# Methodist Tribune

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#### **Prayer Requests**

US Military & Government

Schools & Teachers

Tyler Stafford

Jaymon Loftis

Harold & Betty Martin

Charlotte Mooney

Karen Eberly

Carl Smith

Pam Kilmon



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Sunday, April 20:</u> We will have a meal to follow the Easter Service in the fellowship hall, the church will provide ham, rolls, and drinks. Please bring a covered dish and desserts!

<u>Monday, April 21:</u> 1:00pm United Women in Faith will meet in B.A.S.I.C. Sunday School room.

#### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

We are collecting active wear for children & youth sizes XS-XL (Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Place them in bins in the foyer.

#### "Celebrations" Cookbook

Please submit favorite recipes for our cookbook fundraiser sponsored by the United Women in Faith

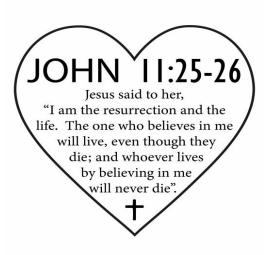


**EASTER BLESSINGS!** "A Caring Community of Faith"

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church.



Jane and Joe Beavon If you would like a visit from Pastor Joe, please call the church office.



Dear Church Family, *Rejoice! Christ is Risen!* We invite you to a special Easter celebration at Gainesboro 1st United Methodist Church! Join us for a morning of inspiring worship and a delicious potluck dinner as we celebrate the new life and hope we have in our risen Savior. Morning Worship Service Easter Sunday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m. Potluck Lunch, following the service in the Fellowship Hall to make this celebration even more joyful, we encourage you to bring a friend! With joyful Easter blessings, Pastor Joe Beavon



On March 17, we had our meeting, it was discussed doing a cookbook fundraiser and asking the congregation to submit recipes. The deadline for receiving recipes has been set for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

There was also discussion about collecting clothing for the schools and asking for donations for kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, active wear such as jogging pants and leggings, tee shirts, sweatshirts. We will need sizes XS-XL.

Sheryle Bruno resigned as secretary and Cindy Vedros will be our new secretary.

The new 2025 Reading Program is available online for the United Women in Faith

#### Our next meeting, Monday, April 21st: 1:00pm

We, the United Women in Faith, is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

#### ALWAYS THERE!

Harold & Betty Martin 515 Crest View Drive Gainesboro, TN 38562

> Easter morning bright and fair Tells me of God's loving care. Flowers that were gone from view, Now awakening, bloom anew. Though God's face I do not see, I will trust His care for me.

— Jennifer Hayden

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### BIRTHDAYS APRIL

- 4 Pam Kilmon 5 Patrick Heinrich 8 Steve Neer 13 Carla Khouri 18 Andrea Thaxton 23 Angie Johnson
- MAY
- 5 Linda Borgmann 7 Susan King 12 Bill Mitchell 14 Kathy Neer 25 Stephanie Neer 26 Eli Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES APRIL 18 Mike & Michelle Spivey

MAY 24 Steve & Kathy Neer

Send a card to those who cannot be with us, birthdays, anniversaries, thinking of you cards!



If you have a birthday or anniversary and it is not showing up in the list, please let Pam know! Thank you!



#### **Memorials for April**

#### Jim Eberly

Linda Prill Jack & Karon Pennington Robert Eberly

#### Suzanne Stafford

Linda Prill



"He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (<u>Micah 6:8</u>). Many Christians often seek God for their health, welfare, career, home/car purchase, in other words, the things that give pleasure. But are these the things that God cares about the most? Jesus said in <u>Matthew 6:7</u>, "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." This implies that God is mindful about the things of life that we care about. But what are the things that God cares about the most? We have a strong indication from the following verses when Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray.

"Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:9-13).

Did you notice how often Jesus mentioned the material things of life that we need, in other words, what kind of priority God puts on these things? It's the fourth item on the list. The first three give us an indication of what God is really concerned about: his name, his kingdom, his will.

How often do you think about those things? How often do you think about God's reputation, his kingdom, and his will? Here's a simple test. The scripture says that if we are true Christians we will "walk as he walked" (I John 2:6). What does that mean? It means that Jesus' first concern in life was that which his father was concerned with: His name, His kingdom, His will.

My fellow Christian, if you live your life day to day and have little or no thoughts in your mind about God, the Bible, church, or your testimony as a Christian then can you say with all confidence that you are really one of his children? What does God expect of us? He expects us to live for him just as he lived for us. Jesus lived for us, not himself. Jesus died for us, not himself. Jesus rose for us, not himself. And he is working in the world today on our behalf, so that we might know him intimately and become like him.