

The Nugget

Ivey Memorial UMC

Spring 2021

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Ivey Family,

Again this year, Easter and the week leading up to Easter will be different than we're used to. But again this year, it will be a holy time, just like it has been every year since Jesus' last supper with his disciples, his agonizing crucifixion, and his glorious resurrection. This important week will be no less special because of COVID. In fact, the pandemic may make this time even more special as we travel with Jesus from the table (remembered on Maundy Thursday) to the cross (recalled on Good Friday), and then celebrate the hope of resurrection morning! This special journey in Jesus' life and in our own spiritual lives reminds us that God's love and power continue to be victorious over the evil forces of this world. As Psalm 30 proclaims: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

Blessings,
Pastor Anita



Easter and Holy Week 2021

We will not have in-person worship services on Thursday or Friday this year, but you will receive information closer to Holy Week on how you can worship online and by phone. We will have two worship services (outside and inside) on Easter Sunday. Seating is limited, so **you must pre-register to attend either service by Sunday, March 28th**. You may sign up by contacting the church office at opendoors@iveymemorial.org or 526-1350, Ext. 0. Please indicate which service you wish to attend, and provide your name, contact information, and the number of people living in your household who plan to sit with you. If you plan to attend the sunrise service, let us know if you will bring your own lawn chairs or would like to sit on a bench. You may register for both services, but if we receive more reservations than we can handle, you may only be able to attend one service – please let us know which is your preference. As Holy Week approaches, here is some information about the events of that week, including scripture passages on which you may want to reflect. There are also two coloring sections in this newsletter (as well as the image above) to give you an opportunity to actively engage in these holy moments...

Palm Sunday: March 28 – Holy Week begins with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As he rode on the back of a donkey, the crowd waved palm branches to welcome him. Soon, their shouts of "Hosanna!" would become shouts to "Crucify him!" (Mark 11:1-11)

Maundy Thursday: April 1 – On this day, we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples and his commandment to "love one another." (John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

Good Friday: April 2 – Our Lenten journey with Jesus finally ends at the cross. On this day, we remember and reflect on the Passion of Christ. (John 18-19)

Easter Sunday: April 4 – "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. (John 20:1-18)

- 7:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service in our outdoor chapel (if it rains we will meet inside)
- 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service in the sanctuary

IVEY CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are in process of updating our church directory in order to distribute a new one on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Please review all listings in your copy of the directory, and send any deletions and corrections by March 12th to opendoors@iveymemorial.org, leave a message with the church office at 526-1350, Ext. 0, or send them to Stuart Short at stu10@comcast.net or by phone at 898-1883. Thank you all!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are proceeding with the awning at Door 7, as we had contributions to cover the full cost of the awning. You can expect the awning to be installed during the next six weeks. The roof replacement for the portion of the building that was completed in 1989 is out for bid, and, while not all quotes have been received, we anticipate the total being between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Since the roof is over 30 years of age and there have been several repairs in the past few years, we feel replacement would be a better choice than mending it again.

BRUNSWICK STEW

We are planning our Spring Brunswick Stew for March 19th with pick up at the church on March 20th. This is, again, a joint effort with our Scout Troop 178. Be sure to reserve your stew, as some folks were turned away when we sold out early. Quarts are \$7.00 each. You can reserve your stew and sign up to help prepare, cook, and stir the stew from the links provided on the Events & Calendar tab at our website, www.iveymemorial.org, or by calling Beth at 520-0520 or the church office at 526-1350, Ext. 0 and leave a message including your return call phone number. All are welcome and appreciated.



DISTRICT RE-ALIGNMENT

Bishop Lewis recently shared the news that she has been working with a District Alignment Team to discern: "How can districts most effectively order themselves for the adaptive challenges of the 21st century?" They have made six forward-looking recommendations that are now being considered for implementation. One of the changes that will be effective on July 1, 2021, is the appointment of a new District Superintendent for our district. Bishop Lewis has discerned that the new District Superintendent of the James River District will be Rev. Jay Carey. Rev. Carey will be serving our district and the Farmville District. This is a part of a new alignment that will have 8 district superintendents for the 16 districts.

Many of you may already know Rev. Carey for his years of service at Bethia UMC with the James River District, and for his involvement with the Emmaus community. Pastor Anita has recently worked with him on the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, where she currently serves as registrar, and Jay served as committee chair.

While we are excited to welcome Rev. Carey to this position, we will miss the leadership of our current District Superintendent, Rev. Sylvia Meadows. After prayerful discernment, Rev. Meadows will be retiring this year. The following is Sylvia's prayer request: "Please join me and Jay in praying for these days of transition and for the future. May we trust in the 'God who is our help in ages past and our hope for years to come.'"

For more information about the work of the District Alignment Team, please visit: www.vaumc.org/dat

SPRING METAL DRIVE

Saturday, April 10th, will be our Spring Metal Drive. Now is the time to start identifying those products that can be recycled into another useful item and relieve the pressure on our landfills. There are many everyday items that we can recycle, such as old appliances (Refrigerators, Washers, Microwaves, Can Openers) and tools (Rakes, Saw Blades, Extension Cords, Lawn Mowers), not to mention cans, pots and pans, old grills, and swing sets. Just about anything metal.

In order to maximize our profits, please review the following tips:
Keeping items separated by metal type allows us to get the maximum return. It keeps it out of the general metal pile, which is the lowest recycle price.

- Take the labels off any clean cans and sort them (using a magnet) into separate piles of steel or aluminum.
- Drink cans should be kept in their own pile.
- If you can disassemble an item, like a motor from a can opener, that would be appreciated.
- Keep aluminum foil and aluminum foil pie pans in a separate pile.

You can drop your items off at the church **from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 10th**. If you have clean items, like cans, they can go in the box in the fellowship hall. Items can also go on or under the white table behind the dumpster. If you need to have an item picked up, please leave a message with the church office at 526-1350, Ext. 0 or with Beth Honea at 520-0520.