

ORDER OF WORSHIP		
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		
4 TH SUNDAY IN LENT		
March 10, 2024	11:00 a.m.	
As we prepare our hearts for worship, please silence your phones.		
GATHERING AND GREETING		
Prelude	Voluntary on <i>THAXTED</i>	Albert L. Travis
Chiming of the Holy Trinity		
Introit	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	<i>LOBE DEN HERREN</i>
<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!</i> <i>O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!</i> <i>All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,</i> <i>join me in glad adoration.</i>		
Call To Worship	Reverend Rodney Denton	
A love that never ceases, A creativity that designed the universe, A hope that cannot be quenched, A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost: These are the things that are of God, Then let us worship God.		
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING		
Hymn of Praise	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	UMH 127
The Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881	
<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty,</i> <i>maker of heaven and earth;</i> <i>And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:</i> <i>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,</i> <i>born of the Virgin Mary,</i> <i>suffered under Pontius Pilate,</i> <i>was crucified, dead, and buried;</i> <i>the third day he rose from the dead;</i> <i>he ascended into heaven,</i> <i>and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;</i> <i>from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</i> <i>I believe in the Holy Spirit,</i> <i>the holy catholic church,</i> <i>the communion of saints,</i> <i>the forgiveness of sins,</i> <i>the resurrection of the body,</i> <i>and the life everlasting. Amen</i>		
†Gloria Patri	UMH 70	
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.		
†Passing of the Peace	“In This Very Room”	Ron & Carol Harris
<i>In this very room there’s quite enough love for one like me,</i> <i>And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for one like me,</i> <i>And there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,</i> <i>For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.</i>		

<i>And in this very room there’s quite enough love for all the world. And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for all the world. And there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.</i>		
Welcome and Parish Notes	Rev. Denton	
Moment with the Children	Reverend Lynda Hepler	
Prayers of the People	Rev. Denton	
The Lord’s Prayer	<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i>	
Prayer Response	“This Is Our Prayer”	Sally Ahner
Offertory	“My Jesus, I Love Thee” setting by Shelton Ridge Love	
†Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE		
Anthem	“Be Still”	Karen Marrolli
<i>Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart. Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart. Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy. Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind. Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind. Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries, though the night seems endless and dire, be still and know that I am God: the morn shall rise in holy fire. Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy. The earth shall rise again in joy.</i>		
Sermon	A Better Way to Live Ecclesiastes 7:1-13	Reverend Danny Leonard
Hymn of Response	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	UMH 420
SENDING FORTH		
†Benediction		Rev Leonard

Congregational Response “Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace” A LA PUERTA		
<i>Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.</i>		
Chiming of the Holy Trinity		
Postlude	“March” from Sonata No. 2 for Organ	Gerald Near
†Please stand if you are able Ethan Register, Acolyte		
Ecclesiastes 7:1-13		
¹ A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth. ² It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. ³ Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart. ⁴ The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. ⁵ It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools. ⁶ Like the crackling of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of fools. This too is meaningless. ⁷ Extortion turns a wise person into a fool, and a bribe corrupts the heart. ⁸ The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride. ⁹ Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. ¹⁰ Do not say, “Why were the old days better than these?” For it is not wise to ask such questions. ¹¹ Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun. ¹² Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it. ¹³ Consider what God has done. Who can straighten what he has made crooked?		
The flowers on the altar are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carey M. Eanes by the Eanes Family		
PRAYER LIST		
<i>If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. During the coming week, please pray for:</i>		
<i>Ellison Armfield, Michael Byles, Margie Collins, Caleb Dulin, Harold Faulkner, Cyril Harrington, Faye Kanoy, Lenmon Kyle, Nate & Suellen Leonard, Allen Locklear, Barbara Manning, Milton Riley, Michael Scragg & family, Duncan Worsham, All military personnel, Our United Methodist missionaries, and The United Methodist Church</i>		
<i>Please take a moment to complete the card in your bulletin. This will register your attendance and you can share updated information. If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to fill out this card with as little or as much info you would like to provide. Please make use of the prayer request form on the back of the insert. The completed insert can be placed in the offertory plate.</i>		

***Welcome, Guests!** Thank you for being here today. If you are visiting, you’re invited to help yourself to a welcome bag in the narthex or to ask an usher for one. Please ask a church or staff member if you have questions about opportunities listed in the bulletin. We hope you join us again soon.*

***Nursery Care** for children (infant to 5 years) is available 8:30 until noon.
Directions to the Nursery from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the Nursery located on the south wing of the ground floor.
Children’s Worship is held in the Chapel following the Children’s Moment. Directions to the Chapel from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the Chapel located on the ground floor in the north wing. Children ages 4 and up are invited to come for their own style of worship including music, story time, video, role play, and other activities. Parents are asked to pick up their children in the chapel after the worship service.
Hearing Devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.*

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Meals– 3/13/2024. **Please make your reservations no later than noon Monday, 3/11/2024** by filling out the insert, calling the office at 336-472-7718, or sending an email to office@mumctville.org Dinner begins at 5:30 followed by our programs.
Menu: Fried Chicken, potato wedges, limas, slaw, and cookies

Lenten Lunch

This Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. The meal is provided by Chancel Choir.
Menu: Baked Potato & Salad Bar

Meditation and Lunch- Tuesday, March 12th at 12:00 noon.
The devotional speaker for 3/12/24 is Rev. Paul Bethel, Central United Methodist Church.
Please join us for Musical Meditations and Lenten Devotionals in the Sanctuary followed by a lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are appreciated.

Please join us for the annual Thomasville Empty Bowls Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, March 15, 2024, at Memorial United Methodist Church. Dinner will be served from 4:30pm -7:30pm with music provided by The Happy Ones. Tickets are sold out contact Sandy McGhee (336) 870-4015 to be put on the wait list.

Holy Week Activities

Easter Egg Hunt: 3/23/24 from 11AM – 1:00PM
Living Last Supper: 3/28/24 at 7:00PM
Crosswalk: 3/29/24 at 11:00AM
Tenebrae Service: 3/29/24 at 7:00PM

Lenten Food Drive

Week 4 (3/11 – 3/17): small soup, saltine crackers, canned potatoes, multi purpose cleaner, dish soap, and reusable grocery tote.
Week 5 (3/18 – 3/24): canned pasta, snack item, juice, diapers, toothpaste, and toothbrush
Week 6 (3/25 – 3/31): bottled water, snack crackers, ramen noodles, deodorant, plastic grocery bags, and 13-gal trash bags

UWF first General meeting March 18th at 6:00 in CEC

We received a handwritten Thank you note from The Father’s Storehouse:
Dear Memorial UMC,
Thank you so much for all of the Gift Cards you sent our Women & children in the homeless shelter! It means so much to have the “right” to be in a restaurant to rest a bit & be blessed with a meal!
Love, The Father’s Storehouse

A Memorial Service for Beverly Ann Myers will be held March 16 at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary of Memorial UMC. Visitors are welcome to greet the family in R.L. Pope Bible Classroom at 12:00pm.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, Memorial was able to send Church World Service \$1,565 from Blanket Sunday and one of the Lenten lunches.

Fat Tuesday was a great success this year. The proceeds of \$4,650.50 were split between Cooperative Community Ministry (CCM) and Meals on Wheels. Thank you all for your support.

CALENDAR	
TODAY 8:30- 12:30 Nursery 8:50 Contemporary Worship (CEC) & Children’s Church 10:00 Godly Play Sunday School (1 st – 5 th grades), Youth and Adult Classes 11:00 Worship & Children’s Church 12:00 Lent Lunch – provided by Choir 4:00 Youth Group 4:00 GLOW Kids TUESDAY March 12 8:30 Men’s Fellowship Group (<i>Contact: James Carmichael, tcmdir@aol.com</i>) 12:00 Meditation & Lunch 7:00 Praise Team Practice WEDNESDAY March 13 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (Please RSVP by noon on 3/11) 6:00 Childrens Choir & Youth Small Groups 6:30 Children’s & Adult Bible Study 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Youth Choir	THURSDAY March 14 10:00 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Chicks with Sticks & Baby Café SATURDAY March 16 1:00 Beverly Myers Memorial SUNDAY March 17 8:30- 12:30 Nursery 8:50 Contemporary Worship (CEC) & Children’s Church 10:00 Godly Play Sunday School (1 st – 5 th grades), Youth and Adult Classes 11:00 Worship & Children’s Church 12:00 Lent Lunch – provided by Fellowship Class 4:00 Youth Group 4:00 MP Kids

The R.L. Pope class meets Sundays at 10 am. The teachers for the Month of March are (3) Jim McGhee, (10) Allen Brown, (17) Richard Herman, (24) Kyles Wallace, and (31) Stan Styers.
For our safety, the doors around the church will be locked after the 11:00 service begins. If you arrive after the start of service, please enter through the front center doors of the sanctuary where an usher will be able to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Kuppel (336) 590-1650.

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**We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith,
Build Relationships and Serve All People.**