



The Journey

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EASTER OFFERING FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work. Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. Such ministries include:

Disciples Women provides fruits like Bible studies, international journeys, and educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere, who, because of those gifts, can grow and spread the Gospel message.

So too can the Disciples who thrive in partnership with the National Benevolent Association, like young adult XPLOR Residents and health and social service leaders launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities and contexts.

Disciples Home Missions' fruitful branches include Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, Refugee and Immigration Ministries offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.

Our general ministries abide in each other and in our shared call, by working closely with partners across the United States and Canada, and beyond. Global Ministries collaborates with community organizations around the world, and the Council on Christian Unity cooperates with ecumenical bodies to further the message of Christ's unending love.

Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions. Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work. Please give generously to this year's Easter Offering.

Community Holy Week Services

The Southeast Clergy Cluster will again host mid-day Community Holy Week Services. The **April 15 - 18** services will be from Noon to 12:30 followed by a light lunch at **Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr. SE**

Monday: *The Rev. Dr. Tom Lovell*, from Faith Presbyterian Church
Tuesday: *The Rev. Christie Ashton*, from Hope Presbyterian Church

Wednesday: *The Rev. Dr. David B. Freeman*, from Weatherly Heights Baptist Church

Thursday: *The Rev. Katherine Harper*, from St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Stations of the Cross

Noon Friday, **April 19**: *Stations of the Cross* on the **Aldridge Creek Greenway** beginning at Mountain Gap Road, just west of Publix.

You are invited! Please join us!

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, April 11**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 **Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F**
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Scripture Luke 19: 28-40
Sermon "When the Stones Cry Out"

SERVING AT THE TABLE

8:15 Gayle Herber & Dave Crockett
 10:30 Frank Fitzgerald & Jan Mackenzie

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Ann Anderson

SERVING COMMUNION

8:15 Kathi Luzar & Eddie Parks
 Margaret J. Vann & Nancy Waites
 10:30 Mary Ann Anderson & Troy Davis, Jr.
 Lisa Fitzgerald & Bev Williamson
 Beverly Cannon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Diane Douglas

SUNDAY'S FOOD BASKET is given in honor of Nancy Waites

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Children are participating in main worship service and singing.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children are participating in main worship service and singing.

AV SUPPORT TEAM

Technical Director - Chuck Herber
 Assistant Director - Michael Smith
 Sound - Michael Smith & Malcolm Landreth
 Stream Operator - Michael Smith

ATTENDANCE	3/31	4/7
First Service Worship	NA	39
Sunday School	17	40
Second Service Worship	NA	88
Unified Service	114	NA
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	17	10
Total Worship	131	137

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE FCC CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS:
Hope In The Shadows A Contemporary Tenebrae Service. **April 18 at 7:00 PM**



Featuring guest musicians: Sandra Keeter, flute; Mary Balch, clarinet; Devin Lacy, oboe; Kevin Lay, cello; Ana Valenzuela, French horn; Rebecca Gaines, 2nd soprano/alto; & David Caine, baritone.

**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA -
 PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

This year we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids (Nursery - 4th Graders), but we will also have a family picnic, lawn games and the Easter Bunny for everyone!!!! The egg hunt will take place after the 10:30 am worship service. Nursery - Toddler age children will hunt eggs in the Garden Courtyard. Preschool - 1st grade children will hunt eggs on the Ark Playground. 2nd - 4th grade children will hunt eggs on Grandma Sue's Playground. The picnic will be held inside in Family Services & McMains and the lawn games will take place on Grandma Sue's playground following the egg hunt. We need people to help with the egg hunt, bring food for the picnic, and help with the lawn games. You can still sign up to help by calling the church office or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaba72ea0fb6-easter1>

LILIES FOR EASTER

On Easter Sunday, our sanctuary will be adorned with lilies! If you would like to purchase a lily for \$10 in honor or in memory of someone, please leave a check, made out to FCC with 'Easter lily' in the memo line, in the church office or the Sassafras offering bowl. Please provide donor and honoree information on the signup sheet posted across from McMains Hall.



HEALS CLINIC HELPING CHILDREN

In April Community Outreach is collecting small toys for the HEALS Clinic. This clinic provides dental care for many school age children and their siblings. The toys are needed to provide encouragement for these children as they undergo dental procedures. A basket will be available in the Commons area for your donations. You can also write a check to FCC with HEALS on the memo line.

As always, thank you for donating,
Community Outreach

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Services

April 14

Procession of Palms

8:15 am Casual

10:30 am Traditional

11:30 am Egg Hunt and Church Picnic



Maundy Thursday Service

Tenebrae Service:

“Hope in the Shadows”

April 18 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 19

SE Huntsville Clergy Association

“Stations of the Cross” Noon at the
Aldridge Creek Greenway entrance Mt. Gap.

Easter Services

April 21

8:15 am Casual

10:30 am Traditional



HOUSE OF HOPE NEEDS OUR HELP

CWM would like you to join us as we financially support House of Hope (Haiti) during April. Through Global Ministries, House of Hope provides a safe place and educational programs for at-risk children in the Port-au-Prince area. Between 2016-2017, almost 200 new children were enrolled in the educational program with a completion rate of 95%. Haiti has been in political turmoil for years and has also been devastated by several hurricanes. Life expectancy average is 63 years and adult illiteracy is over 51%. House of Hope is making a difference and so can we through a donation. Checks can be made to FCC with House of Hope in the memo line. Sponsorship is \$360 per year per child; CWM would like to sponsor two children. Please help us achieve this.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL APRIL 17

Pork loin with sautéed California vegetables, wild rice, salad, dessert and assorted drinks. Following the meal are small groups including Adulting, Kids'/Youth, and Men's Bible Studies. The Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm. **Call in your reservation by Wednesday, April 10, at 256-881-0150.**

HABITAT HOUSE NUMBER 26

WILL BE A FALL BUILD

Our house leader, Bill Giardini, has scheduled our next house for this Fall when it will be cooler for the build workers. More details to follow when available.

Bob Senn,
Habitat Coordinator For FCC

