



Vilonia United Methodist Church

Making Disciples and Connecting People with Jesus

Around the Table

Pastor's Update

April 16, 2025

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Dear Church Family,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! As we continue to celebrate the joy of Eastertide, we are excited to embark on a new worship series titled "**Believing into Christ**".

This series invites us to explore the transformative power of belief—not merely as intellectual assent but as an embodied, active faith that shapes our lives and actions. Drawing from the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation, we will delve into how our beliefs connect us to Christ and compel us to engage with the world around us.

Peace,

Pastor Chad



PALM
SUNDAY
OUTDOOR
WORSHIP
9 AM



MAUNDY
THURSDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
6:30 PM



GOOD
FRIDAY SERVICE
6:30 PM



EASTER
SUNDAY
WORSHIP 9 AM



EASTER EGG
HUNT
AFTER SUNDAY
WORSHIP





What is Lent?

How do we celebrate Lent at Vilonia UMC?

Lent is a forty-day season that leads us from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. We journey to the cross with Jesus and throughout these forty days we face our mortality and the temptation and sin that plague us. We often give something up that keeps us from being in relationship with God or take on a practice that will help to strengthen our relationship with God. This tradition of giving up something tempting reflects the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted (Matthew 4:1-11).

This year, our focus as a church during Lent will be an exploration of covenants - the covenants God makes with us and the ones we make with God, too. We'll look at Biblical stories of when God made promises to those he loved like Abraham and Sarah, Noah and his family, and even when he promised to love and care for each and every one of us. And, we'll make our own commitments to God in this season. What might you give up or take on this Lent? How will you commit to God through a covenant during this Lenten season?

What Can Children Do for Lent?

The children can be a part of Lent beginning with attending the Ash Wednesday service. Teachers will have special Lenten lessons and activities each Sunday and Wednesday Night in order to make it a special time of learning for all!

For more information about Lent at VUMC go to www.viloniaumc.org or facebook.com/viloniaumc

Dates to Remember: Lent and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5, 6:30 pm
In Person or Online

Lenten Worship

Sundays at 9 am
March 9 - April 13
In Person or Online

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays,
Noon to 1 pm
March 5- April 16

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17 at 6:30 pm
In person and Online

Good Friday Service

April 18 at 6:30 pm
In person and Online

Easter Sunday

April 20
9 am Worship
After worship - Easter Egg Hunt



The Lenten Season at Vilonia UMC

MARCH 5 - APRIL 20

Worship

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm

and Pancake dinner at 6 pm

March 5, 6:30 pm



Join us for a worship service to mark the beginning of Lent. We'll sing and receive the imposition of ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads.

Sunday Lenten Worship

March 9- April 20

9:00 am, In Person and Online

Join us for our worship series, "Better Call Paul" as we give thanks for the covenants God has made with God's people, including us.

Palm Sunday

April 13 at 9:00 am,

Outdoor Worship or Online



Join us for a special service outdoors as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We'll have a palm processional for children, tweens, and youth. And celebrate our Savior who began Holy Week by riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 6:30 pm,

In Person and Online



Join us for this special Holy Week service as we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples in the upper room. We'll take communion together.

Good Friday

April 18, 6:30 pm

In Person and Online

Join us for a special candlelight service in remembrance of the Passion Story.

Easter Sunday

April 20 at 9:00 am,

In person and Online



Join us for a high and holy day of worship as we celebrate our risen king, Jesus! More information to come! An Easter Egg Hunt will follow directly after the worship service.

Study

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, March 5-April 16

Noon to 1 pm

Pastor Chad will be leading a weekly study on by Adam Hamilton. We will meet at Noon, so we invite you to bring your lunch with you and enjoy a short time for fellowship at the beginning of each meeting and then a lesson and discussion.

Sunday School

Three adult classes meet for Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 am. All are welcome to join a class at any time! Ask Pastor Chad about the various options! Children and youth classes meet for Sunday school. The teachers have special lenten lessons and activities for classes each week.

Wednesday Night Study

Join the Radicals Small Group as they study "Luke" by Adam Hamilton

Personal Devotion

Daily Prayer Resources:

1. <https://commonprayer.net/>
2. Lectio365 App: Available app on the iPhone and Android.

Daily Devotional Resource suggestions:

1. The Upper Room Devotional available to pick-up at the church.
2. Good Enough by Kate Bowler
3. Pauses for Lent by Trevor Hudson



VILONIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monthly Mission Focus

April



Get Up & Give is an annual donation drive to collect necessities and much-needed items for the children and families in the care of Methodist Family Health. Many of the Arkansans they serve are in the foster care system or struggle to afford basic essentials. The drive ends on April 30th. Basic needs are listed below. Thank you.

Socks, underwear, books, linens, personal hygiene items (see flyer in sanctuary for more items)

Vilonia United Women in Faith

is still collecting recipes for a new cookbook and would love to include our church family's favorite recipes! We'd also love to get recipes of your favorite potluck dishes!

If you have a few recipes you'd like to share, please drop them off at the church office or text a picture or email them to Donna Lewis at 501-941-9306 or donna82mom@gmail.com.
Deadline to turn in recipes: Sunday, May 4th.

Thank you!

We need recipes for the following sections:

- Appetizers & Beverages
- Soups & Salads
- Vegetables & Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads & Rolls
- Desserts
- This & That (Sauces, jellies, etc.)



Caufield Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship has been set up for Vilonia UMC students graduating high school, attending college or graduate school.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2025

For more information, see Pastor Chad or Bertie Marcotte

Applications are also available at viloniaumc.org/youth.



Three easy ways to give to Vilonia United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generosity! Every gift matters!



Mail a check to
PO Box 460
Vilonia, AR 72173



Give online via
PayPal.



Set up Bill Pay
with your bank.

To find out more or to give, go to www.viloniaumc.org/giving

**Wednesdays
at the
Well**

*Drawing from
the refreshing
Spirit of God.*

***Come be renewed as
we join in fellowship***

Wednesdays at the Well

Dinner at 6 pm.

Adults \$3, Kids \$2

Bible studies for all ages

6:30 pm-7:30 pm

CALENDAR

- Wednesday, April 16 @ 12 pm.....Bible Study (Rm101)
@ 6 pmWednesdays at the Well Dinner
@ 6:30 pm.....Classes for Children, Youth & Adult
- Thursday, April 17 @ 6:30 pmMaundy Thursday Service
- Friday, April 18 @ 6:30 pm..... Good Friday Service
- Sunday, April 20 @ 9 amEASTER SUNDAY, Worship Service (in person and online)
@ Following Service EASTER EGG HUNT
- Wednesday, April 23 @ 12 pm.....Bible Study (Rm101)
@ 6 pmWednesdays at the Well Dinner
@ 6:30 pm.....Classes for Children, Youth & Adult
- Saturday, April 26 @ 9 amVUMC @ Spirit of Vilonia Food Pantry
- Sunday, April 27 @ 9 am.....Senior Sunday—Worship Service (In-person and online)
@10:15 am..... Sunday School
@ 4:30 pm..... Youth
- Monday, April 28 @ 6:30 pmLeadership Meeting (Rm 101)
- Wednesday, April 30 @ Noon..... Luncheon Book Study (Rm 101)
@ 6 pm Wednesday at the Well Dinner
@ 6:30 pm..... Classes for Children, Youth & Adults

[ACCESS VILONIA UMC'S ELECTRONIC GOOGLE CALENDAR HERE](#)



Vilonia United Methodist Church

Loving our community as we are through words, actions, and presence

Long-term prayers are needed for:

Benny & Ellen Bell, Gordon Higgins, Steve Chastain, Rick Edwards, Lucy Roberts, Barb and Ray Stafford, Michael Gilbert, Mary Stitt, Mark Johnson, Tessa Wells, Corey Wells, Rick Lyle, Michael Moxley, Mark Reeds, Jonus Reeds, Regina Ault, Loretta Bean, Vilonia, our Church, all Military Families, our Nation, and our World Leaders. Also, victims of war, refugees, and all those suffering from hunger worldwide.

Prayers are needed for

- For the victims and families of the Conway shooting last weekend
- Bill & Daina Brasher's son, Bill Jr., who is in the ICU in Northwest Arkansas
- Jackie Salisbury, brother-in-law to Susan Salisbury, is recovering from bypass surgery.
- The Family of James Washington, Sonny Wallace's cousin, who passed away recently
- Dave and Tiffany Yarbrough, as Dave continues to recover at home
- Continued prayers for Sharon Nichols's father, Chuck Bowman, as he receives chemo-treatments
- Cheryl Donakey is beginning chemo treatments again.
- Gordon Higgins with continued health concerns
- Prayers for the poor, the abused, the marginalized, and the impoverished
- Prayers for those who are suffering from any disease.
- Prayers for Peace and our Nation's Leaders, World Leaders, and our Military

Joys

- Andrea submitted her Final paper for her Master's Degree
- Masin Westby begins a new job this week, restoring WWII aircraft

Birthdays

- April 17 – Charlette Williams
- April 17 – Melissa Jenkins