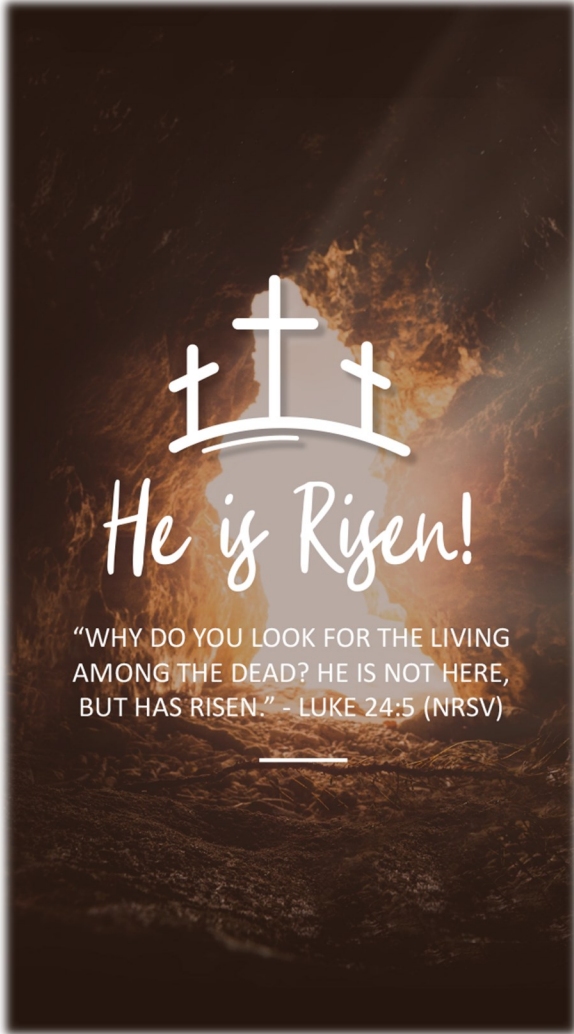


# CORNER CONNECTIONS

## Because Jesus rose...



“For God so loved the world...” The good news begins with God’s love that is so great that the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, shining light in the enveloping darkness (John 1:1-5).

But the Gospel is not finished. It also declares that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). The cross reveals the same love of God shown in Jesus taking upon himself our humanity. But the greatest word of God’s love is in Jesus’ resurrection on Easter morning. When we hear of what Jesus’ resurrection means for us, we experience God’s love shown in that resurrection. Because Jesus rose...

**We are freed from the power of sin and death.** God did not raise Jesus in order to take him away, leaving us powerless in the face of sin and death. Even now, the risen Lord is present in the sacramental life of the church, forgiving, comforting, and sanctifying us. God loves us and has mercy upon us – and shows it by providing us with means of grace by which the Holy Spirit joins us to the crucified and risen Lord. Because we are in Christ, we are able to weather the storms of life and to live together as a sign of God’s love for the world.

**We know that Jesus is returning to renew all things.** Even though sin and death are defeated, they are tragically still present in our world. Brokenness and hostility are everywhere. The righteous suffer, and the wicked prosper (Psalm 73:12-14). Warring and violence persist. But the good news is that Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead (2 Timothy 4:1). God’s love for the world will have the last word. That gives us hope as we persevere.

**We get to join God in proclaiming this news to the world.** Because Jesus rose and ascended, we now have the help of the Holy Spirit. He enables us to proclaim Jesus to our community. He helps us to pro-

claim that God is love (1 John 4:8b); that God is rich in mercy (Ephesians 2:4); and that God will sanctify us and preserve us blameless at the coming of our Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24). He strengthens us to proclaim that Jesus has disarmed the authorities and powers, including death itself, and that we therefore have nothing to fear (Colossians 2:15).

The world desperately needs to hear that Gospel. The world needs to hear that, because of Jesus Christ, we do not have to be slaves to sin (Romans 6:20-22). We do not have to despise our neighbors or hoard our resources. We do not have to be captive to anger and bitterness and shame.

That is what we get to share. We all long for lives that have meaning. What is more meaningful than sharing this news to those in our Tallassee community? Let us move forward together as a church family, unified in what Jesus has done for us, and in what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do! Let us reach out to this very world that God so loves.

In Christ,  
 Clint

# Holy Week Schedule

## **Palm Sunday**

*Sunday, April 2 - 10 am combined worship, sanctuary*

Sing Hosanna to the Lord as children lead the procession with waving palm fronds! Join us for a combined worship service in the sanctuary, followed by a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 11 am.

## **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

*Palm Sunday, April 2 - 11:30 pm, church grounds*

Kids of all ages from our community are invited to hunt for Easter treats on the church grounds following our Palm Sunday potluck lunch.

## **The Gospel Story - A Passover Meal Experience**

*Maundy Thursday, April 6 - 6 pm, Fellowship Hall*

As we share a traditional meal and communion together in an intimate setting, stories, worship and contemplative prayer will help us focus our minds and hearts on the gospel story: foretold in the Old Testament and fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We ask you to register for this special event ahead of time by reserving your spots on the bulletin tear-off sheet or call the church office, so all necessary preparations can be made.

## **Tenebrae**

*Good Friday, April 7 - 7 pm, Sanctuary*

In this service of darkness, we will hear Scripture readings that walk us through the Passion of our Savior and focus on the crucifixion of Jesus. The light of Christ being extinguished is symbolized in this traditional Tenebrae service.

## **Easter Sunrise**

*Sunday, April 9- 6:30 am, Church Parking Lot*

Join us in the church parking lot, for a service of resurrection as the sun rises on Easter morning.

## **Easter Sunday**

*Sunday, April 9 - 8:50 am contemporary & 11 am traditional services*

We will have worship services at our regular times, with our Encounter service taking place outside on the front steps (weather-permitting...bring a lawn chair!) and our traditional worship in the sanctuary. Don't forget to have your photo taken with our Flower Cross, at the side of the church!

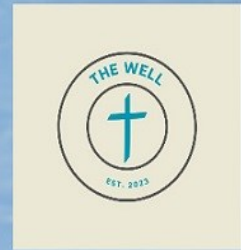
**Have you ever felt you were missing something? Does God really care?**

**Have you ever asked why does God allow bad things to happen? Does God hear my prayers?**

**Do you have questions about religion? Is Jesus the only way?**

**Is going to church necessary? What's the big deal anyway?**

**Come and bring your questions to the Well! We like to think and talk about questions like these.**



The Well is a meeting place for friends to talk casually about questions of faith. It is informal and you can come as you are. We meet on Sunday evenings in the Mission House, next door to Tallassee First Methodist. We hope you will come!

**The Well**  
Sundays at 6:00 pm  
The Mission House  
3 Jordan Ave  
**Starts April 23**  
Questions? Call 283-2195

## "The Well"

*"All you thirsty ones, come to me! Come to me and drink!" (John 7:37)*

Jesus is our living water! He loves us passionately, and our relationship with him is life-changing!!! And yet, there are so many in our community and world who do not truly know him. Questions, doubts, fears, misconceptions, and false teachings abound.

In our love for Jesus and our deep desire for others to experience his life-giving grace the way we have, The Radical Small Group is beginning an outreach ministry called "The Well." We want to provide an informal, casual space and time where folks from the community (and our congregation too!) can come in to ask questions, explore faith, express doubts, receive love, or just hang out for coffee, snacks, and friendship. No judgement! Everyone is welcome!

We'd like to invite anyone from our congregation to join us starting April 23! We'll meet at the Mission House beginning at 6 pm Sunday evenings, for a half-hour of prayer and sharing. Afterwards, from 6:30-7:30pm, we'll open our doors to the community for a time of exploration and discussion. Each week, our meeting will focus on a question new believers or unbelievers commonly wrestle with, such as "If God loves us, why does he let bad things happen?" We don't pretend that we have all the answers, but we believe that honest sharing about how we approach some of these topics, based on Scriptural authority, will be helpful and encouraging to those who are seeking answers and new perspectives.

*"Let everything you do be done in love." (1 Corinth. 16:14)*

Above all, we want this new outreach ministry to be fueled by, and be an example of, Jesus' love. Jesus' love changed everything! It has changed our lives, and we believe it can change lives in our community as well.

**The Radical Small Group is hosting FUMC's annual Vidalia Onion fundraiser this year, with all proceeds going to help fund a well in Africa!** Jesus is our living water, and we absolutely want to share this life-giving gift with others! But because so many children do not have access to clean drinking water—a basic necessity of life—we also wanted to help meet a physical need in Jesus' name. Through the years, we have collected about 75% of the amount we'll need, and we hope this onion fundraiser will put us over the top!

Any money we collect beyond what's needed for the purchase of a well will go toward helping Valentina, a child we began sponsoring in honor of Leslye Ames, a fellow group member and dear friend.

**10-lb. bags are still only \$10 each! We'll accept orders until April 20, and the onions will be available for pick-up in the church parking lot in early May.**

To place an order, contact Kristina Pendergrass (334-991-2322), or any of these members of Radical small group: Karl Ames, Wendi Bearden, Marilyn Durham, Amanda Glasscock, Tommy Lawrence, Amy McBroom, Darryl Pendergrass, Bob Reed, Karen Waller. Thank you!

# VIDALIA ONIONS

**10-lb bag - \$10 ea**



**Help us buy a well for clean water in Africa!**

Any remainder will help Valentina, our Compassion International child.

## Youth/Children



Thank you so much to everyone who donated for the Easter Egg Hunt! We appreciate the donation of eggs and candy! Thank you for making this a success for the children in our church and community!

# Youth Sunday

Is on April 30! We will have one service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Our youth will be leading every aspect of worship, including the sermon. Macy Crain and Allison Johnson will be sharing with us. We have been talking about the miracles that Jesus performed and how those miracles apply to us in our every day lives. Please make an effort to attend and support our youth as they lead worship on this day!



- 01 - Anita McFaddin
- 02 - Jeff Brooks
- 03 - Cory Eckstein
- 04 - Liz Britt  
Steve Segrest
- 05 - Gayle Mason  
Sterling Turner
- 06 - Mason Battles
- 09 - Sue Dykes
- 10 - Anslee Weldon
- 11 - Ruthann McCaig
- 12 - Justin Crain  
Pat Reed
- 13 - James Hill  
Bill Patterson
- 14 - Chris Coan  
Kay Hall  
Sarah Wilson
- 16 - Janice Heacock
- 17 - Madelyn Martin  
Christie Schwab
- 18 - Abby Coan
- 19 - Terry Holt
- 21 - Tracy Bearden
- 22 - Karen Waller
- 24 - Brady Hancock  
Lexi Love  
Patt Mann
- 25 - Dale Segrest
- 27 - Jim McEwen  
Jack Stuedeman  
Woody Weaver
- 28 - Kaitlyn Slaughter

## Recipes Needed

Estelle Lockwood Circle is collecting more recipes. If you would like to submit a recipe please turn them in to the church office by May 1, 2023.

## Stewardship Summary

March 2023 (to 3/21)

### General Operating Fund

Monthly Contributions  
Budgeted - \$32,083  
Actual - **\$20,407**

Monthly Total Income  
Budgeted - \$34,727  
Actual - **\$20,460**

Year to Date Income  
Budgeted - \$104,180  
Actual - **\$79,462**

Monthly Expenses  
Budgeted - \$34,771  
Actual - **\$13,967**

Year to Date Expenses  
Budgeted - \$104,312  
Actual - **\$80,335**

Year to Date, our income minus expenses = **-\$873**

**Overall Financial Status: deficit.**

### New Beginnings Campaign

Raised so far: \$30,377

*THANK YOU to all who have contributed!*

**still needed: \$99,174**

*Avg. total worship attendance per Sunday: 124*

# HE IS RISEN



## Home Supper Club

SATURDAY APRIL  
15TH, 6:30

## Restaurant Supper Club

April 04 - Venditori's Italian Restaurant - Auburn  
Must RSVP by April 01

We have to give number counts ahead to get reservations. It is very important if we want to continue getting us in together. Call Ida 334-728-1008 or Karen. Thank you.



- 14 - Josh & Anna  
Stuedeman
- 15 - Bob & Pat Reed
- 21 - Terry & Debra  
Henning
- 28 - John & Carolyn  
Foshee

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> One Service 10:00 am 11:00 - Luncheon 11:30 Easter Egg Hunt	3 Woman's Circle 10:00 am, F. Hall Crafty Christians 1-2:30 pm, F. Hall Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm, F. Hall	4 Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall Restaurant Supper Club - 5:30 pm	5	6 Maundy Thursday Passover Meal 6:00 pm, F. Hall	7 <i>Good Friday</i> Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm	8
9 <i>Easter</i>	10	11 Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall	12 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Julia Burton	13	14	15 Home Supper Club 6:30 pm
16 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am, F. Hall	17 Crafty Christians 1-2:30 pm, F. Hall	18 Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall	19 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Class 360	20	21	22
23 Outreach Meeting 10:00 am, Chapel	24 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm, F. Hall	25 Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall	26 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Radical Group/ Mission House	27	28	29
30 <i>Youth Sunday</i> Combined Service 10:00 am						

## April Altar Flowers

- 02 - none (Palm Sunday)
- 09 - Anita McFaddin (Easter)
- 16 - Alan Small
- 23 - Alan & Jeannine Parker
- 30 - none



For Christ also suffered once for sins,  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
to bring you to God.  
He was put to death in the body  
but made alive in the Spirit.

1 PETER 3:18, NIV





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### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

8:50 am - contemporary worship  
10 am - Sunday School, **all ages**  
11 am - traditional worship

### **KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Sundays - 5 to 6:30 pm  
Wednesdays - 6 to 7:15 pm



**Facebook.com/FUMCTallassee**

The service for the preceding week is broadcast each Sunday at **11 am**. Listen to Clint's daily devotions at **7:15 am** each weekday morning.

