

# Messenger

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## Holy Week

### **PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

Join us in the celebration of Palm Sunday as the Children process with the palms.

3 p.m. Preschool Easter Egg hunt – at the church

4-6 p.m. Hiskidz (W.O.W. Wednesday group K-6 grades)

### **Monday, April 3**

12 noon – Lenten Service – Dr. Andy Miller, Wesley Biblical Seminary  
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, April 4**

12 noon – Lenten Service – Rev. Glen Hoskins, Ellison UMC  
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, April 5**

12 noon – Lenten Service – Rev. Ben Butler, Associate Madison UMC  
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, April 6**

6:30 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY Communion Service

### **Friday, April 7 – GOOD FRIDAY**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – EASTER SUNDAY**

10 a.m. Combined Worship Service – No Sunday School

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Preschool Easter Egg hunt
- 4:00 p.m. Hiskidz Easter Egg Hunt
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

- 12 noon Lenten Service and lunch

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

- 12 noon Lenten Service and lunch

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- 12 noon Lenten Service and lunch
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



## PALM SUNDAY

We invite our children, **preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**, to come bring in the palm branches at the 11 a.m. service as we celebrate Palm Sunday.

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45.



3. Hayley Martin
4. Gloria Kirk, Jase Patterson
6. Charles Davis, Carter Ketchum, Matt King
7. Hayes Kyle, Christy Vandevere Tate Potter
8. Luke Richards



## Disaster Relief

Phil Nichols has been running point for our church regarding any help that we can give to the many victims of this violent storm. At the present time, monetary contributions will be most helpful. If you would like to help, please make your check to FUMC and mark it for the Disaster Relief Fund.



Clark Duncan and Family



The Ladies of the Methodist Market recently went and played bingo with the residents of the Luse House at Martha Coker Green Houses. The elders really enjoy this!



## Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and our Sunday school lesson is called "Close to Jesus." In this lesson we will be talking about a story in the Bible where Jesus used the illustration of a vine and branches. This is a reminder of how we must keep ourselves close and connected to Jesus.

### W.O.W. Wednesday

W.O.W. Wednesday meets this week and begins a new series. Our new study will be The Ten Commandments.

"The Ten Commandments" are the heart of the Old Testament and are the core expression of God's rules for his people.

Christians have always looked to the commandments as simple directions for life and worship as the basis of right living. In this series, children will learn that God's rules show us our need for Christ and how we can express his love in how we live. The Ten Commandments are good rules that God gave to Moses for all people to follow, including you and me! These rules help us to have good relationships with God and people. After taking a week off for Spring Break, we are back to our 10 Commandments. Last week we talked about **Commandment 4 - Holy Rest** - reminds us of the importance of taking a special day each week to rest and worship God. This week we will talk about the events of **Holy Week and the awesome meaning of Easter!**



### Children's Egg Hunts

**There will be a Preschool Egg Hunt this Sunday, Palm Sunday, at 3:00!**

**The W.O.W Wednesday HisKidz Easter Egg hunt will also be on Palm Sunday. We will meet at the Church at 4:00 p.m. and drive to Owen and Mary Lou Richard's place for a fun afternoon of games and Egg hunting. We should return to the church by 6:00 p.m.**

### Youth Sunday School



Next week is Holy Week and our Sunday School lesson for Palm Sunday is called "The Reason for Doing." We are encouraged to remember, whatever you do, do it for the Lord.

### Youth Bible Study and Small Group

**We will NOT meet** this Sunday night due to Disciple Now this weekend.

### D-NOW

Disciple Now is this weekend. Please be in prayer for the youth in our church and community as they meet this weekend to grow in their walk and deepen their faith and relationship with Christ.

# Vote to Join the Global Methodist Church



**Last Sunday, March 26**, we had a Congregational Meeting following our morning worship service. After a brief time of discussion, a motion was made for our congregation to join the Global Methodist Church. The vote was held by paper ballot.

The motion passed 97 ‘yes’ to 2 ‘no.’ So, it was a 98% majority.

As a reminder, we are still a United Methodist congregation until our disaffiliation is finalized at the end of June. First, the Annual Conference will meet Wednesday, June 28, in Tupelo to vote to approve disaffiliating churches. Second, our trustees will work with Conference officials to finalize the disaffiliation agreement and receive our release from the Trust Clause. Our first day to officially be a Global Methodist congregation would be July 1, 2023.

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## Sunday, April 2, 2023

Greeters	LaShone Robins/Millie Phillips
Scripture	Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon	<b>“All Hail King Jesus”</b>

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### APRIL

<b>2. Passion/Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 14:1-15:47</b>
3. How precious your love	Psalm 36:5-11
4. Once for all	Psalm 71:1-14
5. Looking to Jesus	Hebrews 12:1-3
6. <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>
7. <i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Psalm 22</i>
8. Send out your light	Psalm 43