# **Exciting Events for All Ages!**

Monday, May 5th and May 19th—Team Tabitha Charity Sewing Group. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 11th—Muffins for Moms before our worship service

Save the Dates! VBS 2025 will be June 16th-19th.

GRASP June 20th -22nd

Reminder: GRASP worksite applications are due 5/18.

# Sunday, May 11th is Senior Recognition Day!

Sunday, May 11th is Senior Recognition Day—we have many high school and college graduates in our Congregation.

Please take a moment to highlight a verse and leave a note for our graduates. Bibles are placed in the Narthex and also in the Fellowship Hall.

Our graduating high school seniors are Logan Mashburn, Sophia Lykins and Addy Poole. Alyssa Ashurst and Olivia Lykins will be graduating from college.

#### **Other Upcoming Student Ministry Events:**

5/7-5/14 Invited Series 5-6pm 5/11 Senior Recognition Day

5/21 Water Day with Jasper UMC



# **Other Upcoming Young Adult Ministry Events:**

5/28 Redbird Mission Dinner

5/7-6/4 "The Way" series, 6:30pm-8pm

GRASP Meetings: Monday, 5/19, Sundays, 6/1, 6/8 and 6/15 @

# We are on a Mission!

This summer, we will be participating once again in the Seamless Summer Food Program.

We will be providing free meals to children 18 and under. For more information, please, see or call Marianne at 706-635-2555.

# **Firestarter's Prayer**

Lord Jesus, your threefold Instruction to Peter is the same to us; "Feed my sheep." That command is both spiritual and material. Strengthen us to obey. Amen.



Blessing of the Animals, April 26th

5/4 -5/10— Charlie Cobb

Church Lock-up Schedule:

5/11-5/17 - Charlie Leonard



Thank you to all who participated and had fun at the High Tea yesterday.

#### Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.

Lynn Perry

Ann Shearon

Holly Shearon

Rick Thaxton

Hospital/Rehab

Marlene Rayzor

Daniel Rayzor

Jean Smilie

Mary Uthlaut

Dan Weaver

Ed Boyd

#### General

Juston Davis Emma Ford Missionary

### Health

Doug Bater Jerry Boyne Kevin Brett Jack Brown **Kyle Bullington** Joan Compton Paul Compton Charles Cook Allen Fanelli Joy Fanelli Sharon Fletcher Jessica Good Pam Grant Betty Jo Hanes

Missy Kepley

Rylan Leeper

Jackie Leva

Shannon Leeper

Zellie Marbury

Brian Mattaliano

Lynn McKibbin

Alyse Munson

Barbara Nickle

Brenda Barnes McPherson

# **Surgery / Upcoming** Brad Badinski Tammy Baughman Emily Fogarty

Surgery/Recuperating Pat Daniels Jan Day Jean Smilie Karen Vitelli

#### Shut-In Peter Adams Marlene Brown Ernette Calhoun

# Lavern Cobb

Jim Hagopian Mack Hipp Rudi Lanehardt Margie Pyren Myron Segraves Paul Stanhope Robert Westmoreland

# **Hospice** Bill Patton

### Caregiver

Joy Fanelli Carolyn Hipp Lorraine Segraves Joan Stanhope Sherry Weaver

### **Death in Family**

Family of Ellie Knight Family of Jimmie Lee Wildharber

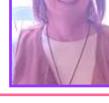
Family of Norma Brennan Family of Tommy Lowery,

# **Friends Helping Friends**











Happy Birthday!

May 9th—Allan Tarr

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Sunday, May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter Native American Ministries Sunday Communion Sunday

# Sunday Worship Service

The Liturgical Color is White The Worship of God

The Prelude: "Bless His Holy Name"

by Andrea Crouch/Mark Hayes

The Chiming of the Hour

**Welcome, Announcements and Invocation** 

† Choral Call to Worship

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

by Doris Akers

† The Greeting Psalm 30, Revelation 5

Rejoice in the Lord.

Praise God's holy name.

Worthy is the Lamb of our praise.

Worthy is the righteous one of blessing, honor and glory.

Rejoice in the Lord.

Praise God's holy name.

† The Hymn of Praise

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**UMH 185** 

† 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.

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

Rev. Dr. Shearon

**†The Hymn of Preparation** 

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

**UMH 453** 

**UMH 895** 

The Lord's Prayer

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

**The Offertory Music** 

"O Lord, Most Holy"

By Cesar Franck/Gail Smith

†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 "Gather Us In"

by Marty Haugen

The Scripture Reading

John 21:1-14

Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Sermon

"A Breakfast Meeting"

**†The Closing Hymn** "Rescue the Perishing"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 591

**UMH 12** 

vs. 1,2&4

Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during the closing hymn.

**†The Pastoral Benediction** 

Rev. Dr. Shearon

**†The Choral Benediction** 

"Bind Us Together" by Bob Gillman

†The Postlude

*"*We Fall Down"

by Chris Tomlin/Lloyd Larson

Prayer team members are available after the service. They will be wearing white shawls.

# Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

**21** Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:

<sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymu), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

<sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

John 21:1-14

<sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

<sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

<sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.