



The Chimes

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In the neighborhood for good!

Prayers of the People

As I hope you are aware by now, we are doing something different for parts of our communal Lenten discipline this year. There is a Bible study discussion group on Wednesdays at 11:00 where we share Jesus' journey and our, often failed, attempts to follow along. And, on Wednesday evening, there is a time of prayer and contemplation in the chapel from 5-7. Talented church members have designed altar settings and guided readings for prayer and art and journaling specifically for this time of reflection.

Last week, I took great care to set up the chapel to create just the right ambiance for quiet reflection. I moved all of the chairs but a handful. I moved small tables in and draped them in pretty fabric. I put the reflection guides, the colored pencils, the journal papers on the tables. I placed small candles on all the flat surfaces. And, I settled into the parlor to wait (and insure that nothing caught fire). It was then that I noticed *the noise*. The kids in after school care were just getting out and running through the welcome area to parents waiting outside. NA was gathering right down the hall, laughing, joking, yelling out greetings to one another. Someone was playing piano in a nearby room. Someone from Urban Collective was unloading a U-Haul following the end of a movie he was filming—loading a cart and pulling it back and forth on the textured tile floor.

Where was the silence? Where was the reflection? What was all this? A voice in my head whispered, "These are the prayers of the people."

The season of Lent is a time to consider how our lives reflect the calling of Jesus and how they do not. Lent asks difficult questions of us—are we becoming more and more the image of God, or are we making God into the image of the world and our own selfish desires? Are we willing to risk loving? Are we willing to risk losing? Are we willing to give up our lives and take up our cross?

Sometimes we embark on that journey in silent meditation. Other times we need to ask others for help. Sometimes we need others to push us or pull us out of the snares we are entangled in. We need to be reminded that we are loved, that we need help, that this is a journey worth taking. Sometimes that involves, not silence, but laughter or tears, shouts of joy, or wails of pain.

Whether your journey is quiet and steady, or loud and stumbling, may it be for each of us and for all of us faithful and life changing.

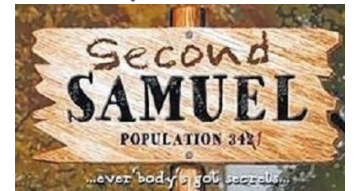
Peace,

Sally



Kayla's going to grad school!
Read about her honor on page 2.

Take a trip with us to



March 15, 26, 17
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Join us for REHAB Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11—grow stronger in your faith, give up your addictions.



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on March 10th!

The Bell Tower Players of
East Lake United Methodist Church
present

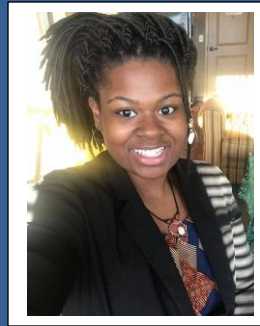
Pamela Parker's Second Samuel

March 15, 7:30

March 16, 7:30

March 17, 2:00 and 7:30

\$10 admission



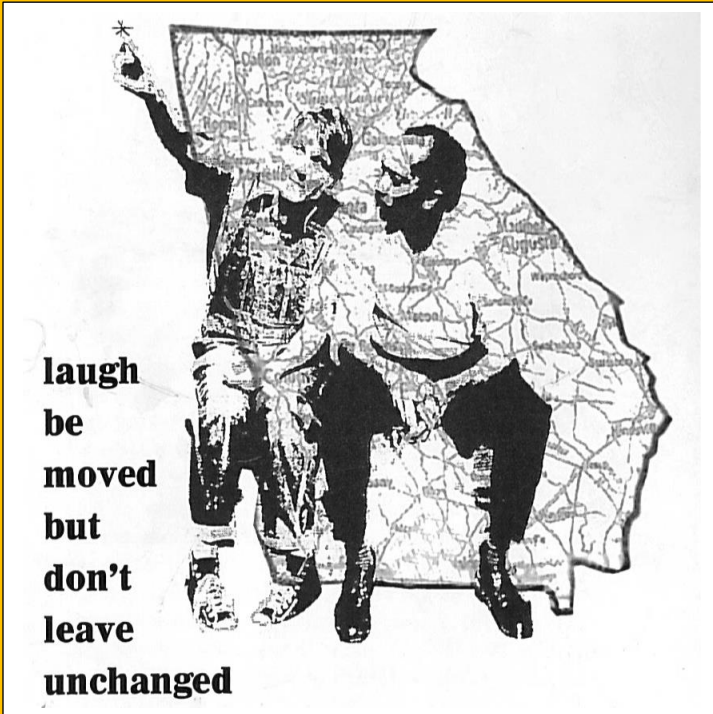
Congratulations, Kayla!

We are so proud to congratulate our wonderful intern, **Kayla J. Smith**, who has been awarded a full scholarship to graduate school at Chicago Theological Seminary. She will be pursuing her Master of Divinity degree.

The letter from the school notifying her of her acceptance and scholarship said the following:

Your approval for admission is a reflection of our faculty's confidence not only in your academic abilities but also in your promise for transformative ministry in the world. Your Reverend Doctor Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. Legacy and Presidential Scholarship is further confirmation of the confidence our community has in you. This **100% award** is our most prestigious scholarship . . .

We are very thankful for all that Kayla has brought to East Lake United Methodist Church during the past school year. We will miss you, Kayla, but wish you well as you pursue your calling. Be sure to give Kayla a hug and congratulations before she gets away!



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Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

It is now March, and springtime is upon us. We've had a rare two snows in a season, along with some single digit temperatures a night or two. Everyone's been in a time of waiting for new life. In some respects that's also what we're doing in the midst of Lent. It is a time of being still, of reflections, and yes, of repentance sometimes. Each year as I make plans, during the dark winter months, for our March (and sometimes April) Lenten music, it's always with a sense of expectation. How may I breathe new life into a service of music that's been going on now for a decade? What new anthems will work well, both in poetic content, and musical challenge? This year, the choir and I are focusing specifically on Jesus' seven words (or sayings) from the Cross. There are six new anthems to accompany them.

However, because of scheduling difficulties, John will not be coming this spring until a week or so after Easter to focus specifically on our CD. So, instead of having his organ improvisations after each anthem, I'll be playing short pieces of organ literature, three of them very different settings of the well-known Lenten hymn, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," as well as some other much-loved seasonal hymns. At the central point in the service, when our Lord cries out in desperation, feeling totally forsaken, crucified for crimes he did not commit, we are going to pause and have the choir share a new hymn that speaks of justice for everybody—something He indeed was all about.

I hope that all of you will be able to be here, and to bring a friend, for this, a little different, *Voices at the Cross* service on March 18.

Love,

Barry



SUPER SENIORS

February was a fun month, with *Pillow Talk* as our 2nd Tuesday movie and our usual rousing game of Bingo. March will be a little more laid back, due to Holy Week and other Lenten activities, but we will still have our 2nd Tuesday movie on March 13 at 10 a.m. (in the office conference room). As usual, there are choices: We can either watch a classic, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, or the more recent movie *Florence Foster Jenkins*. Be thinking which one you want to see!

EACM Item for
March: GRITS



Boomers! It's time to return to **Niki's West** for our March gathering (isn't it *always* time to go to Niki's?). Thanks to Kay and Roy Miller for making the plan!

We'll meet there on **Friday, March 23, at 6 p.m.**

Did Roy and Kay designate our party planner(s) for April? If you haven't heard, be prepared—it could be you!

Breakfast will now be
served on the
1st Sunday only
(no breakfast on
Easter Sunday)

"Keep on praying for the saints..."

Ephesians 6:18

Please pray for the members of our church family who have had surgery, been in the hospital or rehab during the last month, are currently in the hospital or in rehab at press time, or who are continuing to recover at home:

Corinne Averitt
Marie Cordes
Creasa Crum
Yvonne Duncan
Jim Elliott
Clifford Harris
Larry Knedlik

We extend our sympathies to Mary Ellen Floyd Parsons and her family in the loss of **Geraldine "Gerry" Floyd**, who died on February 6. Gerry was a faithful church member, member of the Randolph Class, and office volunteer for many years; and to

The family of **Mill Hamilton**, who died on February 21. She came to us from 67th Street UMC, and was a member of the Friendship Class.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Memorials

Gifts have been given to the church in memory of:

Geraldine Floyd

Robert C. Chapman

Betty & Jack Ferguson

Betty & George Likis



Bring flowers
for the
2nd Ave. cross
Easter morning!

Beginner Bell Choir
Sunday, April 8
3:00
In the chapel



March Birthdays

				1	2	3 *Mattie Lou Harrison
4	5 *Lee Hawk	6	7	8 *Steve Price	9 *Ned Boggan	10 *Corinne Averitt
11	12 *Jean Daily	13	14	15	16	17
18 *Billy Coupland *Martha Worrell	19	20 *Barbara Boyd	21 *Gerry Ricketts	22 *Jamie Christian	23 *Shirley Ferrill *Pamela Padgett *Kay Sharp	24
25	26	27	28 *Julia Caddell	29		

Lectionary Readings for March

Sunday, March 4 – Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Sunday, March 25 – Passion/Palm Sunday, Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms:

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 31: 9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47,
or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Monday, March 26 – Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 36:5-11

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 27 – Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 71:1-14

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 12: 20-36

Wednesday, March 28 – Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalms 70

Hebrews 12:1-3

John 13:21-32

Thursday, March 29 – Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, March 31 – Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14

Psalms 31:1-4, 15-16

1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:57-66, or John 19:38-42

March 2018

Saturday, March 3

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 9:30-11 a.m. (Choir room)

Sunday, March 4

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 6

Super Seniors: No Program

Wednesday, March 7

Adult Bible Study: Special Lenten Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)
 Trustees Committee – 1 p.m. (back room of the diner)
 Space for Contemplation and Prayer – 5-7 p.m. (Chapel)

Saturday, March 10

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 9:30-11 a.m. (Choir room)

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD TONIGHT!

Sunday, March 11

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
 Finance Committee – 2:00 p.m. (Office Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 13

Super Seniors Second Tuesday Movie: To be decided (see page 3) – 10 a.m. (office conference room)

Wednesday, March 14

Lenten Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)
 Space for Contemplation and Prayer – 5-7 p.m. (Chapel)

Thursday, March 15

Second Samuel – 7:30 p.m. (Wesley Hall)

Friday, March 16

Second Samuel – 7:30 p.m. (Wesley Hall)

Saturday, March 17

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – 9:30-11:00 a.m. (Choir room)

Second Samuel – 2:00 p.m. (Wesley Hall)

Second Samuel – 7:30 p.m. (Wesley Hall)

Sunday, March 18

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
 Voices at the Cross – 2:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 21

Lenten Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)
 Space for Contemplation and Prayer – 5-7 p.m. (Chapel)

Friday, March 23

Boomers outing to Niki's West – Meet there at 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 28

Lenten Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Fireside Room)
 Space for Contemplation and Prayer – 5-7 p.m. (Chapel)

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Communion – 6 p.m. (Place TBA)

Friday, March 30

Stations of the Cross – 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. (Places TBA)

