

TEMPLE BELLS



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We are working to be a
community of disciples where
all people can experience and
be transformed by Jesus

Church Services

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:28 a.m. Contemporary Worship

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From David's Desk

When I think of April I often think of rain. You know the old saying – April showers bring May flowers. But we can often get quickly tired of it raining all day every day and not seeing the sun for several days at a time. We know we need the rain and that it is good for the earth but we want all the benefits without going through the rainy days. We want all the good and get impatient when it rains too much. Well I have been through seasons of patience in my life and will still have several more but it has made me realize that I can slow down and that life does go on even if I am not able to take part (being sick, in the hospital, on a trip, etc). Wow what a concept! So I say let it rain (sorry farmers but you will have your time in the field). We all can probably do with some slowing down and not taking life, people and things for granted like we so often do in our hurry up and rush around world. Take time to smell the roses this spring. God has placed them there for you. Jesus even took time to refresh and recharge by getting away and spending alone quiet time with the Father. Are you doing that each day? Why do we think we can do it on our own and control everything that comes our way without putting God first and being in full relationship with Him? Do you need to say let it rain? This April every time there is rain, stop and think about the time you spend with God, what you might be taking for granted and who you need to spend more quality time with.

Pastor David

Countdown to Service Change

April 7th

9:30 Traditional ♦ 10:30 Sunday School ♦ 11:28 Haven

United Methodist Women

We have our monthly meeting Monday, April 8th at 1pm in the Parlor. This month we have a speaker from our local Celebrate Recovery program, Terri Lawson. Please make time to join us and hear about all the great things they are doing in Logan County.

Spare Tools?

If you happen to have any spare tools the Trustees are trying to build a supply for general work around the building. We would appreciate any donations that we can get.

-Trustees

New Class/Group

We have some exciting news to pass along. With the coming time adjustments for our Sunday morning services, that will start the Sunday after Easter. Mac and Michelle Johns have felt God call them to lead a class/small group on Sunday morning at 10:30. This will be a new class in addition to our current adult Sunday school class. They will be meeting in the library at least to begin with. If you are looking for a place to connect this could be for you. The format and topics will be determined based upon the make up of the group.

If you have never been involved in a class on Sunday morning, or you have in the past and have not been currently this is a great time to check out this new class or our long running Sunday school class that is being taught by Rita Harmon. These classes are for any ages and any knowledge level adults who want to further their discipleship with others.

If you have questions, or want more information, please reach out to Rita, Michelle, or myself.

Pastor David.

Kristen's Korner

Hello Temple Family & Happy Spring!!!

The season is changing and so are some things in the children and youth ministry here at church! The biggest change to our program is that my go-to volunteer for the youth program, a wonderful friend & wonderful leader, Chloe Nichols has become official! Chloe will be taking a larger, more active role in our youth ministry and we are all so excited where this change leads us and how it helps our young people on their walk with Jesus!

Another change you have probably noticed is that the Preschool Sunday room/Nursery and the Upper Room Sunday School room have flipped. Thank you to the trustees and other volunteers that made that happen and made it look easy! The rooms look wonderful.

Life Lately

Camp Loucon had Engage Retreat March 15th-17th, and we had seven youth from our church that participated! They came home happy and exhausted!

We are providing the meal on April 10th! It's sure to be delicious and there are sure to be many hands involved in helping us pull this off! If you are available, please come out and support our mission of pouring into these young people!

VBS is coming up quicker than we realize! We are headed to the Outback this summer the week of June 16th! We have several fun ideas brewing so watch your emails, Facebook & Temple Bells for more information as planning progresses!

Contemporary Worship @ The Haven

“You left the throne and chose the cross,
Laid down Your life to rescue us,
The Savior then, the Savior now.
But even death was not the end;
You conquered hell so I could live,
Resurrecting then, resurrecting now.”
Passion, “I’ve Witnessed It”

It is wild to think that Lent and Easter will be over as of April 1, but time flies, and our busy ministry season just makes it go by faster. We will have just held our annual Easter Egg Hunt, a screening of *The Chosen*, meditated on Jesus’ arrest and betrayal on Maundy Thursday, felt the darkness of his death on Good Friday, and celebrated with overflowing joy on Easter that Christ is risen. (Here’s where you can say, “He is risen, indeed!”)

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul explains that this reality is central to the gospel: “that Christ died for our sins... was buried... [and] rose again the third day according to the scriptures,” and that on top of all that, he was seen by an incredible amount of people. *They witnessed Jesus after he was raised from the dead. And because they saw him, a living witness to the defeat of the grave, they knew that death will never hold power over those who believe in Jesus.*

All of the sin in the world, whether ours or another’s or society’s, contributes to the dying of the beautiful world and beautiful people God made. Because of Jesus, we have a greater hope than the despair we fight every day.

As we approach summer and the outreach events we are planning, ask yourself this:

*What have I witnessed?
Where have I seen God’s faithfulness?
How has God brought life where there once was only death?*

If you know Jesus, then you absolutely have borne witness to him. It doesn’t have to be eloquent. It doesn’t have to be lengthy. *It just has to be real.*

Two of my coworkers at my side job drove all the way from Bowling Green and Madisonville to join us for The Haven, and it wasn’t because I preached to them at work. *It wasn’t even because I outright invited them to church. It was because they asked me about things that mattered to them, and I answered. Meaningful relationships, genuine love—that’s literally all it takes. Not a billboard, not a fancy sound system and band, but something real.*

Whatever “real” you have, Jesus is in it. Let’s give it to the world. It’s desperate for real.

Contemporary Worship Playlists + [Linktree](#)

To stay up to date on the songs we sing at The Haven and find encouragement in any season, scan the QR code (or click if reading digitally).



SUN		MON		TUE	
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Coffee & Donuts	8:45am	Handbells	5pm		Choir Practice
Sunday School	9am	Boy Scouts	6pm		
Worship Service	10am				
Contemporary Worship	11:28am				
	7		8		9
Worship Service	9:30am	UMW	1pm	Adult Luncheon	11:30am
Coffee & Donuts	10:15am	Handbells	5pm	Trustees: Meeting	5pm
Sunday School	10:30am	Boy Scouts	6pm		Choir Practice
Contemporary Worship	11:28am				Wednesday Meal
	14		15		16
UMM Breakfast Meeting	7:30am	Handbells	5pm	Staff: staff meeting	9:30am
Worship Service	9:30am	Boy Scouts	6pm	Lead Team	5pm
Coffee & Donuts	10:15am				Choir Practice
Sunday School	10:30am				Wednesday Meal
Contemporary Worship	11:28am				Adult Bible Study
	21		22		23
Missionary visit	8am	Handbells	5pm	Staff: staff meeting	9:30am
Worship Service	9:30am	Boy Scouts	6pm		Choir Practice
Coffee & Donuts	10:15am				Wednesday Meal
Sunday School	10:30am				Adult Bible Study
Contemporary Worship	11:28am				Kids Club
	28		29		30
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Coffee & Donuts	10:15am	Boy Scouts	6pm		Choir Practice
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WED		THU		FRI		SAT
3	Contemporary Practice Chorale Practice	4	6pm 7pm	5		6
10	Contemporary Practice Chorale Practice	11	6pm 7pm	12		13
17	Contemporary Practice Chorale Practice	18	6pm 7pm	19		20
24	Contemporary Practice Chorale Practice	25	6pm 7pm	26		27
1	Contemporary Practice Chorale Practice	2	6pm 7pm	3		4
8	Contemporary Practice Chorale Practice	9	6pm 7pm	10	UMM cooking Lawson Golf	11 12pm

Visit the Church Center App or our website

Down to business

February Meeting—Members Present: Bill Nye, Jeff Gillespie, Steve Von Lehman, Alan Hall, Kristen Steenbergen, David Clarke, Joe Sparks, Kristin Gates, Melynda Riley, Linda Nealy, Rita Harmon, Darla Sparks

Joe Sparks called the meeting to order at 5 PM and prayed for us.

Jeff Gillespie made a motion to accept the meeting from January meeting, Melynda Riley seconded.

Old Business:

Rita Harmon asked whether or not we filed reports yearly about Safe Sanctuaries. It was decided that we don't send in a separate report but it is confirmed that we adhere to it in another report. Joe Sparks reminded us of the time change coming up in the services after April.

New Business:

UMW:
Methodist women met last week. There were four and they sent Valentine cards to the Shut-ins. They will meet next month and hope others will join!

Children & Youth

Youth will be heading to Camp Loucon for Engage Retreat March 15th-17th. The message of that weekend will be "Rhythms of Rest". We had a successful fundraiser dinner the other night. The youth were there early to set up and also cleaned afterwards. Kid's Club kids were given a Lent Calendar this past Wednesday. It's like an Advent Calendar, but they scratch off days and unveil scripture for Lent. We have some extras.
VBS will be June 16th- We will be heading to "Outback Rock".

UMM:

First two cookings lined up May 11th and July 20th. The men's breakfast in February had a light crowd but was good food as always. Anyone is able to join to eat or with a program.

Finance:

Mac has started reaching out to some audit firms. He imagines the base fee will be at least \$500. He plans to have more specific numbers next month and present them to the lead team next month. David mentioned he was familiarizing himself with the finances of the church and he doesn't see anything that stands out to him as abnormal. His main job is to sign checks and monitor outgoing expenses.

Trustees:

Bill reported that the gutters are up on the parsonage and the church. Porter McLain signed off on the youth house deed to allow us tear down and build something that fits the neighborhood. No parking lots or shop looking buildings. Work day scheduled for the 23rd of March. Kristen is going to work on getting children's things out of the youth house before demolition. Michael Morrow (Seek Museum) came and took things that they would be able to use from the Youth House (Lecterns, hot water heater, washer & dryer, etc.). The Trustees plan to use the good decking from the youth house behind the parsonage. KG's office got painted. There are a lot of Mountain Mission items still in the house but the truck should be coming March 12th so it will all be taken care of before we plan to begin the demo. There are windows going in where the old air conditioners are in Pastor David's office, KG's office, and the handbell room. Joe changed a number of tube lights in the Fellowship Hall.

SPRC:

Melynda went over staff contracts and job descriptions. Kristen is the only one who doesn't have one on file and may need to be rewritten/changed anyway. We went back and found that Susan Fox was awarded 6 Sundays vacation several months ago, during Michael Roman's. Michael O'Neal's contract was mentioned. Melynda motioned to call Michael O'Neal and recommend that he be a subcontractor for us and not an employee. Steve Von Lehman seconded the motion.

Pastor:

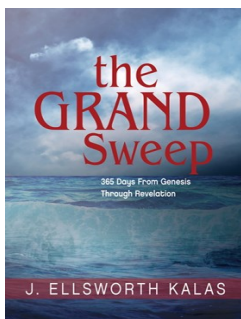
Joe gave the report for the Pastor. He said that Pastor David just wanted to make sure we are still discussing the time change with members of the congregation. He also said we need to try and grow our community of faith. We are hoping to do so once we can begin having our block parties.

Lead Team went into a closed SPRC session.

Mountain Mission

Please do not bring mountain mission items until the week of pickup. We no longer have a place to store these items in the youth house and will have to store them at the church and space is limited.

The next pickup will be July 9th.



The Grand Sweep:

365 Days from Genesis through Revelation guides adults to read through the Bible in a year, reading a few chapters daily. Allow at least 30 minutes daily. You do not have to purchase the book, as we will be doing it as a church and we will post the readings in the bulletin and Temple Bells.

Week 8- April 1

Day 1- Numbers 7-8; Psalm 39
 Day 2- Numbers 9-10; Psalm 40
 Day 3- Numbers 11-12; Psalms 41-42
 Day 4- Numbers 13-15
 Day 5- Numbers 16-18
 Day 6- Numbers 19-20; Psalms 43-44
 Day 7- Numbers 21; Psalms 45-46

Week 9- April 8

Day 1-Numbers 22-24
 Day 2- Numbers 25-27
 Day 3- Numbers 28-31
 Day 4- Numbers 32-34
 Day 5- Numbers 35-36; Psalm 47
 Day 6-Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 48
 Day 7- Deuteronomy 4-5; Psalm 49

Week 10- April 15

Day 1- Deuteronomy 6-8
 Day 2- Deuteronomy 9-11
 Day 3- Deuteronomy 12-14; Psalm 50
 Day 4- Deuteronomy 15-17
 Day 5- Deuteronomy 18-20
 Day 6- Deuteronomy 21-23; Psalm 51
 Day 7- Deuteronomy 24-26

Week 11- April 22

Day 1- Deuteronomy 27-29
 Day 2- Deuteronomy 30-32
 Day 3- Deuteronomy 33-34; Ps. 52-53
 Day 4-Joshua 1-3
 Day 5- Joshua 4-6
 Day 6- Joshua 7-9; Psalm 54
 Day 7- Joshua 10-12

Week 12-April 29

Day 1- Joshua 13-15
 Day 2- Joshua 16-18
 Day 3- Joshua 19-21; Psalm 55
 Day 4- Joshua 22-24
 Day 5-Judges 1-3
 Day 6- Judges 4-5; Psalms 56-57
 Day 7- Judges 6-8

Week -13- May 6

Day 1-Judges 9-11
 Day 2- Judges 12-14
 Day 3- Judges 15-16; Psalms 58-59
 Day 4- Judges 17-19
 Day 5-Judges 20-21; Psalm 60
 Day 6- Ruth 1-4
 Day 7-1 Samuel 1-3

Please Pray for:

Pat Basham, Abby Berry, Laura Nealy Burks, Mark Dueben, Daniel & Rebecca Ferguson, Linda Foster, Norris Gorrell, Tom Gray. John Harmon, Mike & Janice Humble, Larry Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Ron Kimmel, Ernest Lawrence (Jo Riley's Brother in law), Brenda Lear, Billie Jane Mallory, Christine McClellan, Steve Nye & Family (Brother of Bill Nye), Sandy Royster & Family (Grosnik's Nephew), The Family of Jesse Riley, Jo & Carroll Riley, Sharron Riley (Derek Steenbergen's Aunt), Molly Roberson, Graci Rose (15 yr old with stage 4 cancer) Wilder Steenbergen, Francis Surgenor (husband passed) (Rich Ewald's sister), Peggy Weldon, Kendall Williams, Brandy West, Mark Wright.

Also remember in prayer: children, members who are not attending, military, members unable to attend: Anne Collins, Carol Epley, Melva Posey.

Also remember in prayer: our world, country, county, city, and community, the addicted, the vulnerable, the lost, the hurting, the sick, the lonely, those in



FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for a service in honor or in memory of a loved one or a special event, please sign up.

* Sign-up sheet is located in the hallway by the office. *

You can also send an email or call the office to sign up as well.

If you sign up for flowers it is your responsibility to order those for the service.

Music Notes



As I write this on Palm Sunday evening, I'm thinking about the 23 people who were involved in music at our Traditional service this morning. When I think back about what has happened as we rehearsed for this day, there were illnesses, the death of a family member, long-distance trips, and a broken wrist. There were undoubtedly things of which I was unaware. Everyone is dealing with something. Yet, we came together to offer music which we hope helps lead in worship and honors the God who gifted us all with talents and abilities with which to praise Him. If music isn't your thing, maybe you can cook or clean or visit. We can all pray for one another. And one of my prayers is that our music would bless those who hear it. Thank you to our musicians and singers this morning:

Jason Blick, Joe Coursey, Logan Dodson, Joan Ferris, Alan Hall, Carolyn Ham, Jack Harting, Noah Harting, Marguerite Kirkpatrick, Benny Lynn, Michael Nichols, Geri Olson, Rod Owens, Nancy Powell, Melynda Riley, Carole Rogers, Darla Sparks, Kristen Steenbergen, Max Steenbergen, Connie Stevenson, Jane Vick, KathyVonLehman.

By the time you read this, we will have had special Holy Week Services culminating with Easter Sunday. One of the hymn tunes played by the Handbells on Easter was "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (Truro.) Brian Wren wrote the words ten days after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had been assassinated in 1968. He wanted people to feel the Easter hope that comes from realizing that Christ is alive and active in our world today. The resurrection was an historical event, but Christ not only rose from the dead in the distant past but continues to live as our Risen Savior today.

Susan Fox

Birthdays



April
 7th Jason Fox
 Jeffery Fox
 8th Victor Dodson
 11th Melva Posey
 13th Connally Holloway
 21st Bill Nye
 22nd Charlotte Fritz
 24th Jonas Romans
 Richard Belk
 26th Kay Chapman
 29th Willow Romans

May
 1st David Clarke
 Susan Fox
 2nd Andrew Meacham
 3rd Kathy VonLehman
 4th Billie Jane Mallory
 5th Ann Gray
 Bren Harting
 6th Sharon Johnson
 Steve VonLeahman



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