



From the desk of Pastor Ann

The hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling was written by Charles Wesley. Charles and John Wesley were brothers. As you may know, John Wesley is considered the founder of the Methodist movement. What you may not know is that John and Charles didn't always agree. In fact, one of the things they disagreed on was the Methodist movement's split from the Church of England. Even so, they remained friends and confidants until Charles' death. A great testimony to the truth that we can disagree, and still love each other as Christ loves us.

One of the legacies of Charles Wesley's life of faith is his hymns. He had the ability to take our theology, to take what we believe about our Savior, and set it to music. He is credited with writing more than 6-thousand hymns including "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The theology of Love Divine All Loves Excelling tells the story of God's transforming love. This is the same story found in 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

"Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God."

It is said Charles Wesley inherited the gift of writing the poetry from his father. Here is what is interesting. It wasn't until Charles gave his heart to Christ that the hymns literally poured out of him. It is as if the flood gates were opened. He was transformed by the love of Christ.

This is a beautiful illustration of the truth of scripture. When we are filled with the Spirit, the Spirit's work within us flows freely from us. When Charles surrendered his will to the will of Christ, the work of Christ flowed from his pen.

This is true for all of us. God has placed some unique gift or ability within each one of us. When we surrender, truly surrender our will to the will of Christ, that gift flows freely to build God's kingdom.

Paul's letter to the church in Corinth is a reminder that God has the power to transform us more and more into His likeness. When God's love is written on our hearts, our lives reflect that love.

So, church, What do we see when we look in the mirror? Do we see the glory of the Lord shining through? Are we being transformed into the image of Christ?

The glory of Christ is contagious! The glory of Christ transforms us more and more into the image of Christ. Does that describe us? Are we being transformed into the image of Christ? Are we growing in our faith?

My prayer for Union Chapel comes from the last line of Wesley's hymn: "Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise." May it be so in our lives today.

Praying I see you in church this Sunday, either in person or online.
Blessings, Pastor Ann.

- Greetings from
Pastor Ann
- Prayer Requests
- Thankful Tuesday
- Ash Wednesday
Service 6 PM
theChapel
- Weekly
Attendance
- Church
Conference
Sunday, March 13th
5 PM Sanctuary
- Weekly Calendar
- Celebrations
- Giving

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Prayer Requests: Savana Peters, Carolyn Towler (declining health), Janet McGaughey.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

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

Thankful Tuesday

We are thankful for Addisyn Hamby. She shared her musical gift at our Contemporary and Traditional Worship service Sunday. She played "My Jesus", by Anne Wilson.

The lyrics are just what we need to hear as we prepare for Lent:

Are you past the point of weary?
 Is your burden weighin' heavy?
 Is it all too much to carry?
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 Do you feel that empty feeling?
 'Cause shame's done all its stealin'
 And you're desperate for some healin'
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.



He makes a way where there ain't no way
 Rises up from an empty grave
 Ain't no sinner that He can't save
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 His love is strong and His grace is free
 And the good news is I know that He
 Can do for you what He's done for me
 Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
 And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah , Hallelujah
 Hallelujah, Amen



Weekly Attendance

Date	Attendance	Online	Sunday School
02/27/2022	83	19	21
02/20/2022	67	35	27
02/13/2022	74	27	27
02/06/2022	69	114	16



Please join us in theChapel for the Ash Wednesday Service at 6 PM

The first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist churches.

Source: A Dictionary for United Methodists, Alan K. Waltz, Copyright 1991, Abingdon Press

Found on: the United Methodist Church website.

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. 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 9 St. Anna’s Catholic Church
- March 16 Lighthouse World Outreach
- March 23 Union Chapel United Methodist
- March 30 First United Methodist Monroe
- April 6 First Baptist Monroe

Church Conference set for Sunday, March 13th
5 pm in the sanctuary

By: James Johnson, Lay Leader & Vickie Sargent, Chair Staff Parrish Relations Committee

This summary is an overview of what the vote to Disaffiliate might mean for Union Chapel United Methodist Church. *It is not meant to be an exhaustive explanation and each person is strongly encouraged to educate yourselves. Please pray for our church.*

- District Superintendent, Rev. Rodrigo Cruz will preside over meeting
- Only members of Union Chapel will be allowed in the sanctuary. A written ballot will be issued at check-in, similar to those issued at the February 27th meeting
- Any members not known by the check-in staff, may be asked to show a picture ID r
- You must be present to vote – no absentee ballots (per District Superintendent)
- Questions specific to disaffiliation will be allowed, but no personal commentaries.
- Votes will be publicly counted
 - Should the required two-thirds majority vote to disaffiliate we will receive a checklist from the district of all actions that must be completed prior to our North Georgia's annual conference scheduled for **June in Athens**.
 - Ratification by the NGUMC at Annual Conference will release our property from the Trust Clause. Our church would assume full ownership of all property (and debts)
 - The check list from the conference will include the following:
 - Union Chapel will owe apportionment and pension liabilities totaling approximately \$49,000 to UMC.
 - Our church would be "independent" and not associated with any denomination giving us the opportunity to pursue all options.
 - "Members of Union Chapel will assume responsibility of *our church* operations including (but not limited to): pastoral selection and appointments, benefits options for pastor and/or other employees, finance, leadership, committees, missions and outreach, etc
- If the vote does not reach the two-thirds threshold to disaffiliate, we will remain within the United Methodist denomination with our properties held in trust as they are currently.
 - The Disaffiliation option remains in effect until the end of 2023 so this could be revisited next year.

March 1 - March 16, 2022

Weekly Happenings

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6 PM Ash Wednesday Service (theChapel)

7 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, March 6, 2022

9:15 AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)
10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)
11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) **Communion**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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

Thursday, March 10, 2022

7 PM United Methodist Men

Sunday, March 13, 2022

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

5 PM Church Conference (Sanctuary)

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



March Celebrations

- 2nd Kaden McCullers
- 4th Kelsey Peters
- 6th Sherell Malcom
- 7th Sandra Callaway
- 8th Kolton Sargeant
- 11th **Rodney & Missy Peters**
- 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

***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