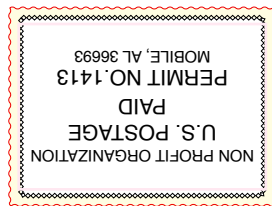


Kingswood United Methodist Church

A note from Pastor Joe Reams



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KUMC Weekly Schedule 251-661-0420

Sunday

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Adult and Youth Handbells.....	4:00 p.m.
MYF Snack Supper/Youth Choir.....	5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Prayer Breakfast.....	8:00 a.m.
United Methodist Women Circles	
Dorcas • Second Tuesday.....	10:00 a.m.
Lydia • Second Tuesday.....	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Prayer Group.....	10:00 a.m.
Lacefield Hall opens to begin serving supper.....	5:00 p.m.
Order of St. George (Youth Room).....	5:00 p.m.
Youth Supper.....	5:30 p.m.
Children's Choir (ages 4 through 5th grade).....	5:30 p.m.
Children's Supper.....	6:00 p.m.
AUXANO for Youth (Youth Room).....	6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study.....	6:15 p.m.
Children's Handbell Choir (ages 2nd grade through 5th grade).....	6:20 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Promise Keepers.....	6:30 a.m.
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United Methodist Men..... Called meetings as necessary

Life is good! Not perfect. Not even great. But life is good. That is the lesson that the drama of Easter attempts to demonstrate. We offer God our imperfect lives, and in the Hands of this Artist we discover that we are mysteriously mended and gloriously restored. Calvary's cross was the ultimate absurdity. When we accept our acceptance offered in Christ, our Lord and new friend can then teach us what it means to walk through life's lesser absurdities undestroyed, because the risen Jesus has hold of our hands. Jesus and you constitute a winning team!

Here are some of those lesser absurdities that threaten to undo us. Most of us have frankly been there:

- When you give your heart to someone who doesn't accept it.
- When you learn a sport, practice hard and still don't make the team.
- When you study and pursue a profession, only to find that you hate your work.
- When you create something beautiful, and discover no one's interested.
- When you try to resist temptation, but then give in to it again and again.
- When you jump to a new job, and then lose it in a downsizing.
- When you put money into a home, only to see your equity disappear.
- When you retire from a long career, and wake up with nothing to do.
- When you lose your spouse to cancer, and find yourself alone in the world.

God is bigger than any "curve ball" life can throw you. He has something special for you to do with the lessons you've learned. Come to Kingswood and renew your relationship with God and with your future.

Pastor Joe

The Paschal Candle



During the Children's Bread time on April 19, we talked about the Paschal candle. Here's a little more information about the meaning and tradition of Paschal candles. The flame of the candle symbolizes Christ's illuminating light, and his presence in the midst of his people. The term "Paschal" comes from the word Pesach, which in Hebrew means Passover. In many ways it signifies the Divine pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night that led the Israelites in their exodus from slavery in Egypt.

The Paschal candle is the largest candle in the worship space, and in medieval church Paschal candles often reached stupendous size. The Paschal candle of Salisbury Cathedral was said to have been 36 feet tall.

Paschal candles are white, and will be decorated with some common symbols. The cross is always the central symbol. The Greek letters, alpha and omega, are sometimes used. Sometimes frankincense is embedded into the candle to represent the five wounds of Jesus.

The candle is lit on Easter Sunday and will continue to be lit every Sunday until Pentecost. After Pentecost, the candle is lit for special services such as baptisms or funerals.

*information from wikipedia

Kingswood's Paschal candle has the letters *I N R I* on it. These letters represent the words Jesus (*I*) of Nazareth (*N*) King (*R*) of the Jews (*I*). These are the words Pontius Pilate had put on Jesus' cross.