



April 7: Marie Holt  
 April 7: Joan Stanhope  
 April 7: Bob Stephens  
 April 8: Alejandro Arreaga-Channax  
 April 8: Holden Cantrell  
 April 8: Jackson Davis  
 April 8: Mark Harwell  
 April 8: Sandra Shockey  
 April 9: Addison Cobb  
 April 10: Maddox Malgren  
 April 10: Michael Sapp Jr  
 April 10: Hal Westomreland  
 April 11: Adam Lynch  
 April 11: David Westmoreland  
 April 12: Susan Tippo  
 April 13: Heather Lowery  
 April 13: Sophia Lykins

### Upcoming Calendar

**Monday, April 8th**  
 4:30 pm - Zumba

**Tuesday, April 9th**  
 11:00 am - Bible Study  
 4:00 pm - Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 10th**  
 12:00 noon - Lunch and Learn

**Thursday, April 11th**  
 4:30 pm. - Zumba  
 6:00 pm -The History of Methodism



### Help Wanted

If you are interested in joining the Mission Committee, please contact Rachel Tarr at 770-316-4934.

### Grief Support Groups

Beginning April 2024

#### More information to follow!

Are you experiencing the pain of loss? Loss of a loved one, friend, a spouse?

There is a healing place for you!

Please consider joining a grief support group. Choose between Tuesdays or Thursdays from from 11:30 to 1:00. We will meet here at EFUMC beginning April 9th or 11th for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the support group, but there is limited availability. Please call Paula

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 @ 770-570-9958  
 to ensure your spot in a group and/or for more information.

### Save the Date! April 15 - Dinner and Southwest Airline ticket drawing

.Join us for Tax Day as we draw a lucky winner for the 2 round trip Southwest Airline Tickets. Poppy Seed Rice, Rolls and Veggie Jarebon are on our menu.

Please mark your attendance sheet or call the church office so we can get a head count. Thanks!

We still have some tickets available to purchase! Final countdown/boarding is 7 days!

### LIJ KIDS

**No LIJ kids this Wednesday! (April 10th)**  
**See you next week April 17th for Letter J's surprise.**

### Save the Dates! June 10th - 14th

Vacation Bible School is back!

Adult volunteers needed, please contact Marianne .



**Lord, you know our desire and perceived need. for control. Help us consecrate our lives to you instead of struggling to surrender.**



**You consecrated yourself and gave up your earthly self will to be obedient to the Father - His will, not yours.**

### The History of Methodism

Lecture Series at 6pm Thursdays until May 2nd  
 Located in the Youth/ Cornerstone Room  
 Nursery care will be available.  
 Led by Interim Associate Pastor Chris Shoemaker

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm**  
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 Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician  
 Claudia McKeon....Organist



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**April 7, 2024**

10:00 am. Worship - The Color is White

### Second Sunday of Easter The Worship of God - Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

**Focusing Words:** The risen Christ comes to us and says, "Peace be with you." May we lay down the worries of our lives to welcome the peace of Christ.

**Prelude "Praise the Lord Ye Heavens, Adore Him**  
*arr. by Mary McDonald*

**The Call to Worship "He is Lord"**  
*arr. by Tom Fettke*

† **The Greeting**  
 Leader: It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

**People: We are here at the invitation of God.**  
 Leader: In this place, God's love and grace flow into our lives.

**People: In this place, God's blessings abound.**  
 Leader:: Praise be to God!  
**People: Praise be to God!**

† **The Invocation**

**The Hymn of Praise**  
 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

† The Affirmation of Faith

The 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.

† The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

The Hymn of Preparation

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH 462

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music : “I Exalt Thee”

*arr by John Innes*

† The Presentation and Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Anthem:

“Great is Our God”

*Setting by Craig Courtney*

The Scripture:

Ephesians 4:11-16

CEB

The Sermon

“Together”

Pastor Shoemaker

The Closing Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

† The Benediction

† The Choral Benediction

“He Lives” (refrain)

UMH 310

The Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*arr by Lani Smith*

*Following the service, the Prayer Team is available at both the Narthex and Altar. They are wearing white scarves.*

† Congregation Standing (as able)

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

Ephesians 4:11-16 (CEB)

<sup>11</sup> He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> His purpose was to equip God’s people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ <sup>13</sup> until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God’s Son. God’s goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we aren’t supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. <sup>15</sup> Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let’s grow in every way into Christ, <sup>16</sup> who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.