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When Faith Meets Our Questions

On Sunday, we heard the story of Thomas—a disciple often remembered for doubt but known in Scripture simply as *the Twin*. That detail invites us to see ourselves in him.

Because if we are honest, we have all been there—wanting something real to hold onto when life feels uncertain.

Thomas did not pretend. When he heard the others speak of the risen Christ, he told the truth about where he was. And maybe that is where faith begins—not with certainty, but with honesty.

“Resurrection faith is not just something we celebrate—it is something we live.”

Psalm 16 reminds us that trust in God does not come from having all the answers, but from knowing God is present even when life is unclear.

And here is the good news: Jesus does not reject Thomas. He meets him—right in the middle of his questions.

That same invitation is extended to us. We do not have to resolve every doubt before coming to Christ. We are welcomed as we are.

Easter is more than a moment of celebration. It is a way of living. Resurrection faith continues in everyday life—in ordinary days, in unanswered questions, and in moments that call for courage.



As we move through this Easter season, consider:

- Where am I still searching?
- Where is God meeting me now?
- What step of faith is before me?

Faith is not about having everything figured out. It is about staying close to Jesus long enough to be changed.

This week, take one step of trust—offer grace, show compassion, or reach out in love.

-Rev. Kerry Foote

Pastor Visit

If you would like a visit from our pastor, please do not hesitate to call either Susan Capelouto (Administrative Assistant) or Rev. Kerry Foote so that a visit can be arranged.

Music Director (Part-Time)

Chaires Methodist Church – Chaires, FL

Chaires Methodist Church, a small country congregation, is seeking a part-time **Music Director** to lead our adult choir and guide the musical life of our church.

Responsibilities:

- Direct weekly adult choir rehearsal
- Lead choir during Sunday worship
- Select and schedule music for weekly services and special seasons
- Collaborate with the pastor in worship planning
- Foster a welcoming and spiritually enriching rehearsal environment

Qualifications:

- Experience directing choirs or leading church music
- Ability to work with volunteer musicians
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Commitment to Christian faith and meaningful worship

Position Details:

- Part-time: 6–8 hours per week
- Additional seasonal responsibilities (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter)
- Compensation commensurate with experience

The Music Director reports to the Pastor and works collaboratively with church leadership. To apply, please submit a resume and brief statement of interest to: pastor.foote@outlook.com.



We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Chaires-Methodist-Church-61561720372576/>



I need flowerpots for the Humble House Plant Project. All sizes, colors and condition! I'll take plants too.

At least 100 plants have been donated so far!

Susan Capelouto



Church Members

Lynn Fannin / Mike and Carol Stallard / Church Choir / Diane and David Matthews / Marty Holland / Rick and Paula Davies / Nancy Hardison / Amy Clark

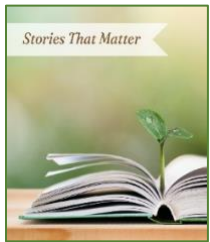
Friends and Family

Roger Rook (Terry and Mike Hatcher) / Leslie (Unknown) / Friend of Kathy Strubble / Tim Bricker (Kerry Foote) / Scott Sullivan (Maggie Hall) / Pat Powers (Mary Alice Linzy) / Nasir (Unknown) / Situation in Middle East (Diane Matthews)



Stories That Matter: New Sermon Series

Easter is not just a single day—it is a whole season of renewal, promise, and hope that began on April 5, 2026, and continues until Pentecost Sunday. This special time, known as Eastertide, invites us to lean into the stories that truly matter and reflect on the Resurrection’s impact



in our lives. Each week in our new sermon series, we’ll gather to explore the journeys of those who wrestled with the meaning of Easter, along with Jesus’ words of preparation that guide us to live the reality of eternity here and now.

We lovingly challenge each member of our church family to make this season a priority—come, be present, and invite a friend or neighbor to join us. Sharing these “stories that matter” can encourage and inspire not only ourselves but those around us. Let’s fill our pews with love, laughter, and a renewed sense of community as we journey together through Eastertide. We can’t wait to see you and those you bring!

Amy Clark Fundraiser



Amy Clark, a member of our church family at Chaires Methodist Church, was seriously injured after being knocked down by a pack of dogs at a dog park. She

suffered significant leg injuries requiring surgery, along with a hospital and rehab stay. She now faces a long recovery before returning to work. Her family has created a GoFundMe to help with medical and living expenses:

<https://gofund.me/8aa0e654a>

If you prefer not to use GoFundMe, Publix gift cards are another way to help with everyday needs. Thank you for keeping Amy in your prayers during this time.



Eastertide Small Group Bible Study: A Season to Grow

This Eastertide, we invite you to go deeper by joining a small group Bible study that will coincide with our sermon series. This opportunity comes directly from you. One of the requests shared during our recent town hall meeting was a desire for more small group connection and spiritual growth. We heard you—and this is one way we are responding.

Beginning **Thursday, April 16th through May 21st**, Pastor Kerry will lead a weekly, discussion-based Bible study that explores the same themes and scriptures from our Sunday messages. This is a chance to ask questions, share insights, and grow together in faith.

Two meeting times are available each week:

9:00 a.m. (Sunday School Room) – light breakfast provided

7:00 p.m. (Parsonage) – snacks and refreshments provided

We lovingly challenge you to make this a priority during Eastertide. Faith grows when we intentionally show up, open God’s Word, and walk alongside one another. Study guides are available on the back sign-up table in the Multi-Purpose Building or e-mail Kerry Foote to request a digital copy. (pastor.foote@oputlook.com)

April 16th-Theme: Unless I See

Thomas reminds us that the power of Resurrection is inseparable from its reality.

April 23rd – Theme: Astound Us

Resurrection unsettles our certainty and invites us into astonishment.

April 30th- Theme: Knowing That Voice

Like sheep, we learn to recognize the Shepherd’s voice together.

May 7th- Theme: You Know the Way

This lesson invites us to unite belief with holy living, exploring how faith shapes our daily choices and communal witness.

May 14th- Theme: The Story Abides

The Spirit abides in us, preserving and weaving our shared story as the body of Christ.

May 21st- Theme: So That They May Be One

Jesus prays for our unity and glorification in him.

Come be part of this journey—let’s grow together.

April Birthdays

- Messer, Wanda 1
- Lightfoot, Gordon 9
- Wood, Jeannette 14
- Pahl, Debbie 15
- Chaires, Franklin 23
- Stallings, Mike 28

April Anniversaries

- Pahl, Michael & Debbie 9
- Dale & Susan Thompson 11