

Calendar

Apr	3	10:00 am	Worship	May	9	7:00 pm	UMW Meeting
Apr	5	6:15 pm	Easter People Gathering	May	10	7:00 pm	Church Planning Council
Apr	6	9:00 am 7:010 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice	May	15	8:00 am 10:00 am	UMM Breakfast Worship
Apr	7	5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Team Meeting Exec Church Council	May	18	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice
Apr	10	10:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service	May	19	5:45 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer
Apr	11	7:00 pm	UMW Meeting	May	20	6:00pm	Family Fun Night
Apr	12	6:15 pm	Easter People Gathering	May	21	9:00 am	Community Famil: Fun Festival Planning/Training
Apr	13	9:00am 7:00 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice	May	22	10:00 am	Worship Service
Apr	14	5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Team Seder Meal	May	25	9:00am 7:00 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice
Apr	17	6:45 am 7:45 am 10:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service Breakfast Worship Service	May	26	5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer
Apr	18	6:30	Chrismon Workshop	May	29	10:00 am	Memorial Day Sunday Worship Service Yard Sale Items
Apr	19	6:15 pm	Easter People Celebration!	Jun	5	10:00 am	Worship Service
Apr	20	9:00 am	Coffee with Keith	Jun	8	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice
Apr	21	5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer	Jun	9	5:45 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer
Apr	24	10:00 am 11:20 am	Worship Service Church Info Meeting Bring Yard Sale Items	Jun	12	10:00 am	Worship Service
Apr	27	9:00 am	Coffee with Keith	Jun	13	7:00 pm	UMW Meeting
Apr	28	5:45 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer	Jun	19	8:00 am 10:00 am	Father's Day UMM Breakfast Worship Service
May	1	10:00 am	Worship Service	Jun	22	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice
May	6	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice	Jun	23	5:45 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer
May	7	5:45 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer	Jun	25	9:00am	Kids Festival
May	8	10:00 am	Mother's Day Worship Service	Jun	26	10:00 am	Worship Service Family Festival
				Jun	28	7:00 pm	Exec Church Council
				Jun	29	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Coffee with Keith Choir Practice
				Jun	30	5:45 pm	Prayer Team Mtg Group Prayer

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From the Pastor



It may seem that we have taken a step forward and then take two steps back. Yes, the pandemic has affected us. We are weary of isolation and we long for interaction with our brothers, sisters, and community. We held outside services and inside services with masks. Everyone has been gracious in adhering to mitigation protocols. Through all that we have endured, we remained faithful to serve the Lord. The pandemic opened our eyes to technology we did not envision for the church. We are reaching out to places we never thought we could reach.

As life slowly returns to normal, we are emerging with fresh ideas and a renewed spirit of discipleship. There are plans for engaging the community and opportunities for everyone in the congregation to participate. We are coming out of the pandemic with enthusiasm to truly **be** the church.

The church is not the building. The church is the people, the body of Christ. **WE** are the church. Some of you have heard rumors about the denomination and how it deals with progressive versus traditional philosophies. Our leadership has been following this closely. We encourage you to ask questions. We also warn you of falling prey to false reports and the rumor mill. Seek the truth and pray for discernment as we all navigate the unfamiliar waters of the future.

As always, pray. Do no Harm. Do Good. Stay in Love with God.

In His Love, Pastor Keith



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We are back in action!

Easter is Coming!

The Lenten season is a special time for the Christian church. It is a time of reflection about who we are and whose we are, the sacrifices He made because He loves us so much! Make a special effort to join us in person for these significant events.



April 17th Easter Sunday

- 6:45 am Sunrise Service (outdoors)
Delta UMC will join us
- 7:45 am Breakfast
- 10:00 am Worship Service
Choir will provide special music

COME CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST!!

UMW has repaired 30 Chrismons – Check out windows at Easter



Easter People?

Heard of the **Easter People Gathering?** About a dozen people have meet each Tuesday during Lent for a meal, singing, and a discussion as we encourage one another to put the words of the sermon into day-to-day action. We will end with a celebration on the Tuesday after Easter.

For Christians, Easter is more of a celebration than Christmas!



April 10th Palm Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service

We celebrate the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, the sudden change of public opinion, His trial and death. **We would not have Easter if these other events did not occur.**

Thursday, April 14th Seder Meal

7:00 pm Experience the Passover Meal like Jesus and his disciples did



Passover is the great Jewish feast of redemption and liberation, the memorial of the Israelites'

deliverance from their bondage in Egypt. In the Christian tradition, the Passover Seder is also believed to be the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples. **Come learn more about the significance of this historic meal.**

Mark the Dates

Church Information Denomination Update Sunday, April 24th 11:20

There have been lots of activities going on with the **United** Methodist Church denomination. Some made the news, some did not. Time frames have changed, a new denomination is beginning. Come get the facts, and resources to review on your own.

Be in prayer for our church as we discern our future.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN Nights coming! Friday, May 20th 6 PM

Let's just get together and have some fun! We are starting a quarterly FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Our first night will be hosted by United Methodist Men on **Friday, May 20th**. We will have dinner and a fun activity. Don't miss out!

Planning ahead?
**Next quarterly
FRIDAY Family Fun Night
Aug 19th hosted by
United Methodist Women**



River time anyone? Saturday, July 16

We are targeting a day trip down the Dan. Probably have two separate starting points for tubers and kayakers, all ending at the home of the Greggs for a cookout and fun. If you are not a river rat, you can just arrive for the cookout. Watch for details as we get closer to the date.



Annual UMW Yard Sale Sept 8-9

Start cleaning out those closets and box up what you are not using. You are asked to bring items to the church on the **4th Sunday of each month**. With a bit of organizing all year, we will be better prepared in September! Please, leave on table in Fellowship Hall.

Community Fun Festival --- June 25-26

Saturday – Kids Age 4 to 5th Grade

Sunday – The WHOLE Family

We are going to combine a couple of events into one fabulous weekend for our church and community

- Saturday 9:00 am -2:30 pm
Special day for kids from age 4 to 5th grade (much like “VBS”)
- Sunday worship service will be outside with a focus on families
 - Followed by a meal and festival with activities for the whole family

We are going to need lots of volunteers for all kinds of activities! With the schedule, time commitments will be in shorter increments. Look for opportunities to sign up after Easter.



Theme: Go Overboard with God

Location: Deep Sea Diving

Bible Verses:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31

Goals for our Family Festival?

1. **Share Christ with our community**
2. **Show our community who Snow Hill is hoping they will want be a part of this “family”.**
3. **HAVE FUN!**

Consider what **you** can INTENTIONALLY do to make our guests feel welcome and wanted

May 21 9AM REQUIRED Meeting

Do you realize we haven't had “events” in about 2.5 years?! We are out of practice. So...we need to

- Build excitement about the event, prepare, and invite our community.
- Understand how each role is a critical piece of the puzzle. We will have more fun and be more effective as we operate as a team.
- Review safety policies everyone needs to understand and follow, especially as we have visiting children.

Contacts:

Saturday Cindy Roberts & Janet Gregg

--- Want to be a sea captain to move kids in rotation, bible story teacher, craft, recreation, snack?

Sunday Tim and Laura Wilson

--- Have ideas about an activity for the festival? Want to help with setup or food? Advertising?

Church Leadership Update



Growing the Kingdom of God

The Executive Church Council continues to prayerfully discern God's plans for Snow Hill. Over the past year, we have used the principles of planting a garden to take steps as we grow the kingdom of God. Many of the ideas have been included in Pastor Keith's sermons over the past year.

As we “open back up” from the pandemic, look for your place to work the garden.

1. Get off the porch! The farmer doesn't grow much just sitting on the porch to watch and see what happens. Each person brings specific gifts and talents. We need YOU!



2. We don't want to just eat tomatoes! It takes variety, a combination to make a harvest. Everyone will not like everything, but we want to be sure everyone has food to eat.

3. Plants (& people) have different needs. Some are established and come back year after year. Some are brand new or distressed and need a little extra loving care.



4. It takes intentional, hard work with weeding (removing what should not be there), fertilizing, water to have a good harvest.



5. Crops need to be rotated. programs need to be revamped and sometimes replaced. (Hey, you might need to sit somewhere different 😊)
6. The SON makes the garden grow. We plant seeds, we work the plan, but God makes the seeds grow.
7. Harvest time is fun. We are called to gather together, share the bounty, have fun, and praise God for all He provides.

“They will KNOW we are Christians by OUR LOVE”

