

†Hymn UMH 545
“The Church’s One Foundation”

Opening Prayer

O Good Shepherd, You desire to guide all into safety, refreshment and peace. Meet us here today and fill us with your love that we may look into your world with your loving knowledge. Inspire us to welcome our sisters and brothers with your joy and to offer our lives with your generosity as members of your beloved community, in your name we pray, Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 118 (response 2) UMH 839

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Dale Wood
Chancel Choir (11am)

Children’s Time

Children 3 years through 3rd grade may leave for children’s church AFTER this.

†Hymn UMH 140
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

New Testament Lesson Acts 4:5-12

Sermon Rev. Keith Ritchie
By What Power?

†Affirmation of Faith UMH 888
I Corinthians and Colossians

†Passing the Peace

Offering

Offertory “Simple Gifts” Setting by W. Held

Doxology UMH 94

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:
SICK or A SPECIAL NEED: Tripp Smith, Lorna Adkins, Pam Robertson, Bea Mitchell, Thomas Watkins (Katherine Heldreth’s son-in-law), Jamie Coleman and Melissa Shroeder, Mary Ann Clark, Barbara John, Daron Dodson (Sandra Vaughn’s nephew), C. J. Robertson, Bud Prevette (Patsy Wyatt’s brother), Don Crouch, Jr., Debbie Hundley, Deborah Hite, Lillian Holland, Marilyn Bremner, Charlotte Klingman, Del Martin (Shirley Self’s nephew), Carolyn Read. *Please call the church office to add or remove names on our prayer list. If we have removed someone you wished to remain on the prayer list, we are sorry. Please notify the church office to have the person added.*

SHUT-IN: Dodie Bach, Meta Roth, Lucie Gravely, Neza Jolly, Barbara Rainey, Nancy Nash, Melanie Soulos

Memorials in memory of Ruth Chaney were given by Gerald and Vickie Willis, Chatmoss Country Club, Anne McDaniel, The Bill Hensley Family and The Carlyon family, Kitty Sue Hooker, Carole Click, Betty Wilson, Sherry Case, Kathy Nulph, Nancy and Charles Stone, Christopher Beeler, Jr., Linda and Ran Isley, Anna Dickison, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brooks, Peg Hollander.



The mission team of First UMC would like to invite you to a party in the Uptown Ministry Center on **Saturday, April 28, at 9am.** We will be partnering with the **Rise Against Hunger Initiative.** They coordinate the

assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals. **It will take 40 to 50 volunteers.** We have jobs for all ages. Special donations are also being accepted for the project.

The Food Bank is collecting **cans of fruit** for the month of April.

A Sunday School teacher meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 29, at 3pm** in the conference room. Please send a teacher/representative from each Sunday School class.

Liz Curtis Higgs is the author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*. The ladies’ study group will delve into this book on **Tuesdays**, at noon at the Uptown Ministry Center. Please bring a lunch and join us as we find out what we can learn from the bad girls of the Bible!

For the next three Sundays the **Mission Box offerings** will be used to support those who suffered **tornado damage**. Gleaning for the World is the donation coordinator for the Lynchburg area and God’s Pit Crew is accepting donations for Danville/Pittsylvania County. We will split the offering between the two organizations. **You may also place an offering in the offering plate and designate for tornado relief.**

Senior Pastor, Keith Ritchie
Director of Programs/Children’s Ministries,
Annette Huckfeldt
Director of Youth & Young Adults,
Maegan Mitchell
Interim Director of Music, Byron Corcoran
Guest Organist, Jill Gardner
Accompanist, Beth Chapman

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Prayers of the People
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn UMH 672
"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

†Benediction

†Postlude B. Marcello
"Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare"

†Carrying Christ's Light into the World

†Indicates standing interval if you are able.



**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
April 22, 2018**

Early Learning Center Monday – Friday 6:30 am – 6:00 pm

The church office hours are
9 am–5 pm Monday–Thursday, 9 am–12 pm Friday
The church office will be closed 12:30 pm–1:30 pm for lunch.

Sun.	Apr. 22	12:30 pm	JAMZ
Mon.	Apr. 23	3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Children's Choir/Puppets Staff Parish Committee
Tues.	Apr. 24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:30 pm	Lunch Bunch Ladies Bible Study (Uptown Ministry Center) Young Adult Bible Study
Wed.	Apr. 25	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Walk Chancel Choir
Thur.	Apr. 26	10:00 am	Lunch Bunch
Fri.	Apr. 27		Office Closed
Sat.	Apr. 28	9:00 am	Rise Against Hunger

USHERS: George Lyle, Jim Roberts, Nancy Bryant,
Paul Geib, Ben Gravely, John Maxwell, Bobby
Phillips, John Roberson, Matt Spencer
COUNTERS: Winston Whitmore, Diane Bassett,
Woods Carter
SOUND TECHNICIAN: Paul Huckfeldt
VIDEO: Craig Dietrich
ACOLYTE: Kendall Sapp
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Meredith Vaughn
NURSERY: Sharon Byrd

*We have new equipment for the hearing impaired. If
you wish to use this equipment, please see an usher.*

*Nursery (beside the Read Robins class) available for
infants through three-year olds for Sunday School and
11:00am.*



Welcome to
**First United
Methodist Church**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 22, 2018 **8:45am & 11:00am**

*WELCOME to this celebration of worship where we
remember God's saving grace in Jesus Christ!*

Fellowship & Ministry Announcements

*Please let us know you worshipped with us today by signing the
friendship pad and passing it down the pew.*

Prelude D. Wood

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
(Bringing in the Light of Christ during Prelude)

Trinity Chimes

†Call to Worship

*The Suffering Servant
becomes the healing source.*

The stone rejected

becomes hope's cornerstone.

The Crucified One

is raised to new life.

*The God of healing, hope and life is in our
midst:*

Let us celebrate and worship our God!