



# The Valley Voice

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## THE EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS



Have you noticed how happy our sanctuary has looked lately? It may be because of the fresh flowers adorning the chancel. This is the time of year when blooms begin to be plentiful and we would like to have fresh flowers to brighten the sanctuary on as many Sundays as possible. If you have flowers blooming in your yard that you would like to cut and bring, we now have two large vases that you can use to arrange and display your floral creations for all to enjoy. Or, if you would like to purchase flowers to display in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend (regardless of the number of legs ☺) feel free to do that as well. Just let the office know so your dedication can be included in the bulletin.

Also, the Worship Committee is happy to announce that we now have a budget for a flower fund. This fund has been established in memory of Evelyn Harman who loved flowers and all things green. The assets from this fund will be used to offset the cost of flowers for both the sanctuary (as needed) and to provide floral tributes as occasions warrant. Additional donations to the fund will be appreciated and recorded as such. See Eve Harman, Jamie Ligon or Stephanie Edge if you would like more information.

## "THE BRICK ROAD TO THE CROSS" A Lenten Brown Bag Study Fridays 11:30 am – 12:30 pm



This year's Lenten Bible Study is based upon important lessons of Easter that come from people who met Jesus on the road to the cross. On this road we encounter the

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## "THE BRICK ROAD TO THE CROSS" A Lenten Brown Bag Study (continued)

ones whom Jesus met: Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, and Mary Magdalene. These people who met Jesus on the way to the cross give us a unique perspective on one of the greatest events of human history.

- Mar. 9            *On the Brick Road with Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea*  
Matthew 27:57-61
- Mar. 16          *On the Brick Road with Barabbas*  
Matthew 27:15-26
- Mar. 23          *On the Brick Road with Simon*  
Matthew 27:30-32
- Mar. 30          *On the Brick Road with Mary*  
Matthew 28:1-10

***Bring a Friend and Let's Walk This Brick Road to the Cross!***

### AAA



Our next AAA event will be a trip to the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum in Sylacauga, Alabama on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The van will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. sharp for this trip. We have scheduled the March trip a week early because of Easter events the following week.

The Isabel Anderson Comer Museum contains a wide collection of local history artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia of the area. Gallery 1 on the main floor hosts a collection of memorabilia of Jim Nabors, a native of Sylacauga.

We will have lunch at the Buttermilk Hill Restaurant after our museum tour. The lunch menu, which is on the bulletin board, features salads, soups, sandwiches, pizzas and lunch entrees. Please sign the reservation list on the desk near the elevator if you would like to go. Everyone is welcome!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

## EASTER PEOPLE



We are Easter people. The Resurrection is at the heart of what we all believe. Jesus once said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in me..."

Our world needs Easter people. People who have a living hope that never gives up on others. So many people in our world are on the verge of giving up. There are people who live in places in third world countries who strive each and every day just to find water and food to eat. They need a lift to rise up above the poverty and pain. We can be a part of their rising up, their resurrection up from poverty, by doing something that will bring hope to them.

Our worship committee has thought about this as the Easter season approaches and they have a resurrection idea! Instead of purchasing Easter lilies for the sanctuary this Easter, let's collect all the money we would have spent on flowers in honor or memory of our loved ones and help a community of families in a poor country 'to rise up' from their struggles to feed their family.

Instead of purchasing an Easter lily for \$17.00 let's give that money to the Heifer Project International to purchase farm animals, trees, and seeds for gardens. This will make Easter real as we lift others and ourselves to do the work of love. Isn't that just what God did for each of us?

If we pool our monies we could help a struggling family be able to start earning income to feed their families, improve their shelter, and pay for health care and school for their children. The simple act of giving an animal will go to help them and their community.

We can all share in their joy as they share the offspring of their animals, their knowledge, resources, and skills with others, in an expanding network of hope, dignity and self-reliance.

This is the power of Easter. And you and I can be a part of moving the stone of poverty that hinders so many people in the poorest places on the planet.

So in the next few weeks we will be asking you to put Easter into practice. Let's put our Easter lily money together and purchase these items that will bring hope to others.

Thank you, Easter People!

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### UPDATE FROM PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Work Day – Property Department members will meet at 8:30 am on Saturday for our church upkeep and then work begins at 9:00 am. We still have some touch up painting to do so please wear your painting clothes.

We are in the process of re-roofing our building. We have filed a claim with our insurance company and will have an adjustor here on property this week to inspect the damage from the hail and wind storms of April 2017. Based on what the adjustor says we will keep you informed on this project. Thank you.

## Dates to Remember



- Wednesday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, Disciples Women, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, Work Day, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon
- Sunday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, Men's Lunch, Johnny Ray's, 11:30a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, BVM Eat-Out @ Niki's West, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, Elders' Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

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### LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS



*Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.*

**Michael Beeson**, Dana Stuckenschneider's brother

**Sister Mary Bell**, Macedonia Christian Church

**Kyle Byrd**, William Byrd's brother

**Matt, Akira, Cerys and Tia Cutcliffe**, son and grandchildren of Marilyn Cutcliffe

**Noah Edge**, Ashville, NC, Gary Edge's son

**Lorene Edge**, home, Gary Edge's mother

**Roy Evans**, Jean Thrasher's brother

**Russell Fountain**

**Thomasine Glenn**, Macedonia Christian Church

**Bill Gwaltney**, Johnson City, TN, Ginny Guindon's dad

**James Hammett**, Terry Nunnelly's brother-in-law

**Midge Hoke**, % James Hoke, 1104 West Joy Lane, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945

**Ellen Phillips**, Episcopal Place #1, 1112 26<sup>th</sup> Street South, Apt. 406, Birmingham 35205

**Flora Richardson**, Fairhaven, L2, Room 7215, 1424 Montclair Road, Birmingham 35210

**Sherry Sims**, Gary Edge's cousin

**Dana Stuckenschneider**, home

**John Westenberger**, Ted Stuckenschneider's brother-in-law

**Robert & Ruby Wilkes**, Macedonia Christian Church

**Current prayer concerns are listed on the back of the weekly Sunday bulletin for approximately one month. Long-term prayer concerns are published once a month in *The Valley Voice*. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals on the lists.**