

## Weekly Calendar

<b>SUNDAY, March 18</b>	<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 22</b>
9:00 AM Sunday School	7:00 PM AA Beginners Meeting
10:30 AM Worship Service	7:30 PM AA #164 Meeting
11:30 AM Fellowship	7:30 PM Choir
3:30 PM AA Women's Speaker	<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 23</b>
2:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 1733	6:30 PM AA Meeting
4:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 24</b>
5:00 PM Small Group	9:00 AM Spring Clean-up
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship	10:00 AM AA Meeting
6:15 PM Lenten Study	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 25 ~ Palm Sunday</b>
<b>MONDAY, March 19</b>	9:00 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM World Mission Women's	10:30 AM Worship Service
7:00 PM AA Women	11:30 AM Fellowship
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1865	3:30 PM AA Women's Speaker
<b>TUESDAY, March 20</b>	4:00 PM Handbell Choir
9:30 AM Exercise Class	5:00 PM Small Group
10:30 AM Encore Choir	6:15 PM Lenten Study
7:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting	
7:30 PM Bible Study	
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 21</b>	<b>CURRENT OFFICE HOURS</b>
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	<b>MON - FRI 9AM - 1PM</b>
6:30 PM Virginia Ballet Meeting	
7:00 PM AA Meeting	
7:30 PM Al Anon Meeting	
7:30 PM Finance Committee	

## WELCOME GUESTS TO ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Please sign the Attendance Registration pad located in the pew or complete a yellow card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here!

<b>Sunday Schedule:</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School for ALL ages
	10:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30 AM	Worship

The nursery (located off the Fellowship Hall) is available for children through Kindergarten age during Sunday School, Fellowship Time, and Worship.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

Our 2018 Flower Calendar has been posted on the bulletin board outside the Wesley Room. Please consider giving flowers for one or more of the Sundays this year to celebrate a special occasion or remember loved ones. Please help us adorn our altar with beautiful flowers each Sunday.

## LuLaRoe FUNDRAISER

Please be advised that the women will receive orders for LuLaRoe clothing items through March 18. If you would still like to place an order, please contact Pam Williams or Sheila Coffin.

## Choir Anthem:

### What Grace is Mine

*What grace is mine that dwells in endless light  
called through the night to find my distant soul!  
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me,  
That I might live and in his name ne known.*

*So I will go wherever he is calling me;  
I lose my life to find my life in him.  
I give my all, my all, to gain the hope that never dies;  
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow him.*

*What grace is mine to know his breath alive in me;  
Beneath his wings my weary soul may soar.  
Al fear can flee for death's dark night is over come;  
My Savior lives and reigns for ever more, forever more!*

*So I will go wherever he is calling me;  
I lose my life to find my life in him.  
I give my all, my all, to gain the hope that never dies, that never dies,  
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow him.  
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow him.*

## ST. GEORGE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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# Lent



March 18, 2018  
10:30 AM

Gathering Music *Prelude and Fugue in d minor* **Bach**

Welcome

Prayer

† Hymn *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* **UMH 606**

† Passing the Peace

Share the joy of Salvation and the assurance of love with one another by offering signs of peace and reconciliation.

Word and Response

**John 12:20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them,

**"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."**

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say, "Father, save me from this hour? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered,

**"This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

Children's Message

**Message** "From Death to Self, to Resurrection"  
The Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert

† **Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* **UMH 396**

**Joys, Concerns, and Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory** *What Grace Is Mine* **Chancel Choir**  
Larson

† **Song of Praise** *Now Thank We All Our God* (Stanza 3)  
All Praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given;  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Ministry Opportunities**

† **Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* **UMH 159**

† **Benediction**

† **Postlude** *Joy in Judea* **Blake**  
Please stand if you are able

**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal FWS – Faith We Sing Songbook**  
**WS – Worship and Song**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
You are invited to read the Scripture Lesson for next week’s message in preparation for worship.  
Palm Sunday, March 25  
Follower, Accuser or Spectator? Luke 19:28-40

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

	SERVING 03/18/18	SERVING 03/25/18
<b>LAY READER</b>	Alle Schilstra	Dan Hartig
<b>USHERS</b>	Doug Wright & Jeff Root	Mary Sue France & Dave Ford
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Pam Williams & Sheila Coffin	Bev Turner & Phyllis Miller
<b>GREETERS</b>	Mike & Laura Cosner	

**The Coordinators for our Weekly Volunteers are:**  
Lay Readers - Alle Schilstra Ushers - Dave Ford  
Greeters - Laura Cosner Offering Counters - Kathy Cagle  
If you are willing to volunteer for one of these roles,  
please speak with the appropriate coordinator.

**WELCOME**  
Please welcome the Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert to our worship service today. Sarah is the Bi-District Church Revitalization and Leadership Development Coordinator and has served as a wonderful resource for our church leaders.

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR BISHOP’S WEEKLY BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**  
Here are the Verses for this Week:

March 18 Deuteronomy 21-23  
March 19 Deuteronomy 24-27  
March 20 Deuteronomy 28-29  
March 21 Deuteronomy 30-31

March 22 Deuteronomy 32-34, Psalm 91  
March 23 Joshua 1-4  
March 24 Joshua 5-8

**HOLY WEEK EVENTS**  
**Palm Sunday, March 25:** Join us for our service at 10:30 am palm crosses and palm branches will be distributed. We will ponder the question, “Am I a Follower, Accuser, or Spectator in the crowd?”

**Maundy Thursday, March 29:** Join us for a delicious dinner at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You are asked to bring plates of cheese, fresh fruit, dried fruit, olives, etc. to share with others around table. We will provide fish sticks, pita bread, and beverages to complete the meal, similar to Paschal meal that the disciples shared with Jesus. The meal will be followed by a service of worship at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary where we will share Holy Communion.


**Good Friday, March 30:** We will gather for worship at 7:30 pm to reflect on the great price Christ paid for all of us on Calvary’s Hill. The message that evening will be titled, “Three Crosses.” Please join us for this most important time of worship. The choir will accompanied by a beautiful string quartet.

**Easter Sunday, April 1:** Begin the Day of Resurrection with our Sunrise service at 7:00 am followed by breakfast, served by the United Methodist Men. We will have Sunday School at 9:00 am and Fellowship at 10:00 am. Our 10:30 am service will be a glorious celebration with great musical fanfare to celebrate our risen Lord! *We ask everyone to bring fresh cut flowers to help us create our Living Cross.*

**THE LIVING CROSS**  
The “Living Cross” will be displayed next to the altar again on Easter morning. As in the previous years, the worship committee is asking every congregational member to bring some cut flowers from their garden or a bouquet from your local grocers floral department, to place on the cross during fellowship time, prior to the service. This is a wonderful way to participate in the celebration of our risen Lord!

**EASTER LILIES**  
Several Easter Lilies will be used to decorate the base of the cross on Easter morning (stamens removed for those with allergies). If you would like to cover the cost and take one home following Easter Worship, please contact Jennifer Youngen by Monday, March 19 at rjyoungen@gmail.com.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP**  
Please join us next Saturday, March 24 as we spruce up our church property in preparation for Easter. We will gather at 9:00 am . We need folks to spread mulch in our outdoor chapel and to clean up limbs that fell during recent storms. Your volunteer stewardship will be greatly appreciated!

 **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 am-Noon. It will be preceded by a pancake Breakfast at 8:30 am. We also need 6 - 8 dozen cupcakes. You may sign-up to donate in the Narthex.

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

**OUR MEMBERS**  
Norma Goodman Marty Hixenbaugh Donna Hayes  
Buck Gibson Sally Adkins

**HOME BOUND MEMBERS**  
Alice & Joe Howe

**SERVING ABROAD**  
Frank Ford - Puerto Rico

**SERVING AT HOME**  
John Becking David Hopkins Grant Robinson Katherine S. Schmidt  
Chris Plante Aaron Stephens

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS**  
**Lois Morral**, mother of Debra Salman  
**Family of Doug Nichols after his passing**, uncle of Sandy Woolfenden  
**Pat Clarke**, mother of Lisa Copeland  
**Patterson Family**, by the Deihr Family  
**The Heyer Family**, friends of Pat & John Nash  
**Jeen Saadallah and the Saadallah Family**, by Dick Joyce  
**Joey and sister-in-law Debi**, by Sherry Ford  
**Jane Kramer**, mother of Carrie Watkins  
**Judas Murphy**, relative of the Ford Family  
**Madison Reese**, relative of the Ford Family  
**Nathan Cagle**, brother of Karl Cagle  
**Emma Kania**, mother of Mike Kania  
**Family of Ray Henderson** that died, close friend of Mike Kania  
**Kelly Heaton**, friend of Frank & Kim Ford  
**Terry Lynch**, by Dick Joyce  
**Reba Holmes**, by Dick Joyce  
**Dona Coultice-Christian**, by Dick Joyce  
**Paddy Pannel**  
**David Long**, father of Sarah Long  
**The Kane Family**, by Cherie Eyre

The Lamb Center, FACETS, the homeless and the hungry among us; countries and peoples at war; those in places of natural disaster; and victims from violence & their families.

All the groups and organizations that utilize St. George’s Church throughout the week.

Please submit your prayer requests by noon on Wednesday for bulletin inclusion. All prayer requests will be printed in the bulletin for four weeks.

*Our primary Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*



*Our Vision Statement:  
Living Faith  
Welcoming All  
Sharing Love in Christ*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Cindy Whalen with prayers for healing of Jack Whalen.