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DAN'S DOODLES

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen! (Luke 24:5b)

I want to express my thanks to all of you who have displayed the “church purpose yard sign” as we prepare for our wonderful Dogwood/Azalea Festival and the celebration of Easter this year! The signs are creating a “little buzz” in our community and that is the whole point! When someone asks you about your sign, please remember to invite them to worship with you!

I don't know about you, but I am feeling “a new thing” happening in our midst! It seems to me to be such a positive, “alive” thing, and that is exciting! We are thrilled to introduce to our church family OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR, MRS. WHITNEY CHOATE. Whitney is planning a “MEET WHITNEY NIGHT” for all our youth, grades 5 through 12 on Sunday night, April 10th. Please encourage our youth to attend! She is planning some really fun things!

I hope you will plan on being with us for our Maundy Thursday worship service this year. We will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion and be inspired by a dramatic presentation featuring 3 of our women sharing stories from the perspective of Mary (Jesus' mother), Mary Magdalene, and Salome. The time of worship is set for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

And I am really excited about a community wide time of worship on Good Friday, April 22! We will be meeting at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (612 S. Locust St.) at 6:00 p.m., and I have the distinct joy of sharing the message for the evening. IT SURE WOULD BE ENCOURGING TO SEE A NUMBER OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE PEWS that night as we share in ministry with our African-American friends and our church neighbors from across our community!

In addition we are planning to hold a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, the 24th of April (with details still to be arranged—please be watching the weekly bulletins). Anyway, the month of April promises to be a wonderful opportunity to set aside time to be intentional in sharing worship and fellowship with others! I hope you will plan to be a part of this exciting time! What a great time to be a part of the Charleston United Methodist Church family!!!

TO KNOW CHRIST TO GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS
TO GO IN CHRIST'S NAME

In Remembrance of Christ,

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APRIL GREETERS

*April 3 - Peggy McNeary &
Sally Burke*

April 10 - The Sherry Austin Family

*April 17 - Becky Story &
Martha Ann Keener*

April 24 - Sallyanne Naile

*(If you can't greet on your Sunday,
please call Annette Robertson at
683-0742 or 683-4917)*

APRIL ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

April 3 - Harrison Moore & Bryan Thurston
April 10 - Edward McClain & Layton Jones
April 17 - Landyn Scott & Marshall Story
April 24 - Emma & Courtney Jones

YOUTH NIGHT! Youth are invited to come meet our new Youth Pastor, Whitney Choate. Anyone grades 6—12 are welcome to come participate in some crazy games and activities... ho-hos, bubble gum on walls, and toilet paper?! That's right! Check out our Facebook page at 'Charleston UMC Youth Group' or contact Whitney Choate (427-9448) for more information! April 10 from 6:30—8:00 p.m.

EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Holy Week Breakfasts (Apr. 18 - 22) at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Maundy Thursday Service (Apr. 21) at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. (We will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion & be inspired by stories from the perspective of Mary (Jesus' mother), Mary Magdalene and Salome).

Good Friday Community Service (Apr. 22) will be held at the First Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. with the Reverend Michael Wilderness bringing the message.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Apr. 23) with more information in up-coming church bulletins.

Easter Sunrise Service (Apr. 24) at 6:30 a.m. at the church.

EASTER SUNDAY - (April 24) at 9:30 a.m.

1st Sunday after Easter, (May 1) — Chancel Choir Cantata during the morning worship.

EASTER LILIES

The church will be ordering **EASTER LILIES** again this year for Easter Sunday. They are \$15 each. If you would like to purchase one in memory/honor of a loved one, please call or come by the church office by April 18. A list of all the names of loved ones will be placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS, DON & MAE MCCLAIN, WHO JOINED THE CHARLESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27.

THANK YOU!!!

Dear UMC Family,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day note and candy! It was very nice of you to think of me. My supplies from Valentine's Day had been getting low, so it was a nice surprise. Hopefully I will be able to join you for Easter Sunday! Thanks again!

Love,
Chelsea Stallings

Dear Friends,

Each time I look at the beautiful prayer shawl I thank you for your love & prayers. The shawl is beautiful and I will always treasure it.

I took it with me to Illinois where I had my therapy. I used it, displayed at and told everyone about the shawl.

Thank you again for the beautiful shawl and each stitch in it.

Please keep me and all cancer patients in your prayers.

God bless each of you in a very special way.

Love,
Brenda Cobbs

Dear Charleston UMC family,

Thank you all so much for hosting the CMU Concert Band at the Charleston High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday night, March 13th! You all were so gracious to accept the opportunity and the challenge of hosting the band and you did it with panache!

We appreciate our relationship and our partnership with you and your congregation and all the extra time, work, food, transportation, housing, utilities, and money that you all provided to make our Spring Tour an exciting and rewarding journey. Your hospitality was radical and your reception of our band was warm and inviting. You provided an enthusiastic audience of listeners and participants for the concert and expressed delightful and heartfelt appreciation for our musicians/performers.

May God bless you and your congregation for your love and support in Christ!

Michael D. Pope, M.Div.

CHURCH CAMPS FOR SUMMER 2011

The schedule for our Summer Church Camps is now available in the church office. There are camps for students as young as 3rd grade and as close as Blue Mountain Camp near Fredricktown. Costs vary by length and type of camp. If you have already been sent a registration form and are planning to go, just fill it out and bring it to the church office. We will send it in with the deposit. The church will pay the camp fees out of Camp Shares Funds received. (The Early Bird deadline is April 15 to receive \$25 off the camp fee.)

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., April 6, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Marilyn Miller
- 2 - Emma Hurley, Mark French & Marion Waggener
- 3 - Sue Simmons
- 5 - Linda Banta
- 6 - Sallyanne Naile & Thomas Keener
- 7 - Joe Handy Moore & Robert Jackson
- 8 - Nichole Thurmond
- 12 - Beth Choate & Liz Austin
- 15 - Stottsie Burnett & Lee Ann Nace
- 17 - Elizabeth Malugen & Emily Malugen
- 18 - Chris Boren
- 19 - Paul Keener
- 20 - Ronald Dodson
- 21 - Alana Coon Mills, Dave Brewer, Josh Moxley & Tony Giltz
- 22 - Molly Morrow & Jennifer Scott
- 23 - Don McDowell
- 25 - Carter Fenton & Abigail Michael
- 26 - Gil Giltz
- 27 - Lucy Malugen & Cameron Goodman
- 28 - Bryan Thurston, Nina Marshall, Randy French, Reggie Young & Kelly Howard Clark
- 29 - Delaney Stack, Sarah Ponder, Stephanie Moore & Wendell Choate
- 30 - Lillian Michael

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UMW NEWS

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.

REMINDER: The **QUILT SHOW** will be held in the Family Life Center during the Dogwood-Azalea Festival, April 14 - 17. Volunteers will be needed to work during that time. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have a quilt to enter, please contact Annette Robertson.

