Easter EGGstravaganza!

April 14 immediately following Palm Sunday Services
Lunch – 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Food Trucks on Oak Street
(Cost for lunch $5 - $10)

Easter Egg Hunt follows lunch.
• Crawler & Toddlers: First Kids Game Room (Cloister B Hallway)
• Twos – PreK: McCallie playground
• Elementary: Grassy area in front of the Sanctuary

Rain or Shine ... we have an amazing rain plan
Prepared for FUN! Everyone Invited!

We would love for the church to eat together!

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 14
At 10:45 the children will process with palms in the Sanctuary and The Vine services. In celebration of the day, Hall Johnson’s well known spiritual, Ride On, King Jesus will be sung by Jeron Burney. Music by the Chancel Choir (10:45) will be a dramatic setting of Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) composed by Haydn.

Maundy Thursday
Communion and Tenebrae
Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 5:15 p.m.
Dr. Mark Gooden is preaching; music by the Chancel Choir. This is a very powerful service which tells the story of the events of Holy Week. Candles will be extinguished, the sanctuary darkened and the altar stripped of its-paraments and decorations as we hear the scripture texts leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion.

Make dinner reservations by 4 p.m. Monday.
Call 756-2021, ext 3123 or EMAIL foodrsvp@fcumc.org

Bible Gala
Beth Spears, Children’s Ministry Director
Our debut of the First Kids Bible Gala was an exciting mixture of all things Bible! We gave 35 Bibles new homes, had a few rounds of Bible Trivia, and danced to the new edition of

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What is the worst thing you’ve ever done?
What is the worst day of your life?
What is your greatest failure?

One of the things that I love about Simon Peter is how often he messes up! Not because I am rooting for him to fail but because of how he is able to respond to his failures through the grace of God. The next two weeks in the life of the church include some of the worst days of Peter’s life and some of his biggest mistakes. But just like Peter it is not mistakes that define us but what happens on Easter Sunday!

In Adam Hamilton’s book, Simon Peter, we are reminded “Peter’s story shows us that we need not be defined by our failures. God does not define us by the worst thing we ever did. Jesus makes amazing use of flawed disciples. He continually invites us back, forgives us, and restores us. Sometimes he uses us even more profoundly, not merely in spite of our flaws and failures but because of them. Jesus is the Lord of the second chance. If the disciple who denied knowing Jesus could become the Rock on which the church was built, there is hope for us too.” (p 105)

Frederick Buechner encourages us as Resurrection people. “Resurrection reminds us that the worst thing is never the last thing.” As we journey towards the cross and ultimately towards resurrection, remember that the worst thing you’ve ever done, the worst day of your life, or your greatest failure do not define who you are! You are a beloved child of God and I can’t wait to celebrate resurrection with you.

In Christ, Will
United Methodist Women
Scenic South District Social Action Event
Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Oak Street Center

Women and Children
NOT
For Sale
Fighting Human Trafficking and Pornography

Presenters: Jerry Redman, CEO, Second Life Tennessee – Second Life provides education to help identify and prevent trafficking; promotes legislation and policy that works to end trafficking; provides survivors with safe space and individualized support services.

Erin Wallin, Attorney, Berke, Berke and Berke
– Erin is a member of First-Centenary United Methodist Women who is collaborating with members of The U.S. Congress and White House staff to advocate for better restitution for victims of child pornography.

ALL ARE INVITED! NO RESERVATION NEEDED!

Dia de Alegria 2019 was a huge success!

We arrived ready to bless Casa de Dios members with gifts. In turn, they captured our hearts as they welcomed us with open arms and unconditional love.

Every family was delighted to receive a brown bag full of groceries, and a soccer ball! The children were thrilled with the candy!

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who helped serve and the generous support from our FCUMC family.

– Bendiciones,Diana Kidwell

Thank you Garden Mission for the beautiful planters at the Welcome Center entrance!

Reader Dog at The Centenary

The Centenary Kindergarten and First Graders got a visit from Oliver, a Labradoodle. The students worked with K-1 Leader Adelaide Aho and Reading Specialist, Margaret Nelson to select and practice reading the perfect book. Oliver seemed to think they made great choices as he listened attentively to stories about animals, children, and even Superman. Each student was then given a stuffed animal dog of their own so they could keep reading out loud at home.

Oak Street Playhouse presents ...

Drinking Habits 2
April 26 & 27, May 2, 3 & 4 at 7:30 p.m.
April 28 and May 5 at 2 p.m.

The Sisters of Perpetual Sewing miss the excitement of the old days when they were saving convents and reuniting long-lost families.

So, when they learn that the orphanage where Paul and Kate grew up is in peril, they can’t wait to come to the rescue. Join us for this warm and winsome sequel to Drinking Habits.

To purchase tickets over the phone, call the toll-free number: 1-800-838-3006 (option 1). To purchase online, go to www.brownpapertickets.com and type in “Oak Street Playhouse.”
Easter Sunday in the Sanctuary

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

The Chancel Ringers will participate on Easter Sunday morning providing the accompaniment for the dramatic procession of the Christ Candle, which signifies the presence of the Risen Christ. They will also play the well-known French Carol, Now the Green Blade Rises. Accompanied by brass and timpani, the Chancel Choir will tell the story of Jesus’ resurrection in the anthem He Is Not Here! He Is Risen!, composed by Allen Pote.

Dr. Mark Gooden will preach in this joy-filled Easter worship celebration.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 14, 2019
Palm/Passion Sunday
Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
   Peter: Failure x3
   John 18:15-18, 25-27
   Dr. C. Mark Gooden
   Reading from the Lectionary
   Liturgy of the Palms
   Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
   Liturgy of the Passion
   Isaiah 50:4–9a, Psalm 31:9–16,
   Televised sermon by Rev. Lauderback –
   Peter: I Need a Bath
   Televised on Channel 12, WDEF-TV
   at 6 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.
   Mustard Tree Worship at 5 p.m.
   in The Vine – Rev. Barry Kidwell

April 21
Easter Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. in The Vine

Alleluia! Christ is Alive!