



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## ***THE CONNECTION***

***March 2016***

### **ACTS OF FAITH THEATRE FESTIVAL**

This March, Centenary will continue its participation in Richmond's **Acts of Faith Theatre Festival**.



#### **Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m.:**

Join a group from Centenary attending a Cadence Theatre production of *The Mountaintop* by Katori Hall at Virginia Rep's Theatre Gym (next to the November Theatre at 114 West Broad Street). As The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King drafts his final oration, he candidly reflects upon his personal life, achievements, and unrealized dreams during a humorous late night conversation with the uncommon woman who brings coffee to his hotel room. Tickets are around \$30 each.

#### **Friday, March 18, at 8:00 p.m.:**

Join a group from Centenary attending a performance of *I Do! I Do!* by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt at the Virginia Rep's Barksdale at Hanover Tavern (13181 Hanover Courthouse Road in Hanover). This intimate musical written by the creators of *The Fantasticks* follows two soul-mates as they navigate the joys and challenges of a 50 year marriage. Set to a tuneful, charming score, *I Do! I Do!* is a nostalgic and humorous rediscovery of romance. Tickets are around \$40 each.

Sign up for either or both of these performances on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen.

### **BIRTHDAY LISTS AVAILABLE**

We will no longer be publishing the list of birthdays each month in the newsletter. Since our newsletter is now available on-line, we felt it would be more secure to only offer this type of information directly to church members. To receive a copy of the list, please contact the church office or see Ann Davis on Sunday mornings.



### **LENTEN PRAYER WALK**

Our Evangelism Committee invites you to participate in a Lenten Prayer Walk around the neighborhood that surrounds the church on Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Then we will eat together at one of the nearby restaurants.



## NOTES FROM THE LAY LEADER

*Phyllis Stump*

*The following story may be familiar to some of you, but I urge you to read it prayerfully during this Lenten season and let it speak to your heart.*

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. Sadly, the time came when the son was called to go to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart. He died instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art." The young man held out his package. "I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the young soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. His eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home, he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the great works of art he had collected.

Several months later the man died, and there was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited about seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collections. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son." There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Who will start the bidding for this painting?" Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids." But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! Who will take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give you \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. The auctioneer continued. "We have \$10. Who will bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the portrait of the son. They wanted more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, sold for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection." The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over." Shouts came from all over the room. "But what about the paintings?" "When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything."

God gave his Son to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message is "The Son, who will take the Son?" Whoever takes the Son gets everything. *-John 3:16*

## DISCOVER DOWNTOWN EATERIES

Join us for brunch on **Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday), at 12:15 p.m.** at **Ms. Girlee's Restaurant** located right around the corner of the church at 112 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Their Sunday brunch is \$14.99 per person and features omelets, bacon, sausage, potatoes, waffles, fried chicken and fish, cornbread, and more. Bring in your church bulletin to receive a 15% discount! We have invited some of the other downtown churches to join us that day. To make a reservation, sign up on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen by **Monday, March 14.**





The scripture readings are provided so that you may read and reflect upon them during the days prior to each worship service.



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 6, 2016**

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32 (UMH 766)  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 13, 2016**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126 (UMH 847)  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

**Passion/Palm Sunday**

**March 20, 2016**

*Liturgy of the Palms*  
Luke 19:28-40  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

**Liturgy of the Passion**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23; 56

**Holy Thursday**

**March 24, 2016**

Exodus 12:1-4  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Holy Friday**

**March 25, 2016**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22 (UMH 752)  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42



**OUTREACH**

The 38th annual Golf Tournament will take place on Thursday, April 21, at the Hollows Golf Course. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the cost is \$60.00/person and \$15.00 for lunch only. Hole sponsors are also \$50.00 and any donations of gift cards, golf clubs, or golf apparel will be accepted to give away as prizes. If you are interested in this event, you can contact the church office at (804) 648-8319 or Earl Siddons at (804) 754-3348.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL WEEKEND IN APRIL:**

**Friday, April 29**, during the day - Garden Day at Centenary, part of Historic Garden Week presented by the Garden Club of Virginia, which includes a boxed lunch, tours of the Sanctuary and Chapel (both adorned with fresh flower arrangements) and a tour of the Executive Mansion and garden.



**Friday, April 29**, at 7:30 p.m. - Silver Anniversary Celebratory Organ Recital played by guest musician Christopher Houlihan.



**Saturday, April 30** – Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### ***Sunday, March 20 – Palm/Passion Sunday***

8:40 am - Informal Worship Service  
10:15 am - DCM Palm Sunday Celebration Service Outside Centenary  
11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service  
12:15 pm – Brunch at Ms. Girlee’s Restaurant

### ***Thursday, March 24 – Holy Thursday***

7:30 pm – Worship Service

### ***Friday, March 25 – Good Friday***

7:30 pm – Worship Service

### ***Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday***

7:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service at Chimborazo Park (32nd and E. Broad Streets)  
8:40 am - Informal Worship Service  
10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt for children  
11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

## PLANTS FOR EASTER

Easter plant order forms are now available and are found in the Sunday bulletins and on the table in the hallway by the kitchen. Orders must be mailed or delivered to the office by **Sunday, March 13th.**



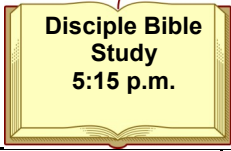




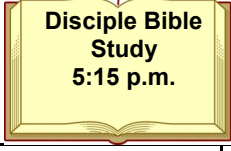


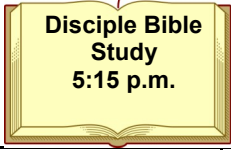




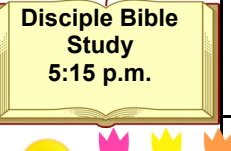





## EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN

All children and youth are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Sunday, March 27, at 10 a.m.** in the upstairs Children’s Sunday School rooms. Parents or grandparents of preschool children are encouraged to stay to help their children with the hunt.



## A decorative banner for the month of March 2016. The word "March" is written in a large, elegant, grey script font, and "2016" is written below it in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a small yellow chick with orange feet and beak, perched on a green clover. To the left of the text is a blue Easter egg with green polka dots. The entire banner is flanked by two identical decorative elements. Each element consists of a pink Easter egg with a white grid pattern, a blue Easter egg with a white grid pattern, and a brown Easter egg with a white grid pattern, all surrounded by small yellow and red flowers and green leaves.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Every Sunday</b> 8:40 AM Informal Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Traditional Worship	<b>Every Monday</b> 10:30 AM Zumba Class	<b>Every Tuesday</b> 11:30-1:30 P.M. Sanctuary Open for Prayer  12:00 PM Fellowship Group at Aunt Sarah's  12:00 PM - AA	<b>Every Wednesday</b> 10:30 AM Zumba Class  12:00 PM Staff Meeting  7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>Every Friday</b> 10:30 AM Walk-In & Bless My Sole Ministries  12:00 PM - AA	
		1	2	3	4	5 <b>Bishop's Convocation on Prayer, 9:30 a.m.</b> 
6	7	8	9 	10 <b>Remember &amp; Recommit Meeting</b> 	11 <b>Acts of Faith Theatre Festival Performance of The Mountain Top at 8:00 p.m.</b> 	12 <b>Centenary 2020 Meeting, 9 a.m./ Prayer Walk</b> 
13 <b>ROA Orchid Alliance Meeting 1-2 p.m. Setup 2-5 p.m. Meeting</b> 	14 <b>Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. *** Admin. Council Meeting 8 p.m.</b>	15	16 	17  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	18 <b>Acts of Faith Theatre Festival Performance of I Do! I Do! at 8:00 p.m.</b> 	19
20 <b>DCM Palm Sunday Celebration at 10:15 a.m. *** Brunch at Ms. Girlee's Restaurant at 12:15 p.m.</b>	21	22	23 	24 <b>Holy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m.</b>  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	25 <b>Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m.</b>  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	26
27 <b>Easter Sunrise Service at 8 a.m. *** Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.</b> 	28 	29	30 	31 <b>Trip to Mount Vernon, Meet at Lakeside UMC at 9:15 a.m.</b> 	<b>Easter</b> 	



# WHO SAID IT?

Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time.

Read more at <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/j/jeanpaul147422.html#BesU7WrjEYI1qvTH.99>

**Here's the answer:**

Jean Paul

## *Dear March— Come In*

**By Emily Dickinson**

Dear March—Come in—  
How glad I am—  
I hoped for you before—

Put down your Hat—  
You must have walked—  
How out of Breath you are—  
Dear March, Come right up the stairs with me—  
I have so much to tell—

I got your Letter, and the Birds—  
The Maples never knew that you were coming—till I called  
I declare—how Red their Faces grew—  
But March, forgive me— and  
All those Hills you left for me to Hue—  
There was no Purple suitable—  
You took it all with you —

Who knocks? That April.  
Lock the Door—  
I will not be pursued—  
Hey stayed away a Year to call  
When I am occupied—  
But trifles look so trivial  
As soon as you have come

That Blame is just as dear as Praise  
And Praise as mere as Blame—





# MARCH HELPERS



## ACOLYTES

06 Christina Kidd  
13 TBA  
20 Isabel Junker  
24 **(Holy Thursday)** TBA  
25 **(Good Friday)** TBA  
27 Christina Kidd

## ALTAR GUILD

06 Kimberly Chen  
13 Barrett Brown  
20 Ginny Jarvis  
24 **(Holy Thursday)** Nancy Grand  
25 **(Good Friday)** Barrett Brown  
27 Sylvia Whaley

## BANNER BEARERS

06 Agatha Kidd  
13 Vic Grand  
20 Chris Junker  
24 **(Holy Thursday)** TBA  
25 **(Good Friday)** TBA  
27 Ryland Bailey, Jr.

## COMMUNION STEWARDS

06 Susan Thomas & Lorna Leake  
24 Barbara Pierson & Mary Dobbs

## GREETERS

06 Lee & Sylvia  
13 Bob & Leah Hundley  
20 Agatha & Christina Kidd  
27 Rex & Mary Anne Dazey

## HALL MONITORS

06 Bob Hundley, Sr.  
Clinton Jones\*  
13 David Pippin  
Sylvia Whaley\*  
20 Jim Wickham  
R.B. Bennington\*  
27 Alex Hundley  
Neil Shingleton\*



## LAY READERS

06 Ginny Jarvis  
13 Billie Davis  
20 Marian Wickham  
24 **(Holy Thursday)** Dan Corcoran  
27 Ruby Baker

## TELLERS

07 Susan Thomas & Ryland Bailey, Sr.  
14 Susan Thomas & Ryland Bailey, Sr.  
21 Suzanne Ray & Marjorie Landers  
29 **(Tuesday)** Suzanne Ray & Marjorie Landers

## USHERS

Luke Wolfe (Captain)  
Florence Clay Bishop  
Stephen Lee  
Barbara Pierson  
James Durst

**REMINDER: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE ON YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY, PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF THE CHANGE.**

## COORDINATORS

Lay Readers:

Phyllis Stump (330-2544)

Greeters and Hall Monitors:

Sylvia Whaley & Clint Jones  
(795-5492)

Tellers:

Suzanne Ray (262-4854)

Ushers:

Sylvia Whaley &  
Clint Jones (795-5492)

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**CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Worship.....8:40 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship .....11:00 a.m.

**STAFF**

Senior Minister.....Matthew D. Bates  
Minister to Senior Adults.....Cheryl Owen-Watson  
Director of Music/Organist.....Stanley M. Baker  
Director of Membership Development.....Ann Davis  
Administrative Assistant.....Mandy Porter  
Senior Accountant.....John Lampe  
Facilities Manager.....Al Richardson  
Sexton.....Saran Yin  
Choir Section Leaders .....Brittany Brooks  
.....Alexandra Goia  
.....Todd Minnich  
.....Sam Cook  
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