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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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What is Easter Season for? And what comes next?

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-when-is-easter-over-what-comes-next>

For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with [Pentecost](#), the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The



Claudia Teli N'guessan sings during worship at Temple Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Man, Côte d'Ivoire, in this 2015 file photo. Photo by Mike DuBose, UM News.

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original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

Many churches use these weeks to teach the [theology of the sacraments](#) and help people [discern their spiritual gifts](#) and callings. Congregations may do this both through small group formation and as part of public worship. [Ecumenical resources for both](#) have been developed by the North American Association for the Catechumenate, also known as [Journey to Baptismal Living](#), supported through the worship office of

Discipleship Ministries. The season may culminate with a service of [commissioning laypersons into ministry](#) as part of the Pentecost celebration.

The season after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday and concludes with Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. The purpose of this season is to support our common work of using the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Because contexts for ministry can vary widely, the [lectionary readings](#) were chosen to permit more flexibility during this season. The three readings are not related to each other. Pastors and worship planners can create series that follow any one of the three different streams of texts (Old Testament, Epistle, or Gospel), whichever seems to be speaking into the missional context of the local church the best.

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April Birthdays

2 Dot Hudson
3 Don Worner
7 Susan Russell
8 Kendell St. Jean
11 Joan Headlough
12 Ann Thompson
12 Imogene Smith
12 Keneisha Jeanty
16 Bill Walls

17 Chuck Caro
18 Florence Llewellyn
19 Jackie Mooney
21 Rosann Faull
23 Barbara Scarborough
24 Bernie Coveney
26 Nancy Clough
28 Kathy Owens
30 Judy Brooks



April Anniversaries

7 Gene & Nancy Burgess
11 Pasquale & Sara Coniglio

17 Dale & Donna Mays
29 Kenneth & Robbin Pyles

2023 February Budget Summary

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.

Income

Total Income: \$53,000

Expenses

Church Programs: \$410

Finance: \$0

Church Administration: \$1,062

Facility Maintenance: \$7,915

Personnel: \$22,441

Conference Apportionments: \$4,192

Total Expenses: \$36,020

Income Over Expenses: \$16,980

The budget for 2023 is **\$489,821** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$40,818 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. Although we have begun trying to cut expenses where we reasonably can, we are still feeling the financial pinch. If you are able to still contribute during these lean times, please help us to maintain our regular operating costs as you find you are able. Only with the generosity of our congregation have we been able to weather the storms of the past and even the current storm we are in.

Thank you for your loving generosity in keeping this church operating!

Lent & Easter

<https://www.umc.org/en/ways-we-grow/lent-easter>

At Easter, United Methodists across the world join with other Christians to celebrate the Risen Christ!

The journey to Easter begins on Ash Wednesday as we pause to reflect on this holy day of repentance. As we

move through the 40 days of Lent, we may choose to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often, all in preparation for celebrating the most sacred of days.

With Holy Week upon us, we contemplate Jesus' final days on Earth, an intense time of joy, betrayal, and mourning, all leading up to the most glorious day when we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection on Easter!

SUPPORT OUR
YOUTH GOING
TO CAMP REALIFE!

May 11th
6:00-
7:30pm

First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Camp Realife is an amazing time for our teens to get away from our daily routines and connect with other students, leaders and God! While also having tons of fun with activities in and out of the water!

Camp Dates: June 5th - June 9th

Camp Cost per student: \$350

includes food - lodging - activities - transportation for 5 days/4 nights

Tickets available for free or for donation through students or at the door.
Donations for tickets will help each student meet their goal.

For more information contact Lauren Good at Lgood@fumctitusville.com



What do we mean by resurrection?

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-do-we-mean-by-resurrection>

United Methodists affirm the Christian belief in the resurrection of the dead. Our doctrinal statements express this directly.

We affirm the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

"Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature" (Article III, Articles of Religion).

We affirm the resurrection of all people who have ever died.

"We believe all men stand under the righteous judgment of Jesus Christ, both now and in the last day. We believe in the resurrection of the dead; the righteous to life eternal and the wicked to endless condemnation" (Article XII, Confession of Faith).

What exactly do we believe about resurrection? Or, put more directly, what is resurrection?

It is important to begin with what resurrection is not. Resurrection is not the resuscitation of a person who had previously died. Resurrection is not like zombies pushing their way out of graves and tombs and roaming the streets in hordes. Resurrection does not make people or bodies "undead."



*Metaphors for resurrection are often found in nature.
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Resurrection makes people truly, fully, and completely alive.

In I Corinthians 15, the most extensive discussion of the traits of resurrection in the New Testament, Paul indicates resurrection does not result in the mere reviving of the physical body that was buried, but rather a spiritual body. While this newly created spiritual body is still "us" in some way, ultimately it is very different and full of far greater potential than what came before.

"What is sown is perishable,
what is raised is imperishable.
It is sown in dishonor,
it is raised in glory.

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GOLGOTHA

**A MAUNDY THURSDAY
MUSICAL EXPERIENCE
PRESENTED BY
BROADSTREET**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 AT 6:15PM
SERVICE AT SPACE VIEW PARK**



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It is sown a physical body,
it is raised a spiritual body"
(I Corinthians 15:42b-44, NRSV)

What is also important to keep in mind is the meaning of the term resurrection within Christian theology, and especially Christian eschatology (understanding of the last or ultimate things). Resurrection describes a form of life that is not of this present age, but rather of the age to come. The spiritual body is a new creation just as is the "new heaven and new earth" described in Revelation 21:1:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more." (NRSV).

This newly created spiritual body is created for thriving on the new earth in the new creation.

So, what does all of this mean for us now?

We can take comfort that no matter what time and decay do to our physical bodies, it is not in their physical condition that we have hope. Our hope is in the One who raised Jesus from the dead, and whose resurrection body is the first example of what ours will be, when we, too, are raised at the last day.

We can understand that neither efforts to preserve flesh destined to decay nor cremation or organ donation

hinders what God will do in resurrection. Understanding the nature of resurrection helps us put any unfounded fears aside when making choices that honor our beloved dead.

At the same time, it gives us opportunity to think carefully about what it means that even these bodies are called "a temple of the Holy Spirit" in this life (I Corinthians 6:19. NRSV). The body to come is spiritual through and through. But even now, as we await the promise of resurrection, this flesh is capable of housing the divine. So while we live, we are called to treat our bodies with reverence — our own and that of every neighbor.

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Corinthians 15:22, Book of Common Prayer, 1979)

Even now, in Christ we are new creations. We experience the promise of life beyond death, as well as the promise of new beginnings in our present life. And we experience a foretaste here and now of the fullness of resurrection in the age to come when God will "wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4, CEB)

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We Gather

W E D N E S D A Y N I G H T

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

COME ANYTIME BETWEEN 5:30-6:30 FOR DINNER WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY!

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND DISCIPLESHIP ONCE A MONTH.

E V E R Y O N E I S W E L C O M E !



THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

*Based on the Story by C.S. Lewis
Dramatized by Joseph Robinette*

OPEN AUDITIONS!

MAY 21ST 2-4PM

OR

MAY 23RD 6-8PM

7 YEARS OLD & UP

SHOW DATES: JULY 8TH & 9TH



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Easter Sunrise Service

April 9th @ 6:30am
Veterans Memorial Park
(end of Broad Street)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
2 Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	3	4 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Soliloquy 8:00pm Broadstreet	5 9:00am Patchwork Friends 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal 5:30pm We Gather Dinner 6:30pm CrossPointe Rehearsal	6 Maundy Thursday 10:30am PEO Mortgage 6:15pm Maundy Thursday Svc. 	7 Good Friday 1-3pm Food Pantry 	8 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
9 Easter 6:30am Easter Sunrise Svc 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	10 10:00am Sara Fernandez Bible Study	11 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Soliloquy 8:00pm Broadstreet	12 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	13 9:00am Ladies Day Out 10:30am Retired Teachers	14 1-3pm Food Pantry	15 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
16 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	17	18 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Soliloquy 8:00pm Broadstreet	19 10:00am ADK Meeting 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal 6:00pm Yoga 6:30pm CrossPointe Rehearsal	20 9:30am PEO Meeting 4:00pm Leadership Team Mtg	21 1-3pm Food Pantry	22 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
24 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 30 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	24	25 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:00pm Moonlight Quilters 6:30pm Soliloquy 8:00pm Broadstreet	26 10:00am UWF Meeting 3:30pm Joyful Noise 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco	27 12:00pm Ladies Day Out	28 1-3pm Food Pantry	29 8:00am Comm. Breakfast

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