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Jesus said, "I have come as light to the world, so that everyone who believes in me will not remain in darkness. John 12:46

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A Time to Plant

"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

This time of year brings back a lot of fond memories of helping my grandparents plant their gardens. Mamaw and Papaw Burnett had as many as three gardens at one time. There was the main garden in the back yard. It had a little bit of everything: tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, rhubarb, corn, and green beans. There was always a row or two of "early corn" along with a few rows of "candy corn". The green beans were mainly "red peanut", but there was also a row or two of "half runners" or something else. There was also another patch of corn behind the toolshed and the imposing potato patch out past the garage with seemingly endless rows of both white and sweet potatoes. Papaw had worked the ground with the disk and tiller. The holes or furrows were made, fertilizer was dropped, seed was dropped or plants placed, the dirt turned back over, then some water was sprayed on top. We worked, we sweated, we told stories, we laughed, and we (the kids) prayed to get done soon and get back inside to the air conditioning. Then we (the kids) waited for the food to appear. I was not as involved in the nurturing and weeding of the gardens as the plants grew; I was more involved helping Papaw and Dad with hay or cattle, but Mamaw, Mom, and Deanna spent many hours making sure the gardens were well tended. All the hard work was worth it when it came time to harvest, cook, can, and freeze. Few foods compare to fresh beans and corn and potatoes. I don't remember being so fond of it at the time when we were doing all the hard work, but looking back I see it as a time of bonding with those I now miss, and I wish we could do some of that hard work together again.

Our daily lives as Christians in this sometimes cruel world are like those days in my grandparent's garden. We work to serve God in whatever He sets before us each day in our work and in our play, in our job sites and in our homes, in our coming and in our going. We try to be a witness to those we encounter, to instill God's word in our children, to not be a stumbling block to others. Just as my family spent a lot of time nurturing the plants while they were growing, we have to keep working the fields in which we are placed. Sometimes we see the fruit of that labor, but many times we do not. After all, it is God that does the growth, not us. In the end, we will see God's great harvest, but for now, our responsibility is to work the fields, and the gardens, He sets before us each day.

Scott Snowden

EASTER EVENTS:

Lent (Violet) – A period of forty weekdays and six Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating in Holy Week. In joy and sorrow during this season, the church proclaims, remembers, and responds to the atoning death of Christ.

HOLY WEEK April 10-14th.

It's hard to believe that Easter is upon us! Please plan to attend the Community Holy Week services at Panther Springs United Methodist Church 12:00-1:00 PM each day Monday thru Friday. A meal will be served. Ministers from different churches will speak each day. You will be blessed!

Easter Egg Hunt!

All children are invited to attend the Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 15th beginning at 1:00 pm. Activities will include decorating picture frames for each child's picture with the Easter bunny, hunting eggs, refreshments and the telling of the Easter story.

Any teen or adult who wants to volunteer would be appreciated to assist with hiding eggs, dispensing refreshments, etc. Please contact Marianne Sharp to let her know you can help.

If you have any questions or are willing to volunteer – contact Marianne Sharp: home – (423) 585-5492, cell – (865) 654-6753 or email – mfsharp@musfiber.com.

THANK YOU!

THANKS for the all the special donations given to the church, building or stained glass funds.

**In memory of Billie Cardwell.
In memory of Nina Lilly.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS.

Join us at 6:00pm on Wednesday nights for dinner before our bible study service at 6:45pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 1 L. D. Word
- 1 Matt Finley
- 3 Keith Baker
- 5 Errin Carroll
- 12 Johnny Carmichael
- 12 Seth Greene
- 16 Kara Eldridge
- 23 Cassie Slabberkorn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 16 Billy & Susan Rollins

THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH

Elder of the Month – Lonnie Knight
Deacon of the Month – Larry Knoll
Greeters for April- Robert & Mae Ishman
Greeters for May- Jane Satterfield & Michael Stanbery

Prayer of Gifts and Self

- 04/02 Jeanie Saunders
- 04/09 Marianne Sharp
- 04/16 Gereldean Carmichael
- 04/23 Terry Sanders
- 04/30 Jeanie Saunders
- 05/07 Marianne Sharp

To those of you who are reading this newsletter and do not have a church home, we welcome you to join us!

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Activities
Meal – 6:00 p.m. T.B.A monthly
Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please make sure we have your correct email address.

CHURCH WEBSITE:

Our new church website with weekly updated information is now up. The new site is talbotcpc.org

Upcoming Events

- April 2** **Food Pantry Drive**
11:00 am Communion Service
7:00 pm Worship Service
- April 9** **Palm Sunday.**
- April 10-14th** **Holy Week Services.**
- April 11** **6:30 pm Worship at Life Care Jeff.**
- April 13** **7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service.**
- April 14** **Good Friday.**
- April 15** **1:00 pm Egg Hunt.**
- April 16** **7:00 am Sunrise Service.**
Easter Sunday.
- April 18** **6:00 pm CPWM Meeting**
- April 27** **Lady's Night Out!**
- April 30** **Building Fund Offering**
Family Night!
- May 7** **Food Pantry Drive**
11:00 am Communion Service
7:00 pm Worship Service

LifeCare Service

Please remember to join us for an evening of worship and fellowship at LifeCare of Jefferson City on April 118th, at 6:30PM.

C.P.W.M. Meeting

The ladies will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday April 18th, at 6:00pm at the church. Bring a light snack to pass. Come join us.

C.P.W.M. LADIES NIGHT OUT!

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women Ladies Night Out will be on April 27th @ 6:00pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Geraldean Carmichael.

ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders

| Class of 2017 | Class of 2018 | Class of 2019 |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Jim Rolen | Lonnie Knight | Richard Snowden |
| Jeanie Saunders | Terry Sanders | Allen Williamson |

Deacons

| Class of 2017 | Class of 2018 | Class of 2020 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Larry Knoll | Ron Saunders | Peggy Long |

Community Food Pantry Needs

Please remember that the first Sunday of the month, is the day we collect for our monthly Food Drive that goes to the local food pantry. Let us challenge ourselves to do all that we can in our giving!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Family in our Thoughts and Prayers:

Prayer Concerns:

Sal & Carol Aversa
 Larry Brooks
 Susan Cain
 Tom Cain
 Ben Case
 Dale Case
 Amanda Eldridge
 Ellen Horner
 Ralph Lamb
 Phyllis Knight
 B.J. Rolen
 John Spain
 Bill Speck
 Michael Stanbery

Praise GOD!

Cathy Anderson
 Gracie Cates
 Randy McDaniel
 Howard White

SYMPATHY to the families of:

Ken Sparks
 Charlie Mae Bozeman
 John Fielder
 Mike Watson
 Anne Thompson
 Nancy Lemons

MISSIONARIES:

Daniel & Kay Jang
 Korean Mission
 Matt & Heather Wallace
 Glenn Watts

Please remember those listed in the weekly bulletins that may not be listed here.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH.

The following statements about the Bible were written by children at a Catholic elementary school. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in):

9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

13. David was a hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

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| 26 Building Fund Offering. 10:00 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 6:00 Meal 6:45 Ash Wednesday Service Choir Rehearsal | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 Food Pantry Drive. 10:00 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship Communion service. 7:00 pm Worship | 3 | 4 | 5 6:00 Meal 6:45 Bible Study Choir Rehearsal | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Worship | 10 Holy Week 12:00 pm 10-14 th . | 11 6:00 CPWM Meeting | 12 6:00 Meal 6:45 Bible Study Choir Rehearsal | 13 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service. | 14 Good Friday | 15 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt! |
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For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light-- Ephesians 5:8

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