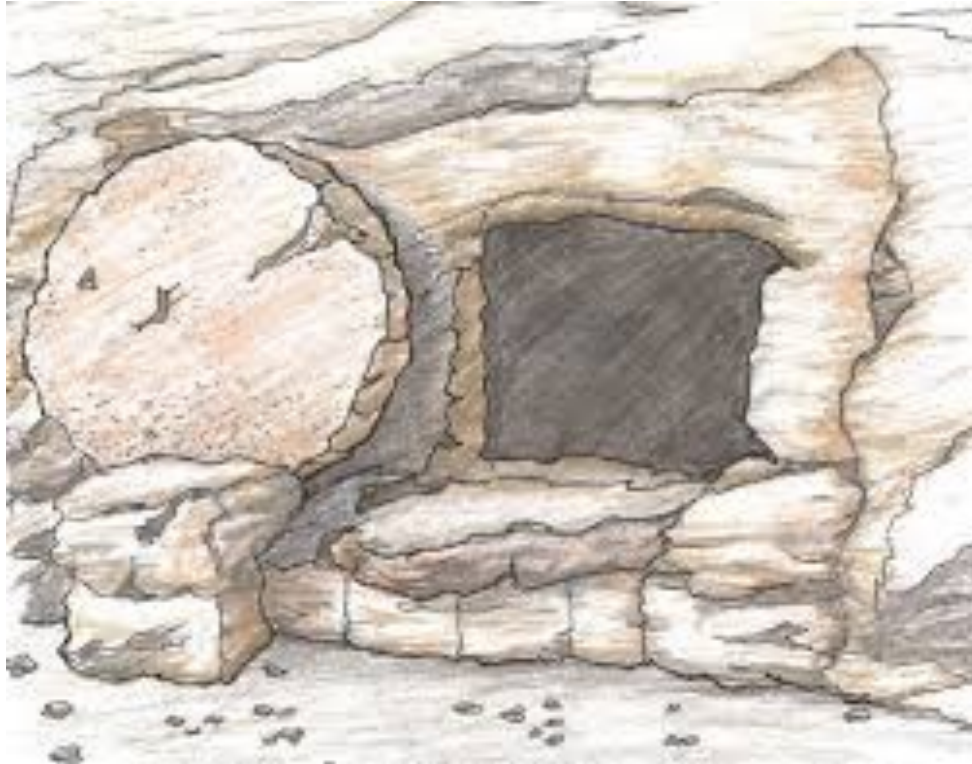


He is Risen!



Welcome, Guests, to Americus First United Methodist Church!

We are glad you are here and hope you worship with us again.
We invite you to join our congregation. If you are interested in
membership, call Rev. Jim Smith at 924-3169.

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. James W. Smith.....Senior Minister
Rev. Noel C. Perez.....Hispanic Minister
Rev. David Warlick..... Minister of Worship Arts
Charles McLendonDirector of Student Ministries
Alex Sanford.....Director of Children's Ministries
Alwen Yeung..... Pianist/Accompanist
Mark Watford Organist
Chuck McIlrath.....Interim Worship Leader

Christie UmplebyPreschool Director
Connie Brodess Church Administrator
Stephen Thompson Facility Manager
Elaine Smith..... Finance Secretary
Lyn Dozier Secretary
Louise TuckerSecretary
Sylvia Roland.....Hostess

Americus First United Methodist Church

MORNING WORSHIP

April 5, 2015 — 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Easter Sunday

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Mark Watford

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Smith

GREETING AND WELCOME CHORUS — *Surely the Presence*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Warlick

(Please fill out your communication card and place it in the offering plate later in worship.)

PRELUDE — *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* (G. F. Handel; Jan Sanborn, arr.)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Sam Pinnell and Katie Stewart

***INTROIT** — *Hallelujah!* from **MESSIAH**

(George Frederic Handel)

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

People: Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

Leader: And everyone who lives and believes in me

People: will never die."

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be
blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: For us the stone has been rolled away.

People: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ has been raised from death to life.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #302** — *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

ANTHEM — *Rejoice, It's Easter Day!*

(Jeff Reeves)

Children's Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER #895

Rev. Jim Smith

CHORAL RESPONSE — *Fivefold Amen*

(Mark Burrows)

ANTHEM — *Canticle for Easter*

(Hayden/Mozart; David E. Williams, arr.)

Chancel Choir

3K to 2nd Grade Children dismissed to Children's Worship with Alex Sanford.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #322** — *Low In the Grave He Lay*

SCRIPTURE — 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 58

Rev. Jim Smith

THE MESSAGE — *The Game Changer*

Rev. Jim Smith

TITHES, OFFERINGS and COMMUNICATION CARDS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Jim Smith

OFFERTORY — *The Holy City*

(Stephen Adams)

Michael Yates, Tenor

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***CLOSING HYMN #304** — *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

(Sing only stanzas 1 and 3.)

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Smith

***POSTLUDE**

Mark Watford, Organist

Ricky Arnold, Audio Tech

Joe Castongia, Visual Tech

* Congregation stands.



Please see an usher for an assisted listening device.

Americus First United Methodist Church

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

April 5, 2015 9:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

“The Game Changer”

1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 58

Rev. Jim Smith

Praise Team

Chuck McIlrath, leader/guitar, vocals; Adrienne McLendon, vocals
Keith Pinckard, bass guitar; Charles McLendon, electric guitar
Paul Farr, drums

Lee Pinnell, Audio Tech
Ross Youngdale, Visual Tech

Children (3k-2nd Grade) are invited to **Children’s Worship**
with Valerie Duff immediately before the Message.

APRIL 5, 2015 GREETERS AND USHERS

9:00 Greeter for April 5, 2015

Lisa Whitaker

11:00 Greeters for April 5, 2015

Front Door - Judy Tott and Wade Barr

North Door - Susan Barr

South Door - Sibyl Bledsoe and Kenzie Pugh

11:00 Ushers for April 5, 2015

Captain Carson Walker, Greg Austin, Louis Bridges,
Mike Denham, Jim Gatewood, Franklin Hardin, Sam Hunter, Randy Jones,
Bill NeSmith, Mark Pace, Robert Parks, Jimmy Williams

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Georgia Anne Arthur, Debra Brown, Beth Carroll, Carolyn Daniel,
Freddie Dudley, Sharon Dutton, Joyce Easterlin, Marion Franklin, Walt Grant,
Candice Hancock, Evelyn Heys, Jim Ed and Mary Frances Knight, Larry Kobs,
Cooper Kurth, Pam Law, Norinne Lowell, Gene Malcom, Augusta Mathis,
Rebecca and Bobby McNeill, Teresa McNeill, Jack Partain, Ginger Perkins,
Carroll and Nell Purvis, Sparky Reeves, Geri Smarr, Brenda Stanfield,
Margaret Sturdivant, Betty Teasley, Betty Trammell, Liz Turpin,
Rodney Vance, Thomas Wall, Hazel Waller, Julian Webb and Justin Willis.

FLOWERS

The Easter lilies in the Social Hall and Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of **loved ones listed on the bulletin insert.**

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Mike and Carol Denham and family on the death of Mike's sister, Betty Ann Whisler, on March 27, 2015, in Hoschton, Georgia.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of
Dr. Robert Waller

From
Nyla and Jim Franklin
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kipp
Eugenia Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

April 8 Menu : Barbeque Chicken, Butter Beans, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler

*Cost: Adults—\$5; College—\$3; Youth and Children—\$3;
Maximum Family Cost: \$16*

PLEASE make reservations on the back of the communication card or call the church office at 924-3169 by noon on Monday.

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Membership 970

Total Worship Attendance March 29: 378

9:00 Worship Attendance	62	Hispanic Attendance	98
11:00 Worship Attendance ...	218	Hispanic Offering	\$660
Benevolence YTD.....	\$3,636	Hispanic Offering YTD.....	\$9,682
Budget Giving	\$7,673	Growth Group 3-22 to 3-28.....	56
Budget Giving YTD.....	\$183,725		
Sunday School	124		
UMYF	11		

Reminder:

You may make donations to the church by automatic draft. To do so, just call Elaine in the finance office at 924-3169.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?



If the answer is yes, that means you are a prime candidate to join the Chancel Choir! That's what we're about! We love to sing and we do so for the glory of God. We practice on Wednesday nights at 7:00 so we can offer our very best on Sunday mornings!

We especially need melody singers ... that's the female voice we call a Soprano. But that's not to say that it wouldn't help us **tremendously** to have another Alto, Tenor or Bass voice! So you see ... **YOU** are NEEDED!

Come on Wednesday night and join us!

David and the Choir

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!

We're looking for volunteers to tell the Good News of what is going on at Americus FUMC! If you have any hidden reporter instincts, journalistic ability, are Facebook or Twitter savvy, and are willing to periodically send photos and news items to local media outlets, please contact Smitty Eason at 229-938-2667.



SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING



If you are a new volunteer (or want to help with children and youth) or your certification needs to be renewed, you will need to attend one of the following training sessions.

Sunday, May 17, 12:00 noon
Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM

We would like to offer comfort to each family in our congregation who has lost a loved one. We would like to provide a meal on the day of the funeral. Please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to be on a team to provide a dish of food or be a kitchen helper at such times. Please email or call Sylvia Roland (sylvia@fumcamericus.com or 815-0977) with your contact information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 5	10 am	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 5		Easter
Apr 22	5:00 pm	We Are Family Celebration
Jun 7-12	9a-noon	Vacation Bible School
Jul 13-19	8:30a-1:30p	Music Camp

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5, 2015 EASTER

- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Social Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for the Children's Department
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship in the HWC
- 11:30 a.m. Hispanic Sunday School for Children at HWC

Monday, April 6, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Roland Growth Group in the Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Staff Pastor-Parish Relations in the Conference Room
- 6:15 p.m. Warlick Growth Group in the Wesley Classroom
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study in the Parlor

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

- 5:00 a.m. Hispanic Prayer Time at HWC
- 8:40 a.m. Bright Beginnings Chapel in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. American Sign Language in the Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Nimble Fingers in the Sheffield-Wooten Classroom
- 6:30 p.m. Smith Growth Group at the home of Diane and Jim Smith

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast in the Foundry
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper in the Social Hall
- 6:00 p.m. GLOW in the Children's Department
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study in the Foundry
- 6:00 p.m. Comer Growth Group in the Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Lowrey Growth Group in the Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Raines Growth Group in the Epworth Classroom
- 6:00 p.m. Shealy Growth Group in the Wesley Classroom
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team in the Social Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study (Children, young adults and adults) at HWC
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Youth Activity at HWC

Thursday, April 9, 2015

- 5:00 a.m. Hispanic Prayer Time at HWC
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team in the Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayer Service at HWC

Food Pantry

Macaroni
& Cheese

Ramen
Noodles

Green Beans

UMM RETREAT



April 24-25, 2015
Epworth by the Sea
"A Heart for the Harvest"

Please contact Jody Wade (591-9277) soon if you are interested in going.

PRAYER TIME IN CHAPEL

Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
Sundays, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Growth Group Questions

April 5, 2015 (Easter Sunday)

I Corinthians 15:1-8, 58

The Game Changer

1. What is the difference between "resuscitation" and "resurrection"?
2. What is the significance of Paul saying in verse 6 that "he (Jesus) appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living"?
3. What is the significance of verse 3a?
4. What does the statement, "the resurrection of Jesus changes everything" mean to you?
5. Do you think that the church has had "too small a view" of the resurrection of Jesus? Why or why not?

Calendar Dates for 2015

2015

April 5, 2015
Easter Egg Hunt
Children's Department

April 22, 2015
WE ARE FAMILY CELEBRATION
Social Hall

June 7-12, 2015
Vacation Bible School
FUMC

July 13-17, 2015
Children's Music and Arts Camp
FUMC

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00a to 5:00p
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon
Friday is Jim's, David's,
Alex's and Charles' day off.

Finance Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00a -3:00p