



From the desk of Pastor Ann

The members of Union Chapel United Methodist Church gathered Sunday evening and voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. Please joins us for a special Administrative Council meeting this Sunday at 6pm in the Chapel as we discuss what's next.

According to the United Methodist News service, of the more than 31-thousand United Methodist Churches in America, 51 churches voted to leave the denomination in 2020. But here is the number I want us to hear. 305 United Methodist Churches closed in 2020 because they were no longer sustainable.

As with everything in life, a church has a life cycle. There is birth, and growth, and death. If a church recognizes the signs of death the trend can be reversed. That is IF the church recognizes the signs early enough and is willing to do something about reversing the trend.

When the dying trend is reversed a church can regain its energy and momentum and embrace a new season of Growth. Central to the growth of any church is remembering why we exist. We exist to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. We are reminded of that in Matthew 28:19-20.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (NRSV)

Making disciples of Christ and teaching them to be obedient to the teachings of Christ is at the heart of every growing church. Jesus gives us authority to continue the mission he began. To do this we must be willing to go where Christ leads, to do what Christ calls us to do, and to teach the truth of God. The best news of all, God is with us, even to the end of the age. We do not go alone. Praise be to God.

So church, are we making disciples of Christ?

As we read through Scripture, I see three things that God requires of us: We are to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. And we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

I want to make sure we understand what it means to make disciples. When we make disciples of Christ, it means we conduct ourselves in a manner that brings others into relationship with Jesus. We plant the seeds of faith, we water the seeds of faith, and Christ brings the harvest.

The great commission is not an optional assignment for bonus points. This is our mission as Christians. Churches that are no longer growing have forgotten the great commission. They have turned inward. And as a result, we have an entire generation of people we have failed to disciple. We are losing the younger generation. Why is that?

We might find the answer in a humorous but painfully true cartoon in "Leadership Journal." The church secretary is holding the phone, hollering to the pastor in the adjoining room. She says, "A man from Ripley's Believe It or Not wants a picture of someone on fire for the Lord. Do we have one?"

Are we on fire for the Lord? Or have we fallen asleep on the job? It's time to remember our mission, the great commission. Go and make disciples of Christ and teach them about God's love.

I hope to see you in church this Sunday, either in person or online.

Blessings, Pastor Ann.

- Greetings from
Pastor Ann
- Prayer Requests
- Lenten Lunches
- Weekly
Attendance
- United Methodist
Women
- Churchwide
Mission for Harmony
Elementary School
- Administrative
Council Meeting
Sunday, 03/20/22
@ 6PM
- Weekly Calendar
- Celebrations
- Giving

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Prayer Requests: John Thompson, Kelly Timm, Phillip Connelly, and Tonya Smallwood.

The Family of: Rebecca Mann (Kim' cousin)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Email your prayer request directly to: 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 Lighthouse World Outreach. At the luncheon, you will have an opportunity to make a donation to support FISH. Here is the schedule for the host churches:

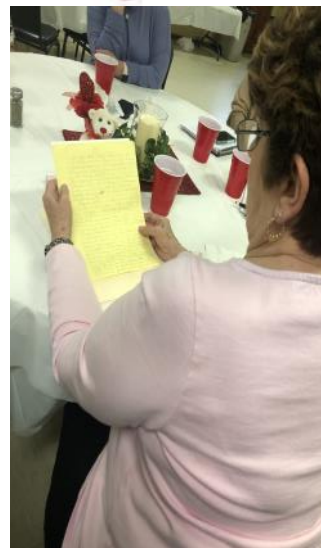
2022 Lenten Schedule

- March 16 Lighthouse World Outreach
- March 23 Union Chapel United Methodist
- March 30 First United Methodist Monroe
- April 6 First Baptist Monroe



Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance	Online	Sunday School
03/13/2022	85	44	29
03/06/2022	78	41	28
02/27/2022	83	19	21
02/20/2022	67	35	27



We had a lovely meal with some of our United Methodist Women. Our devotion was given by Elaine Towler, from a devotion her mother-in-law Carolyn Towler had written years ago. At the meeting, it was decided to provide supplies to help the nurse at Harmony Elementary. We will have an insert in the bulletin with a list of needed items. We will collect supplies through Easter. You may also bring supplies to our next meeting, Monday April 11th. We encourage you to invite a friend to participate in this community mission project. We will also have a community fellowship event May 9th from 6-8pm. Pastor Ann will host a paint party. This will be a fundraiser, and will require reservations. More information will follow soon.

(See next page for Mission Needs for Harmony Elementary School)

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**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**

March 14 - March 30, 2022

Weekly Happenings

Monday, March 14, 2022

6 PM United Methodist Women (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

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

7 PM Youth Bible Study @ Kenneth & Cindy Little's

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, March 20, 2022 Change for Children

9:15 AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)

10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

6 PM Administrative Council Meeting (theChapel)

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

7 PM Youth Bible Study @ Kenneth & Cindy Little's

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Noon **Community Lenten Lunch @ Union Chapel**

7 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, March 27, 2022 Change for Children

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**

3 PM SPR Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

7 PM ****No Youth Bible Study****

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Choir Practice



March Celebrations

- 15th Debra Vinson
- 18th Brooke Blackmon
Elijah Ford
Rodney Peters
- 19th **Donald & Penny Oakley**
Pastor Ann Mann
Don Peters
- 20th **John & Martha Jordan**
- 25th Bill Johnson
- 29th **David & Lori Keyes**
- 30th Paul Weekley
- 31st Richard Rollins

April Celebrations

- 2nd Debbie Greer
- 6th Katlyn Land
- 8th **Ricky & Elaine Towler**

***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