



Hello all,

As many of you have heard, the General Conference (GC), scheduled for this fall, has been postponed. You may be wondering, "What does that mean for us at FUMC Vernon?" Well, the short answer, for right now, is that it doesn't affect us. We will still operate as usual. But there are implications to the postponement of and possible cancelation of GC. This means that the passing of the legislation that would allow for a split of the denomination is postponed as well. Meaning that the possibility of churches and Annual Conferences leaving the United Methodist denomination has become more difficult and more costly. The United Methodist Church Book of Discipline has always had provision for churches to leave the denomination, legally, with "taxes" levied. Those taxes, to be paid upfront before disaffiliation can happen, such as paying for property, unfunded pension liability, and at least two years of Shared Ministries (Apportionments), would be very costly for the local church.

The Council of Bishops has requested from the Judicial Council, the ruling body of the United Methodist Church, rulings on the legality of Annual Conferences to vote to disassociate from the UMC and join another denomination. This ruling, if deemed legal, would allow Annual Conferences to disaffiliate with the UMC and would then allow local churches to disassociate with the UMC as well, to follow their Annual Conference. This ruling and several others may be made as early as May. Our current Bishop, Jimmy Nunn, has encouraged our Annual Conference and its churches to stay the course and wait until GC can pass the plan to allow Annual Conferences and churches to separate without penalty. Bishop Nunn has stated that he will remain faithful to the Discipline of the UMC and will remain in the UMC and has asked that our churches remain as well.

You may be wondering about the Global Methodist Church (GMC). It's my understanding that the GMC will launch as a new traditional version of Methodism as early as May. How this new denomination will operate has yet to be determined but they do have a Transitional Book of Discipline (That can be found here: [What do Methodists Believe? | Learn More | Global Church \(globalmethodist.org\)](#)) Currently, there is no easy path for churches to join this expression of Methodism. We are all still currently bound by the current UMC Book of Discipline, meaning that for a church to join the GMC would mean they would have to pay to exit the UMC.

So, what does all this mean for us at FUMC Vernon? Well, it means that we are still in a hurry up and wait pattern. What it doesn't mean is that we will cease to worship God and work to make faithful disciples for God's Kingdom. We will continue to hold worship services on Sunday, teach Sunday school classes, teach kids in the After School Program, continue to feed the hungry on Wednesday night, and never stop working to become more like Christ. If you have any questions, please let me know. I know that all of this is frustrating and about as clear as mud, but we will get through this. I will also give you all the information I can as we move forward in this process.

Blessings,
Pastor Anthony



MEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFASTS

- Monday, April 11: FUMC.....
- Tuesday, April 12: Wilbarger Street Church of Christ
- Wednesday, April 13: Second Baptist Church.....
- Thursday, April 14: First Presbyterian Church
- Friday, April 15: St. Paul Lutheran Church

MARCH MEMORIALS

In Memory of TOMMY HUGHES

Mildred Speer, Jim and Mary Sue Gunn

In Memory of STEPHANIE WILLIFORD, AUBREY F. AND HELEN LACY, EDWARD LACY, ROBERT LACY, VICKI LACY, MATTHEW LACY

Claudette Owen (to Lacy Family Fund)

In Memory of ROBERTA REED

Challenger's Sunday School Class, Paul and Sunny Hawkins, Terry and Gloria Bourland

In Memory of RANDY LUCUS, MARIA TOLENTINO

Terry and Gloria Bourland

In Memory of TONY YOAKUM

Terry and Gloria Bourland, Tim and Cathy Schur

In Memory of KENNETH BRYANT

Paul and Sunny Hawkins

In Memory of THELIA BROCK

Terry and Gloria Bourland, Jeff and Kim Judd

In Memory of DIANE TATE

Charles and Pat Graf



**Mission Kitchen:
No one in Vernon
should eat alone**



Mission Kitchen is our Wednesday night meal program. We will invite the entire community to this meal and use it to introduce Christian fellowship and our church to the community.

Please invite your friends and neighbors.

April 6: Cheeseburger pie

April 13: Ham

April 20: Chicken spaghetti

April 27: Hamburgers and hot dogs

GIVE ONLINE

Now you can give contributions online using our easy online payment system. It's easy, fast, and secure. There's no need to mail in your checks. Simply go to the Church's web site (vernonfumc.org) and click on the link GIVE ONLINE and you will be directed to our Web giving page. This is the easiest way for you to make a contribution. Please be advised that there is a small (1%) third party processing fee.

**OUR
ATTENDANCE**

March 6

Sunday School—72

Worship—81

March 13

Sunday School—66

Worship—102

March 20

Sunday School—67

Worship—86

March 27

Sunday School—87

Worship—121



We will have Easter egg hunts on Wednesday, April 13, at 5:15pm, and on Easter Sunday, April 17, during Sunday School. All kids through the fifth grade are invited to both egg hunts. We need individually wrapped candy for the egg hunts. (We don't need any plastic eggs). Please bring candy by the Church office.



Next Sunday, April 3, the Vernon High School cheerleaders will have a bake sale on the church parking lot, starting at 1pm. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Jacksboro High School cheerleaders, who lost most of their equipment in the tornado.

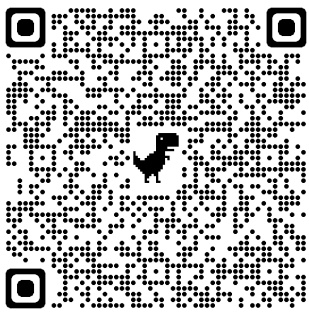


We will have the traditional waving of the palm branches by the children during both services on Palm Sunday, April 10. Children of any age are invited to wave branches.

April 2022

APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
2	Peggy Hardcastle
2	Lindsey Young
3	George Daigle
4	George Pattison
5	Joyce Ashley
7	Bobbie White
8	Angell Johnson
8	Brian Horn
9	Caul Cook
9	Patsy Sharp
10	Brooklyn Harjo
10	Ryan Tacker
12	Andrew Pennington
14	Rosie Yeager
14	Katie Cavaness
16	Hayden Haynes
17	Bonnie Walker
18	Jane Wages
20	Melinda Lemons
21	Kelcey Quiett
22	Chris Ashley
22	Patrick Goddard
24	Clay Robinson
25	Cassidy Ann Green
26	Edith Holder
27	Britt Mayfield
30	Helen Willingham

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am-Combined service 10am-Sunday School 1pm-Cheerleader bake sale (front parking lot)	4	5 10am-Methodist Women (Parlor) 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	6 9am-Salvation Army office open After school-Children's activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (cheeseburger pie) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	7 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice	8	9 After prom-Senior breakfast (Wesley Hall)
10 Palm Sunday 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service 6pm-Community service (Frist Presbyterian)	11 7am-Men's breakfast (Wesley Hall, FUMC)	12 7am-Men's breakfast (Wilbarger Street Church of Christ) 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	13 7am-Men's breakfast (Second Baptist Church) After school-Children's activities 5:15pm-Egg hunt (Playground) 6pm-Mission Kitchen (ham) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	14 7am-Men's breakfast (First Presbyterian Church) Salvation Army giving out food boxes 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-Maundy Thursday service	15 Good Friday 7am-Men's breakfast (St. Paul Lutheran Church) 6pm-Good Friday Service	16
17 Easter 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School Egg hunt during Sunday School 11am-Traditional service	18 Noon-Salvation Army (Parlor)	19 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	20 9am-Salvation Army office open After school-Children's activities 4pm-Scholarship applications due 6pm-Mission Kitchen (chicken spaghetti) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	21 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice	22 Evening-Townson/Kerr wedding rehearsal (Chapel and Wesley Hall)	23 2pm-Kerr/Townson wedding (Chapel and Wesley Hall)
24 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service 6pm-Leadership Team (Parlor)	25	26 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	27 After school-Children's activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (hamburgers and hot dogs) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	28 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice	29	30 Morning-Quilters (Parlor)



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FLORAL ARRANGEMENT DONATION/ RAINBOW ROOM DONATION



Instead of ordering Easter lilies, we are having silk floral arrangements made for the Sanctuary. The arrangements will be white for Easter, but will be made so that the

colors can be changed with the seasons. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers, please fill out the form below.

Or, you may make a monetary contribution to the Rainbow Room. This room is being stocked with hygiene products, beds and bedding, car seats, clothing, etc. for children newly removed from homes and sent to foster care.

A bulletin insert on Easter will include information as to who made a donation for the flowers and/or made a donation to the Rainbow Room, and in whose memory or honor it was given.

I would like to made a donation for the flowers.

I would like to make a donation to the Rainbow Room.

In Memory of

In Honor of

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College scholarship applications are available in the Church office. They are due at 4pm on Wednesday, April 20.



WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL FUN