

# Welcome!

We welcome you to today's worship celebration service. We are happy you are here and pray that your spirit is refreshed. Please fill out the attendance registry with your name, address and phone number...so we can keep in touch.



## NURSERY

We have a nursery available for your children in Rainbow Hall.



## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for Sunday, November 4, are provided by Flowerland of Mt. Vernon and funded by Rex & Barbara Norris in memory of Steve DeWolf and all the Saints.

## FINANCE COUNTERS

### November

04 Randall Byrd James King  
11 Linda Barnhart Steve Wright  
18 James King Linda Moore  
25 Stan Silva Gail Reed

### December

02 Nancy Craig Mike Fisk  
09 Randall Byrd Neil Scott  
16 Mike Fisk Tom Sample  
23 Linda Moore Deb Morris  
24 - 5pm James King ?  
24- 7pm Linda Barnhart ?  
30 Stan Silva Steve Wright

## Administrative Meetings

**Rainbow Meeting**  
Monday, November 12  
5:15 pm

**Trustees Meeting**  
Monday, November 12  
6:00 pm

**Finance Meeting**  
Monday, November 19  
6:30 pm

## This Week

### Sunday, November 4

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Refreshments  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Youth

### Monday, November 5

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, November 6

8:30 am Believers in Grace, BIG  
4:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Spiritual Gifts  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, November 7

9:00 am Prayer Time  
9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study  
3:30 pm Fellowship Games  
5:00 pm Wednesday Nite Dinner  
5:30 pm Nursery  
5:30 pm Chancel Choir  
5:30 pm Ignite Voices  
6:00 pm Ignite Kids  
6:00 pm Youth  
6:30 pm The Stand

## MINISTRIES

MINISTERS	THE CONGREGATION
CHILD CARE DIRECTOR	Ellen Leslie
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Marilyn Joyce
MUSICIAN	Tony Johnston
MEDIA DIRECTOR	Stephen Marshall
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR	Kathy Byrd
ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT	Lynne Overstreet
FACILITY MANAGEMENT	Cody Bradford
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Ashley Trantham
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR	Pam Greenberg
YOUTH DIRECTOR	Cindy McDonald
PASTOR	Rev. Stephen Cotten



## "God's Timing Is Always Right-On-Time"

**"When Mary came where Jesus was and saw Him, she knelt at His feet and said to Him, 'Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.'"**  
John 11:32-44 (NRSV)

The story of Lazarus is so much deeper than just a dear friend of Jesus' dying. It's much more than two sisters desperately loving their brother and wanting to do anything to save him. It's more than sending a messenger on a two-day walk to find Jesus, only to have Jesus say He was going to wait a while before heading to His dear friend Lazarus' bedside. It's so much more, friends.

It's important to understand the Hebrew view of death...which believed that during the first three days after the death of someone, their "soul" hovered over their body. On the fourth day, they believed the soul would flee and you would be truly and totally dead-dead.

The rabbis had been teaching the people they would know the Messiah had truly arrived because He would be able to do such amazing things, *like bringing the dead back to life*, and then they'd easily know He was the Messiah. Now by the time we get to the story of Lazarus, Jesus had already raised two other people from the dead, Jairus' daughter and the only son of the widow of Nain. But they were both within the first three days of death. That didn't count according to the rabbis. They'd claim that bringing a person back from the dead during the first three days didn't count because their soul would still be lingering around the body and, therefore, the supposedly dead person was just in a coma.

The Jewish religious leaders used this three-day hovering of the soul teaching to discredit Jesus' prior two miracles. For Jesus to truly be the Messiah, in the people's eyes, He'd need to raise the dead after the third day. Awww...and then there was Lazarus...

**So, Jesus delayed.** By the time He left for Lazarus' bedside, He wouldn't arrive until the fourth day after Lazarus had died. If He had left at once, it would have only been the second day of Lazarus' death and still within the three-day-soul-hovering-time-limit. And this is the significance of the fourth day. Jesus' delay was intentional. A fourth-day resurrection would tell the people that there was no question that Jesus was the Messiah.

Lazarus learned this truth the hard way. He had to make the ultimate sacrifice to prove Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah to the people.

And friends, that is the REAL gold nugget in the raising of Lazarus from the dead. God's timing ALWAYS has a purpose. It's never too late or too early....it's always just right on time.

*Liz Etheridge*

November 4, 2018



# Removing Bindings

# FUMC<sup>MV</sup>

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**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

**POCKET VERSE**

*He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."  
35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"  
John 11:34-35*

**PRELUDE** (8:30) Tony Johnston  
(11:00) Lisa Lowry

**WELCOME**

**\*HYMN** *For All the Saints* UM 711 (vss. 1,2,4)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** (8:30) *There's Within My Heart a Melody* UM 380 (vss. 1,3,4,5)

**\*HYMN** (11:00) *Holy Holy* CH 69 (vss. 1,2,3,4)

**SCRIPTURE** John 11:32-44 (8:30) Joe Andrews  
(11:00) Jackie Stempel

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*"For God so loved the world, that God gave ... !"*  
John 3:16 (adapted)

**\*DOXOLOGY** UM 95  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**ANTHEM** *Goin' Up Yonder* (8:30) Betsy Gekiere  
(11:00) Chancel Choir

**MESSAGE** *Removing Bindings* Pastor Stephen Cotten

**CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS** (8:30) Marilyn Joyce  
(11:00) Lisa Lowry

Tara Elaine Allen  
Paul Philip Astrello  
Anna Marler Beggs  
Mattie Mae Bell  
Dr. Jay Bost  
Terri Reeder Coleman  
Steve DeWolf  
Timothy "Tim" Lee Dillard  
James Edward Duck  
Saundra Ann Efurd  
Sharron Meek Elliott  
James "Jim" Erwin Fritz, Jr.  
Travis Gann  
Jack D. Gillis  
Suzanna Brooke Grigsby

Nancy Louise Hodson  
Charles Roy Huey  
Marjorie Ann Jagers  
John Cebrin Kennedy, Jr.  
Geraldine Kirby  
Elaine Kay Knittel  
George Law  
Harold Don Lightfoot, Jr.  
Earl Page  
Edna Francis "Fran" Pearson  
Randall Blann Reeder  
Bruce Russell  
James G. "Jim" Shelton  
John "Johnny" Calvin Tom III  
Susan A. Welker

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN** *For All the Saints* Screens

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** *For All the Saints* Screens

**POSTLUDE** Tony Johnston

\*Please stand as able \*CH: Celebration Hymnal \*UM: United Methodist Hymnal



**Prayer List**

Willie Bane	Chuck Etheridge	Charlotte Whitesides	Robyn Scott
Mary Beatles	Stevie Joe Evans	McFarlin	Chris Shelton
Linda Sue Bentley	Freda Evans	Kenneth McGee	Sarah Shelton
David Brewer	Victoria Fletcher	Susan McGee	Tom Shiels
Patti Brewer	Jan Banman Gracia	Jessie Mills	Leye Ann Smith
Janie Bynum	Richard Haynie	Lanny Moore	Peggy Stutts
Charlotte Byrd	Jean Lowry Hays	Marla Nolley	George Turner
Patty Cheatwood	Nadine Jennings	Blaine Nordin	Rennie Wessner
Tim Clipson	Jolynn Johnson	Dawn Parsons	Monty White
Carolyn Dalton	Robert Jones	Stacey Ping	
Norma Jean Draper	Margaret Mann	Dorothy Price	
Kenny Duck	Jean Ann Marshall	Helen Price	
Barbara Dunn	Lou Gene Maxton	Lena Mae Reeder	
Joanna Earl	Dennis McBride	Don Rose	

*Please Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days if needed. They will be relisted by request.*

***If you would like to have a prayer request emailed out or would like to add someone to the prayer list, please email the Church office at office@fumcmv.org***

**Wednesday Nite Live**



5 pm

**November 7  
Macaroni Goulash,  
Bread, Salad & Cake  
Prepared by Maaiké's Team**

3:30 pm	Fellowship Games
5:00 pm	Dinner
5:30 pm	Nursery
5:30 pm	Chancel Choir
5:30 pm	Ignite Voices
6:00 pm	Ignite Kids
6:00 pm	Youth
6:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group
6:30 pm	The Stand

**Altar Flowers**



If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone, sign up at the info center. The office would like to recognize this special occasion and ask that you make arrangements 2 weeks prior to that special day.