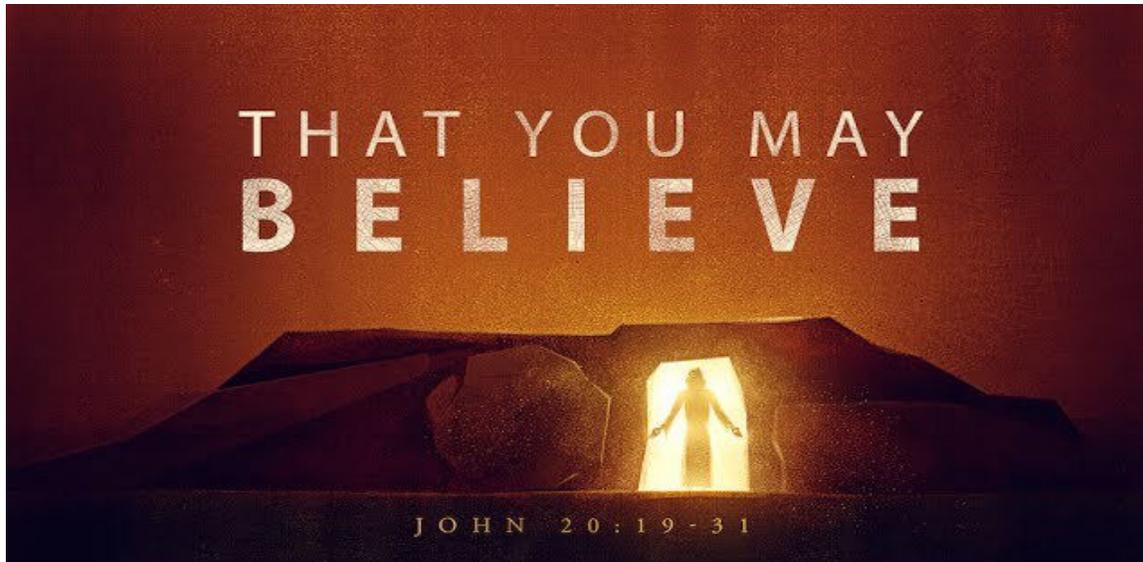


Welcome

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

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ORDER OF SERVICE - SETTING ONE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LBW 144

APOSTOLIC GREETING

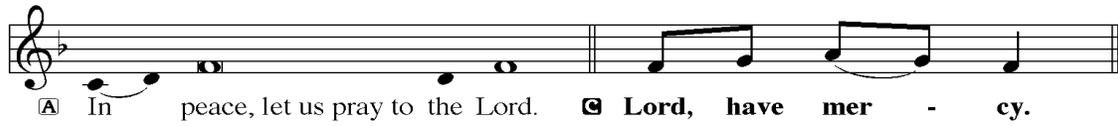
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

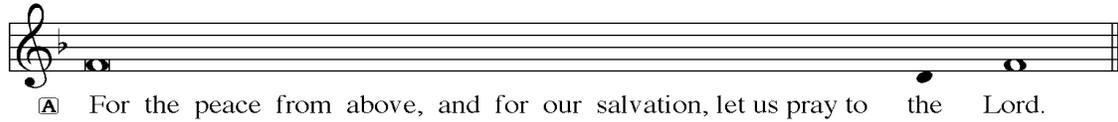
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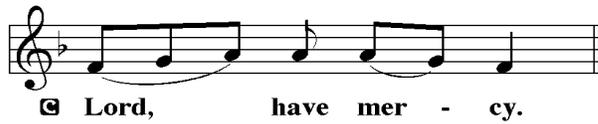
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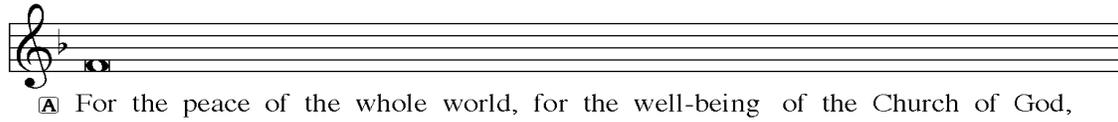
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



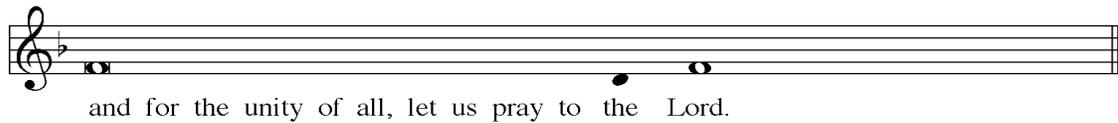
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



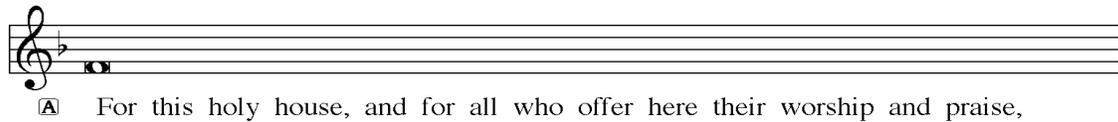
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



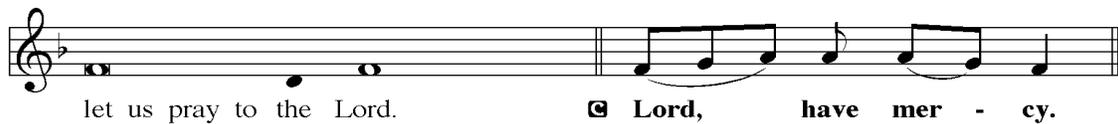
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



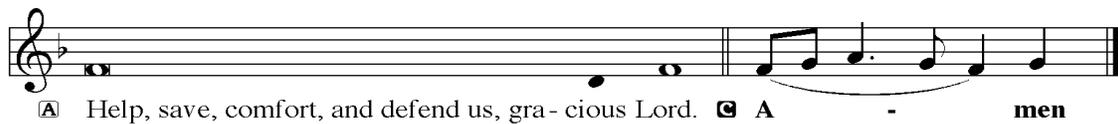
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:29-42

²⁹Peter and the apostles answered {the high priest and the council}, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 148 (read in unison)

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
- ²Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.
- ³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- ⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and | winged birds;
- ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹²Young men and maidens,
old and young together.
- ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

WOV 675

We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
Nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor
 and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

LBW 128

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY is extended to the Family of Beverly Cauble who passed away on Monday, April 13. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, Jane Peeler, and Zarah Plyler (Autumn Care), Betty Herion and Jean Ray (Brookdale), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Gladys Morgan, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Genevieve Baker, Bill Broadway, Rev. Tom Corbell, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Ruth Goodman, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Teresa Kesler, Pat Kluttz, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Rev. Dawn Rister, Larry Shepherd, Effie Vellines, and Ronald Vellines

Continual Prayer - Vonnie Agner, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Jim Byrd, Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Teresa Frank (Pam Vellines cousin), Marie Gorapic (sister of Linda Spencer), Tamara Honeycutt, Edna & John McCollough (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen)

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

Lessons for Next Week, April 26:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-16; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

What's Happening at Union...

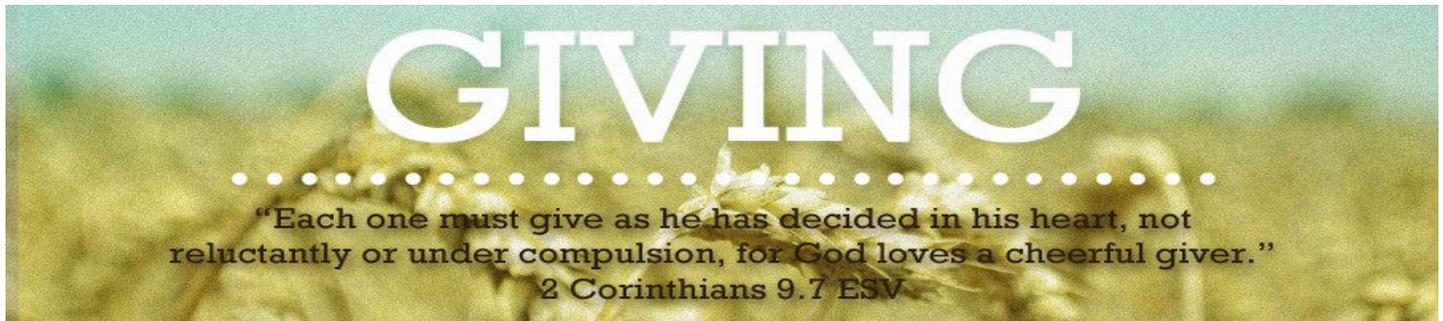
Church Council's next meeting is **today, Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted by video conferencing.

Gerald Bame Scholarship applications are due to Doris Page by Sunday, April 26. If you haven't picked up an application yet please contact the church office or Doris Page.

Confirmation Classes have resumed and will continue to meet on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom with Pastor Heidi through May 27.

Quest Youth picks back up on **Sundays, April 19 & 26, at 5:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Please contact Lisa Davis for access information.

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During this period of online church services, it is important to keep up with spiritual disciplines like Bible reading, prayer, and giving. Tithes and offerings may be given **Online** (<https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/>). You may also **mail checks** payable to **Union Lutheran Church to 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.** Thank you for your faithfulness in all these areas!



How to Participate in the Worship Service without a Computer!

Due to coronavirus with the Federal and Statewide regulations many people especially those without computers are feeling isolated. Unfortunately our phone call in service did not work out as expected. However, we do have some good news. Our worship services are recorded on Dvds.

If you are interested in a Worship Service dvd, please contact Thad Mulkey (704) 431-6514.

PLEASE NOTE: May Newsletter articles deadline is next Sunday, April 26, to the church office. Please drop by your article to the office or email it to Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, (office@ulcsalisbury.org).

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

Union Lutheran Church has begun using Facebook Live and Youtube to provide multiple opportunities to connect during the week. These include:

- **Sunday Worship Services** <https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/>)
- **Sunday Bulletins** <https://ulcsalisbury.org/weekly-worship-bulletins/>
- **Tuesday and Thursday, Bible Study on Encouragement: The Key to Caring** on the church's website <https://ulcsalisbury.org/> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ulcsalisbury> around 1:00 p.m.
- **EVENING DEVOTIONS** with Pastor Heidi and Pastor Dieter on Facebook Live, every weekday at 7 pm.

More upcoming opportunities will begin in May. Look on the back for more information.



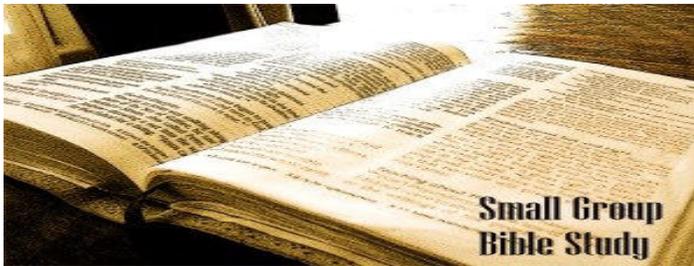
Faith at Home! During the Month of May

Due to COVID 19 we are finding ourselves living life and faith out in a different way. But what does this mean? A 4 week series, facilitating concretely. Biblically Based conversations and Real Life Stuff.

Time slots: Sundays at 2 pm
 Tuesdays at 5 pm
 Wednesdays at 10 am

Sign up online or contact Kat Clifton (704) 633-2248.

Session will be done via Zoom.



Prayer Vigils will continue be held each Friday with Tara Davis (704) 637-9334, Coordinating . You can schedule a time between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to come and pray at Union online or contact Tara to schedule.

A change has been made that there will be only one person at a time at the church. This individual will pray at the cross in the parking lot.



DROP OFF FOOD (canned goods) to help those in need. We have a shopping cart set up outside the church office.

PASTOR HEIDI WANTS TO MEET YOU: Due to the COVID-19 we have not been able to gather at Worship and other ministry events. Would you please email a picture of you; your family; tell a little about yourself; and email Pastor Heidi (pastor@ulcsalisbury.org)?



In lieu of the spread of the virus in our community on Tuesday, March 24, the Church Council decided to suspend all in person church activities until further notice.

If you need assistance during this challenging time, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Heidi Punt or the Church Council. Their contact information is as follows:

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