



Birthdays of the Month

Mary Jo Young 4/4

Kelley Jones 4/4

Quinn Kidd 4/6

James Davis 4/8

Christopher Hampton 4/9

Pastor Larry Blackstock 4/10

Berths Vinson 4/18

Tyler Kidd 4/23

Chasity Jones 4/27

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Blessed

are those who have
not seen and
yet have believed.

John 20:29

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

Sunday Morning Worship
“Growing People through Christian Discipleship”

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00A.M.

Gathering
Lighting of Candles

Music

Lauren Wells, Music Director

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Fear and death have no claim on us!

People: We have been freed!

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen!

People: Even though we have not touched his wounded hands, yet we believe.

Leader: Even though we have not heard him speak our names, yet we believe.

People: Let us celebrate God's love through the life of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**** Opening Hymn**

Invocation **In Unison**
O God, who chased away the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take away our tendency to trust our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours. Assure us once again that our Jesus' promise to be with us always still holds good. Be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy.

Prayer of Confession:

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Peace Pole Garden

Our Peace Pole Garden will be a place to sit, reflect, pray and enjoy the view of lake and mountain. It may also become a place for peace vigils and other community gatherings at times of trial or triumph. Installation of the garden will be on **Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** (weather permitting). Our alternate installation date is May 5. You are invited to come, get your hands dirty and help us remove sod, lay flagstones, plant plants, erect a Peace Pole, and install a bench and possibly other features. Total cost of our four community-focused projects, (Waste Station, Library, Peace Garden and Tiny House), is about \$4,691. Of that, about \$3,549 has been contributed or promised in cash or in-kind donations. This leaves us short about \$1,142. Donations of cash or labor are welcome. Checks should be made to Grace United Methodist Church and directed to the “Community Project Fund.”

Weekly Tuesday Bible Study

Please join us for Tuesday Bible Study
11:30am-1:00pm (Gardenhire Room)

Men's Bible Study on Saturdays

GUMC Men's Bible Study-Saturdays at 9am
Gardenhire Room
(The "Purpose-Driven Life").

GUMC Feed the Homeless Mission

Please join us for our feed the homeless mission immediately after our 4th Sunday Worship Service. Your continued support and generosity of donating items for the mission is greatly appreciated.



From Chasity Jones
GUMC Program Coordinator

Liturgical Dance

If you are interested in liturgical dance, please contact me and let to know that you are interested in having practice so that I can be there as well!!
RSVP at programcoordinatorgumc@gmail.com).

Yoga Class

GUMC Yoga class will start in May– every Friday at 2:00P.M.

Womanist Book Club

The second meeting will be help Friday, May 4th at 6:30P.M. here at Grace!

Young Adults

Rebirth: Young Adult Collective will be meeting Friday, May 11th at Roxbury Lanes For bowling!

Seasoned Saints

The second meeting will be help Friday, May 4th @6:00P.M.here at GUMC

Community

On May 6th following church service, join us for a potluck and fellowship.

Assurance of Pardon

Let the stone of ignorance, stubbornness and fear be rolled away from your heart. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Know that his love is poured out for you, for your healing. Be at peace and Rejoice! AMEN.

**** Songs of Praise**

Announcements

Welcome & Recognition of Visitors

Joys, Concerns, Testimonies and Thanksgiving

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Giving

**** All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we giving thee.**

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

Scripture

Psalms27:1-5; Matthew 28:16-20

Song of Preparation

Sermon:

Certified Lay Minister Leonard Irving

“Blessed are those who don't see but yet believe”.

Circle of Blessing

**** Extinguishing of Candles**

Summary:

We live in a tumultuous time not a whole lot different from today. The Lord wants us to rely on him at times like this. We are God's people and because of his sacrifice we all have Salvation. Too often we complain about our problems without sufficient focus on the solution which is our Lord and savior Jesus. I am grateful of this opportunity to bring the message and I am grateful to my church family for all the Love and support I have received over the years.

