



United Methodist Women

The UMW will not meet in April. Our next meeting will be **May 7th at 10am**

in the **Heritage Room**. We were not able to meet at Waltonwood in March, but hope to in the future. At our meeting in March we went through items given to us to help with our bereavement meals.

Westover is having "**Change the World Day**" on **May 19th** and we will be doing birthing kits. At that time, we will be accepting donations or items for the birthing kits.

Below is a list of what is included in these kits. The items need to be at the church by **May 12th**, so we have time to make sure we have enough of everything to do 50 to 60 kits.

- 1 small bar of soap(3 or 4oz) in its own package
- 1 pair thin gloves (surgical, latex, or thin rubber)
- 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting, must be 4mil. thick
- (3) 12inch long pieces of cotton string, must be clean. NO YARN
- 1 single-edge razor blade in paper or cardboard wrapping
- 2 receiving blankets-no thermal or fleece
 - 28 x 28 inches to 32 x 32 inches
- 1 plastic bag...one gallon size sealable only

We plan on sending these **kits to Haiti**, early summer.



I **thank you** for all the help in getting these kits done.

Margie Liggins

President of UMW at Westover



April 7 we have a "**Egg Stuffing Party**" after 11AM service to stuff the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Nurture and Sisters in Service, please bring candy and or fun items for the eggs! Anyone else is welcome to come and help! Please email Jennifer Proffitt at purposedriven01@yahoo.com or call/text at 919-675-4624 if you will attend. Need a head count by Friday April 5th since lunch will be provided. Thank you!!

April 20- EASTER EGG HUNT 10am- Easter story, egg hunting, games, snack and a craft. We will meet in the sanctuary for the Easter story and then go to the front steps for our annual photo and instructions. We will have a smaller area for our little egg hunters as well.

Prayer Concerns

Acute Care Needs:

Flora Dean, Mag Highsmith, Tom Overby, Ashley Fisher,

Long-term Concerns:

Dot Avery, Mary Alice Black, Doris Ray, Nellie Heath, Dawn Miller, Wayne Allen, Edward Thompson, Hanna Markham, Marie Powell, Helen Wyble



Homebound/Assisted Living/Nursing Care

Viola Ward, Jean Massengill, Nancy Tew, Helen Sloan, Everett Jones, Bob Gue, Faye Batts, Bob & Polly Hendrix

Death

Louise Daniels (3-12-2019)

David Gurganus (**Sherrie Watkins'** uncle, 3-12-19)



Methodist Men

The Methodist Men have not been able to meet in the last few months due to my illness and my wife's fall. However, we are looking forward to getting back to our meetings in April. We will meet on **Saturday morning April 13th at 8:30am**. All men are invited and welcome. Please come join us for a light breakfast and great Christian fellowship.

Tommy Highsmith

President UMM

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met March 11. Look for exciting plans for our Easter Season services. Mark your calendars for **May 19th World Service Day**.

Also, it is Spring again, so time to work in the yard, the Church yard that is. See you **April 6th for church wide clean-up day**. Feel free to head over on an earlier date and practice your weeding skills. As a member of Westover UMC, what is your service?

Please try something new this year.

A few ideas for you:

- Last Saturday of the month, help take meals downtown
- Help stuff Easter Eggs April 7th immediately after church
- Help in Worship by ushering, Communion help, nursery worker
- Attend Zach tree

IF you need more ideas please just ask any member of the church.



Blessings,

Phyllis Danskin

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Nurture Team

April 4 - at **6:00pm** - we will be discussing and finalizing Easter Egg Hunt details and begin working on VBS ideas. Hope to see you all there! Thanks!

Jennifer Proffitt- Nurture Chair

Trustees

The Trustees will host our **annual Spring Cleaning** at the church grounds on **Saturday, April 6 at 8:30am**. Rain date will be April 13th. Please bring garden tools to help tidy up the lawn and mulched areas.

Thanks very much for your support.

Phil Epley, Trustee Chair



Accolades and Celebrations

Our very own **Dora Gibbs** was Honored at the 2nd Annual Ladies of Legacy Achievement Awards luncheon celebrated at Waltonwoods - Cary Parkway on March 8th (International Women's Day). She was presented with the Humanitarian Award which Recognizes her contribution in the community to improve the lives and living conditions of other people throughout her life and her devotion to the welfare of others. How wonderful! Congratulations, Dora!



A Note of Thanks:

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls and offers of help during my episode with pneumonia and heart failure and during Mag's fall and surgery on her hip. We feel blessed to have such a caring church family and friends. I am not completely out of the woods yet but I am getting there. Mag is recovering nicely. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and compassion.

Tommy & Mag Highsmith



We express grateful thanks to the Westover family for their kindness, prayers, and support of the Daniels' family during our loss of Louise Daniels. Westover is especially good with bereavement during these times preparing meals for our large extended family. A very special thanks to the United Methodist Women for their gracious contribution.

Robert Daniels

Happy April Birthdays!

- 1 SONJA ANN WILSON
- 2 SEAN MICKENS
- 3 LIZA MEDLIN
MARLEY MEDLIN
- 4 EVERETTE JONES
PAMELA NOWELL GALLO
BENJAMIN LAWRENCE WORSLEY
- 5 TOM OVERBY
- 7 DAVIS POOLE
- 9 MEG SARGENT
- 10 SAMANTHA LEDBETTER
- 11 MERCEDES LEDBETTER
WADE TROUTMAN
- 13 CLARA WORSLEY
DEVON MICKENS
SEYI ADEBIYI
MIKE CLANCY
- 15 JOHN CARTER IV
- 16 ALICE BATTIS
- 19 CALLIE BAREFIELD CARTER
- 22 CLAY CULPEPPER
- 23 VICKI CARTER
CHARLES MULLEN
JEANNE STANCIL
- 24 NETTIE SHAFER
- 26 JAMES JOHNSON
- 29 DAVID PRICE
JESSE GILSTRAP



Zach Tree - Our next Zach Tree event will be a talent show on **April 11th** at 7pm. Come in support of our group home talent.

BAG LUNCH MISSION

On Saturday, March 16, Lou and I toured the new Outreach Center which will open for weekend meals on March 30 (our day to be there). The new facility will be called Oak City Cares and is located at 1430 South Wilmington St. On weekends it will be used for meal serving. During the week there will be all types of services available to people at risk - showers, a laundromat, an urgent care health clinic, mental health and substance use assessments, Veteran services, job training and more.

Since the OCOC opened in the summer of 2014, approximately 350,000 meals have been served on the weekends.

Did you know that In Wake county, on any given night, there are 1,000 homeless individuals, and during the 2016-2017 school year 3,465 students did not have a permanent place to sleep at night? It's hard to believe that right here where we live has statistics like that!

We might be a small congregation, but as a guest at the OCOC said a year or two ago, "we are powerful" in what Westover does in so many ways to help those in need. Think about all the things this church does during the year.

God has blessed us all.

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WESTOVER UMC

April 2019



From the Pastor

Every year I think it won't come, it can't come. There is so much pain in the world, so much darkness. Every year I grow despondent that things can change. And then, when I am not even looking or paying attention - life explodes! The season of spring - with its breathtaking colors and warm sunny skies - catches me unawares and I'm renewed with a sense of hope. This is literally true for me, each year in early March. But it's also spiritually true. We can get weary with the pain of the world. "Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me." This year we have been alert to the movement of compassion as God's way of being in the world. We've seen it in the scriptures of the fig tree, the Prodigal Son, the hen who covers her chicks with her outstretched wings. We'll see it again at the cross, and again and again in the resurrection life of Jesus, who comes among those who betrayed him with forgiveness, compassion, and holy mission. We are given the gift of resurrection, second chances, new life - not for our own sake only but for the sake of the world. Just as spring comes like a happy surprise, so does resurrection - a dawning sense in your spirit that God still has plans for you, still has holy work for you, still is making all things new, still is offering forgiveness, still is turning the world upside down. **May the Resurrection of Christ bring you new life and new purpose this season!**

peace,
Pastor Claire

Westover Welcomes...

During 2019 we are creating intentional opportunities to learn more about ways our neighbors are responding to God's call in service to the community. In January we welcomed Randy Evans of Walking Tall Wilmington; in February we welcomed Dr. Margaret Brunson with a message to us about courage; in March we welcomed William Greene who brought an invitation to join Disciple Bible Outreach in offering Bible study in the prison setting. In April we welcome Maggie Kane to Westover. Maggie is the executive director of A Place at the Table, Raleigh's first pay-what-you-can cafe. Maggie's vision for this cafe and the way it brings all people to the table have made it one of the top 10 new restaurants in Raleigh in its first year! We welcome Maggie on April 7.

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

On March 31 we said a fond farewell to Robert Daniels, who has been our Music Director for many years. We will miss his music gifts and leadership so very much. While we search for a permanent person in this position, we are glad to welcome Mrs. Sue Crocker as our Interim Music Director. Sue brings a wealth of experience in music leadership and most recently served as Interim Director of Music at Edenton St. UMC. We will be blessed by her gifts.

Sisters in Service

Come Join The Fun

March 31

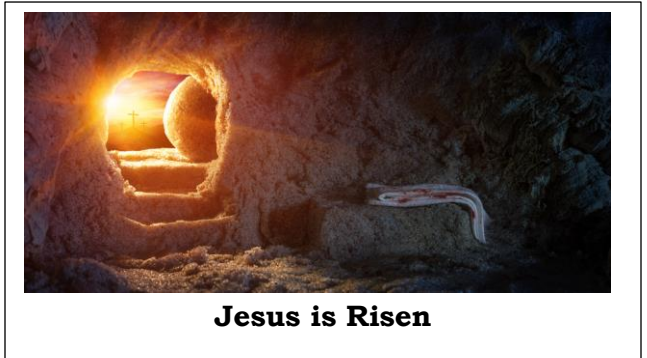
- following 11am worship

Sisters in Service will offer a **Fiesta lunch in Wesley Hall** - a build-your-own **TACO bar!**



Donations are accepted, which will help the SIS support the mission of UMW.

If you have any questions, please contact **Kelly Broadhurst** @ 435-757-5296 or Kellyandjax@aol.com.



Jesus is Risen

Meeting Schedule:

April 4	- Nurture Team Mtg. (Wesley Hall)	6:00pm
April 8	- Finance Committee Mtg. Admin. Cl. Mtg. (Wesley Hall)	6:00pm 7:00pm
April 13	- UMM (Wesley Hall)	8:30am
April 15	- SPRC (Wesley Hall)	7:00pm

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SENT WITH A PRAYER FOR:



Holy Week 2019

Holy Week is the time when we as Christians remember the death of Jesus. We take time to tell the stories of his final week: Palm Sunday, a day of hope; Maundy Thursday, a night of betrayal and denial as well of forgiveness and servanthood; Good Friday, a day of death and defeat; Holy Saturday, a day of waiting and watching; and Easter Sunday, a day of triumph and resurrection! Each service is different and allows us time to ponder the mystery of redemption that is won for us by Christ Jesus.



Palm Sunday
April 14th
8:45 and 11:00 am
Worship with
Palm Processional



Maundy Thursday

April 18th
6:30pm
Worship including Communion, Tenebrae
and stripping of the Altar



Holy Saturday
April 19th
Easter Egg Hunt
10 am begins in the Sanctuary



Easter Sunday

April 21st
6:30 am Sunrise Service at Powell
Drive Park
11:00 am Easter Celebration



EASTER REMEMBERANCES

In celebration of Jesus' resurrection, Easter lilies may be purchased for placement in the sanctuary. Their perfect beauty heightens our awareness of His purity and the glory of God. The cost of each lily is **\$15.00**. Orders with payment must be received **by Sunday, April 14, 2019**. Easter Sunday is April 21st.

You are invited to participate by **completing this form** and **placing it in the offering plate** along with payment, mailing it in or you may email the church office at westover300@bellsouth.net and pay online at our website: www.westoverumc.org .



First Lily

- To the glory of God
- To the glory of God and in memory of _____
- To the glory of God and in honor of _____

Second Lily

- To the glory of God
- To the glory of God and in memory of _____
- To the glory of God and in honor of _____

Sanctuary Enhancements

- To the glory of God
- To the glory of God and in memory of _____
- To the glory of God and in honor of _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Given by _____



Nursery

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Please consider this opportunity to be with our young ones during the Sunday 11 am Worship hour. As often said, "It takes a village to raise a child." Here, you can watch our young ones grow in our Westover Family. You can hold a baby, play with toddlers and share the children's bible lesson to the preschoolers.

We like to have the schedule ahead of time and you will receive a reminder each week. You may sign up as often as you like. We need 2 volunteers each week.

Please email Phyllis Danskin to sign - up at phyllisdanskin@gmail.com .

Thank you!

Easter Lilies may be picked up following the Easter Sunday service on Sunday, April 21st.

Floral Cross

On Easter Sunday, **April 21st**, please bring your cut flowers to decorate the cross in the church.

