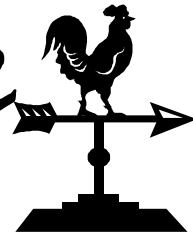


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The Weatherly Spirit...

Easter Is Here...And a Little Early!

If Easter seems early this year, it's because it is. This year's March 23 Easter is the earliest Easter most of us will ever see. You've seen Easter this early only if you are 95 years old or older. It will not be this early again until the year 2228—220 years from now! The absolute earliest Easter can fall is March 22. The last time that happened was 1818, and it won't happen again until 2285.

The good news is that date doesn't affect Easter, unless you plant your garden on Good Friday like many superstitious gardeners. I'm not one. The average date of our last frost is April 15, an easy date to remember. Date has nothing to do with the good news that the tomb was empty, though. With Mary and the other women who discovered the empty tomb, we will celebrate the life and hope of the resurrection this Sunday. We will be amazed again at the beauty of the living cross. Something so lifeless and ugly can become a symbol of life and hope. That is the message of this Sunday.

We host the sunrise service. Gather with us at 6 a.m. to greet the morning with praise. Our friends from All Saints Lutheran Church and Hope Presbyterian Church will be our guests. A light breakfast will follow. Then at 10:10 we will have morning worship with the living cross. Parents, remind your children to bring a flower from the yard, if you can find one. Forsythias and daffodils are blooming. Good luck with finding anything else. Bundle up if you must. It's time to celebrate the resurrection!

Looking forward to Sunday,
David

There will be a called business meeting on March 26 to hear a motion from the Ordination Council of Ellin Jimmerson that she be ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Worship News For This Week

Easter Sunday

The Hungry Spirit...Filled **Jeremiah 31:1-6; John 20:1-18**

This Sunday is Easter Sunday, the most glorious day of the year. The light of Christ will re-enter the sanctuary, and the old rugged cross will come to life. We will also have the dedication of Robert Brooks Phillips by Jared and Rebecca Phillips. Don't miss this wonder-filled day. Invite a friend to be your guest.

Easter Sunday Shoe Collection



Help an Alabama foster child walk along the journey of life by donating new or gently used shoes. The statewide goal is 6,000 pairs of shoes. Place your donation in the collection box in the Davis Hallway this Sunday.

Church wide Easter Walk

Saturday, March 22
6:30 p.m.





Egg Hunts

Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.
Flashlight Easter egg hunt for 1st-6th grade
Pizza will be served.

Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Easter egg hunt for birth-kindergarten



Stations of the Cross

Noon, Good Friday, March 21
Aldridge Creek Greenway
at Mountain Gap

Birthday Luncheon



Tuesday, March 25 at noon
at the home of Susan Cox
Please RSVP to 883-7654 by March 24.

Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Pat Malone
Please RSVP to
carolkj47@comcast.net



Children's Home Group

Thursday, March 27 at 9:30



PASSPORTkids!

Introductory Meeting
Sunday, April 6 at 4:45 p.m.

Senior Adults

On **April 24** the Senior Adults will travel to Birmingham to visit the Civil Rights Institute. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m., eat lunch near Birmingham and then go to the museum. We will be back in Huntsville no later than 5:00 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$10.00 plus lunch. Sign up on the Senior Adult bulletin board.

The Record Speaks

Morning Worship	243
Sunday School Attendance.....	156
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$13,265.00
This Week's Budget Receipts	\$11,860.00

2008 Church Stewardship

YTD undesignated receipts through Feb. 2008	\$82,134.00
YTD undesignated expenses through Feb. 2008 ..	\$114,936.00
Shortfall	\$32,802.00

Prayer Requests

Nick Zuschlag, to be deployed to Iraq
 Ellie Lindstrom
 Eugene Worley
 Linda Walker, sister of Dorothea Dunham, Crestwood
 Layne Williams, sister of Margo Ridgeway
 Tom Foster
 Judith Tabor
 Jack Nunnally
 Doug Atkins, son of Brenda Graves
 Jody Greer's father
 Ray Gargus
 Carolyn Hodges, sister-in-law of Bonnie Garrett
 Roger Schneider's parents
 Patricia Kennedy's stepmother and father
 Exie Woods, mother of Rachel Jordan
 Tom Ibarra
 Linda Schmidt's niece & husband, Emily & Jeff Callaway
 Elaine McKenzie
 Bob Nore's mother
 Russell Cliburn, cousin of Keith Putnam
 Beverly Garrett
 Our members and friends serving in the military

The Church in Service

DEACON ON CALL: Jim Hearn
Next Week: Ellin Jimmerson
TELLERS: Art Dohrman & Dottie Keebler
SOUND TECHNICIAN: Scott Booth
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Mike & Wendy Malone
ACOLYTES: Jade Jones & Joseph Morris
NURSERY: Barbara Lehman & Jeanne Greer,
 Isis Su & Claire Sharp, Kelly Freeman & Sarah Hunt



1. **How long have you been a member of Weatherly?** I have been a member since 1990.
2. **Tell us about your family.** I have been married to Paul for almost 20 years. I have two children, Sidney and Ty, and a feisty dog, Fiona.
3. **When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?** Nancy Drew. I wanted to be a detective and solve mysteries.
4. **What did you actually become when you grew up?** An elementary school teacher.
5. **What is your favorite television show or movie?** It's a three-way tie: *The Wizard Of Oz*, *Gone With The Wind*, and *Shrek*.
6. **Do you have a favorite book?** *The Poisonwood Bible*. Our church book club read that years ago and I still think of it from time to time.
7. **Who or what has impacted your faith journey?** My mother. She made sure I went to church with her even though no one else in my home was attending.
8. **Do you have a favorite Bible verse?** I have discovered that I love just about anything in Proverbs! It's like fortune cookies, only without the cookies!
9. **What ministries are you involved in?** I currently am on the Youth Committee and serve as Youth Sunday School Chair. I am rotating off the Nominating Committee. I teach Children's Church and help out in the nursery quarterly.
10. **What are you passionate about?** My family and friends.
11. **People would be surprised to know that you...** failed Biology in high school, almost twice!!!
12. **Is there anything else you want people to know about you?** My mom gave me great advice recently that I am trying to live by. She told me, "Love people for who they are, not for who you think they should be."



Happy Birthday!

March 21: Joseph Morris; **March 22:** Evan Johnson, Lou Anne Johnston; **March 23:** Connie Allen, Debi Walker; **March 24:** Tom Defreez, Mitchell Lehman, Mallory Ann Reeves; **March 25:** Jennifer Gann, Elsie Jones, Kelli Jones, Carole Parry; **March 26:** Ray Aldridge, Rick Campbell, Angela Garrett

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Items collected for the HAP project may be placed in the collection boxes in Memorial Hallway.

Thank You, WHBC



Dear Weatherly Friends,

Thank you for your many expressions of caring. Your prayers, cards and calls are greatly appreciated.

Lovingly,
Rosa Lee Heflin

Candles Needed



Women on Mission is collecting candles to be shipped to Zimbabwe on April 19. A collection box is located in Memorial Hallway. Share the light!



On **Maundy Thursday** we will observe a Taizé (pronounced Teh-Zay) service of prayer at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Taizé Communion service is marked by depth and simplicity. It consists of singing with periods of silent meditation, prayers of intercession and readings from Holy Scripture. The songs are not hymns, but rather a series of prayers. As they are repeated they begin to transform themselves into personal prayers of devotion. Time seems suspended in a Taizé service. It provides an opportunity to commune with God through the heart and bring a measure of peace to mind and spirit.

Easter Sunday's Resurrection Celebration draws the last week of Christ's life into glorious praise and adoration. The opening call to worship is *Glorious Everlasting* whose theme is praising God among the people of the earth singing "be Thou exalted, O God." Our opening hymn is *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* as the Easter Cross blooms into new life. We will also sing *Low in the Grave* and *He Lives!* The choral worship for the day is *Since by Man Came Death*. It is a setting of I Corinthians 15: 21. The opening lines *Since by man came death* are set in solemnity. Then the text proclaims with joyous exuberance *by man came also the resurrection of the dead!* Then again the solemnity of *For as in Adam all die* is then contrasted with the powerful conclusion *even so in Christ shall all be made alive.* We will close our Resurrection Celebration with all worshipers singing *Hallelujah!*

I have stood at many fresh graves, held many a dying hand and embraced far too many grieving families to believe that Easter Sunday is just another day of worship. Easter is hope and promise. Easter embodies our belief in the God who keeps promises. Easter worship may not be the most remembered event of the year, but it does proclaim the message to us all that hope is not dead, that joy is not evasive and that we, too, will one day be drawn to God in resurrection glory. That is the message that will carry us not merely for a season but for a lifetime.

Handy

Youth at WHBC

Good Friday is coming! Over the years, this has become my favorite day of remembrance of all the Christian events. Why? It tells a third of the story of Jesus' purpose on earth. One thing is his ministry, teachings, and miracles that happened as he traveled around with his disciples and being with people. The second thing is the crucifixion of Christ. The third thing is his resurrection. Upon these three, I see the foundation of our faith in Christ. I don't believe God said, "Through the birth of a child by a virgin woman, you will be saved and set free." No, God watched as his own son was executed by humans who thought they knew better.

The services on Good Friday have resonated with me, but not all churches in the South have helped people see and grasp the meaning of Good Friday. You can't celebrate the resurrection of Christ if you don't remember the crucifixion of Christ. You can't celebrate Jesus coming back to life if you don't remember that He died first. It's a hard, sad, and difficult service, but it helps to set the tone for what is to come.

The best part is that's not the end of the story. On Sunday morning we come back to celebrate something unique – Christ came back to life and is STILL alive today!

Join us this Friday at 7 p.m. to remember the crucifixion of Christ then join us again on Easter morning and celebrate that Christ has arisen!!

Upcoming Events

- **High Schoolers to The Coffee Tree** – after school on Wednesday, March 26.
- **5th Sunday School Breakfast and Game** - March 30
- **Middle Schoolers to Target Starbucks** – after school on Wednesday, April 2.
- **Wednesday Night Youth Gathering Resumes, April 2.**
- **D.E.E.P. resumes April 6 at 6:20.**

- Dean

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