



From the desk of Pastor Ann

Christ the Lord is Risen today. Hallelujah! Can you imagine hearing Mary Magdalene on that first Easter morning, when she testified that she had evidence that Christ is risen from the dead? We know the disciples had trouble believing the women. Peter went and checked the tomb himself. He found it empty. More evidence of the resurrection.

So church, have we experienced the risen Christ? Today I want to invite you, to encourage you to look for signs of the resurrection. There are signs everywhere of Jesus taking broken things and making them new. All we have to do is look.

Just last week, I was volunteering after school at Monroe Area High School. We had finished our journaling activities, and they were doing a little karaoke. After singing a Bruno Mars song. Then Rise Up from Andre Day. One of the girls wanted to sing Way Maker.

The girls started singing these lyrics: *You are a way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness, my God, that is who you are. You are here touching every heart, I worship you. You are here, healing every heart, I worship you, Jesus, I worship you, turning lives around.* And I saw evidence of the risen Christ in this public high school.

I saw the Lord as I was talking to Hazel Roberts. She was recently hospitalized, and unresponsive. The family was preparing for the worst. And then miraculously, she was healed. As I visited with her in the hospital after her recovery, she said she saw Jesus. And Jesus said, she needed to come back to us. Heaven is for real! I have spoken to an eyewitness.

We have seen the risen Christ when we see what is broken made new. We see the Lord every time we see God's life-giving love moving mountains. Have you experienced the risen Christ?

The crucified Christ was laid in a tomb. Tombs are a place for things that are dead. It is the dead places within us that fuel deception... rejection... racism... sexism... judgement and fear.

But on that first Easter morning the stone was rolled away.

God is still rolling stones away as the broken places inside of us are being made new. God can use us to help others see the risen Christ. God wants us to testify, just as Mary testified to what she saw on that first Easter morning. Some won't believe. But others will, and then we fulfill God's mission to make disciples of Christ. When we help others see the risen Christ, we help them break free from their tomb.

When Jesus rose from the dead, he defeated sin and death, promising us eternal life both now and forever more. But that is not all. The Apostle Paul said it best in 1 Corinthians 15:58, He reminds us we are here to continue the work Christ began to build the kingdom of God. "Therefore... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Because Jesus conquered sin and death, and promises that we too will be raised from the dead, we must always remember that our lives matter to Christ! How we live our lives matters.

Next week, I will be bringing the good news of the gospel into Whitworth Women's Facility in Hartwell, please pray for the ladies of Whitworth and the volunteers. Cindy Elsmore will have a great message for us at Union Chapel and the week after that, we begin a series of sermons on Beautiful Attitudes. We will look at what it means to live for Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Ann.

- Greetings from Pastor Ann
- Prayer Requests
- Weekly Attendance
- This Saturday, 04/23 BBQ & Brunswick Stew Pick up @ 1 PM, \$11 each
- Easter @ Union Chapel
- Harmony Elementary School Mission Project Delivery
- Weekly Calendar
- Celebrations
- Giving

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Prayer Request: Ricky Towler. **The family of:** Cindy Mahan.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Email your prayer request directly to: ann.mann@ngumc.net. Please submit your request by noon on Saturday.



**Union Chapel Churchwide
Mission Project**

To benefit Harmony Elementary School Clinic

Thank you to everyone in the church who provided supplies for our mission to Stock the Clinic at Harmony Elementary School. Principal Kimberly Lester and Nurse Keisha Arnold were so appreciative of our help when we delivered the supplies today! And thank you to Margaret Peters who let our Ladies Group know about the need. We love helping the community God has given us to serve!

Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance	Online	Sunday School
04/17/2022	127	54	15
04/10/2022	63	63	20
04/03/2022	60	10	15
03/29/2022	70	97	38



**April 23rd
BBQ & Brunswick Stew
Pick up @ 1 PM
\$11 each.**

**Call Harry McGaughey,
404-695-5019
with your order.**



Deadline Extended

Graduate Sunday is May 1st. Please submit pictures of your Graduate, their Senior Picture and one as a child.

Please return your form to unionchapel@windstream.net or Rita Peters by Monday, April 25th .



**Palette Knife
Painting Class
& Snack Supper**

**Monday
May 9, 2022
6-8pm**

**Union Chapel Church
2625 Pannell Road
(Fellowship Hall)**

**\$25.00
Reservations Required
by May 1st**

Wear paint clothes!

Easter Weekend @ Union Chapel

Thank you to everyone who made our weekend Easter celebrations so wonderful. Thanks to Cindy and Kenneth Little and all the parents for their help with the Spring Fling on Saturday. Thanks to Rita Peters, Nancy Snell and Linda Rowe for decorating our cross with flowers! And Sunday, Becky Pentecost and our choir did an outstanding job with the special music! Thank you!



April 18, 2022 - May 1, 2022

Weekly Happenings

Monday, April 18, 2022

9 AM—2 PM Church Office Open due to Kairos

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ the Elmore's

7 PM Youth Bible Study @ C & K Little's

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, April 21, 2022 Office Closed

Saturday, April 23, 2022

1:00 PM Pick up BBQ & Brunswick Stew by Fellowship Hall \$11.00 each

Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:00 AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)

10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Noon Admin Council w/lunch in Fellowship Hall

4:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

7 PM Youth Bible Study @ C & K Little's

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, May 1, 2022 Communion & High School Graduates Honored

9:00 AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)

10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

****Graduate information due to the church office.

Please email us your name, school, degree, future plans and a picture by Monday, April 25th to: unionchapel@windstream.net.****



April Celebrations

19th Haley Culpepper

20th Nancy Garrison

21st Evan Hamby

27th Lynn Aycock
Thomas Rollins

28th Gail Hawk

May Celebrations

5th Brenda Hester

6th **Tony & Ginger Rutchi**

9th Cory Blackmon

Denny Malcom

11th McKenzie Culpepper

Tony Rutchi

12th Mary Daniel

13th Carson Peters

14th Irene Queen

15th David Peters

17th Beth Raby

19th **Caleb & Lana Browning**

Maeleigh Gibson

***Anniversaries in red.**

*****Administrative Information*****

Church Office Hours week of April 18th through April 21st

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

9 AM - 2 PM

Closed on Thursday

Please note, messages are not picked up during non office hours. If you have an emergency outside office hours, please call:

Pastor Ann, 770-256-4556
or James Johnson, 678-767-2712 .

**Tithes and Offerings can be given either online from our website or mail a check to
Union Chapel UMC Finance
P.O. Box 622, Monroe, GA 30655**

******Newsletter Submissions******

Please submit any information , prayer requests or articles that you might have for the newsletter to the church office by Tuesday at noon, as the newsletter will be published on Tuesday. Also, as a reminder, please have prayer requests submitted by noon on Thursday for the Sunday bulletin. The church office email is: unionchapel@windstream.net