



First United Methodist Church of Pine Mountain

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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

April is hopping!

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF PINE MOUNTAIN**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



12:00-1:00 FLC BLDG	April 14-16 Holy Week Lunches
6:30 PM SERVICE	April 17 Maundy Thursday
6:30 PM SERVICE	April 18, Good Friday
8:30 & 11:00 SERVICES	April 20 Easter Sunday

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Come Join Us
For

FAMILY FUN DAY & EASTER EGG HUNT

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
AFTER THE 11:00 SERVICE**

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a picnic lunch, games
and Easter Egg Hunt with our Church Family!
Chips, Sandwiches and Water provided

For More Info
Email: office@fumcpinemountain.org
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Location will be the home of
Jay and Lyndsey Jenkins
8649 Hamilton Road,
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Lenten Offering Opportunity for Churches in the South West District

South West District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas, has been in contact with Bishop Mande Muyambo, Bishop of the North Katanga Episcopal Area in Africa. Bishop Muyambo has shared exciting news about the growth of the UMC in his area. Many new churches are being built, but they need financial assistance to complete this important work. According to the Bishop, "our conference is full of vibrant congregations with members who generously contribute their prayers, presence, gifts and service to the church, including literally collecting the foundation stones and baking the brick required to build our sanctuaries. However, the elevated price of building materials such as cement and roofing sheets often becomes an insurmountable barrier to complete construction projects. Sanctuaries built without these materials (e.g. walls without cement and thatch roofs) are regularly brought down by rainy season storms and must constantly be rebuilt."

On February 27, the South West District Strategic Growth Committee approved a \$5000 gift to Bishop Muyambo for the purpose of aiding in new church construction. Churches in the district have the opportunity to join in helping our brothers and sisters in the Republic of Congo with this worthy cause.

The District Office will be collecting funds through Easter and will then forward all money collected to Bishop Muyambo. You can contribute to building the kingdom—please mark your contribution with Congo Church Construction (checks payable to FUMCPM). We will ensure your contribution is sent to the district office.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR HOLY WEEK LUNCHESES



Last year our Holy Week Lunches were a huge success! They are returning this year and you are invited to attend!

The lunches will be from 12:00-1:00 in the Family Life Center.

Our speakers will be:

April 14—Tina Stevenson—District Lay Leader

April 15—Jatin Gill—Associate Pastor at LaGrange First UMC

April 16—Lenton Snow—Pastor in charge at Wilson Chapel

Please come join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the resurrection of our Lord. If you have any questions, please call the office at 706-663-2538 or email at office@fumcpinmountain.org.

HOW WE HELP THE COMMUNITY

Pastor's Pantry

Pastor's Pantry continues to be an outstanding outreach to our community. So far this first quarter:

January—Served 75 families for a total of 224 individuals

February—Served 96 families for a total of 308 individuals

March—Served 94 families for a total of 265 individuals

Compare that to 2024:

January—Served 62 families for a total of 184 individuals

February—Served 77 families for a total of 215 individuals

March—Served 64 families for a total of 215 individuals

This ministry continues to grow and serve our community. We are so blessed to have a congregation that supports this ministry. We couldn't do it without you!



Benevolence

So far in 2025, we have been able to help 19 families with various utility or medical bills in the amount of \$2,045. Last year at this time it was 11 families for a total of \$996.

Our Benevolence Fund was established to help families pay bills such as utilities (electric, water, propane), prescriptions or gas for their car. Each family must complete a form, provide the actual bill they are requesting assistance with as well as identification. We verify that we have not helped the family using benevolence dollars in the past year and we limit our assistance to approximately \$120 per family. We have been blessed to assist so many families! The needs have increased over the last two years and are continuing to grow. We do not want to have to start turning families away. Please help us to allow our church to continue helping families. Prayerfully consider what you can donate, above and beyond your current amount, to continue to build up our benevolence account. We have received some donations and we thank you for those. For those who may have not had an opportunity to donate, you can donate online or via check/cash. Please ensure that you specify the donation should go towards the benevolence fund. If you have any questions about the benevolence fund, please see Sonja Metcalf or email the church office at office@fumcpinemountain.org. Thank you!



United
Women
in Faith

PINE MOUNTAIN
UNITED WOMEN
IN FAITH
LOUISE MILLER CIRCLE

Our next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, April 14 at 5:30 pm in the FLC. Winky Parker will be providing light refreshments. Rev. Keya Hillman, Southwest Regional Developer for the North Georgia Conference, will be talking to the group on black Methodist church renewal. Come and bring a friend.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Deaconess Becky Gaar for completing her Lay Preaching course on 3/29/25! Becky is now in the process of applying to be a Certified Lay Speaker with the North Georgia Conference! We are so proud of you Becky and all your hard work in this achievement!

YOUNG AT HEART Upcoming Trips

4/4/25—Eufaula Tour of Homes

4/27/25—"Murder on the Orient Express" at the LaGrange Performing Arts. We will go to dinner following the show. Cost of the tickets to the performance is \$20 per person plus the cost of your food for dinner. Please let Becky Gaar know by 4/21 if you plan to attend. You can reach Becky at mma-sa@fumpinemountain.org or phone at 770-310-4944.

April Sunday Servants

	Ushers	Greeters
	April 6	
8:30	NEED SOMEONE	NEED SOMEONE
11:00	Michael Willey	Becky Gaar
	Jim Bob Bryant	Lorraine Berry
	April 13	
8:30	Dean Mabry	Amy Mabry
11:00	Larkin Cunningham	Jane Lawson
		Winky Parker
	April 20	
8:30	Bob Phillips	Jane Logan
11:00	Dale Morrison	Tracy Morrison
	Lorraine Berry	Charlotte Zuerner
	April 27	
8:30	Roy Westbrook	Judy Westbrook
11:00	Ed Hudson	Josh May
	Susan Walter	Morgan May

Altar Guild Servants for the month of April are Jane Logan and Judy Westbrook



4/2	Betty Parrish Bob Phillips	4/20	Jim Logan
4/3	Emily Castleberry	4/21	Caleb Williamson
4/4	Manford Metcalf	4/23	Lace Mathes Karlia Willis
4/5	Will Cunningham	4/24	John Gaar
4/6	Connie DeBord		Zac Williamson
4/14	Patricia Collins Lucy Kurrass	4/27	Madelyn Carey Lyndsey Jenkins
4/17	Katelyn Riley Jane Riley	4/28	Mary King Kurrass Michael Snider
4/18	Judy Marshall		



Please bring in **pre-filled** plastic Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th. You can place them in the basket in the Narthex or bring them to the office through April 10th. Thank you!!

NO Wednesday Night Supper on 4/2/25 due to Harris County Spring Break!
No Wednesday Night Supper on 4/16/25 due to Holy Week Lunch



Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group, led by Mabry Collins, will be offered beginning Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. Grief comes in many different forms and for many different reasons. In this group, we will be exploring and understanding the nature of grief as well as being open and talking about our feelings of grief. Our prayer is that whatever grief you may be experiencing for whatever reason, you will join us and learn...



**It's okay
to grieve and you are
not alone**



If you have been considering taking a deeper dive into the scripture, please join us on **April 7th at 6:00 PM in the library of the church office**. We will be discussing the DISCIPLE Bible Study opportunity that we would like to offer. In this meeting, we will, **as a group**, decide on the best day and time for this group to continue to meet. This is an information session! We will look at the calendar and determine how we take this journey through God's word together.



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