



From the desk of Pastor Ann

Easter is a season to celebrate our salvation. By the grace of God, sin and death are defeated. Grace wins! In Luke 19:37-40, the disciples finally get it. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. And as Jesus rides into Jerusalem the crowd was telling anyone who would listen of the deeds of power they had seen.

But there's always someone who isn't on board. The Pharisees actually ask Jesus to have the disciples stop singing praises. And here is the part I love. Jesus says, if these disciples were silent, the stones would shout out.

When we have experienced the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, we cannot help but sing God's praises. That is exactly what happened to John and Charles Wesley.

They had grown up learning about the love of God. They were in church every Sunday. Their mother and father schooled them in their faith at home. That is true for many people. They grew up with the faith of their parents.

But something happened one night when John Wesley attended a society meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans was being read and here is what John Wesley wrote in his journal:

"While he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

In this moment, the faith of his mother and father became his own. He was assured of his salvation. He truly trusted in God.

Three days earlier, John's brother Charles had a similar encounter with the Holy Spirit. In his journal, he reports experiencing *"a strange palpitation of heart."* That caused him to exclaim, *"I believe! I believe!"* Several sentences later he continues, *"I now found myself at peace with God, and rejoiced in hope of loving Christ."*

Charles writes about his encounter with the Holy Spirit in one of his hymns, *"O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise. The glories of His righteousness, the triumph of His grace. Jesus the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life, and health and peace."*

John and Charles Wesley grew up learning about the love of Christ. Through the means of grace, like public and private worship, communion, prayer, study of God's word, they were ready for their encounter with the living God.

So church, the question for us is this, do we prepare our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit each moment of each day, to be guided by the Holy Spirit in all we say, and think, and do? What is the Holy Spirit inspiring us to do to share the overwhelming love of God with others?

As Union Chapel seeks to find its way forward apart from the United Methodist Church, I would encourage us to spend time with God. Pray with and for each other. Seek each other's council. Remember that we are on the same team. God has commissioned all of us to make disciples of Christ.

To borrow the words from another verse in Charles Wesley's hymn, *"My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name."* May it be so in our lives today.

I hope to see you in church this Sunday. We will not have a 10 am service, so we can support our children as they perform an Easter musical, "Easter is coming," at the 11 am service. Blessings, Pastor Ann.

- Greetings from Pastor Ann
- Prayer Requests
- 03/23 Lenten Lunch @ Union Chapel
- "Easter is Coming" 11 AM this Sunday, one service only for the Children's Easter Program
- 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
- Sunday, 03/27/22 @ 6PM Administrative Council Meeting
- Weekly Calendar
- Celebrations
- Giving

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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 our church, Union Chapel Methodist. 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 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	74	124	35
03/06/2022	78	41	28
02/27/2022	83	19	21

**Lenten Lunch at Union Chapel Methodist
Tomorrow, Wednesday, March 23rd**

A quick reminder that Union Chapel is hosting the Lenten service & luncheon Wednesday of this week. We will have Publix sub sandwiches, chips, cookies / desserts & canned drinks.

The service begins at 12:00 with lunch served afterwards. If any of you ladies could assist with set up, serving or clean-up, please be at the fellowship hall no later than 11:30 for set up. I am picking up the subs at 11:15 and will deliver them to the fellowship hall.

If you are unable to assist, please consider attending the service. And if you are unable to do either, most importantly, be in prayer for our community, our church and the preachers that will be bringing the message.

Thank you and have a blessed day!

Patty Wright

**This Sunday, March 27th, one service only, at 11 AM.
Come and worship as the Union Chapel children present their
Easter Program!**



Spring Fling

Saturday, April 16th
More information to follow.



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**

March 22 - April 5, 2022

Weekly Happenings

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 One Service Only @ 11 AM

9:15 AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)

11 AM Children's Easter Program (Sanctuary)

Noon **Youth After Church**

3 PM SPR Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

6 PM Administrative Council Meeting (theChapel)

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Noon Lenten Lunch @ 1st UMC, Pastor Ann will deliver the devotion for the day.

7 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, April 3, 2022

9:15 AM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary Classrooms)

10 AM Contemporary worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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

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

Save the Date

April 16th Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt for all ages. More information to follow.

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

May 1st We will be honoring our graduates at the 11 AM service. Please submit your graduates picture and school that they are graduating from, as well as their future plans.

**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**



March Celebrations

- 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**
- 10th Cindy Harris
- 11th **Kenneth & Margaret Peters**
- 14th Glenn Barton
- 16th Rebecca Adcock
Sam Johnson
- 19th Haley Culpepper
- 20th Nancy Garrison
- 21st Evan Hamby

***Anniversaries in red.**

*****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