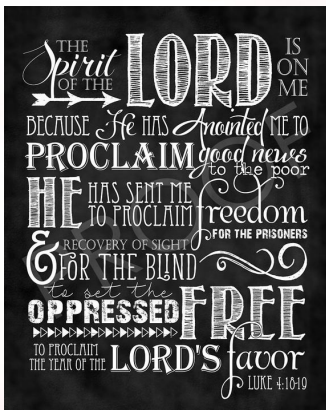


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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16



Freedom – Message of Easter!

**“I Have Come to Set the Captives Free!”
Luke 4:18**

Jesus simply said, “you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you FREE.” (John 8:32). During the Easter season we are going to be focusing on God’s Freedom! Throughout history we have fought and died for our freedom. Freedom comes with a cost. Sadly, our American history is checkered with men and women who have suffered from the lack of freedom. The book of Exodus is the story of God hearing the cries of His people who were mistreated and held in bondage. God works in mysterious ways to liberate us from our enslavement. Jesus once said, “I have come to set the captives FREE. Are you willing to do whatever is necessary to experience the kind of

spiritual freedom that comes to every believer. During the Season of Easter we want to experience the **FULNESS OF GOD’S FREEDOM**. Jesus said, “I have come to set the Captives FREE.”

**Easter Sunday (Mark 16:1-8) Freedom in Christ!
April 11 – Mr. Bob Hereford – Speaker (C.S. Lewis)
April 18 (Luke 24:36-48) Freedom to Forgive!
April 25 (John 10:11-18) Freedom to Grow!**

A SUNDAY MORNING WITH C. S. LEWIS

Bob Hereford, author of “Surprised By Jack” will be at **Wilmington Island UMC** on **April 11, 2021** to discuss the writings of C. S. Lewis and portray Lewis in two Sunday Worship Services.

Lewis is recognized as one of the greatest defenders of the Christian Faith. In the **8:30 am** and **10:45 am** service, Hereford will give a background of Lewis and his journey from atheism to belief. He will also give a characterization of Lewis, complete with English accent, using a chapter of Mere Christianity titled “The Shocking Alternative”.

He will discuss Lewis’ works in a **Sunday School setting** for the entire church at **9:45 am**.



Christ is Risen!

Easter Sunday - April 4. We will have a **sunrise service** at **7:00am** in front of the church. The **8:30am** and **10:45am** services are in the sanctuary.

The **Children's Choir** will sing at **10:45am** only.

You are invited to bring **flowers** for the wooden cross located outside at the front of the sanctuary.

The **Easter lilies** will be in the sanctuary in honor and in memory of family and friends. **Please pick up your lily after the service.**

UPDATE FROM THE TEMPLE COMMITTEE



We hope you are as excited as we are about the sprucing up that is going on at our church! While our ministries and missions are always the main focus of our congregation, we believe it is also important to honor God's house by keeping our church looking its best. We pray that you will feel led to support this project financially and with your time and talents. Thank you!!!

Completed projects to date, labor donated by church members:

- Paint Education wing hallway
- Replace sanctuary AC fence
- Replace Parsonage fence
- Clean out outside sheds
- Update landscaping (on-going project)

Future projects when funds are available, costs are noted.

- Pressure wash church exterior and playground equipment: \$900
- Replace other AC fences outside: \$600 each (\$1200)
- Replace trash shed (Cromwell side) \$1000
- Replace orange lights on outside sanctuary wall (WI Road side): \$1000
- Replace outside awnings: \$300 - \$350 each (\$2000)
- Install kick plates education wing doors: \$30 each (16 doors = \$480)
- Install kick stops for education wing doors: \$8 each (16 doors = \$128)
- Install faux wood blinds education wing: \$70 each (20 windows = \$1400)
- Repair ceiling, replace insulation, paint, and de-clutter closet across from choir room: \$1450
- Paint building exterior including doors, railings, and sign: \$15,000



YOUTH NEWSFEED by Cara Robinson

Thank you so much for the kindness and encouragement as I begin my new role! I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with all of you! Your suggestions and feedback are always welcome and appreciated. Please continue praying for the students in our church and in our community.

Summer event calendars will be released soon! There will be activities with opportunity for fellowship and friendship, along with service days. For our main service project, we will stay close to home this summer; the Youth are invited to participate in **Savannah River of Life** on **June 27 - 30**. This is a four-day mission opportunity for grades 7 - 12 here in town. Youth will minister to the people of the Savannah community by doing simple home improvements for four days. We will join with youth from other churches for a communal supper and worship each evening at Isle of Hope UMC. Registration is in April, so save the date!

We'd love to have your students in **Sunday School (9:45)** and **Youth group (5:00)**!

With love and peace-

Cara
youth@islandmethodist.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Kellie Jernigan

Our children will be singing Easter Sunday.

Please make sure your children are here for each practice on Sundays at 5:00pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THESE AREAS:

Sunday Afternoons 4:00pm-5:00pm
ages 4-5th grade

April 3 - 10:00-12:00 will be our annual
Easter Celebration

July 12-16 - 9:00am-12:00 Vacation Bible School
(need a director)

Please be in prayer for these events and consider where you can help. See Kellie Jernigan for more information. children@islandmethodist.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3 - Easter celebration - 10:00am-12:00pm
Egg hunt-games-snacks

April 4 - Children's choir will sing

Remember Sunday school and children's church

9:45am and 10:45am

Children activities **Sundays at 4:00pm**

Ages 4 years to 5th grade.



LAY LEADER MESSAGE

In Numbers 2 and 3, we find the Lord speaking with Moses, who had found favor with God. That favor is now open to us all and we can experience God talking with us.

The life of God's people revolved around the presence of God. Everyone was given a role and responsibility in preparing the "tent of meeting". Here God's presence was limited as a certain group of people were "ordained to serve". They were given wholly to God. The extraordinary story of the New Testament is that this separation has been removed.

We can now experience the full favor of God's presence with us. Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit. He has given us different roles and responsibilities to serve as we rebuild our "tent of meeting". We experience God's presence especially when we gather together for worship and praise.

Dear Lord and Savior, Thank you so much for the blessing of your presence and favor. Lead me by your righteousness as I daily seek your will for my role and responsibility to your church.

Diane Reeder, Lay Leader

Inspired by Bible in One Year- Nicky Gumbel

WIUM PRESCHOOL UPDATE



The preschool had a great month learning our Awana lesson, Giving Thanks to God. In March we focused on giving thanks and that God sent our Savior. The children also had a wonderful time celebrating St. Patrick's Day and parading through the church to show off their green.

This school year we have had great success with our monthly mission. It is important to us to instill in our students the attitude and culture of helping others. Our monthly mission for April will be our annual Snacks for P.A.C.K drive. If you would like to donate individually wrapped snack items for P.A.C.K., please drop them off at the preschool by the last day of April. Last year was a huge success and we would like to donate even more this year!

Registration for summer Mother's Morning Out will open on April 16th. Registration forms will be on our preschool website at that time. Please visit www.islandmethodist.com/preschool to register and don't forget spots fill quickly.

We would love to have you follow the preschool Instagram account so you can see all the exciting things we do each day at school. Just search for @wilmingtonislandmethodistprek on Instagram.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Amerson, Preschool Director

at preschool@islandmethodist.com or call 912-999-6470.



MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT by Caitlin Long

Hello, Church! Like all music directors this time of year, I have been listening to A LOT of music leading up to the Easter season. There are so many good options out there for chancel choir, handbells, and praise band, but what I was really looking for isn't just what is going to be catchy. I wanted depth and meaning in our musical offerings, and my favorite selection for this season has to be King of Kings, by Hillsong Worship. I knew from the first time that I heard this song, that this was a must for Easter Sunday!

Unlike some contemporary praise and worship songs, this song has four, very distinct verses. Instead of repetitions of a chorus or of a bridge to emphasize the message, King of Kings tells the Easter story in these verses with only one short chorus sung throughout. "Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Holy Spirit, three in one. God of Glory, Majesty. Praise forever to the King of Kings." Pure, simple, and the perfect message of Easter.

I highly encourage each of you to listen to King of Kings by Hillsong Worship simply to experience the beautiful storytelling. Even if contemporary worship music isn't your favorite, I think you will find this song to be particularly powerful. I also ask that you go ahead and learn these words, because your worship leader may start to cry tears of joy on Easter Sunday!! :) I can't wait to look out onto a full sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and praise forever to the King of Kings!



WILMINGTON ISLAND
United Methodist Church

It is with a sad heart that I will be stepping down as the **Director of Children and Youth Ministry** as of **April 16th**. My family is growing, and these are times we cannot get back.

What an honor it has been to work for such an awesome church. Joining WIUMC in 1999, we have bonded with so many of you. My WIUMC family means the world to me and for that I am grateful. I am thankful for families sharing their children with us. What fun we have had for the past 5 years. I have loved watching these children grow in their faith. Chet and I are not going anywhere, as we will continue to worship and support this church. I know that there will be great things happening as our church grows and strengthens. Please be in prayer that the SPRC will choose the right person to fill the Children's Ministry position.

Thank you all for your love and support,

Kellie Jernigan



The **Missions Committee Yard Sale** is on **Saturday, April 10, at 8:00am**. A storage container is in the parking lot for your donations.

It will be open on Saturday, April 3 from 8am - 11am. We **do not** accept clothes or electronics (No T.V.'s, computers, CD players). Any other items donated must be in working condition. Thank you for your support.

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ by inviting, incorporating, nurturing, and serving."

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We will recognize our **high school** and **college graduates** on **Sunday, May 16**, during the **10:45am** service. If your child is graduating, please let us know.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

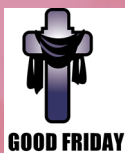
UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) is on **April 1**. We will have a **service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary**. Please plan to attend as we remember the **Last Supper with Jesus and His disciples**.



Maundy Thursday



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is on **April 2**. We will have a **combined** service with the pastor and congregation of the **Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church** across the street. The **12 noon service** is at **WIPC** and the **7:00pm service** is at **our church**.

Please plan to attend one or both services as we remember the **Crucifixion of Jesus**.

CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Notice of Scholarship Availability

The Wilmington Island United Methodist Church (WIUMC) is offering a scholarship for assistance with college tuition expenses to a member of the WIUMC and/or student of St. Andrews School. The scholarship is available through the Barbara J. Roth Memorial Scholarship which was established in memory of Barbara J. Roth, former Director of Music at WIUMC. This is a one-time scholarship for the amount of **\$500** and will be awarded to one student annually. Information and applications for the **2020-2021** academic year are available from the WIUMC office and their website <http://www.islandmethodist.com>. The 2021 application deadline is **April 19th**.