



## From the desk of Pastor Ann

We announced Sunday that I am being appointed to serve at Barnesville First United Methodist Church in Barnesville, Georgia. It has been a privilege to serve beside you here at Union Chapel. I wish you the very best as you find a new way forward.

As I move forward, I continue looking for ways to share the love of Jesus. So, this week I took a class on Missional Accountability. You can imagine from the title what that means.

Mission is God's love in action.

Accountability is looking after one another in love, caring for those for whom we are in covenant relationship with, and challenging them when behavior is contrary to our mission.

Our teacher told a story about a church he was working with on missional accountability. At the seminar, he kept asking people "What would God want from us?" "What would God desire of us?"

He asked it so many times that finally, one very frustrated woman stood up and said, "This is OUR church. What does God have to do with it?" A telling response.

She tried to backtrack once she realized how it sounded, but I think there is some truth in what she said for all of us. We sometimes lose our way. We begin to think this is OUR church, when in truth, this is GOD's church. We forget what God desires of us.

Church consultant Doug Anderson suggests 90 percent of US churches are in decline, leaving only 10 percent who are growing. So, what is the difference? Why are the growing churches growing?

What he found was, the primary difference between them is not music, theology, size, location, culture, Pastor, denomination, or programming. The difference is this: the growing churches have leaders, both clergy and lay leaders, who are willing to sacrifice their preferences—what they want---for God's purpose.

Purpose over preference is at the heart of missional accountability.

So, church, what matters most to us? What matters most to you? If you are reading this, I think you know that our purpose is to join God in redeeming the world. We are here to make disciples of Christ. Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:10-14, that to make disciples, we must first BE disciples. Our calling as God's beloved is to join in God's work to redeem the world.

Paul gave up everything to follow Jesus. He gave up his title, his reputation, his standing in the community. But the most important thing he gave up was his idea that he was self-sufficient, that he had all the answers. One commentary put it this way, "He gave up the fantasy of independence for the truth of interdependence." He allowed what his head and heart understood about Christ to transform his calendar, his "checkbook" and his relationships.

Does our faith resemble Paul's? Do we know what matters most?

Paul shows us what matters most. It is growing as disciples of Christ. Spiritual maturity. In the Wesleyan tradition, we have a phrase for this, it is "going on to perfection." We are perfected in love by God's sanctifying grace, the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit that changes us so that our lives reflect the mind of Christ. I pray that we continue to grow in our love of Christ, as we seek to have the mind of Christ. May we always remember this is GOD's church!

Hope to see you Sunday, in church or online. Blessings, Pastor Ann.

- Greetings from Pastor Ann
- Prayer Requests
- 04/06 Lenten Lunch @ Monroe 1st Baptist
- Weekly Attendance
- Sunday, 04/10 @ Noon Administrative Council Meeting w/ lunch (FH)
- Saturday, 04/16, Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt
- Saturday, 04/23 BBQ & Brunswick Stew Pick up @ 1 PM, \$11 each
- Churchwide Mission Project for Harmony Elementary School
- Weekly Calendar
- Celebrations
- Giving

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**Prayer Request:** Kate Hamby. **The Family of:** John Thompson

*PRAY WITHOUT CEASING*

Email your prayer request directly to: [ann.mann@ngumc.net](mailto:ann.mann@ngumc.net). Please submit your request by noon on Saturday.



You are invited to our Monroe Area Ministerial Association Lenten lunches. We will have a brief service at noon, with pastors from our area churches bringing the message, and a luncheon following. This week the lunch will be held at First Baptist Monroe. At the luncheon, you will have an opportunity to make a donation to support FISH. Here is the schedule for the host churches:

**2022 Lenten Schedule**

April 6            First Baptist Monroe



**Weekly Attendance**

Date	Attendance	Online	Sunday School
04/03/2022	60	10	15
03/29/2022	70	97	38
03/20/2022	74	120	35
03/13/2022	78	41	28



### Thankful Tuesday

“Thanks to Addyson Hamby for bringing the special music at our contemporary worship service this past Sunday!



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



*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](mailto:unionchapel@windstream.net) or Rita Peters by Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.*



# Spring Fling

Saturday, April 16th  
10 AM—2 PM



## Union Chapel

Danny Hester  
Memorial Spring Fling  
Saturday, April 16th

Easter Egg Hunt and much  
more!

Egg Decorating  
Food

Bring your lawn chairs!



**Union Chapel Church-wide  
Mission Project  
To benefit Harmony Elementary School**

SUPPLIES NEEDED by the nurse:  
Ginger ale-(Small bottle preferably  
but 16oz will be fine)  
Clorox wipes  
Liquid Children's Tylenol  
Liquid Children's Ibuprofen  
Alcohol wipes  
Flushable wipes  
Liquid Children's Benadryl  
Benadryl extra strength itch stopping cream  
Adult Benadryl  
Adult Aleve  
Adult Tylenol  
Adult Ibuprofen  
First aid Burn cream  
Vinegar  
Band aids  
Legging pants for girls all sizes  
Sweatpants for boys all sizes  
Germ-X  
Kleenex  
Adult Mask

**Please bring your supplies to the  
fellowship hall by Easter Sunday**

April 5, 2022 - April 17, 2022

**Weekly Happenings**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ the Elsmore's  
7 PM Youth Bible Study @ C & K Little's

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7 PM Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

7 PM United Methodist Men

**Sunday, April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday**

9:15 AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)  
10 AM Contemporary worship (theChapel)  
11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
Noon Youth After Church

**Noon** Administrative Council Meeting & Lunch  
(Fellowship Hall)

6 PM Trustee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, April 11, 2022**

6 PM United Methodist Women

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

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

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7 PM Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**

6 PM Maundy Thursday Confession & Communion  
(theChapel)

**Friday, April 15, 2022**

6 PM Good Friday, Service of the Nails

**Saturday, April 16th, 2022**

10 AM - 2 PM Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt for all ages.

**Sunday, April 17, 2022 Happy Easter!**



**April Celebrations**

- 2nd Debbie Greer
- 6th Katlyn Land
- 8th **Ricky & Elaine Towler**
- 10th Cindy Harris
- 11th **Kenneth & Margaret Peters**
- 14th Glenn Barton
- 16th Rebecca Adcock  
Sam Johnson
- 19th Haley Culpepper
- 20th Nancy Garrison
- 21st Evan Hamby
- 27th Lynn Aycock  
Thomas Rollins
- 28th Gail Hawk

**\*Anniversaries in red.**

**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**

**\*\*\*Administrative Information\*\*\***  
**Church Office Hours**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**  
**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 .**

**\*\*\*\*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**