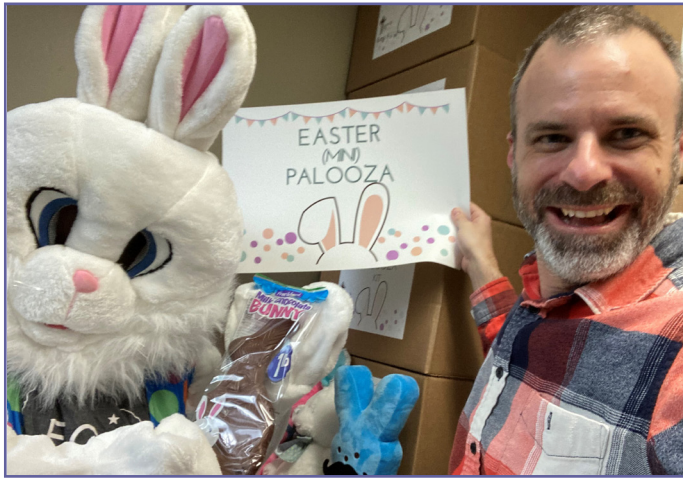


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Easter (mini) Palooza Rev. Carson Thaxton



5 Steps to host your own Easter (mini) Palooza

- 1 Pick up an Easter (mini) Palooza Kit on Sunday, March 28, following Palm Sunday service, 12 to 1 p.m. outside the sanctuary for easy drive-thru access. Each kit will contain 250 Easter eggs!
- 2 Pick a date and time and place (your backyard, a park, somewhere with good egg hiding potential).
- 3 Invite your family, friends, neighbors, or anyone to join you.
- 4 Hide eggs.
- 5 Share the Good News of Jesus!

Easter

the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Palooza

an exaggerated event or party

EasterPalooza at its heart is all about the free grace of God. It's a strange question, but what kind of Easter party would God want? Well, a strange question brought about a strange answer: EasterPalooza. **Even though this year we are not meeting as a large crowd on the square, we still have a big message of resurrecting hope to proclaim.** This has always been the priority of the event. Every time I read about Jesus, he is welcoming the stranger, lavishly offering grace, and encouraging those around him to love their neighbors as themselves. The gift of Easter offers a whole world hope for today and tomorrow. This divine hope and this divine love are exactly what drive us a followers of Jesus to share this message. I hope you will join in this mission of offering an Easter celebration in your yard, neighborhood, somewhere, or anywhere to share the greatest story of love we know—the story of Jesus.

You get to be messengers of Jesus, his resurrection, and our new life in Jesus, just as Mary Magdalene first did. *"I have seen the Lord,"* she told the disciples in John 20:18. We carry the message of Jesus Christ, the hope, the salvation, and the resurrection to be shared with all around us. Go! Share the good news of Jesus and all the goodness and life abundant that has been revealed through him! Go tell people about the story of Easter! Have a party! Be Easter people! Go and be EasterPalooza people with others who need to be reminded of our hope in Jesus!

We hope this Easter (mini) Palooza is a blessing to you and anyone with whom you share the special day.



Reserve Easter Lilies by March 30

Express your love with the gift of an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone. Recognitions will be included in the April 4 Easter Sunday Order of Worship. Lilies will enhance worship on Easter and will be available for pickup following the 11 a.m. service. [Just follow this link and order by March 30 to be included in recognitions.](#) Cost: \$15 each.

Blood Drive is this Sunday, March 28 Choose your time to give blood. Just go to redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code **ffumc** to select a time for the March 28 blood drive or email ffumcblooddrive@gmail.com for help with scheduling. [Click here for tips before donating.](#)



Our Lenten Journey Continues



Lenten Offering — Our offering supports the Rise Against Hunger packing event later this year. Place Lenten Bags on chancel rail on Easter or designate “Lenten Offering” on check or online donation.

Lenten Meditations — Ethel Taylor Circle shares this week’s Lenten Meditation with a pre-recorded presentation from Danny Beck (no in-person meeting this week). Watch any time beginning this Thursday, March 25. [Just follow the link at FayettevilleFirst.com under Lenten Meditations or click here.](#)

Holy Week Services –In-person and online ([links at FayettevilleFirst.com](http://FayettevilleFirst.com))

Palm Sunday, March 28, 11 a.m., Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin, *Covenant Crowds*, Mark 11:1-11

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., Rev. Carson Thaxton

Good Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., Service of Word and Music

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, The Field at FFUMC, Bring your own chair, no reservation needed

8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m. in sanctuary. [Please make a reservation.](#)

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Looking good! Thanks for helping spruce up our campus last week. Let’s finish up this Saturday, March 27, between 8 a.m. and noon. [Sign up here to let us know you’re coming.](#) Questions? Contact Kathe Anderson, Trustee Chair, 470-725-7607.



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a little love!