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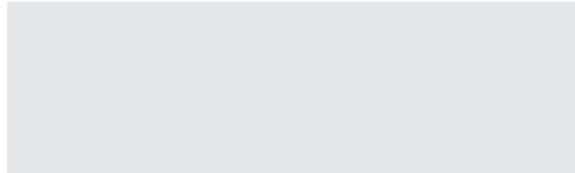


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SERVING THIS WEEK OF March 13

- Worship Leader:** Patti Jones
- Elders:** John Carden (bread); Janet Shank (cup)
- Diaconate:** Rod Burg, Larry Ellis, Sherri Wagner,
Gail Randall, Phyllis Rogers, Jeanna Montgomery
- Balcony:** Aaron Meunier, Marissa Meunier, Anne Ingersoll
- Preparatory:** Judy Graves, Carolee Sellers, Barbara Houck
- Front:** Dave Kentner
- East Door:** Joan England
- Balcony South:** Norma Kentner
- Elevator:** John Carden
- Sanctuary Superintendent (s):** Bob & Betty Sherwood
- Children's Moment:** Anne Ingersoll
- Children's Church:** Shannon Reed & Tad Goldner
- Soundboard Tech:** Chris Dace
- Coffee Fellowship Time:** Myrna Osborn
- Acolyte:** Collin Reed
- Hospital Caller:** Mary Stipanowich
- Financial Escort:** Karen Chatterton

- Kelly Ingersoll,
Minister
- Debra Abernathy,
Administrative Assistant
- Bill Froom,
Chancel Choir Director
- Tad Goldner,
Children's Minister
- Hannah Goodman,
Nursery Supervisor
- Carol Harmon,
Organist
- Paul Huff,
Custodian
- Mia Iliopoulos,
Childrens/Youth Choir Director
- Morgan Ochoa,
Nursery Assistant

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Palm Sunday, March 20

***Maundy Thursday Services
Thursday, March 24
at 7 pm First Baptist Church***

***Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Friday, March 25 at 7 pm***

***Easter Breakfast
Sunday, March 27 at 8 am***

***Children's Easter Party
Sunday, March 27 at 9 am***

***Easter Sunday Worship
at 10:30 am***

Kelly's Korner

Do you love hosting a family dinner? Maybe you love when the family dinner is over. There is much to prepare. A family dinner doesn't just happen. Getting a number count of who will attend is always a good start plus shopping for the food, cleaning the house, cooking, setting the table, greeting folks as they arrive, thinking how to separate those who might get grumpy with each other, determining who might referee the battles that happen anyway. All of this prep work is necessary so that the family can gather, eat, converse, watch and/or play games, have coffee and dessert, have shared experiences and grow in relationships.

In this week's Lenten passage, Jesus is having a family dinner of sorts. In the 12th chapter of the gospel of John, Jesus has dinner with the siblings Lazarus, Mary and Martha. We are told this happened six days before Passover, which was one week before his crucifixion. There are quite a few happenings in the course of this meal. We'll talk about those on Sunday. The final purpose of the text is that Jesus will soon leave everyone. He is preparing to die. He is preparing to rise.

There is no rising without death, no Easter without Good Friday. Jesus invites us to be like him. He begs us to follow in his ways and to pick up the cross that he will soon carry. John shares another story about Jesus. On the Passover, the disciples are entering the house where they will share the meal with Jesus. They have traveled dusty roads to get there. Jesus kneels in front of them and washes their feet. It is UNEXPECTED, UNUSUAL, UNPRECEDENTED and part of CROSS-CARRYING.

As we prepare to host a reunion of believers, may we too pick up the cross of hospitality. On Easter, may we be even more kind and friendly than usual. May we wear our nametags so that people can know our names. May we enjoy having more people than usual by inviting others to join us even if there are some discomforts like sitting closer together, moving to the middle of the pew or even to a different pew in which we do not normally sit. Thinking about things like this is a form of preparation. As we celebrate Jesus' rising, let us be so prepared.

Peace,



Monday, March 7

4:30 pm Pastoral Support
5:39 pm Outreach & Action

Tuesday, March 8

3:45 pm Pastor's Class

Wednesday, March 9

7:00 pm Lenten Study

Thursday, March 10

6:30 pm Financial Peace

Saturday, March 12

8:00 am Disciples of Men, Old Dairy

Sunday, March 13—17

Inter-generational Mission Trip

Sunday, March 13

Dave Kentner opens/closes church
Dave Kentner drives the van
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
4:45 pm Chi Rho /UMC
5:00 pm Youth Groups
5:00 pm CYF
8:00 pm College Group

March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12 Luan Barry
16 Bob Donnell
17 Kimberly Sparks
18 Elizabeth Bailey
21 Samantha Adams
25 Dean Hansen
29 Janice Mae Osborn
31 Janice Louise Osborn

Sunday, March 13

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Girl Scout Sunday
Sermon: Preparing to Rise
Scripture: John 12:1-8

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday
Sermon: Street Uprising
Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday
Sermon: Rise Up to New Life
Scripture: Luke 24:1-12



Fellowship Time

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from parlor kitchen door for April, May, and June for Fellowship time.

Spring Flowers

Easter will soon be upon us. If you would like to order a potted plant of Spring Flowers, which will adorn the altar on Easter Day, please call the church office **BEFORE MARCH 18TH**. The cost will be \$12.50. You may take your plant home after Easter service.



**Inter-Generational
Mission Trip
March 13—March 17**

**Prayer Shawl
Tuesday, March 15**

**Family Fun Night
Saturday, March 19**

**Ladies Night Out
Tuesday, April 12**

**Blanket Sunday
Sunday, April 17**

**Leaders Retreat
Tuesday, April 26**



Daylight Savings Time

Don't Forget! Sunday March 13, spring forward.

Financial Peace

We are hosting a Financial Peace University class lead and coordinated by Josh Butcher. The class meets Thursday night from 6:30—8:00 pm in the Youth Space.

FCC Nametags

Reminder...Please wear your FCC nametag on Sunday mornings and at church functions. Our nametags help in greeting visitors and making church friends so much easier!! If you have lost your nametag or if the name on the nametag has become difficult to read, see Anne Ingersoll for a replacement (and for an extra magnet). We ask for a \$8 donation to go toward re-orders. (*unless your nametag is faulty in some way) Thanks so much!!

Family Fun Night

Christian Education is sponsoring a Family Night on Saturday March 19. We will be having a light dinner, play some BINGO and win some prizes and then the Minions will be shown. So come dressed in your best Minion clothes if you have them.

Admission is free so invite friends to come watch with you. Feel free to bring your sleeping bags and pillows to snuggle up and watch the movie.

We ask that you please bring a snack to share during the movie. We will supply the popcorn and drinks. If you need a ride please call the church and let Debbie know. We will start picking up people at 5:15 pm. Hope to see everyone there

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl members will meet on March 15 at 1:00 pm in the Fireplace Room downstairs. Ladies, please come and bring a friend that would like to learn to knit or crochet. See you then!

Yard Signs for Easter

The yard signs will be ready on Sunday! There will be signs set out by each of the doors on Sunday for those who would like to place one in their yard. Like last year, you may choose to pick up two signs to place back to back as the signs are only one-sided.

*If you kept your sign from last year, make sure to pick up a "7:00" sticker to place over the Maundy Thursday time. Anne Ingersoll will have extras. Let's get our Holy Week invitation out there early while the ground is soft enough to stick our signs in!



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter egg hunt and party will be on March 27, at 9:00 am during the Sunday School hour. We will be hiding 200 eggs filled with all sorts of goodies. Eggs will be hidden outside for children K-4th. The Chi Rho Youth Group will be helping these children hunt for the eggs. The high school youth Sunday School class will be helping our nursery children find eggs inside.

After the hunt is over, we will go to the Fellowship hall for the party. We hope the weather is cooperative, but if not, both hunts will be inside.

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance and you can have your picture with him.

Christian Education

Christian Education is asking for donations of candy to fill our eggs. Please be sure that it's wrapped, small enough to fit in the eggs and Please no nuts. We would like to have all candy at the church by Sunday March 20. Please place it in the tub in the parlor.