



*He is Risen!*

**Suncrest**  
United Methodist Church

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

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# Sunrise Worship Service 7:00 am

Mark Markel, Lay Leader

Angela Smith, Director of Music

*Breakfast following in Old Drummond*

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## Call to Worship

Out of the darkness of grief and despair  
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

**And it is true. Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

We hear a voice call our name,

**and we know our risen Lord**

**is going ahead of us now and always.**

Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn            “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

**Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**

**Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!**

**Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!**

**Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Loves redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**

**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**

**Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!**

**Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!**

The Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

**The Message    “He Is Going Ahead of Us”**

**Rev. Larry Buckland**

Easter Offering

“I Will Rise”

Rich and Alise Chaffins

Low in the grave He lay,  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus, my Lord!

**Refrain:**

*Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Death cannot keep his Prey,  
Jesus, my Savior;  
He tore the bars away,  
Jesus, my Lord!  
*(Refrain)*

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## Tune In Tuesdays to “The Rev. Rambles On”



### We are looking for acolytes!

An acolyte is a child or youth aged 8 or up who assists in the worship service. Please contact Christina Thomas at 304/599-6306 or [christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org](mailto:christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org). A training will be held in the near future.

You can listen on Spotify or Apple Podcasts, or on the Suncrest YouTube channel. Search for “The Rev. Rambles On,” or see links to the podcast on the Suncrest Facebook page Tuesday mornings.

# Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Mark Markel, Lay Leader

Angela Smith, Director of Music

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Prelude

“Water Music: Hornpipe in D”

Handel

Montani Quartet: Noah Bowles, Ivan Law,  
Irene Guerra Rudas, and Samuel Rolim

Welcome/Morning Prayer

*(Pre-K through 5th Grade dismissed to “The Neighborhood”)*

The Call to Worship

Yesterday we thought death had won.  
Yesterday we thought all was lost.  
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

**But not today.**

**Today we know that love has won.**

**Today we know that hope is real.**

**Today we know that Christ is here.**

We have a reason to hope.

**We have a reason to sing!**

**Alleluia!**

Alleluia!

**Christ is risen today!**

Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

arr. Dobrinski

Prayer of Confession

**The stone is rolled away!**

**We assume it is a mistake.**

**The angels say, “He is not here!”**

**We assume their news is fake.**

**The women tell the story,**

**but we do not want to hear it.**

**Peter runs to the tomb,**

**but we do not understand.**

**Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb**

**is nothing more than a prank.**

**Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths**

**and still holding tight to death.  
Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope  
when you are alive and well in the world.  
Teach us to see what you see.  
Unravel the threads of our unbelief.  
Amen.**

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture                      Luke 24:1-12                      Bill Carlton

Anthem:                      “Hallelujah”                      Beethoven  
Chancel Choir; Montani Quartet

**Wandering Heart Sermon Series:**  
*Figuring Out Faith with Peter*  
**“And I Hope”**

**The Message**

**Rev. Larry Buckland**

The Offering

Offertory                      “I Will Rise”                      arr. Courtney  
Chancel Choir; Montani Quartet;  
Vocal Trio: Raia Redick, Riley Dalton, David Scoville  
Percussion: Chris Little

**March Noisy Offering: Scott’s Run Settlement House**

*Please drop your loose change in the bucket and pass through the pew to the ushers*

Doxology

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

**“He Lives”                      310 UMH**

Opportunities

**Benediction Response    “Up from the Grave He Arose” (vs. 1)    322 UMH**

Postlude                      “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring”                      Bach  
Montani Quartet

# Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

Sheree Wetzel, Lay Leader; Rich Chaffins, Contemporary Music Director

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“God So Loved”

“Living Hope”

Morning Prayer

“The Jesus Way”

Greeting

A Time Mostly for Children

Mark Markel

*(Pre-K through 5th Grade dismissed to “The Neighborhood”)*

## March Noisy Offering: Scott’s Run Settlement House

Prayer for Understanding

The Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Shari Burgess

## Wandering Heart Sermon Series

*Figuring Out Faith with Peter*

The Message

“And I Hope”

Rev. Larry Buckland

Invitation to meet with God

Offertory

“Death in His Grave”

- Prayers for others – light a candle and pray for someone on your heart today. Come to the prayer rail and spend time with God.
- Prayers for you – meet Pastor Larry at the prayer rail for anointing and prayer.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Opportunities

“Rise Up (Lazarus)”

## MUSICIANS:

Emily Arnett, Alise Chaffins, Rich Chaffins, Rob Chrise-Tritt,  
Curtis Johnson, Greer Lambert, Lexi Mankamyer

## SUMC PLAYLIST

Scan the QR code if you enjoy the music the worship team brings us each week. We’ve made a Spotify playlist that is updated every Tuesday and features the music for the coming week’s service!



## Please WELCOME Kayla to the SUMC Family:



### Kayla Aracich, Children's and Pre-K Aid

My name is Kayla Aracich and soon, I'll be guiding your children on their journey with Christ!

I'm from Hundred, WV, and am currently a student at Morgantown Beauty College. My goal at SUMC is to help your children thrive in the church, in their faith, and in their lives. I look forward to not only building relationships with them, but watching their relationship with the Lord grow as well.



### UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

Please join us for a virtual District Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 6, at 9 am. Use the following Zoom link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81443740091pwd=eDR2ZTUyalpiUXdLV3dJehxcklzd09>

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Join us for the 64th Spiritual Growth Retreat, "God Loves You, on April 12 and 13, 2024, at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV.

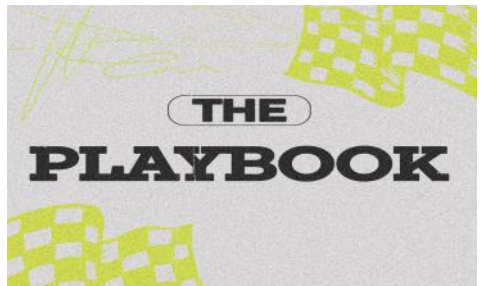
**The registration deadline is April 1.**



## Matthew for Beginners with Angel Smothers

The Bible is not the easiest to understand and this Bible study starts at ground zero. Once you know how to read and **understand** God's word, it transforms your life.

This study is open to ALL those who want to learn about God's love. For more information, please contact Angel Smothers at 304/952-4316.



### *A New Sermon Series Beginning April 14th!*

- April 14: "Teach Me How to Pray"  
Luke 11:1-13
- April 21: "Your Presence is Valued"  
Luke 4:21-30
- April 28: "You Have Gifts"  
Luke 18:18-22
- May 5: "You Can Serve"  
Romans 12:1-8
- May 12: "You are a Witness"  
Acts 1:4-11
- May 19: "All are Welcome Here"  
Acts 2:1-21



# INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Short-Term Bible Studies  
offering Spiritual Growth and Enriching Fellowship

## SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

### The Great Courses

*Meets in the Kelsey Wilkins Library*

The Catacombs class is utilizing the Great Courses video series, *The Story of the Bible*, presented by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson.

### The Gospel of Mark

*Meets in Old Drummond*

This study, based on the book *The Gospel of Mark*, by A. J. Levine, **will continue through May**. The book features an in-depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels. Please call the church office to obtain a copy of the book.

### New study begins April 14!

### The Sermon on the Mount

Join Paul and Maria Reidpath in a new study based on The Sermon on the Mount, by Drew Hunter. Everyone is welcome!.

## TUESDAYS

### Hybrid Study with Pastor Larry *Meets in Hartley Chapel and ZOOM*

This weekly study meets Tuesdays at 10 am and will begin using the *2024 Upper Room Disciplines* book and will adapt materials to different seasons and relevant topics.

## WEDNESDAYS

### Upper Room Bible Study *Meets on ZOOM*

All are invited each Wednesday at 10 am for *Upper Room Zoom*. We will read the scripture and devotion and then discuss the message for the day. Be sure to grab a copy of the *Upper Room* available at the back of the sanctuary and join us.

Meeting ID: 824 3971 4940  
Passcode: 803713

## THURSDAYS

### Men's Breakfast Bible Study *Meets on ZOOM*

Open to men of all ages. This study group meets on ZOOM Thursdays from 7:15 am to 8:00 am. Please call the church office for the Zoom link.



# HAPPENING @ SUMC THIS WEEK

## Easter Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service 7:00 am  
*Breakfast following in Old Drummond*

Traditional Service 9:00 am  
Children's Church 9:00 am  
*"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor*

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am  
Bible Studies 10:00 am  
*see page for studies offered*

Contemporary Service 11:00 am  
Children's Church 11:00 am  
*"The Neighborhood," 3rd Floor*

Rooted Youth Group 11:00 am  
*3rd Floor*

## Monday, April 1

*The Church Office Will Be Closed*

Arthritis Fitness Class 5:00 pm  
Balance Fitness Class 5:30 pm  
*Old Drummond*

## Tuesday, April 2

Upper Room Discipline 10:00 am  
*Hartley Chapel and Zoom*

Suncrest Singers 3:45 pm  
Middle School Youth 6:00 pm  
*(5th - 6th Grades, 3rd Floor)*

Cub Scout Pack 60 6:15 pm  
Drummond Ringers 6:30 pm  
Peace with Justice 7:00 pm  
*Old Drummond*

Troop 65 7:00 pm

## Wednesday, April 3

Upper Room Zoom Study 10:00 am

Sunny Day Seniors 11:30 am  
*Terra Cafe*

Arthritis Fitness Class 5:00 pm  
Balance Fitness Class 5:30 pm  
*Old Drummond*

Middle School Youth 6:00 pm  
*(7th-8th Grade, 3rd Floor)*

## Thursday, April 4

Men's Breakfast (Zoom) 7:15 am  
Suncrest Ringers 4:00 pm  
Chancel Choir 6:30 pm

## Friday, April 5

Chinese Fellowship 7:00 pm

## Saturday, April 6

Rise Against Hunger 9:00 am  
*Wesley United Methodist Church*



## Lunch Outing Planned!

Sunny Day Seniors will meet Wed. March 6th at 11:30 a.m. at **Terra Café in Star City** for a time of fellowship and food. Lunch costs are on your own. Please contact Libby Davis at (304) 599-5993 if you have questions. Hope you can join us.



Volunteers will be packing meals on **Saturday, April 6, from 9 to 11 am at Wesley UMC**. Please contact Cathie in the church office or Carol Rotruck at (304) 685-4833 if you would like to help.



## KID CHECK-IN

You must be checked in to attend Children's Church.

### Nursery Care

is available for infants through age 2 during all worship services and the Christian Education Hour. Please check in.

### Children's Church

Age 3 to 5th Grade

9:00 am:

Pastor Larry will dismiss children.

11 am:

Children are dismissed to the 3rd floor following the children's message.

### Preschool Sunday School

Ages 3 and 5

11 am on the 3rd floor  
Children are dismissed with those attending Children's Church.



## ADVENTURES in the Neighborhood

Visit to the Neighborhood each week,  
@ 9 am & 11 am and fill up your passport with fancy stamps!

### This Week:

"Jesus gives us hope that never dies."



## TODAY @ 10:

Easter Egg Hunt & Barnyard Animals outside in the pavilion.





**ROOTED**  
YOUTH GROUP

Christina Thomas  
Director of Children & Youth  
681-285-5786 304-776-2682  
christina.thomas@suncrestumc.org

*Sunday* @ 11am  
**Bible Study**



**This Sunday:**



**5TH-6TH GRADE**

Tues. 4/2 @ 6

**7TH-8TH GRADE**

Wed. 4/3 @ 6



**April Fools Day  
History  
& Games**



**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER

Open-Door Mission Project:

**Rise Against Hunger**

Sat., April 6, 2024

9 - 11 am

See Christina for info!



## April Is Stress Awareness and Move More Month

### Featuring National Walking Day, April 5th

Research recommends walking at an active pace for a minimum of 150 minutes a week.

#### Reasons Why Walking is the Most Popular Form of Exercise:

- Walking can reduce risk of certain life-threatening diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and multiple different cancers.
- Walking can improve your blood pressure, blood sugar, and blood cholesterol levels.
- Walking is shown to promote your emotional and mental well-being and decrease the risk of depression.
- Walking is known to improve memory and decrease the risk of dementia.
- Walking decreases the risk of osteoporosis by strengthening bones.
- Walking can prevent weight gain.
- Walking improves cognitive function and sleep.

#### Tips to Hit 150-Minute-Walking Goal:

150 minutes a week is a little over 20 minutes per day. You can split 20 minutes up into four 5-minute walking sessions in between work, etc.

#### How to Be More Active During the Workday:

- Alternate sitting with standing
- Take active breaks from computer
- Walking
- Perform circuit exercises (more on these next week)

Source: <https://newsroom.heart.org/events/april-is-national-minority-health-month-stress-awareness-month-and-move-more-month-featuring-national-walking-day>

**WVU EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY**

## Arthritis Foundation & Balance Classes

### Mondays & Wednesdays

in Old Drummond Chapel

<b>Arthritis Foundation</b>	<b>Balance Class</b>
5:00 - 5:30 pm	5:30 - 6:00 pm

All ages, skills, and fitness levels welcome!

This program is offered by the WVU Exercise Physiology in conjunction with the SUMC Faith Community Nursing Team.

# Ovcharenko Family News!



Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym

In April 2023, the Ovcharenko family began their new life in the United States after fleeing the war in their home country of Ukraine. Over the past year, Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym have settled into daily life in Morgantown. Andrii currently works for Lytle Construction Company, Oksana is employed by the Suncrest Early Learning Center, and Ruvym is thriving as a second grader at North Elementary School.

The family has begun the process of making Morgantown their permanent home, and Andrii and Oksana are working with an immigration attorney to apply for asylum in the U.S. once their two-year parole status expires. Once asylum is granted, they will be permitted to stay in the country indefinitely.

Earlier this month, Andrii's older brother Alex, his wife Natalia, her mother Julia, and their 3-year-old son Mark also arrived in Morgantown from Lithuania where they were living after leaving Ukraine. The family is being

sponsored by Harner Chapel UMC. Unfortunately, the benefits that were offered to Andrii and Oksana when they arrived, such as SNAP and Medicaid, are no longer offered by the U.S. government for Ukrainian war refugees.

Because it will be 2 to 3 months before Alex and Natalia can receive their work permits, we are gratefully accepting gift cards in the church



Alex, Natalia, Julia, and Mark

office and in the offering plate. Gift cards to Walmart and Kroger would be especially helpful at this time. In addition the Mission Team has designated the April loose change offering to Alex, Natalia, and their family by way of Harner Chapel United Methodist Church.

Thank you to everyone who has offered support and welcomed Andrii, Oksana, and Ruvym to our community over the past year. Now we have the opportunity to support a new Ovcharenko family as they settle in to life in Morgantown.



***Lilies have been given to the  
Glory of God in Loving  
Memory of those we cherish:***

Shirley Pat McClure, by Mary, Andy,  
Ryan, and Ashton Smith

Paulette Smith, by Mary, Andy, Ryan,  
and Ashton Smith

Hoyett Barrow (Papa), by Hunter and  
Kristen Barbour

Carleen Barrow (Mema), by Hunter and  
Kristen Barbour

My parents, Jack and Clara Wilson, by  
Bev Kerr

Gerry Juergens, by Andrea and Andy  
Brugnoli

Bill Brown, by Sharlea Brown

Bob and Lorna Reidpath, by Paul and  
Maria Reidpath

Alberto and Zoila Torres, by Paul and  
Maria Reidpath

Kristi Badger, by Chuck and Sally  
Badger

Charles Bower, by Joyce Bower

My Gammy, Stacy Flint, by Rory Clark

My NeeNee, Anita Clark, by Rory  
Clark

My parents, Lewis and Mary Bennett,  
by Judy Greathouse

Nancy Morgan, by Kaye and Dave  
McCrary

Nancy Richmond, by Teresa, Bill, and  
Alexandra Dumire

Benjamin and Mary Jane Glasscock, by  
Steve and Susan Arnold

Gilbert and Eva Arnold, by Steve and  
Susan Arnold

Dwight Hurst, by Judy Hurst

Darrell and Grace Dotson, by D. Lyn  
and Susan Dotson

John Williams, by Christina Thomas

Preston Kuhn, by Christina Thomas

Jim Hesse, by his family

Carolyn Lang, by Carol Hunter

Paul and Joanna Nesselroad, by Mark  
and Peggy Nesselroad, Karina and Dick  
Gray, and all the grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren, with all our love

Kevin Prato, by Dan Farmer

Sgt. David Smith (US Army), by Dan  
Farmer

Jess Mapstone, by Carole Mapstone and  
Laura Twentier

Louise F. Greco, by Tom and Susan G.  
Unger

Estelle J. Unger, by Tom and Susan G.  
Unger

Ann Renee Drew, by Jeff and Julie  
Funke and Conner and Sophia Funke

Lynn Sewak, our daughter, by Lillian  
and Thomas Bell

My mom, by Carol Hunter

***Lilies have been given to the  
Glory of God in Honor of:***

Roger Smith, by Mary, Andy, Ryan,  
and Ashton Smith

C. Richard McClure, by Mary, Andy,  
Ryan, and Ashton Smith

Thelma Andy by Sharlea Brown and  
Vicki Andy

Addie and Lily Jones, by Cory and Joni  
Jones

Our parents, children, and grandkids,  
by Karen and Rick Watson

Thelma Christopher (Mother), by  
Wendell and Janice Christopher

Billy Carlton, by David and Susan  
Hardesty

My daughters, Alisa Davis and  
Michelle Slonaker, by Judy Greathouse

Floyde Stokes (101+), by D. Lyn and  
Susan Dotson

The Rooted in Faith Middle School  
Group, by Christina Thomas

The Children's Ministry Staff, by  
Christina Thomas

Doloris and Ed Prugh, by Carole  
Mapstone

Carol Sand, by Dave and Kari Jecklin

Joni Jones, by her parents, John and  
Melanie Wilson

Mia Wilson, by her parents, John and  
Melanie Wilson

John and Marie Bell, by Tom Bell

Pastor Larry, by Linda A. Lilly

Sandie Overbey, by Linda A. Lilly

Bob Davis, by Linda A. Lilly

Libby Davis, by Linda A. Lilly

Christina Thomas, by Linda A. Lilly

Christina Hostutler, by Linda A. Lilly

Kaylene and Meckenna McMillen, by  
Linda A. Lilly

Marybeth Chien, by Linda A. Lilly

Bella Dodd, by Linda A. Lilly

Ricky "Moose" Moats, by Linda A.  
Lilly

Angel Smothers, by Linda A. Lilly

Stephanie Young, by Linda A. Lilly

Cathie Falvey, by Linda A. Lilly

Joyce Daugherty, by Linda A. Lilly

Mike Daugherty, by Linda A. Lilly

Given by Isabelle Lee

## HEALING CARDS

**Larry Goodwin**

(recent surgery)

1545 Woodland Drive  
Morgantown, WV 26505

*The flowers and the candle at the  
altar today are presented to the  
Glory of God by*

**Thelma Woodburn Andy  
in honor of her family.**

## THANK YOU

*"Thank you to my church family for  
all of your support during my  
recovery from a recent fall."*

- Reita Marks

Sheila Hughes would like  
to thank the SUMC Missions Team  
for the lovely dinner they served on  
March 18 at the Rosenbaum Family  
House.

*"I thank everyone for the prayers,  
visits, calls, emails, texts, flowers, &  
caring thoughts after my shoulder  
surgery. They were all much  
appreciated!"*

*Gratefully,  
- Clark McKee*

### LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE

9:00	11:00	VIRTUAL	TOTAL
216	199	431	846

### PREVIOUSLY

3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24
353	356	404

# Let's Connect



Please take a moment and fill out the form below so that we can know you are in our midst and offer a prayer for you this week by name. If you are new, we want to get to know you, please share the information you are comfortable with.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want added to our weekly Happenings email?  
\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Let me think about it

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Are you visiting today?  
How many times have you worshipped at Suncrest?  
\_\_\_ 1st \_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_ a few times

Would you like more information about:

Jesus \_\_\_ Baptism \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_

Serving \_\_\_ Mission Opportunities \_\_\_

How can we pray for you or someone you know?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like

A call from Pastor Larry \_\_\_\_\_

A meeting with Pastor Larry \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also stop by our website or mobile app and fill out the digital Connect Card.

 [Suncrestumc.org/contact](http://Suncrestumc.org/contact)



## MORGANTOWN BATEY



In order to maintain support and awareness, a red wagon will be in the Narthex for monetary collections today. A mere \$2.00 donation per person will help offer rice, beans, and eggs to those living in the batey. Please help the Missions Team provide basic necessities to suffering people in the Dominican Republic.

## MISSION TRIP

Ron Lytle and the Mission Team are planning a mission trip to a batey in the Dominican Republic to take place during **Thanksgiving 2024**. They hope to include WVU students, SUMC members, and friends.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,500/person. The Mission Team plans to assist with some of these expenses. For more information, Contact Carol Rotruck at (304) 685-4833 or [carol.rotruck@icloud.com](mailto:carol.rotruck@icloud.com)

## MARCH PANTRY NEEDS (Scott's Run Settlement House)

- Toilet paper, baby wipes, and diapers and pull-ups (sizes 5, 6, or 7)
- Jelly, pasta, and snacks (fruit snacks and granola bars)

## VIDALIA ONIONS

Order your Vidalia onions today! (\$12 per bag) They will arrive in May. Please contact Jack Davis to place your order at 304/685-1852.