

# OAK FOREST NEWS

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**THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!!    HE IS RISEN!!    HE IS RISEN INDEED!!**

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the *core belief* of our faith ó the linchpin of all that we believe --  
*the resurrection of the Son of God* ó Jesus Christ ó our Lord and Savior --- and all that this means to us!!

In John 20:29, Jesus told Thomas, *“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*

Those **WHO HAVE NOT SEEN??** ---- That's us folks!!

We **HAVE NOT SEEN**, yet we **BELIEVE!!** We have all the proof we need ó our proof is called FAITH ó

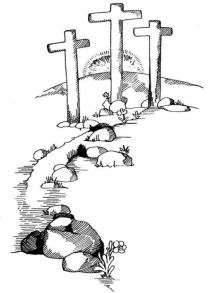
**WE KNOW THAT:**

HE died on the Cross ó

On the third day, HE arose from the dead ó

HE ascended into heaven ó

AND HE sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty



**WE    KNOW    THIS    TO    BE    TRUE**

During April, we will be talking about the importance of the Resurrection to us; also we will be looking at the wondrous appearances of the Resurrected Christ during the 40 days after the empty tomb nearly 2,000 years ago.

I am so very happy that I have been asked to spend time with you as your Pastor!! I will be joining you the day after Easter ó and I just can't wait!

**HAPPY EASTER TO EACH OF YOU!!!!**

*Pastor Dick Richards*

Please pray for our Mission Team. They will be leaving on Sunday, April 12th to work in Fruitland Park, Florida at the Warren Willis United Methodist youth camp.



Thank you to all the youth who helped chop, tote & stack wood for the Hinton's Firewood Ministry. All the hard work will help keep our neighbor's homes warm!



### UMW Meeting

Wednesday, April 15th at 1:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at Sara Smith's home  
776 Jarrett Road in Hayesville.  
For directions call Sara at 389-1401.

Pastor Dick Richards will be our interim pastor beginning on April 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015 this is his Pastor profile.

Born Ft. Myers, FL and spent life there until 2005.

Graduate of University of Florida. Career as Certified Public Accountant, Licensed Real Estate Broker and Certified Family Mediator.

Lifelong United Methodist; born into First United Methodist Church in Ft. Myers.

Served that Church as MYF Leader, Finance Committee Leader, Lay Speaker, Sunday school Teacher and Stephen Minister.

Answered 45+ year old calling to Ministry in 2005 by beginning to serve at Clarks Chapel/Bethel UMC Charge in Franklin, NC. Licensed as Local Pastor by WNC Conference.

Retired from appointment in 2010 and have continued to minister as a supply Pastor. Ministry and preaching both in NC and FL. Active in Walk to Emmaus.

Retirement unsatisfying and I have returned to active service this year.

Together, Victoria and I have 4 grown children, 7 grandchildren, 2 grand dogs and a Yorkie (Hercules) who makes all of our decisions. We have winter residence in FL, but live in Franklin NC.

**Pastor Dick**  
**828-371-7213**

*Pastor Dick is going to be a full time pastor for Oak Forest. He will be in the office 4 days a week unless he is out visiting shut ins and he looks forward to meeting everyone.*



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| Rev. Dick Richards  | April 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Connor Davis        | April 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Anthony Satterfield | April 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Emma Shook          | April 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Irma McClure        | April 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Claire Chester      | April 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Ethan Hunter        | April 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Barbara Pachy       | April 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Charles Bell        | April 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Anita Lance         | April 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| Susie Brechbill     | April 30 <sup>th</sup> |

#### Finance Committee

#### "Your Annual Giving"

**Please read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

Christian financial commitments are not commercial breaks in order to fund the congregations ministry. They come straight out of the Good News as part of our ministry and emphasize the need of the giver to give, not to the need of the church to receive. Their purpose is to emphasize growth in people's lives as disciples of Jesus Christ; encourage commitment to faith through first fruits living; extravagant generosity; and financial responsibility as faithful, joyful givers.

Prayerfully consider adding 10% to your current offering this year. (examples: \$50 per month = \$55 per month or \$100 per month = \$110 per month.) Then watch the results in yours and other people's lives grow.

Blessings,

Your Faithful Financial Stewards

**Oak Forest now has a website! Check us out online at: [www.oakforestchurch.org](http://www.oakforestchurch.org)**

#### Administrative Council Meeting

**Sunday, April 19th  
at 6:00 p.m.**

#### Family Worship Night Sunday, April 26th 6:10-7:00 p.m.



#### Outreach Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 28th  
at 6:30 p.m.**

To share information in this newsletter please call the church office: 828-389-9077  
Or send an email: [oakforestumc@dnet.net](mailto:oakforestumc@dnet.net)