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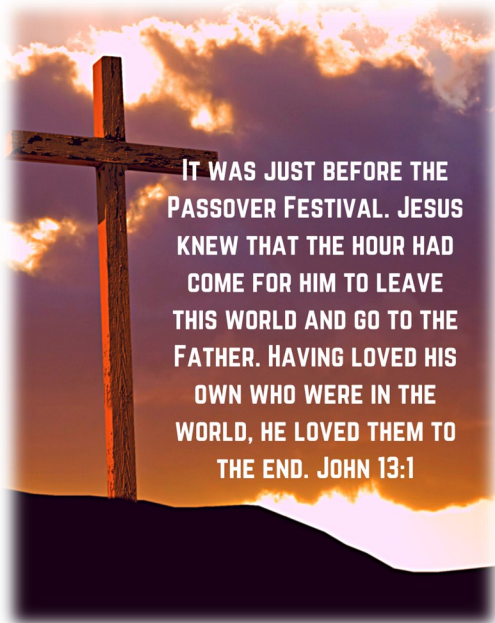
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Holy Week and Easter Services



IT WAS JUST BEFORE THE PASSOVER FESTIVAL. JESUS KNEW THAT THE HOUR HAD COME FOR HIM TO LEAVE THIS WORLD AND GO TO THE FATHER. HAVING LOVED HIS OWN WHO WERE IN THE WORLD, HE LOVED THEM TO THE END. JOHN 13:1

The Holy Week and Easter season focuses attention on the powerful Gospel accounts of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. While the week begins with the celebratory tone of Palm Sunday, it moves quickly toward what we Christians have called the Triduum Sacrum, the three most sacred days of the year. Really, they are the three most important days of all time!

The first day is Maundy Thursday. It gets its name from the command, the *mandatum*, that Jesus gave us during the Passover meal to love one another in the way that he has loved us.

The second day is Good Friday. Why do we call this day “good?” I’ve read that some scholars speculate that “Good Friday” comes from “God’s Friday” in the same way that “good-bye” was originally “God be with you.” I have found that we very easily skip over the darkness of Good Friday and move to the celebration of

Easter Sunday. I think it would be good for our souls to sit for a while in Good Friday and let our hearts be broken by the unspeakable bad of this Friday that we call “good.” Descending with Jesus into the depths of his Passion on Friday will help us experience more fully the light, joy and life of Easter Sunday.

This leads us to the third day which is Resurrection Day or Easter Sunday. On this day we celebrate Jesus’ conquest of sin and death. Our Christian brothers and sisters in the eastern traditions call this Sunday “Pascha” which is another name for the Jewish Passover. It tells us that if we want to understand the saving work of Jesus, the best place to go is to the Passover feast where the spotless lamb dies for the sins of the people. But, of course, in this case, the Lamb does not stay dead!

Here at First Methodist, we have numerous events and worship services during Holy Week to enable us to walk through the sadness, mystery, and joy of Jesus’ great work of redemption. On the next page, you’ll find a detailed list of all that we will have going on during Holy Week, and I encourage you to be involved in every way that you can. You will not be disappointed!

I look forward to experiencing Holy Week with you as we focus our attention on Jesus displaying His self-giving love to the uttermost (John 13:1).

In Christ,
Clint

Holy ⁺Week SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24 - 10 am combined worship, sanctuary

Sing Hosanna to the Lord as children lead the procession with waving palm fronds! Join us for a combined worship service in the sanctuary, followed by a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 11 am.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, March 24 - 11:30 pm, church grounds

Kids of all ages from our community are invited to hunt for Easter treats on the church grounds following our Palm Sunday potluck lunch.

Service of Communion and Remembrance

Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

The Soul Sisters meal group will prepare a light supper, and we will walk through the events of that first Maundy Thursday in the Upper Room, and will end with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Tenebrae

Good Friday, March 29 - 7 pm, sanctuary

In this service of darkness, we will hear Scripture readings that walk us through the Passion of our Savior and focus on the crucifixion of Jesus. The light of Christ being extinguished is symbolized in this traditional Tenebrae service.

Easter Sunrise

Sunday, March 31 - 6:30 am, church parking lot (weather permitting)

Join us in the church parking lot, for a service of resurrection as the sun rises on Easter morn. If there is rain this service will not be held.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 am contemporary & 11 am traditional services

We will have our Encounter service at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall and our traditional worship at 11 AM in the sanctuary. Don't forget to take family photos at the flower cross at the side of the church!

HELP WANTED: PALM CROSSES

We need volunteers to help us fold palm crosses for Palm Sunday! No special skills are needed, just a spirit willing to learn, and a good sense of humor! Bring your phone or iPad so you can watch a YouTube video on how to make them.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, March 22nd at 10 am!**



What does "Maundy Thursday" mean?



The observance of Maundy Thursday (or Holy Thursday) comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning mandate. It is the night that Christ institutes the Lord's Supper, establishes the orders of clergy within the Church, and washes his disciple's feet as an example of Christian service. After Jesus washes his disciples feet, he gives them a new mandate, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35, NRSV)

Maundy Thursday is the entryway into the most holy time of the Christian year called the Easter Triduum. Liturgically speaking, Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday is observed as one continuous day in the unity of the mystery of Christ's passion and resurrection.

EASTER EGG HUNT

24 March | 11:30 am

AFTER OUR PALM SUNDAY
SERVICE AT 10:00 AM
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK
LUNCH AT 11:00.

CANDY IS ALL WE NEED. NO CHOCOLATE
PLEASE. PLACE IN BOX IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
OR BRING BY THE CHURCH OFFICE. NO LATER
THAN MARCH 21ST.

Youth & Children

Sunday

Sunday school at 10:00 am

Sunday night

5-6:30 pm dinner provided

Wednesday Night

6-7:15 pm dinner provided

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First Methodist Tallassee Youth Group
&

First Methodist Tallassee
Children's Ministries

Stewardship Summary: February (to 02/20)

General Operating Fund

Monthly Contributions
Budgeted - \$34,167
Actual - **\$22,003**

Year to Date Contributions
Budgeted - \$68,333*
Actual - **\$52,319**

Monthly Expenses
Budgeted - \$37,281
Actual - **\$16,739**

Year to Date Expenses
Budgeted - \$74,561*
Actual - **\$50,663**

**budgeted to 02/29*

Year to Date, our total income minus expenses = **\$1,656**
Overall Financial Status: **off to a good start!**

New Beginnings Campaign

Raised so far: \$82,587
Still needed: \$46,964

Please note that 2023 Contributions statements were emailed/mailed out around January 20. If you did not receive your copy, or if you need another copy, please contact Kristina 334-812-0400 or dkpendergrass@gmail.com.

Avg. total worship attendance per Sunday: 117



- 01— Heather Hawkins
- 03— Valerie Johnson
Anna Mosher Holley
Nathan Steele
- 04— Daniel Butler
- 05— Braxton Hancock
- 06— Neil Martin
Sandra Patterson
- 07— Donny Barton
- 08— Jerry Cunningham
- 11— Ethan Martin
- 12— Ashley Newman
- 13— Joy Bradford
- 15— Beth Turner
- 17— Eddie Frank Britt
Linda Mosher
- 18— Jason Achord
- 19— Clay Ingram
- 22— Fischer Segrest
- 23— Linda Butler
- 24— Jordan Steele
- 26— Susan Dragone
Kay Evans
- 27— Laura Mullins
- 29— Donovan Aldridge
Herb Mason



- 02— Jamie & Jan Smith
- 05— Bob & Lynn Norwood
- 07— Delmar & Ruthanne
McCaig
- 13— John Wayne & Joy
Bradford
- 14— Steve & Becky Segrest
- 18— Donny & Amelia
Barton



The credit card companies charge a 3% fee when we contribute using our credit cards. . Please consider checking the box when contributing using your credit card.



Add 3% for processing fee

You can now contribute using Venmo. Contact Kristina for instructions on how to set this up.



thank you



We had a great turnout for the Men's Pancake Breakfast. Thanks for all the volunteers that help make this happen. The money raised will be used to continue the Men's mission ministry

March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Woman's Circle 10:00 am, F. Hall Crafty Christians 1-2:30 pm, F. Hall Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm, F. Hall	5 Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall	6 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Red Hot Chili Peppers	7	8	9
10  Men's Breakfast 7:00 am, F. Hall	11	12 Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall	13 Wednesday Night Fellowship - 6 pm Meal provided by Men's Club	14 Home Supper Club 6:00 pm	15	16
17 8:00 am-12:30 pm 	18 Crafty Christians 1-2:30 pm, F. Hall Spring Break (TCS)	19 <i>First Day of Spring</i> Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall	20 No Wednesday Night Fellowship	21 Restaurant Supper Club - 5:30 pm	22 10:00 am Fellowship Hall Making palm crosses	23
24 Combined Worship 10:00 am Potluck Lunch 11:00 am, F. Hall Community Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 am	25	26 Chrismon Class 9-11 am, F. Hall	27 No Wednesday Night Fellowship	28 Maundy Thursday Passover Meal 6:00 pm, F. Hall Meal Provided by Soul Sisters	29 Tenebrae 7:00 pm, Sanctuary	30
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March Altar Flowers

- 03 - OPEN
- 10 - Sadie Davis
- 17 - Karen Waller
- 24 - OPEN (Palm Sunday)
- 31 - OPEN (Easter)





“Blessed
are those who
have not seen and have
believed.”
John 20:29



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:50 am - contemporary worship
10 am - Sunday School, **all ages**
11 am - traditional worship

KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sundays - 5 to 6:30 pm
Wednesdays - 6 to 7:15 pm



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The service for the preceding week is broadcast each Sunday at **11 am**. Listen to Clint's daily devotions at **7:15 am** each weekday morning.



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