

3rd Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

PRELUDE/GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
A TIME OF CENTERING
CALL TO WORSHIP
OPENING PRAYER

Jerrie Sue Massengale
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*HYMN OF PRAISE, 304 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM ACTS

Acts 9:1-6

Marti Lane

PSALTER, 762

Psalms 30

Ben Sexton

A READING FROM REVELATION

Revelation 5:11-14

Donna Ratzlaff

*GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19

*GLORIA PATRI, 70 **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.**

ANTHEM

Calvary's Love

Choir

SERMON

"Contemplative & Fervent"

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 307

Christ Is Risen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 883 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 89 1

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY, 95 **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.)

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 349 *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) reprise

Jerrie Sue Massengale

*Congregation standing, as able

NEW WINESKINS for Our Journey "back to the future" All women are invited to join us as we celebrate women's accomplishments in the past and plan for the future. We also will have an update from several Ukrainian believers, regarding their current situations. Please come, with your favorite dish, and join us for our May United Methodist Women's potluck supper and program on Wednesday, May 4, at 4:30 p.m.

The UMW still have a few pecans to sell (small pieces) - price reduced to only \$8.00 a bag.



Brasstown Ringers Spring Concert "Put a Ring On It" will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Blue Ridge United Methodist Church. Free admission—a love offering will be received to help with expenses of the group. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this special concert.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

Mark your calendar for our **Annual Church Picnic on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. at Horseshoe Bend Park.**

United Methodists wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. 100% of contributions go to the designated cause.

The charity in Romania where Ruth Womack volunteers, **Hope for the Children International**, is taking in refugees from Ukraine and are in need of donations to buy supplies - food, water, medicines, clothing, diapers, etc. Please send to Keith Gray, P.O. Box 163, Gary Texas, 75643 who wires the contributions directly to HCI.

If you would be willing to read scripture on Sunday, please put your name and contact information on the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex. Participants will be called in advance with the readings.

The Son Seekers adult Sunday school class have begun a new six session study by Max Lucado, which is especially apropos for the times in which we are living. **You are Never Alone** takes a different look at Jesus' miracles recorded in the Gospel of John. Books are \$12.00. If you long to know Jesus better--the Jesus who meets people in the midst of all of life's messes, you will find this study inspiring.

Native American Ministries Sunday will be recognized on May 15. Through this offering, Native American seminarians are educated and Native American outreach is empowered. Your generous gift provides scholarships for seminarians, strengthens and develops Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and supports Native American outreach at the annual conference level.

The **2022 Holston Annual Conference Offering** will support mission and ministry in Uganda and South Sudan, where Holston Conference has developed relationships and sent resources for more than 16 years. We will receive this offering on Sunday, May 22.

If you would like to make a contribution to help pay the cost of the new Legacy Hall AC unit, please mark it "AC Fund." \$2,845.00 has been received to date. All contributions are appreciated!

Church Leadership

Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Choir Director Ben Sexton
Accompanist Jerrie Sue Massengale
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants

Ushers Elaine Morgan Ron Singleton
 Joy Turner
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: +Jerry Dunton, Louise Arp, Sheppie Dunn, Lonney McDonald, +Jack Dunn, Jr. (in ICU), Donna Sexton, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren

Homebound/Assisted Living: Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: Janis Martin (pneumonia), Ruth Womack, the people of Ukraine, Ricky and Dennis (nephews of Retha Crain), Tom Reed, Bud Chastain (Covid complications), Judy Jones (friend of Cathy Turner), Gabriel Montgomery, twin great-nephews of Lisa Loudermilk, Jeff Bunch (uncle of April Butler), Michelle Nerney (multiple myeloma—friend of Ann Rymer), Richard Meyers (surgery complications—brother of Elaine Minor), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members

*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Birthdays

4 Lonney McDonald

Anniversaries

5 Ron and Neila Pace 48th

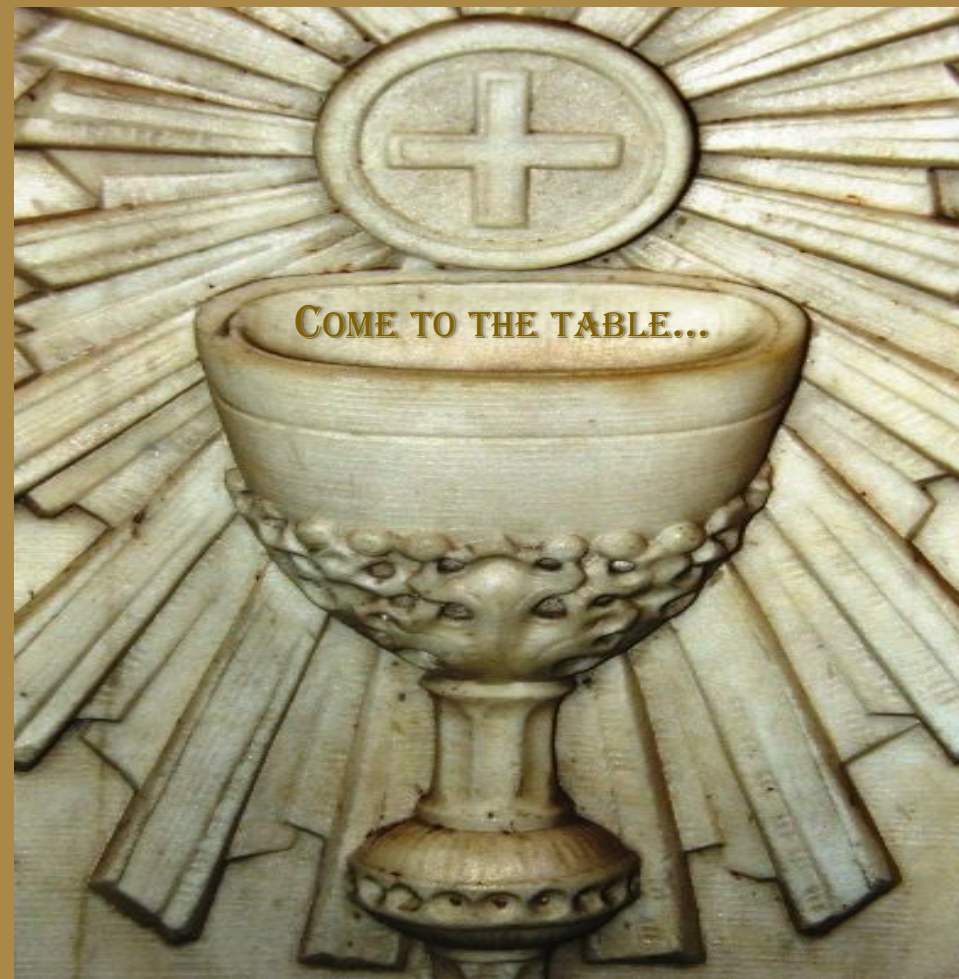
If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. Meals are "to go" only. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. 151 meals were served on Monday. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemmann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

Calendar

Today	Wednesday	Saturday
10:00 am Sunday School	4:30 pm UWM Program & Potluck	3:00 pm GriefShare
11:00 am Worship	6:00 pm Choir Practice	
Monday	Thursday	
4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)	
	7:00 pm Trustee Meeting (Older Elem. Class)	

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Everyone Welcome