Committee and my FUMC Family,

Thank you once again for the continued support as I pursue my education, and make the transition to graduate school. It is a wonderful feeling knowing that I have both spiritual and financial support from my church family.

Thank you once again,

Sahara Stanley

Staff and Congregation of the Church I'm honored to serve,

Thank you all so much for holding me and my family in prayer through Dad's illness and death. The gift of the plant was an added bonus to remind me that life is precious.

Thank you for being great co-workers and a Team that covered so well for me.

Thank you for being a caring congregation.

Your Pastor,

Scott



Thank You Notes, continued

Dear Friends,

Some people think that after the busy holiday season we are able to relax a bit. But as you and I know, The Salvation Army cannot---will not---rest as long as suffering souls are coming to our door for help.....

..... I trust you know how grateful I am for your generous spirit and ongoing support..... We promise to continue doing the most good with your contributions.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of the hungry and homeless.

Major Raymond Pruitt



ask almost anything Returns in April

Attendance

ATTENDANCE – January 2016		
Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship
01.03.2016	82	142
01.10.2016	75	176
01.17.2016	61	151
01.24.2016		130
01.31.2016	70	171

ATTENDANCE – February 2016		
Date	Sunday School	10:50 AM Worship
02.07.2016	76	165
02.10.2016	Ash Wednesday	11
02.14.2016	123	210
02.21.2016	70	194
02.28.2016	85	181





Maundy Thursday

March 24th - 7:30 pm—Sanctuary



Activity
Calendar

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