

The Messenger

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Ushers For April

Lee Butler
Frankie Phillips
Jan White
Don Hardee

Greeters For April

Pat Johnson
Faron White

In just a few weeks the church will welcome multiple visitors and people who have not been here in quite some time. Sunrise and Easter Services are a time when many people feel a pull from God to enter His house and give thanks for His great mercy and love extended to them. For others, who may not have been in the church for a few months or more, it is a time to return to the church where they grew up, their family's home church, or maybe one they have wanted to visit for the first time. Whatever reason God may use to draw them back to the church, their experience that day will depend upon those who are already in the church and serving God. Will there be someone in the parking lot welcoming everyone who pulls in and helping people who may have questions? Will there be someone at the door welcoming them and holding the door for them? Will there be someone in the narthex, in both the Sanctuary and the D.C., handing out bulletins to those coming to worship service? I would love to say yes, but unless people volunteer to be in those places, such warm welcomes and graciousness are not possible.

When they enter the Sanctuary, will someone come up and speak to them and welcome them to Rogersville U.M.C.? Will someone offer to sit with them so they will not be sitting alone, a stranger in a full room. We know we do not have assigned seating, but often visitors worry they are sitting in someone's seat. Only you can answer these questions. Will you be that someone who extends a loving hand to those coming to worship God? Most visitors make up their minds about how "nice" and "loving" a church is long before the singing starts or the sermon is preached. They base their decision upon how they were welcomed and treated as soon as they arrive.

As we approach this wonderful God-given celebration, I hope you will treat everyone as if you are at a family reunion. Call the office and volunteer to be on the family reunion welcoming team. Treat Visitors, and members who have been away for a while, as if you are seeing a member of your family you have not seen in a long time. Treat everyone with such love that when they leave they cannot help but be excited to return and find out more about God's family. Be excited and so full of love that those who have not found Christ will want that same joy and love in their life. Love everyone, even strangers, as a brother and sister and they might not wait a year to visit again, they might decide this is where God is leading them. They might hear the voice of God telling them to call Rogersville U.M.C. home. Through such love and generosity we can help grow the Kingdom of God, one brother and sister at a time.



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”
1 Timothy 4:12

Wednesday Night Activities

April 5th	Rotation
April 12th	Easter Egg Hunt
April 19th	Rotation
April 26th	Rotation

Acolytes

April 2nd	Bailey & Madelyn
April 9th	Sarah & Jennason
April 16th	Ayden & Austin
April 23rd	Jeremiah & Jennason
April 30th	Bailey & Madelyn

Nursery Workers

April 2nd	10:00	Sharon Owen
	11:00	Kerry Moody
April 9th	10:00	Kris Moser
	11:00	Renee Beggs
April 16th	10:00	Sharon Owen
	11:00	Lydia Barnett
April 23rd	10:00	Kris Moser
	11:00	Deborah Lowery
April 30th	10:00	Sharon Owen
	11:00	Jordan Beggs

Exit 456 Camp Sumatanga

The children had a wonderful time at Exit 456. I would like to thank everyone that supported us with prayers and scholarship. I greatly appreciate everyone’s help!

Noah’s Ark Fundraising

The Avon fundraiser was a great success!
Thank you for your support!!!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Wednesday, April 12th . Dinner will be served as starting at 5:15. Egg Hunt and other activities will begin at 5:45 p.m. Pick up children at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School Teacher for April
Mrs. Dendra and Mrs DeShawn



**Wednesday Night
Dinner**

- April 5th** Taco Bar, Dessert
Ronnie & Gayle Littrell
- April 12th** Hamburgers, Fries, Dessert
Sonny & Faith Howard
- April 19th** Chicken Patty, Fries, Green Beans,
Dessert
Mary Wallace, Pat Johnson
- April 26th** Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert
Frank & Susan Patterson

The New Morning Ladies Group has opened a savings account at Bank Independent for a new dishwasher for the DC kitchen. Anyone who wants to contribute to this purchase can make checks out to NMLG with "dishwasher" noted in the memo line. Our goal is \$6000, and to date we have \$2,436.



UMM will meet
Saturday, April 8th
8:00 a.m. Place
to be determined.



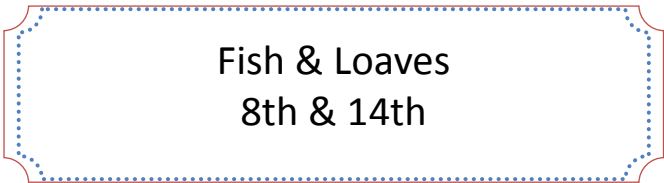
UMW

Tuesday, April 4th, 6:00 p.m. in the DC.



New Morning Ladies

The New Morning Ladies will meet April 4th at 10:00 a.m.



**Fish & Loaves
8th & 14th**

Joyful Spirits will meet on Thursday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m. Please join us!

Holy Week Schedule

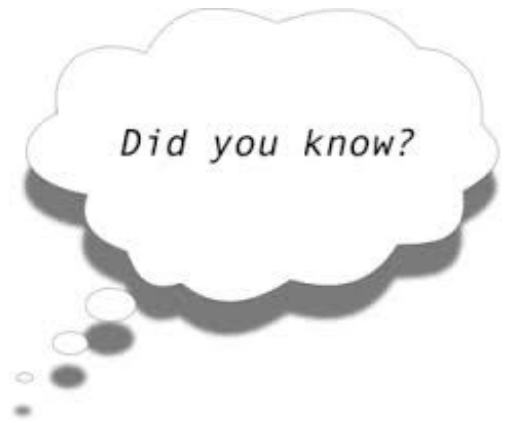
- Wednesday, 5:45 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
6:00 p.m. Movie "The Last Week" - The Place
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Seder Meal
- Friday, 7:00 p.m. Black Friday Service
- Saturday, 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service Joe Wheeler
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO JOIN YOU FOR THESE SPECIAL SERVICES?

Sunday Morning Fellowship

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| April UMM | Sept. CBS |
| May CBS | Oct. Hannah |
| June Hannah | Nov. Covenant |
| July Covenant | Dec. All Groups |
| August UMM | |

The balance on the bus loan is \$35,485! Our original loan was for \$65,213.33. In May, we were able to bring the loan down to \$50,606.67. Our regular payments of \$927.50 are paid through the budget. The blessings in shrinking this loan have been the giving of many of you toward payment on the loan. Each month, whatever is given is applied to the principle of the loan, hence our total of \$35,485.



With our monthly payments, our balance by the end of the year will be \$28,065. Our monthly giving for the bus has averaged \$800. By the end of the year we would have a remaining balance of about \$20,900.

Want to pay the loan of by the end of the year? We would save \$2,400 in interest.

You can make a contribution to either the Capital Improvement or Bus Fund, just mark the fund on the memo line of your check



To meet the 2017 budget, we need weekly contributions to the general fund of \$5,252. Below are our figures for March.

General Fund Income	\$21,079.76
General Fund Expense	\$ 21,540.27

Contributions for Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,385
Contributions for Bus Fund	\$ 960.00

Did you know you can set up contributions through PayPal? Call the office for more information.

April, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
						1
2 8:45-12:00 Worship 11:00 Spaghetti Lunch 12:00 Spaghetti Lunch 6:00 Confirmation	3 4:30 GED 6:00 Freedom Celebration Team Mtg 6:30 Cub Scouts	4 10:00 NML 4:30 GED 6:00 UMW 6:30 Boy Scouts	5 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Classes for all ages 7:30 Choir	6 6:00 The Landing 6:30 Trustees	7 6:30 Celebrate Recovery 11:30 pm Prom Breakfast	8 Fish & Loaves
9 Palm Sunday 8:45-12:00 Worship 6:00 Confirmation	10 4:30 GED 6:30 Cub Scouts	11 9:00 Quilters 4:30 GED 6:30 Boy Scouts	12 10:00 Bible Study 5:15 Fellowship Meal 5:45 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 Movie "The Last Week" -The Place	13 9:00 Cards 6:00 The Landing 7:00 Seder Meal	14 Fish & Loaves 6:30 Celebrate Recovery 7:00 Black Friday Service	15
16 Easter 6:45 Sunrise Service 11:00 Worship	17 4:30 GED 6:30 Finance 6:30 Cub Scouts	18 4:30 GED 6:30 Boy Scouts	19 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Classes for all ages 7:30 Choir	20 10:30 Joyful Spirits 6:00 The Landing	21 6:30 Celebrate Recovery	22
23 8:45-12:00 Worship 6:00 Admin Board Mtg	24 4:30 GED 6:30 Cub Scouts	25 4:30 GED 6:30 Worship Team 6:30 Boy Scouts	26 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Classes for all ages 7:30 Choir	27 6:00 The Landing	28 6:30 Celebrate Recovery	29
30 8:45-12:00 Worship						

April Birthdays & Anniversaries (A)



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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Marley Jones | 12 Nicholas Hendrix |
| 1 Scott Bratcher | 12 Tyler Rice |
| 2 Virginia Tomlinson | 13 Faron White |
| 3 Jan White | 14 Michaela Gordon |
| 3 Bryan Butler | 15 Daniel Owen |
| 4 Ethan Haraway | 15 Robert Kelley |
| 4 Joshua Haraway | 15 Chloe Jackson |
| 6 William Datuin | 17 Grace Lawson |
| 7 Chloe Gervais | 18 Dylan Wix |
| 7 Joe & Sandra Ferguson | 20 Julian Bass |
| 8 Nathan Rich | 22 Abigail Watson |
| 8 Aailyah Mojica | 22 Joe Ferguson |
| 8 Autumn Johnson | 23 Ramona Reany |
| 9 Gayle Littrell | 25 Rachel Berryhill |
| 9 Arthur Way | 25 Kris Moser |
| 10 Bobby & Shirley Smith (A) | 26 Marlene Johnson |
| 10 Arthur & Joanne Way (A) | 29 Ricky Seals |
| 10 Allison Johnson | |



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