



Vilonia United Methodist Church

Making Disciples and Connecting People with Jesus

Around the Table

Pastor's Update

March 6, 2024

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Friends,


Our Lenten Journey is nearly half way over. We are continuing to celebrate, prepare, and consider our lives of faith. Wesley talked about this in terms of holiness. This week I want to take a moment to talk about what Holiness means to us as United Methodists.

Picture first what holiness is in your mind, you might imagine several things. The image of a saint, a family member, or a pastor might come to mind. For me I think of Mrs. Faye from growing up in Brinkley FUMC. She was one of those people who knew everything and behaved in the way that you might expect holiness to look. I also think of Dr. Jay McDaniel from Hendrix, who was always invested in looking at the spirituality of whatever question you asked him. They both have something in common, centeredness and inquisitive natures.

I don't imagine that they just happened upon those personalities, but rather they cultivated their connection to God over time. John Wesley would certainly believe that this was the case when it comes to personal holiness. John was the type that believed in active participation in his faith life. At Oxford he founded a group with Charles that spent hours a day in prayer together and when working on a little start up called Methodism he made the defining characteristic the class meeting. A place where a small group gathered not to discuss the Bible but to reflect upon their holiness, that is their current relationship to God.

Lent is a time for us to do the same. Perhaps you gave up something. Perhaps you took something on instead. Regardless, I encourage you to remember that Lent is not a "New Years Resolution Second Attempt", but rather a chance to examine yourself and your relationship with God. I encourage you to ask yourself the question of what is in between me and God? and to consider why it's still there.

Peace,
Pastor Chad



DEAR VUMC FAMILY,
WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
PURCHASE HOLIDAY FLOWERS AT CHRISTMAS AND
EASTER. THESE ARE A GREAT SUPPLEMENT TO OUR
WORSHIP BUDGET EACH YEAR, WHILE ALSO
PROVIDING YOU A CHANCE TO REMEMBER OR
HONOR A LOVED ONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!

FOR EASTER THIS YEAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
CHANGE TO THE ORDERING PROCESS. WE WILL
ADORN OUR WORSHIP SPACE WITH LILIES FOR
EASTER SUNDAY. BUT, INSTEAD OF BUYING A LILY
FOR EACH GIFT, WE WILL ALSO USE THE FUNDS TO
PURCHASE FRESH FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
SERVICE. THIS ALLOWS US THE CHANCE TO ADD
SOME FLOWERS AND ALSO HELPS US NOT HAVE TO
TRANSPORT SO MANY FLOWERS INTO THE WORSHIP
AREA. ON THE ORDER FORM, YOU CAN NOTE IF YOU
REALLY WANT A LILY TO TAKE HOME, AND WE WILL
MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT FOR YOU. OTHERWISE,
KNOW YOUR DONATION IS ALSO HELPING TO
PURCHASE THE LARGER ARRANGEMENTS. ORDERS
FOR EASTER FLORALS WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 10, AND END MARCH 21. YOU MAY MAKE AN
ORDER ONLINE OR AT THE SERVICE OVER THE NEXT
TWO WEEKS.

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MARCH & APRIL
Food of the month is
CANNED FRUIT

Let's help the Spirit of
Vilonia Food Pantry provide
food for several families by
donating cans of fruit
during March and April.



Easter is on the way and children's ministry is preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. They are in need of donations of candy and trinkets if you can help. All donations are needed by Sunday, March 24th and can be placed in the kitchen or given to Donna Lewis. Thank you!



A Year in the Bible with Pastor Chad

Email Pastor Chad for the Reading List .

Each week there will be a short reflection on the Scriptures posted to Facebook and Youtube





Vilonia United Women in Faith is having a cake decorating class led by Donna Johnson on Sunday, March 10th, at 2:30 pm in Room 101. If any women would like to join us for this fun meeting activity, please contact Donna Lewis at 501-941-9306 to RSVP and to get details on what to bring.



United
Women
in Faith

Wednesdays at the Well

***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***

Three easy ways to give to Vilonia United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generosity! Every gift matters!



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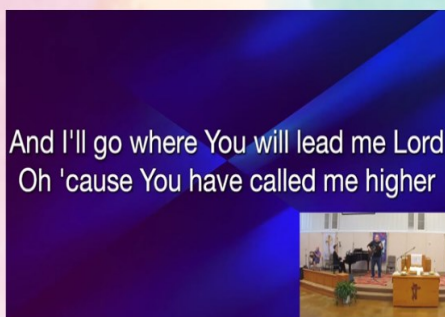
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Set up Bill Pay
with your bank.

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

Missed Sunday morning worship?



Find us on our YouTube channel
Vilonia UMC!



Please let us know how you're doing and if you have a prayer request.

Click this [Group Messaging Link](#) to share prayer requests and receive information.

CALENDAR

- Wednesday, March 6 @ 12 noon—Luncheon Book Study (Rm 101)
 @ 6 pm—Wednesdays at the Well Dinner
 @ 6:30—7:30 pm—Classes for children, tweens, youth & adults

SUNDAY MARCH 10—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- Sunday, March 10 @ 9 am—Worship service (In-person and Online)
 @ 10:15 am—Sunday School
 @ 11 am—Choir Practice
 @ 2:30 PM— UW of Faith Meeting & Cake Decorating Class
- Wednesday, March 13 @ 12 noon—Luncheon Book Study (Rm 101)
 @ 6 pm—Wednesdays at the Well Dinner
 @ 6:30—7:30 pm—Classes for children, tweens, youth & adults
- Sunday, March 17 @ 9 am—Worship service (In-person and Online)
 @ 10:15 am—Sunday School
 @ 11 am—Choir Practice
- Wednesday, March 20 @ 12 noon—Luncheon Book Study (Rm 101)
 SPRING BREAK—No Wednesday Dinner or Classes
- Saturday, March 23 @ 9am—VUMC Volunteer Day—Spirit Of Vilonia Food Pantry
- Sunday, March 24 @ 9 am—PALM SUNDAY Worship service (In-person and Online)
 @ 10:15 am—Sunday School
 @ 11 am—Choir Practice
 @ 230 pm—Easter Egg assembly (please have candy turned in today)

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