

Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

I killed a rabbit the other night. I did not mean or want to. He gave me no choice since he hopped out in front of my vehicle so quickly I could neither brake nor swerve. Faster than you can say, "What's up doc?" he was roadkill. I did not intend to take his life, so even if I were tried in a kangaroo court I am confident of my acquittal. It was Bunnyslaughter at worst, but not premeditated. It was really more suicidal on his part than anything. I guess that might be called "Hare-kiri." At least there was no evidence of a basket filled with colorful eggs at the scene.

Whether I meant to or not, there is a splotch of the circle of life on the road just down from my house. I don't know how much self-awareness a bunny might be capable of, but I wonder if he even had any time to consider his mortality. He was likely not very old. Life can be like this though. Nasty, brutish and short. I have hunted and even eaten rabbit in my lifetime, but this just seemed like a waste. I thought about taking one of his feet for good luck, but it did not work too well for him.

Here is where I should have a nice metaphorical reference or life lesson for you. Here is where I should give this story another layer of meaning. Sorry, I don't really have one. Sometimes things just happen and there is no real meaning in terms of a driving "purpose" behind them. "All things happen for a reason" is one of those vacuous sayings people share when something bad happens. I do not care for the sentiment, but I guess in the strictest sense this is true in a cause and effect universe. It's just that sometimes the "reason" is you ran in front of a speeding car. Steve

TIME CHANGES SUNDAY – Daylight Saving Time begins.

Sunday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. We will be studying Beth Moore's "Jesus, The One and Only"

Outreach will be meeting on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. and **Church Council** at 7:00 p.m.

Keenagers – will be meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m. Program will be Brenda Boggs of Choice Tours, and Janie Pipkin will have devotions. Brenda will have a very good program on her plans for travel this year. Invite someone to come with you. Remember to bring non-perishable food item for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

Wednesday evening activities, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

Henderson Settlement will be the Children's March Mission Project – This year the children, along with your help, will be collecting mugs and pots (colored or clay) that are about the size of a mug, and decals to decorate plain pots. Henderson Settlement has greenhouses, and each year they host a Mother's Day Event the week before Mother's Day. Local schools bring the children in to "shop" for a plant to give that important person in their life. Flowers are placed in donated mugs, planters, and decorated pots for the children to purchase at a special cost just for them. They get to buy a present, visit the greenhouses, and have fun doing it.

UMW Meeting, Thursday, March 22nd, 7:00 p.m. in the BIG Classroom. Hope to see you there! If you have not been attending, but have questions or would be interested in joining, contact Cheryl Mills, 865-455-8353, or email at cherylmills@gmail.com.

Save the date: March 25th - The children will be presenting "Hallelujah! He Did It!" on Sunday, March 25th immediately before the choir's Easter Cantata, "The Offer Still Stands."

Prayer List:

Pat Collier
Joe Hurst
Bill Ogle

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Margie Johnson, Lynn Mashburn, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.

Our Service

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Acolytes	Rachel Byrd, Gabby Deer
Nursery	Doris Dennison, Kana Wilhoit
Ushers	A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell, Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, March 11th as we worship the Lord. Scripture will be Luke 22:39-62 and the sermon is "MARCH TO THE CROSS: HATRED."

Our Presence and Our Gifts

March 4, 2018

Morning Worship	99
Sunday School	56
Budget Offering	\$6,795.00
Roof	\$120.00
Change for Children	\$2.00
Children's Department	\$50.00
Sound System	\$20.00
Fall Festival	\$220.00