

HANGING BASKETS

Today is the final day to order your Hanging Baskets. God’s Light is accepting orders to benefit their Summer Tour transportation costs. A station is set up in the Welcome Center to purchase today or scan QR code. The pick-up location will be the Welcome Center during the second week of April.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

ALL MEN are invited to attend a breakfast this **Monday, March 10th, from 7am-8am** in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Thomas Agutu, Founder of the Nyogaya Foundation. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the breakfast.

MUSIC AND ARTS COMMITTEE

Come dream with us! On **Tuesday, March 11, 6:30pm in A107** we will be meeting to discuss the future of this great ministry. If you have any interest in getting involved, please feel free to come. Contact Kim Duggins with any questions, [kduggins@smyrnafumc.org](mailto:kduggins@smyrnafumc.org).

TUESDAY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**“He Chose the Nails”**. Rev. Joey Hatchell will be leading this class on **Tuesdays, March 11 through April 15, 10:30am-noon, A205**. Scan QR code for more information and to register.



JOY LUNCHEON

The JOY Group (Just Older Youth) will have a luncheon on **Thursday, March 13, 11am-1pm, in the Fellowship Hall**. Rev. Joey Hatchell and the mission team members will share about their recent trip to Cuba. Bring a friend and enjoy a Cuban Lunch! RSVP to [bhatchell1118@yahoo.com](mailto:bhatchell1118@yahoo.com).

SUNDAY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**“Miraculous: Exploring the Miracles of Jesus”**. **Sundays, March 16 through April 13, 4:30pm-6pm, B201**. No sign-up necessary.

HELP US FILL THE EGGS!

Our Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner (Sunday, April 13), and we need your help to make it egg-straspecial! Check our Amazon Wish list for items we are collecting to tuck inside the eggs.

DISCIPLE CLASS

**Signup for Disciple 2025!** We will begin a new Disciple class for those interested. This is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian Leaders. The **Old Testament will be taught Aug.-Nov.** and the **New Testament will be from Jan.-April, 2026**. Scan QR for specific dates and to register.



VBS / SUMMER CAMPS

**VBS:** June 16-19 (PreK-Rising 5th Grade) and **Summer Camps:** June 2-5, June 9-12, June 23-26, July 7-10, July 14-17. **Registration is open now! Click on QR codes to register.** **More information about volunteer opportunities to come.**

VBS QR

Also, Camp Glisson is offering Grow Day Camp on our campus during the week of June 9-13th, for information go to [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org).



Camps QR

THIS WEEK AT SFUMC

Sunday, 3/9 - **GIC Luncheon** 12:15pm, Fellowship Hall  
**Tomorrow’s Promise** 2:45pm, Choir Room  
**God’s Light:** 4pm, Choir Room  
**Sunday Night Youth:** 5:30pm, The Battery

Monday, 3/10 - **NoteAbles:** 10:30am, Matthews Chapel  
**Yarn Disciples:** 11:30am, Welcome Center  
**PickUp Basketball:** 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 3/11 - **Lenten Bible Study:** 10:30am, A205  
**Willing Worker’s UWF:** 10:30am, A207  
**Mary Martha UWF:** 10:30am, A105  
**SPR:** 6pm, A105  
**Music/Arts Meeting:** 6:30pm, A107  
**Cub Scouts:** 6:30pm, C-Hallway  
**CJCEC Classes:** 7pm, various rooms

Wednesday, 3/12 - **Wednesday Bible Study:** 9:30am, A102  
**God’s Light Parent Planning:** 4:30pm, A105  
**Children’s Choirs:** 5:15pm, various rooms  
**Parents Groups:** 5:15pm, A107 and FH  
**Wednesday Night Dinner:** 5:30pm, Fellowship  
**Youth Small Groups:** 6:30pm, C-Hallway  
**Cornerstone:** 6:30pm, Choir Room  
**Orchestra:** 6:30pm, A207  
**CJCEC Classes:** 7pm, Various Rooms  
**Handbells:** 7:30pm, Bell Room  
**New Praise:** 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, 3/13 - **JOY Luncheon:** 11am, Fellowship Hall  
**The Gathering Grief Support:** 2pm, A102  
**Food Security Group:** 5:30pm, Welcome Center  
**Marriage Small Group:** 6pm, A105  
**CJCEC Classes:** 7pm, various rooms

Friday, 3/14 - **FUEL Women’s Goup:** 9:30m, B211



Lenten  
Calendar



March  
Calendar



Recovery  
Groups

For information about the recovery groups offered at our church, please click on the QR Code above.

PALM SUNDAY

April 13th Events:

**Children’s Processional** (if you have a child that would like to participate in the Palm frond parade before the services contact Estee, [elassiter@smyrnafumc.org](mailto:elassiter@smyrnafumc.org)).

**Easter Egg Hunt:** After the 11am service in the Green Space (whether permitting)

**Adult Music Ministry Cantata, “Two Crowns”:** 5pm, Sanctuary. This special offering will include our adult choirs, handbells and orchestra.

WAYS TO GET THE LATEST NEWS

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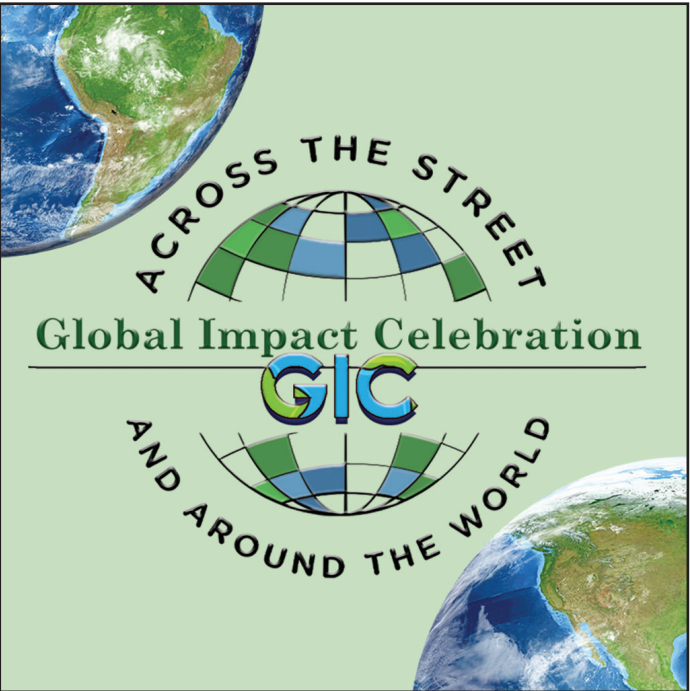
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Rev. Derek Porter  
Rev. Mercy McDaniel, Rev. Scott Fuller  
11am Classic Worship  
March 9, 2025

Smyrna First  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



GIVING MADE EASY

If you would like to make your offering online, simply scan the QR code.

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

Therefore go and make disciples of all. Matthew 28:19

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

11am, Classic Service

We rejoice today to administer the Sacrament of Baptism to Emma and Nolan, children of Kristen and Blake Dent.

We welcome Kristen and Blake Dent and Joshua Woods into membership today.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE

Every Move I Make with Step by Step

Sounding Joy Handbells

WELCOME

Rev. Derek Porter

HYMN

\* In Christ There is No East or West

#548

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

\* The Apostles' Creed

#881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

\* Gloria Patri

#70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

SPECIAL MUSIC

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

HIS Kids

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

What's In the Box? Creating a message from the unknown.

Trinity Children's Church, 3 yrs. (by 9/1/2024 & potty trained) – PreK, B106.

Children's Church, K - 3rd grade, C204.

HYMN

\* I Love to Tell the Story

#156

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kathryn Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Reach the World

Cornerstone Choir

DOXOLOGY		
<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
	Rev. Jono Moehlig	
MESSAGE		
GIC	Rev. Derek Porter, Rev. Mercy McDaniel, Rev. Scott Fuller	
	Acts 1:1-11	
	Response to Scripture reading.	
	Pastor: The word of God for the people of God; <b>Congregation: Thanks Be to God.</b>	
GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION FAITH PROMISE		
	Alan Nicely	
ALTAR CALL FOR FAITH PROMISE CARDS		
My Jesus	Jordan Curry	
BENEDICTION		
<i>Please remain in your pews until the acolytes pass with the Light of Christ.</i>		
POSTLUDE		
	Rick Quinton	
<i>Congregation, please stand as able.</i>		
	Music Director: Kim Duggins Sounding Joy Handbells Director: Laura Thompson Accompanists: Rick Quinton, Laura Thompson Ushers: Dianah Ampadu, Efua Mensah, Donna Corindia, Barbara Weit, John Weit Acolyte: Ayden Bivek	

We invite our youngest members (8 wks - 3 yrs.) to join our nursery ministry; however, children of all ages are always welcome in worship services.

Reminder: This service is live-streamed and there may be a chance you and/or your children will be on camera.

**GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**  
Let us come together today to celebrate this joyous weekend with a wrap-up luncheon. **Everyone is invited** to the Fellowship Hall immediately following this service for Garry’s famous BBQ Sandwiches (Chicken and Pork options), Brunswick Stew, Mac and Cheese, Dessert and Drink (free of charge).

**GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION GIVING**  
The Global Impact Celebration was a remarkable opportunity for everyone to come together and discover the incredible missional groups supported by Smyrna First UMC. This event was not just about learning; it was a heartfelt celebration of how God is actively working through each of us to create positive change both locally and globally. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in our community and beyond, proving that united in faith, our efforts can truly transform lives.

If you would like to make a pledge to this worthwhile cause, please turn in a Faith Promise Card or commit digitally through the QR Code.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.

We present *Emma Harper Dent and Nolan Richard Dent*, for baptism.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Will you nurture these children in Christ’s holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God’s grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead Christian lives?

Do you, as Christ’s body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these children now before you in your care?

**With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and these children who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in His final victory.

Please rise, and with joy, welcome our new brothers in Christ:

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God’s new creation and made to share in Christ’s royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

Members of the household of God, We commend these children to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

At this time, the congregation will join in singing *Jesus Loves You*.

*Emma and Nolan*, may the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**PRAYING FOR**

Amanda Schmidt, Becky Newton, Grady Cook, Zim McDowell, Sandy Schwartz, Jeff Pickard, Darrion Mitchell, Peyton Mixon, Jordan & Zack Mixon and family, Jen Bryson, Cam Ross and Wrigley, Adrienne Myers, Rhonda Sikes, Shirley McDurmont, Betty Lewis, Stacy Sherrer, Gary and Marie Scanlon, Lynn Dee Martin, Richard Schwartz, Dianne McDonald, Mary and Gary Lytle, Bill Ware, Tony N., Christian T, Carol & Gianna Moreale, Carmen Uding, Benning Grice, Lisa S., Ed and Sandy Haas, Devinney Ballard, Bob Morse, John Jenniges, Kathy Mitchell, our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, Rev. Barbara Hatchell.

*Names will remain on list for 6 weeks, unless notified.*