

## Something Moore

**We can say it now from the depths of our souls, “Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! “**

What a glorious day it was Easter Sunday! Starting with a 7 AM sunrise service on the front steps of the church followed by a church breakfast, an 8:30 service at Walnut Springs with a double baptism, a beautiful 10:30 AM service back in Clifton, and finally a back lot egg hunt with the kids left me beautifully and joyfully exhausted. I pray that the season of Lent, the honoring of Holy Week, the invitation of Maundy Thursday, the discomfort of Good Friday, and the unbridled joy of Easter took on deeper meanings for you this year. Somehow Easter feels like New Year's to me; a time of new beginnings!

Here comes a once-in-a-life time experience. Yes, everybody is talking about the Total Solar Eclipse. Officials are saying we expect between 10,000 and 60,000 visitors coming to Bosque County because we are directly in the path of the best and longest experience of the moon covering up the sun. People are traveling thousands of miles to get here and no one knows exactly what impact the eclipse will have on our community. Some of the official communications makes me think we should all just stay home, stay inside and hide. But as Christians who are called to demonstrate and share God's love with all the world, we are welcoming both neighbors and visitors with open arms. With the help of Bosque County officials, we are roping off our wide-open back lot for any and all to bring lawn chairs and share the experience with us. We'll have a flatbed trailer for a stage to share live music and will offer concessions for visitors. Yes, indeed, we need volunteer help, but I also want you to remain safe. Even if it is cloudy that day, together we will experience an extra dose of awe over God's amazing creation.



This church is a powerful example of service to our community. Sunday, April 28, we join with other area churches through the Clifton Ministerial Alliance for “Neighborhood Clifton.” You can sign up to help and also suggest service projects to be performed by filling out forms online at [www.cliftonalliance.org](http://www.cliftonalliance.org). We have many other things going on that show God working in our midst. “The Porch” youth group now has its own gathering and worship room and has been averaging 10 to 12 youth in attendance each week. The majority of these kids would have had no connection to any church a year ago, but now they are being disciplined in the faith and warmly accepted.

Beginning in May there are some exciting additions coming to our church. Norm Dolch will be starting a new adult Sunday school class, and I will be starting new study groups for Tuesday mornings and Wednesday nights. Norm's class will be focusing on outreach as a form of discipleship. My groups will be studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as it appears within the Gospel of Matthew. I am also hosting a study group on Wednesday afternoons at Memorial United Methodist Church of Walnut Springs.



As followers of Jesus Christ, we should always be moving forward in our personal discipleship. This is a crucial part of our Wesleyan heritage and the church has a responsibility to provide a clear path for growing in our faith. Towards that goal, **beginning May 5, we are moving our Sunday worship service from 10:30 to a new time of 11:00 AM.** This will hopefully make it easier for you to become involved in a Sunday morning class before worship without having to get up any earlier. We will expand to three adult study groups and will continue to offer children's Sunday school but at a new later time. Our sister church in Walnut Springs will be moving their service time as well from 8:30 to a new time of 9:00 AM, creating more fellowship time and disciplesh

ship growth for that rapidly growing United Methodist Church.

With the season of Spring, we take in the beauty of God's art painting our pastures and highways with beautiful wildflowers and green grasses. God is indeed making all things new. We just need to keep our eyes open to the wonders of creation that surround us. Remember that every season, every month, every week, every day, every hour and every breath is a gift from God to be treasured. Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!

Blessings,  
Pastor Don

**Alex Balch, Director of Discipleship**

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**Hey Church!**

The Porch Student Ministry is going awesome! We had twelve (12) students here this past Sunday night, and I am so excited about it and I hope that y'all are as well. My favorite time each week now is getting to help lead worship for the students alongside Emily; the worship is vibrant and the students are praising God. Hearing them sing wholeheartedly makes all the extra work it takes so much more than worth it. To further capitalize on the student worship, we have started a student worship team, so that the students can begin leading themselves in worship during the Porch on Sunday nights. Hopefully this will work towards introducing them to our Sunday morning worship.

So far, all of the worship has been contemporary. Some are songs that we have begun singing during our Sunday morning worship service are:

- 10,000 Reasons
- Goodness of God
- Build My Life
- One Thing Remains
- Way Maker
- Our God
- Lord I Need You
- Reckless Love
- Tremble
- Another in the Fire

I have really been focusing on teaching the youth how to worship and teaching the youth through worship rather than a really long lesson (we do still have a lesson though). Worship has always been a powerful medium through which to teach theology, especially when the lyrics are easily memorized with the tune. That is why so many centuries-old classic hymns are still so popular and useful; they teach profoundly deep and rich theology and communicate their message in ways that other mediums never could. Worship via music has always been integral to the Christian life, both in the primary purpose of praising God, and secondarily, in instruction.

Let me encourage y'all to go onto Youtube and listen to some of the contemporary songs the students are learning. They may not be traditional hymns, but they are still carrying on the tradition of setting timeless truths concerning God to the popular music styles of the culture that the church finds itself in.

Thank y'all,  
 Alex Balch



**Church Council Meeting**  
**Monday, April 15\***  
**at 6:00 PM**  
**in the Loyalty Classroom**

\*Date changed due to Eclipse Monday Activities

**United Methodist Women in Faith**  
**Join us Monday, April 15**  
**at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room**

Being mission-minded women, we are hands-on in our service to God and others. Everyone is welcome to participate! You don't have to be a member of the church to be part of the United Methodist Women in Faith! **Join us Monday, April 15 for a Bible study, missions development, and hands-on service planning! There is always room for you!**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
**Mondays at 10 AM in the Parlor**



Women and men alike are all welcome to join this group. You only need a crochet or knitting needles and some yarn. There are plenty of well-experienced women to help you, if you wish to learn or have difficulty. Join us!

**JOY Group**

The JOY (Joyful Older Youth) Group meets in the fellowship hall at Noon on Tuesdays for lunch and fellowship, with the exception of April 23 when the fellowship hall will be occupied by a group from Central District..

Bring your sack lunch and a friend. After everyone's eaten, the JOY Group participants will break into groups and play Chicken Foot and 42. Every adult is welcome and there's no cost to participate in JOY Group. Come on Tuesday and join in the fun!

**DADDY**  
*daughter*  
**DANCE**



Tickets are \$15/couple or \$20 for Dad & 2+ daughters. Tickets go on sale April 1 at [funclifton.org](http://funclifton.org). or in the church office at 303 S. Avenue E during business hours. For all girls through 5th grade.

**Saturday, April 27**  
**6 to 7:30 PM**  
**at the Clifton Civic Center**

**Our Goals as a Church and as a Conference**

<p><b>Champion Children &amp; Youth</b></p>	<p><b>Multiply Followers of Jesus</b></p>	<p><b>Pursue and Embrace Diversity</b></p>	<p><b>Maximize Care and Healing</b></p>	<p><b>Tell Our United Methodist Story</b></p>
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**Get Connected**

find **fit in**  
where  
you

- ◆ **WORSHIP SERVICES**, both current and past, are available for viewing online by going to the church's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/@fumclifton](https://youtube.com/@fumclifton) and Facebook page, [facebook.com/FUMCCliftonTexas](https://facebook.com/FUMCCliftonTexas)
- ◆ **NEWSLETTER.** The Clifton Connection is mailed and emailed to members and is available on our website, [www.fumclifton.org](http://www.fumclifton.org).
- ◆ **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN.** Do you know someone in need of special prayers? Contact Pastor Don at 214-499-3031 or email [pastor@fumclifton.org](mailto:pastor@fumclifton.org). To have names added to the prayer list, contact Frances at 254-675-3984 or email [office@fumclifton.org](mailto:office@fumclifton.org).
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- ◆ EMAIL DON PARRISH, Music Director, at [music@fumclifton.org](mailto:music@fumclifton.org).
- ◆ **FACEBOOK Page.** We have a Facebook page, which provides information and inspiration from FUMC. It may be accessed through your own Facebook account. Using the search feature for Facebook, look for First United Methodist Church of Clifton, Texas.

## *The Message is the Mission*



Things have changed. There aren't as many people participating in church choirs these days. Some have gone on to sing in the heavenly choir. Some of the voices have weakened a bit. Some have lost a portion of their vocal range. The traditional ways of doing things are disappearing. Many choirs do not sing in robes anymore. The instrumentation has changed. The piano and organ are supplemented with other instruments, including drums and guitars. Things definitely have changed, and change is inevitable (and sometimes very healthy!).

However, choral singing is still beautiful. Dynamics are still breathtaking. Articulations and phrasing are still painting vivid pictures of the text. Good breath support is still creating notes that are on pitch and carry with them great depth of sound. Choir members are still dedicated to working hard each week to bless the Lord and His people.

What has not changed is the fact that choir is still one of the most beautiful and engaging ministries in the local church. It provides a powerful expression of praise and worship that a soloist, a band, or the congregation cannot do.

So make sure your choir (if you are still fortunate to have one) is affirmed and appreciated regularly. Don't take the choir for granted. It takes a lot of commitment to create and maintain a church choir. Pray for your choir members regularly. Let them know how much you are inspired by their ministry.

Hurray for all those church choir members and their leaders! May God continue to use you powerfully in a world that desperately needs to hear your message.

The message is the mission!

# Preschool News

## Important Dates to Note:

- ◆ **Monday, April 1, even though Clifton ISD is closed this day, the Preschool will provide full care for its students.**
- ◆ **Monday, April 8, the Preschool will be closed for the Eclipse event.**
- ◆ **Mark your calendars for Preschool Graduation which will be held on Friday, May 17th at 6 PM in the sanctuary.**

## Little Hands to Heaven

Throughout the month of March our Preschoolers will continue to study Jesus' resurrection, the spread of the Gospel, as well as the apostle Paul.

**Memory Verse:** "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15

**Parents are always welcome** to join us at 10:30 AM on Wednesdays for Chapel with Pastor Don in the sanctuary. We have a great time worshiping the Lord and singing at Chapel.

## FrogStreet Studies

The Toddler class and 2-year-old children will be learning traditional tales during April. The Pre-K 3-year-old students will learn about Amazing Critters, and the Pre-K 4-year-old classes will study different Animals. Everyone has the opportunity to learn exciting and wonderful things!

**The After-School students** are digging deeper into God's Word through by studying the book of Psalms.

**Thank You** to our Preschool parents and church members who've stepped up and given extra financial gifts in support of our Preschool program, in particular the Scholarship Fund which gives local children the opportunity to attend our fabulous Preschool. You continue to bless the children in the Clifton community. Thank you so much for your gifts and your prayers!

In His Service,  
Trina Beale, Preschool Director  
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## **If you have never ...**

been a member of a church choir, you might be surprised about some things.

### MUSIC READING

Many choir members do not read music. They learn the music by ear, since new songs are rehearsed for several weeks. There are usually demo recordings available to help them outside of rehearsals.

### OUTSTANDING SOLOIST

Most choir members do not consider themselves to be outstanding soloists, but they are very important contributors to the sound of the choir.

### CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our choir rehearsals usually consist of some type of warm up-usually some of our congregational music for the week, followed by working on a number of songs. There will be occasional instructions about how to improve the sound of the choir. No one is singled out. No one is forced to sing by themselves in front of the choir. It is a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere.

### A FAMILY

We always spend time during our rehearsals to share praises, prayer requests, and lift our requests up in prayer. Some weeks there will be a devotion related to one of the songs we are singing. Usually there is a lot of laughter and smiling. We will recognize significant events in the lives of the choir members, such as birthdays and anniversaries

### MORE THAN PERFORMING MUSIC

**We are singing for an audience of ONE.** Being a part of a church choir means joining a family of folks who love the Lord and love to praise Him through their singing. It is more than notes, rests, rhythms, dynamics, etc. It is an opportunity to minister on a regular basis.

We would encourage you to consider giving church choir a try. It just might be a truly life-changing experience!

### WHY WE SING

**We are singing for an audience of ONE.  
We love the Lord and praise HIM through our singing.**

### Food Bank Needs

The Food Bank is open on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8 PM, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM to Noon. You may take your donations there during these times or bring them to the church and place them in the food donation box located in the church’s fellowship hall. If you’d like to help, but are unable to shop, kindly write your check to FUMC and note “Food Bank” on the memo line of your check or envelope.

**The Food Bank is LOW on**

- Canned black-eyed peas
- Canned green beans
- 15 oz. box instant mashed potatoes
- Unsweetened applesauce
- Canned Ranch Style beans
- Canned refried beans
- 12 oz. cans of Spam
- 12.5 oz cans of chicken
- Canned Vienna Sausages

**The Food Bank is LOW on**

- 15 oz canned, diced tomatoes
- 24 oz cans of pasta sauce
- 2 lb packages of rice
- Picnic style salt/pepper shakers
- 18 oz jars creamy peanut butter
- small boxes of sugar-free jello (not red)
- small boxes of regular jello (not red)
- boxes of crackers (Saltines, Ritz, etc)

**The Food Bank is CRITICALLY LOW on**

- 2 lb packages of Maseca
- 2 lb bags of sugar
- 2 lb bags of flour



### Did You Know...

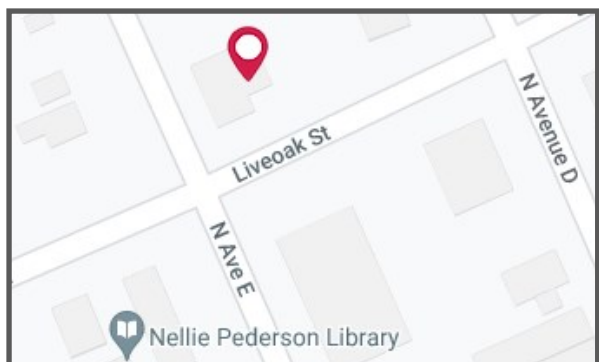
#### Clifton has a Clothes Closet!

Located at 315 Live Oak  
(corner of Live Oak and N. Ave E)

Open on Tuesdays  
9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Bring proof of Bosque County residency, such as a water or electric bill. You may come once a month.

Clothing for All Ages



### Support Church & Local Ministries

Listed below are local ministries with long term needs. If you’d like to support one of them financially, please write your check to FUMC and note the name of the ministry you wish to support on the memo line of your check or envelope.

- **FUMC Preschool Scholarship Fund** (Tuition Assistance for low-income families. These funds are very low.)
- FUMC Preschool Contribution Fund (General Operations)
- Memorial Fund in honor or memory of a loved one (funds used by the Trustees for building and equipment repairs)
- Scout Scholarship Fund (to help Scouts who need assistance with cost of uniforms, camps, and other activities)
- Clifton Food Bank
- **Clifton Ministerial Alliance for Benevolence** (medicine, doctor visits, utilities, rent)
- The Porch Student Ministry

# Prayer Requests

- The Family of Richard Cope
  - The Family of Mark Whitney
  - Melissa Moody
  - Phill & Lynn Bowers
  - Roy Brand
  - Mary Lou Willburn
  - Brinley Warnock
  - Norida Culp
  - Ursula Ramirez
  - Lea Ann Parrish
  - David Harris
  - School Teachers and Staff
  - The Victims of the Panhandle Fires
  - The Victims of International Conflict and War
  - Leaders of our Country
  - Nursing Home Residents and Staff
  - Medical Personnel and First Responders
- Jeff Hollinger
  - Harold Coursey
  - Donnie Beale
  - Robert & Penny
  - Robert Hanlon, Jr.
  - Phillip Munden
  - Erik Benda
  - Shirley Sadler
- Christie Davis
  - Jo Bowman
  - Max Coursey
  - Opal Hargraves
  - Cleo Jones
  - Ronald Hanlon
  - PD Wallace
  - Jo Cash



## Thank You!

Jessica and I thank everyone for their support, prayers, and cards after the loss of my son (and Jessica's brother) Evan. Your kindness means so much. We love you all! God bless!

Nelan and Jessica McMichael

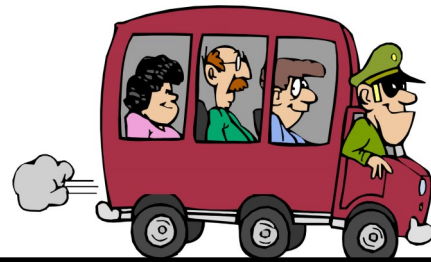
## Christian love and sympathy

are extended to...

- Jason O Whitney, Julie Whitney Snyder, and Amy Whitney Weir and their families on the passing of their father and grandfather, Mark Whitney.
- Mary Gean Cope and her family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Richard Cope.

May God shower you all with his provision, comfort, and peace during this time of loss.

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions. Be alert, praying always. Ephesians 6:18*



## Bus Ministry

Want to go to Sunday School and/or worship? Call Don Benda at 254-716-4341 to make arrangements to attend church and be taken home on the church bus. The bus is Handicap Accessible, and Don is a great guy. His, wife, Nancy is his trusty assistant. They'll take great care of you!

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**Thank you** to those who have helped with the Lenten Lunch series by providing food, acting as hostess, setting up, and/or cleaning up. You've helped to make the meals nutritious, delicious, and enjoyable for its participants.

**Thank You** to those who provided toppings for the Mexican Stack-Up meal for the March 5 Lenten Luncheon.

- Cheese and Salsa—Betty Outlaw
- Chips—Jessica Bryant
- Ranch Style Beans—Kim Bevels
- Chopped Lettuce—Donna Burden
- Taco meat, Spanish Rice, chopped tomato and onion, black olives—Mark and Frances Rose
- Pastor Don—Homemade Cookies and Ice

**Kudos** to those who provided side dishes for the March 19 Lenten Luncheon:

- Fried Chicken—Phill & Lynn Bowers
- Mac & Cheese—Sandra Joy
- Green Beans—Mary Downing
- Stuffed Eggs—Charlotte Turner
- Potato Casserole—Mary Hennington
- Cole Slaw—Terri Ward
- Squash Casserole—Jenny Baty
- Homemade Desserts—Carolyn Whitney and Pete Wuemling

**Appreciation** to those who provided soup for the meal for the Lenten Luncheon on March 12:

- Betty Outlaw - Taco soup and Chips
- BC Bennett - Tomato Basil soup
- Mark and Frances Rose - Cheesy Broccoli & Cauliflower Soup, and Tossed Green Salad
- Deloris Hooten—Crackers
- Carolyn Whitney and Pete Wuemling—Desserts



**Many thanks** to Lynn and Phill Bowers who provided most of the March 26 Lenten Luncheon:

- Deli Sandwich Trays
- Fresh Veggie Tray
- Chips and Dip—the Roses
- Desserts—Carolyn Whitney, Pastor Don, and Pete & Diane Wuemling

**You make all the difference!**

**Perhaps you were put here for such a time as this.**



**We are called to use our time for others.** Colossians 4:5 offers this advice: “Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.”

We are called to work with those outside the fold of Jesus, showing them Jesus' love and helping them experience that love.

Twice and unexpectedly during “Lenten Lunch and a Lesson” Tuesdays, God brought us guests who were not members of the church, did not know about the meals, and happened to be present when the meals began. We invited them to join us, made them feel welcome, and fed them. They were from the outer areas of Bosque County. One day there were four adults and another time, there were two. We met a need and welcomed them as Jesus would.

**Monday, April 8 is another such opportunity.** We'll be opening the church's big backyard to all who wish to come and view the solar eclipse. We'll have a flatbed trailer on which live music will be played. We'll be offering bottled water and canned sodas for sale. Most importantly, we'll have many opportunities to be the face, hands, heart, and feet of Jesus by walking amongst the throng, greeting them, welcoming them, and developing relationships.

Won't you come to the church on Monday, April 8 (anytime from 10 AM to 5 PM) and represent Jesus, and the United Methodist Church of Clifton, smiling, greeting, and welcoming the people who gather on our lawn? Let them know they are welcome, they are valued, and they are worthy of love and respect. Let's give them what God gives us.



## PLANNING AHEAD

This year on **Sunday, April 28**, First United Methodist will join with other churches in Clifton to take the loving actions of Jesus Christ into the community beyond our church walls!

Regular Sunday School, Bible Study, and Worship experiences will be put on "pause" for that morning as we live out the gospel with our neighbors.

There will be ways everyone from 5 to 105 can serve, so circle that day on your calendar and plan to wear your work clothes, including your Neighborhood Clifton t-shirt, to participate in one of the day's projects to bring help, lighten the load, and brighten the lives of our neighbors in Clifton in the name of Jesus Christ.

### Neighborhood Clifton Project Schedule

8:00 am—Continental Breakfast at City Park

8:30 am—City-wide Devotional

9:00 am—Meet with your Project Group and Group Leader, then head to your worksite

11:30 AM—Everyone will gather back at City Park for burgers, the fixin's, and fellowship.

**Applications to volunteer as a Neighborhood Clifton Worker are also available on the table outside the church office. Turn in your Volunteer Worker Application to Pastor Don in the church office as soon as possible.**

*Neighborhood Clifton is coordinated through the Clifton Ministerial Alliance.*



**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLIFTON**

LOVING AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

## Encounter on a New York City Subway

by Hannah Rose

After working an eleven hour shift on Valentine's Day in 2016, all I wanted was to get home in peace. However, I got on a train where a homeless man was screaming complaints at the top of his lungs. I kept my head down hoping he wouldn't notice the empty seat next to me, but he did and sat down. He stopped yelling and I could feel him staring at me, so I looked up into his eyes.

Man: "Are you afraid of me?" Me: "Should I be?"

Man: "If you want to be." Me: "I'd rather not."

Man: "Okay. Do you have any water?" Me: "I'm sorry, no, but I have a green juice. Would you like that?"

Man: "Yes!" I gave him the juice, he downed the entire thing in two seconds, and then his face lit up.

Man: "That was beautiful! Thank you!" He hugged me.

While I felt awkward and didn't really want the hug, I also felt like maybe he just needed a friend, so I let it happen. I told him to have a good night. He blessed and thanked me incessantly and got off the train. It probably wasn't wise to engage, but His smile was beautiful, and all he really wanted was someone to talk to him for a minute. I'm glad I could do that.



# NEIGHBORHOOD CLIFTON

LOVING AND SERVING OUR  
NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Printed Name of Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # and Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names and ages of each family member who will be volunteering:

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**When is it? Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**What is it? A time for all the churches in Clifton to join together sharing the love of Jesus with our community.**

## Schedule for April 30:

- 8:00 am—Continental Breakfast at City Park
- 8:30 am—City-Wide Devotional
- 9:00 am—Meet with your Project Group and Group Leader, then head to your worksite.
- 11:30 am—Everyone will gather back at City Park for burgers, fixin's, and fellowship.

**We need You! Would you like to volunteer to lead or serve on one of the service projects? Please sign up, if you do.**

**Select your preferred service project area:**

## Outdoors

### A. Heavier Work Possibilities

1. Lawn mowing, brush removal, tree trimming, weed-eating, and cleaning along curbs, sidewalks and hedges around homes, abandoned city lots, parks, etc. Several teams and team leaders with pickup trucks and flatbed trailers needed.
2. Flower bed clean-out and replant, plants provided.
3. Offering assistance at homes with trash cleanup, minor repairs, etc.
4. Trim around signs on our streets

### B. Lighter Work, but requiring some particular talents or skills

1. Painting address numbers on curbs
2. Cleaning around elderly people's homes or apartments as requested.
3. Preparing and delivering breakfast tacos to residents in designated neighborhoods

## Indoors

- A. Helping children with their assigned service project
- B. Food Donation Pick-Up



This special Sunday is a denomination wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. A gap in knowledge exists in The United Methodist Church, in congregations, and other United Methodist entities, relative to comprehending concepts of Native American life, cultures, languages, spirit, values, contemporary issues, and such. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world.

An offering is taken on **Sunday, April 14** to support vital ministries in the conferences. The offering allows The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Last year, your generosity delivered over \$243,000 towards these ministries:

- ◆ 50% of the funds collected stay within our conference to develop ministries to Native Americans.
- ◆ 25% of the funds received are used for scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. A significant shortage of Native American pastors and trained professionals exists.
- ◆ 25% of donations received support Native American mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects, and restoring traditional and historic ways that bring forth new leadership in Native American communities.

To support Native American Ministries Sunday, kindly write your check to FUMC and note "Native American" in the memo line.



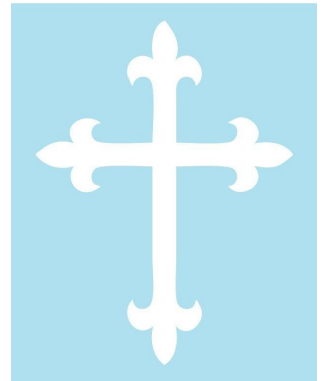
April 1	Joyce Davis
April 1	Cindy Dolch
April 2	John Isbell
April 8	Charlotte Turner
April 9	Lynn Bowers
April 11	Sandra Joy
April 11	Wynn Moore
April 12	Linda Fehler
April 15	Canton Davis
April 18	Diane Dietiker
April 18	Mary Downing
April 19	Rick Rhodes
April 21	John King
April 22	Sophia Balch
April 23	Lea Ann Parrish
April 26	Jack Carter
April 26	Lauren Pedigo
April 27	Ryan French
April 27	Tricia Boswell
April 28	Forrest Culp



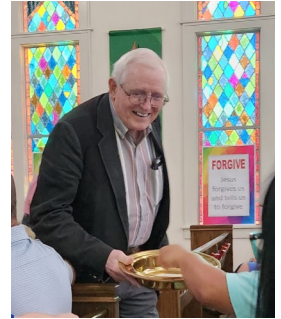
**Save the Date for VBS!**  
**June 24—27, 2024 in the Evening**  
**To volunteer, see Savannah Lea!**



Congratulations to Joey St. Peters on his baptism and profession of faith made on Sunday, March 10, 2024!



Look at all the Easter morning kids in church!



Pastor Don experienced the honor and joy of baptizing twin babies, Michael Gideon Galindo Huffman, and Miriam Galindo Huffman who were born January 25, 2024. The baptism took place at Walnut Springs Memorial United Methodist Church on Easter morning, March 31, 2024.





**Lenten Lunch & a Lesson** was a six-week series with lunch provided and lessons presented by Pastor Don, Rev Don Wright of Trinity Lutheran Church, Alex Balch, Corey Moses from Tarleton Wesleyan, Frances Rose, and Central District Supt. Rev Beverly Connelly. It was a blessed time of reflection, prayer, praise, worship, and fellowship for all.



Pastor Don, Alex, and Don P worked together to sync all the new equipment and ensure it worked properly.



New television screens were installed in the sanctuary replacing the broken projector screen and the projectors which were going out. The screens were purchased on sale with special donations from church members and the clarity of the pictures is so much better than it was. Many thanks to our generous donors for improving our worship experience with this new equipment.



Many thanks to Tim and Barbara Van Tassel who purchased a beautiful butterfly tree now mounted over the coffee bar in the church lobby in loving memory of Tim's mom, Lexie Van Tassel. Lexie loved butterflies.





# April 2024



## Monday, April 1

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets in the Parlor
- 6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop for Girls meets in the Scout Hut

## Tuesday, April 2

- 9:30 AM Pastor Don does Chapel at Sunset Home
- Noon **JOY (Joyful Older Youth) Group meets for sack lunch in the fellowship hall followed by domino games**
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Scout Hut
- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts meet in the Scout Hut

## Wednesday, April 3

- 10:30 AM Preschool Chapel in the sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

## Thursday, April 4

- 6:00 PM **Final Eclipse Event Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**

## Sunday, April 7 Communion Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Worship and Communion in the Sanctuary
- 6-8 PM The Porch Student Gathering, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, April 8 Eclipse Yard Event!

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets in the Parlor
- 10AM to 5PM In the church's backyard, live music, concessions
- 6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop for Girls meets in the Scout Hut

## Tuesday, April 9

- Noon JOY (Joyful Older Youth) Group meets in the fellowship hall for lunch and domino games
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Scout Hut
- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts meet in the Scout Hut

## Wed, April 10

- 6:00 PM Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

## Thurs, April 11

- 11AM-1PM Lion's Club meets in the Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, April 14 Native American Ministries Sunday

- 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
- Noon Covered Dish Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- 6-8 PM The Porch Student Ministry, Fellowship Hall/Youth Room

## Monday, April 15

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets in the Parlor
- 1:30 PM United Methodist Women in Faith, Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Church Council meets in the Loyalty Classroom
- 6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop for Girls meets in the Scout Hut

## Tuesday, April 15

- Noon JOY (Joyful Older Youth) meet in the fellowship hall for lunch and domino games
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Scout Hut
- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts meet in the Scout Hut

## Wednesday, April 16

- 10:30 AM Preschool Chapel in the sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

## Sunday, April 21

- 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6-8 PM The Porch Student Ministry, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, April 22

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets in the Parlor
- 6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop for Girls meets in the Scout Hut

## Tuesday, April 23 NO JOY Group this day.

- 9:30 AM District Committee on Ordination will meet in various areas of the church throughout the day.
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Scout Hut
- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts meet in the Scout Hut

## Wednesday, April 24

- 10:30 AM Preschool Chapel in the sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

## Saturday, April 27

- 6-7:30 PM Daddy Daughter Dance at the Clifton Civic Center

## Sunday, April 28 Neighborhood Clifton Sunday

- 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast for everyone at Clifton City Park
- 8:30 AM City-wide Devotional
- 9:00 AM Meet with your project group, then head to the worksite
- 11:30 AM Everyone gathers back at the City Park for burgers, fixin's, and fellowship



Elf on a shelf? Psh.  
What Jesus wants is ewe in a pew!