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PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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, March 25

12 noon – Lenten Service – Rev. Barry Male, FMC Madison
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 26

12 noon – Lenten Service – Rev. Ken Lynch, Parkview
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 27

12 noon – Lenten Service – Rev. Bill Poole, Retired
Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 28

6:30 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY Communion Service

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

SUNDAY, March 31 – EASTER SUNDAY

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

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 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. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 12 noon Lenten Service and lunch

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 12 noon Lenten Service and lunch

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

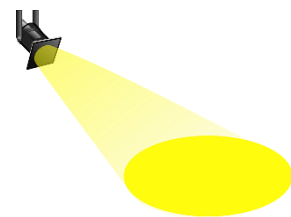
- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



PALM SUNDAY

We invite our children, **preschool through 6th 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.



Ministry Highlights

Each month we try to highlight the various ministries of our church. This month the spotlight was on **Loaves and Fishes**. Christy Vandevere shared with us Sunday that this ministry was begun in 2007. Originally the meals were prepared and delivered weekly to those who are homebound and others with special needs. Later we changed to monthly.

Currently Loaves and Fishes delivers an average of 43 meals the second Wednesday of each month.

This ministry is not a budgeted item and operates solely on donations. So your monetary contributions are greatly appreciated. We are always looking for volunteers to either prepare the meals or deliver them.

We are so grateful for all they do.



Our series for the month of March is called ***A Time for Decision***. In this week's lesson we are still in the book of 1 Kings. The lesson is called "There is Only One God." This Bible story continues with the prophet Elijah and the power of our almighty God. In this lesson, there will be fire on the mountain.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th continues to meet at 5:30 p.m. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. We are currently studying about the story and life of Moses. We will soon complete the Book of Genesis and study a little from Exodus. Learning about all of God's faithful followers has been so much fun and learning through arts and crafts has kept it hands on and interesting. **Next Wednesday we will take a break from our study of Moses and talk about Holy Week.**

Preschool and Hiskidz Egg Hunts



There will be 2 separate egg hunts for our Preschool and Hiskidz (5k-6th grade) on Palm Sunday, March 24th. The Preschool Egg Hunt will be on the Church playground at 3:00. The Hiskidz Egg Hunt will be at 4:00 at Owen and Mary Lou Richard's Place. We will meet at the church at 3:45p.m. and return around 5:30p.m.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group:

As Youth Bible study continues to meet on Sunday and Wednesday nights, we will continue our study concerning entertainment, music, and social media. We will be discussing the progression of the types of entertainment throughout the past decades and how we have been manipulated to accept, become numb to, or just ignore the fact that wrong is being presented as right. We will connect scripture to these facts and talk about how/what we can avoid being too pulled in.

M28 CAMP

The \$50 deposit to secure their spot is due by Wednesday, March 6th. The total cost is \$350. The payment can be made all at once by May 15, or split into 3 equal payments of \$100 - due on April 1, May 1, and June 1. Final payment must be made by June 1. Camp dates are Friday, July 5- Tuesday, July 9.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Linda & Ed McDonald
Scripture	Matthew 27:32-50
Sermon	“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH

24. Palm Sunday	John 12:1-8
25. Called to one hope	Ephesians 4:1-7
26. Joyful response to love	Luke 19:1-10
27. Let earth rejoice	I Chronicles 16:31-36
28. Rivers in the desert	Isaiah 43:16-21
29. Joyful dreams	Psalms 126
30. To know Christ	Philippians 3:4b-14