

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.

You mainly hear about the Incarnation at Christmas because that is when we celebrate the Word Becoming Flesh and dwelling among us. For me, Easter is where that concept has its fullest expression. It is in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus that we see most clearly his nature of being fully human, yet fully divine. I have a Masters Degree in Divinity and over 25 years experience as a minister, yet I still do not fully understand the mystery of it all. What I do know is that I find my Lord when I kneel at the cross.

Jesus was a great teacher, healer and an all around swell guy according to those who followed him. That is not why I follow him though. I am a Christian because of the way my Lord answers the "question of suffering" in the world. The pain present on earth is a wedge against faith for some people. They think "If God is real and God is good, then why all this sorrow?" Or sometimes the question is "If there is a God, how could he let something like this tragedy happen?" God does not "answer" these questions with an explanation. He answers it by joining in our suffering and walking with us through it.

I once had someone ask me if we could hold off on all the "bloody Jesus" references in church. Perhaps this is what Paul meant when he spoke of "the offense of the cross." Christianity can be messy. We can try to clean it up, polish our golden crosses and emboss them on our leather bibles. But real life is messy and that is what the incarnation means... God meets us in our lives where we are and shows us a way through. I serve a risen savior; he's in the world today. And though

my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast. He Lives! Steve

Easter Sunday Morning Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. sponsored by the Children's Department to raise money for Camp in the Community. **Menu is** pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, yogurt, gravy & biscuits, breakfast casserole, juice, milk and coffee.. This is on a donation basis. Make plans to join us.

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

Spring cleaning of the garage has begun! If you or your group has something stored in the garage, please let R.A. know. Please check with R.A. Laws to see if you can lend a hand with this project. Thanks.

The next 5th Sunday will be April 29th. The 2017 Report of Church Giving to Holston United Methodist Home for Children has Bookwalter listed as giving \$1,874.32. Thank

you for showing Christ's love to the children at Holston Home..

Our Service

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

Acolytes	Ellis Banks, Keely Buchanan
Nursery	Idonna Bryson, Cheryl Mills
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

Prayer List:

Leroy Cox - cancer
Joe Hurst
Phyllis Maples, Joyce Rasar's sister
Tommy Stanberry

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.

Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, April 1st as we worship the Lord. Scripture will be Luke 24:1-12 and the sermon is "VERDICT OVERTURNED."

Our Presence and Our Gifts

March 25 , 2018

Morning Worship	111
Sunday School	60
Sunday Evening Cantata	125
Budget Offering	\$3,609.65
Roof	\$20.00
Change for Children	\$4.00