

GREETERS

Greeters: 03/02 Pat Underwood
 03/09 Mary Lynn Allen
 03/16 Patricia Parker
 03/23 Mary Palmer
 03/30 Stancie Frazier

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Voncile Davis, Lincoln Humphries, Odessa Marshall, Sallie Jones, Barbara Cleveland, Angel Edwards, Alisa Mobley, Jenny Johnson, Tinzleigh Elrod, W.C. Kinard, Patricia Parker, Matt Mobley, and the Family of Scott Turner.

Shut in: Sara Caldwell at Pelham Parkway.
 Priscilla Arwood at Woodleaf Senior Care.

At home: Margie Frosteg.
-Please contact the church office with all prayer concerns at handumc@hotmail.com or (229) 294-8390.

Shrove Tuesday

Please plan on bringing a friend or two and joining us Tuesday March 4th from 6-8 for Shrove Tuesday. We will be having a pancake supper. No cost but donations are welcome.

Wednesday Night Supper

We will not have Family Supper this Wednesday Night! We will have our Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 6:00.



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Kathy Israel-McLeod	Pastor
Ben Gunter	Music Director & Pianist
Jimmy Rogers	TV Ministry
Bill Lewis	Custodian
Sarah Sharp	Secretary

Lent Bible Studies

Every Monday at Bethany UMC at 6:30 p.m.
03/10 , 03/17, 03/24, 03/31, 04/07, 04/14

Every Wednesday at Hand Memorial UMC at 10:00 a.m.
03/12, 03/19, 03/26, 04/02, 04/09, 04/16

Mark Your Calendar!

03/04 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:00 p.m.

03/05 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m. (No Meal!)

03/07 Daycare’s Annual Spaghetti Supper 5:00 - 7:00.
Join us at 6:00 so we can dine together!

*** All meetings will be in the Library unless noted otherwise.**



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“But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:27

Do you think Peter, James, and John knew Jesus was talking about them? Do we expect this statement to be true of us, and have you seen the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven? Transfiguration Sunday is often uncelebrated and under-appreciated in my opinion. We don’t mean to do this, but it is so hard to put into words what happened on that mountain top. We should not give Peter a hard time for struggling with the events he witnessed. Have you tried to explain the glory of God’s Kingdom to someone; telling someone what it felt like to be standing in the presence of the Lord? Words fail us, but that doesn’t mean we should not try. Gathering in worship and around the Lord’s Table is a gift offered to us so that we might experience the transfigured Jesus all together.

God’s Grace & Peace,
Rev. Kathy

Hand Memorial United Methodist Church
Transfiguration Sunday Liturgical Color: White
March 2, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP
Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?
We will go wherever Jesus leads us.
Will you follow when Christ’s glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God’s greatness?
We will go wherever Jesus leads us.
Will you follow when Jesus won’t let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?
We will go wherever Jesus leads us.
Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.
Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 77, v 1 & 3
“How Great Thou Art”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881
“Apostles’ Creed”
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. +living ^universal

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG
Gather to Grow Matthew 18:20
When we gather ’cause we want to grow
more like Jesus, the Lord we follow,
something wonderful – a great surprise –
Jesus is here in our gathered lives.

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-36, 43
28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. 43 And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CALL TO PRAYER
God Goes Into Action Matthew 18:19
When two of you, Jesus promised his followers,
when two of you gather in prayer and agree:
God is there, too, to hear and take action,
changing us and our world almightily.

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 349
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Mark Pendergrass, 1977
“The Greatest Thing”

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

SERMON

HOLY COMMUNION
THE LORD’S PRAYER See Insert
“Holy Ground” (Geron Davis, 1983)
“Open the Eyes of My Heart” (Paul Baloché, 1997)
“Be Thou My Vision” (UMH 451)

HYMN GOING FORTH UMH 163, v 1 & 4
“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

*BENEDICTION
Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings:
our God is making all things new.
UMH 383, verse 4

POSTLUDE Piano
* Please stand if able.