

Informer *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RIPLEY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 2024

Hi Everyone,

I want to take the time to introduce myself. My name is Marlene Vandegriff and I am the new secretary for the Church.

A little bit about myself – I grew up in Ripley and am married to David Vandegriff. David and I have two children, Christin and Jared, two granddaughters, Jennifer and Juliana, and a great grandson, Elijah. I was previously employed as a legal secretary for many years with J. Thomas Caldwell Law Office (formerly Caldwell & Fitzhugh), and most recently as an accounts payable clerk with Lauderdale Lumber/C&C Equipment Rental and River City Equipment Rental d/b/a Empower Rental Group. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, antiquing, traveling, spending time with family, friends and my three rescue dogs.

I appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to work at Ripley FUMC and I look forward to meeting all of you. If you need anything, please reach out to me. I also want to send out a big THANK YOU to Kitty Vestal who has been and continues to be a blessing to me in the training process.

Marlene

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APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Communion Servers/April 7th

John & Michelle Brazier

Greeters

Steve & Cindy Brabec, Jill Carpenter, Linda Maxwell, Jayden Parham

Ushers

Rob Cherry, Lee English, Jerry Leath, Kenny Parham

Liturgists

April 7 Austin Kissell
 April 14 Marlene Simpson
 April 21 Elizabeth Lague
 April 28 Linda Jennings

Acolyte

April 7 Don & Eli Harrell
 April 14 Billy Currie & William Howell
 April 21 Kasen Racine and Edward Lague
 April 28 Billy Currie & Alyssa Vowell

Hospitality

April 7 John Brazier, Jim Coffman, Angie Koonce
 April 14 Amy Fullen, Scott Fullen, Marilyn Poston
 April 21 Latricia Carihfield, Aubrey Heathcott, April York
 April 28 Marilyn Chisholm, Burnie Norman, Leslie Sigman

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Attendance and Offerings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>In House</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Offering</u>
03/03/24	127	273	\$7,256.00
03/10/24	102	193	\$9,905.26
03/17/24	95	266	\$9,290.00
03/24/24	132	230	\$5,792.00

Altar Flowers

April 7 Forrest/Audrey Heathcott
 April 14 Paul/Elizabeth Lague
 April 21 Bill/Linda Maxwell
 April 28 Carol Caldwell

Bags of Hope

In memory of Mary Kate Wyatt
Sherry & Perry Layne

Children's Fund

In honor of Lee & Dawn Johnston
Tommy & Donna Sanders

General Fund

In honor of Joann Crain
Jonathan & Paula Tatum
In honor of Carol Caldwell
Jonathan & Paula Tatum
In honor of Paul Lague
Jonathan & Paula Tatum
In memory of Mary Kate Wyatt
Mary Marley Pipkin
In memory of Mary Kate Wyatt
Miller Delgadillo
In memory of Edith Harris
Bill Williams
In memory of Jack Correll
Joann Crain

Lunch With Us

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Jimmy Wyatt
Joann Crain, Temple & Ellen

Martha's Cupboard

In memory of Dorothy Woodard
Bill & Carol Davis
In memory of Dorothy Woodard
Ivan & Jean Criner
In memory of Lauren Shoaf
Dan & Carol Walker
In memory of Carolyn Starnes
Dan & Carol Walker
In memory of Mary Kate Wyatt
Dan & Carol Walker
In memory of Justin Garrett
Dan & Carol Walker
In memory of Bill & Betty Thompson
Dan & Carol Walker
In memory of Betty Thompson
Peggy Reviere
In memory of Mary Kate Wyatt
Peggy Reviere
In memory of Lauren Shoaf
Peggy Reviere

Music Fund

In memory of Mary Kate Wyatt
Bill & Carol Davis
In honor of Don & Charlotte Ammons
George & Judy Tyree
In memory of Edith Harris
Joann Crain
In memory of Steve Crain
David & Teresa Queen
In memory of Floyd Crain
David & Teresa Queen
In memory of Edith Harris
David & Teresa Queen
In memory of Steve Koonce
David & Teresa Queen
In memory of Jack Correll
David & Teresa Queen

Sr. Adults

In memory of Carolyn Starnes
Larry & Diann McBride
In memory of Earlene Craig
Larry & Diann McBride
In memory of Mary Kate Wyatt
Larry & Diann McBride
In memory of Timmy Kissell
Larry & Diann McBride

Youth Fund

In memory of Lauren Shoaf
Don & Charlotte Ammons
In memory of Justin Garrett
David & Teresa Queen

Thank You Note:

My family and I would like to thank all of you who celebrated my 90th birthday with us. It was a beautiful day and spending it with so many of my friends and family made it even more special. I also want to thank you for the many calls, cards and gifts. It meant so much to me and makes me realize how truly blessed I am. Thank you again and may God bless you all.

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You!

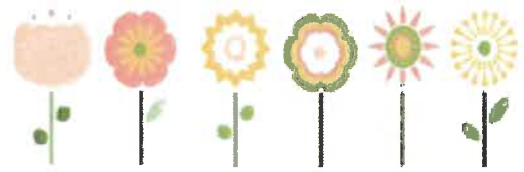
Thank you note:

The Lauderdale County Election Commission would like to say "Thank you". We appreciate the use of your building for the elections. We could not have had as many successful elections without you building. If for any reason the building was not left clean to your satisfaction, please let me know. Once again "Thank you".

Best Regards,

Cinda Tillman
Administrator of Elections

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- April 1 Elizabeth Lague
- April 2 Beth Kadlec
- April 3 Renee Nelson
- April 4 Roland Henderson
- April 5 Alex Baker
Gia Gavino
Andy Johnston
Rose Lynn
Jenny Skinner
- April 7 Katie Brassfield
David Elkins
Payne Fullen
Teresa White
- April 9 Lula Murile Meadows
- April 10 Luke Acree
McKenzie Haislip
Katherine Leake
- April 11 Rhonda Hardy
Jerry Hastings
- April 12 Ann Dunavant
- April 13 Luke Caldwell
Dennis King
- April 14 Meg Fullen
- April 15 Jessica Manley
Chelsi Short
Craig Tucker
- April 16 Myles Brazier
Steen Coleman
- April 17 Shelby Drumwright
- April 18 Suzanne Betz
Latricia Crihfield
- April 20 Billy Chisholm
Sarah Digger
- April 24 Jay Caldwell
- April 25 Jose Flores, Jr
Aaron Patterson
- April 27 John Brazier
Papi Wong
- April 28 Emily Anthony
Jack Gardner
- April 30 Lauren Shelby Douglas
Donna K. Sanders



I am doing a partial repeat from March...

I do want to take this time to thank everyone for everything done for our children and our youth. It amazes me every day how loving and giving our church family is. I truly thank you all. While thankful for what we have received, **we are still in need of your support** for our "2024 Mission Trip" and other things going on with our children and youth. Thank you in advance for your financial support and mostly for your prayers. Also, sign up to feed the youth on Sundays! This helps tremendously! Plus, the youth get to know you better!

Our youth are busy with sports right now! You should see my calendar! We have softball, baseball, soccer, track, middle school and high school and also other things like choir, band and voice performances! If you get the opportunity, go to some of their games or at least one of their games! It would mean the world to them to see their church family supporting them.

We have been preparing for our yard sale and graduation luncheon. The yard sale is April 6 and the Graduation luncheon is April 28. We have several seniors in our church family. **If I am missing any, please let me know.**

Billy Currie
Alyssa Vowell
Chandler Wilson

Jackson Fullen
Reese White

Jaycee Rose
Austin Wilson

(All are members of Ripley First United Methodist Church except for Austin and Chandler Wilson. They have been part of the youth group.)

You all know, it takes a village...

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Saturday, April 13th

The Family of Dennis King invite you to a celebration to honor his 90th Birthday – April 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Ripley Country Club – no gifts please.

Monday, April 15th

Informer Articles Due for May Newsletter

Thursday, April 25th

Senior Adult Luncheon will be Thursday, April 25th in the Activity Building at 11:30 am. The guest speaker will be Brian Kelley.





Children and Youth are planning a yard sale on April 6, 2024!

If you have any items you would like to donate, we would gladly accept!

You can bring your items any time beginning now until April 5!

The sale will start at 7:00 a.m. in the Activities Building!

VBS 2024

Save the Date

June 3-5

5:30 - 7:30

at WKC



Mission Trip 2024: Delta Grace

Plans are being made!

June 9-13

Let me know if you are interested in helping in any way!



Graduation Luncheon 2024

April 28, 2024

Congratulations to our seniors!

Billy Currie
Jackson Fullen
Jaycee Rose
Alyssa Vowell
Reese White
Austin Wilson
Chandler Wilson



