



# Epworth News

*The mission of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**March  
2013**

***Celebrating the  
Risen Lord***

**Sunday Worship**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

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*During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice made by Christ on our behalf through His death on the cross. During Holy Week we remember those last events that occurred before His crucifixion.*

*On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Chancel Choir will present a unique worship experience in the form of a cantata entitled "Canticle of the Cross." Through music, narration, and visuals, you will experience the events that led up to Christ's death. The word "canticle means "song," and this cantata looks at Christ's death through the eyes of the*

*"tree" on which He died. A "tree" in Eden had brought death to God's creation, but THIS "tree" would bring Eternal Life. Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday. We will begin the service with the joyful procession of the palms, but ask that you leave the sanctuary in silence as you personally reflect on Christ's death. Please join us on March 24<sup>th</sup> as we remember God's ultimate gift of sacrificial love for us.*



## This Is Why We Are Here!

This has been a difficult and unusual beginning to the New Year... many members and friends of our congregation have experienced deaths in their families since the beginning of the year – and even more have if you go back to Advent and just before Christmas. Just in the past week or so, several more members have lost family members; several have had significant medical issues come to light; and several members have had to transition from their homes to extended care facilities and assisted care living. So far, it has been a difficult year for many of us.

"Difficult" is not really a sufficient word to describe the experiences that some are going through. Grief-stricken, devastating, soul-numbing, heartrending, hopeless, helpless, disheartening, insurmountable, unbelievable...but fortunately, these aren't the last words for us.

During each funeral service that I have the opportunity to preach, there is always a time during the service either through spoken liturgy or through the reflection upon scripture and the celebration of that person's life that I speak the words, **"Thanks be to God!"** **Thanks be to God**...for sharing that person's life with us! **Thanks be to God**...for their example of faith! **Thanks be to God**...for their witness of God's love to us!

### ***Thanks be to God.***

"**Thanks be to God**", indeed! God is the source of all comfort, and God **does** bring peace to us as we struggle with these truly difficult situations and trials that come to all of us. And because of Jesus' death on the cross, and because Jesus was raised from the dead, and because, through our baptism and faith, we are connected with Jesus in that death and resurrection, we, too, are called from death to life. God truly speaks to us, heals us, strengthens us - and as we experience God's comforting presence, we are able to comfort others. We are drawn together to care for and support each other. God uses the Body of Christ - the church – all of us - to support and care for each other.

So share your burdens with one another. Support each other, care for each other. Don't just ***care about*** each other. That's too distant, too unfeeling, too easy, and not real. ***Care for*** each other. Do you see the difference? To ***care about*** something or someone, makes us feel good but does nothing for the person in need. But to ***care for*** someone, well, that's where Jesus comes into the situation. ***Care for*** each other. That's why we're here!

I wish you blessings, peace, and a real sense of God's presence,

David

## ***Looking Ahead***

### **Holy Week Services – March 24-31**

The events of the last week of Christ's life are full of import for the condition of humanity—his entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to engage corrupt powers, the last night of his life when he instituted the Lord's Supper and was betrayed, his trumped up trial and execution, his triumph over death and resurrected presence.

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- ◇ Palm/Passion Sunday with Easter Choral Cantata at 10:30 am.

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- ◇ Holy Thursday Taize Service at 7:00 pm in the Parlor (Rm. 205). Celebration of Holy Communion.

#### **Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm**

- ◇ Good Friday Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary.

#### **Sunday, March 31**

- ◇ Easter Sunday worship at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

### **Membership Classes**

Join us for our next series of membership classes to be held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., in the Church Parlor, Room 205. Childcare will be provided upon request. Whether you are new to the church or have been attending for awhile, you are invited to be with us. Those participating in the class will be received into membership on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am worship service. If you would like to sign up for the class, or would like more information or have questions, please contact the church office.

### **A Retreat for all Epworth Women**

April 19-20, Friday evening & Saturday at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio. Retreat Leader: Kathy Swanger. For more information, check out the article on page 5.



## Children in Ministry

Betty English faithfully guides our Acolyte Fellowship Sunday School Class of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. She recently sent this message to me: "Once again, Doug Warne did a great job telling the Godly Play story of The Parable of the Good Shepherd and asked the wondering questions. As the children were responding, and we were almost ready to

break up the circle to move to response time, Abby Austin said, with a look of amazement on her face, "We are the sheep!" Followed quickly by, "Why didn't I get that before? We are the sheep!" It was an "Ah-ha!" moment." We're all a bit like Abby, aren't we? The Bible passages that we have heard and read many times, reveal new insights to us. This room for growth, and this expectation of new understanding, is part of what I love about being a United Methodist. We need not understand everything to accept the grace given to us in baptism. Children are welcomed at the communion table, knowing only that Jesus loves them. And the weeks of Lent can become 40 days not only "giving up" something, but also 40 days of building our faith with new understandings. Our Family Lent Event is designed to be a fun way for young and older to grow in understanding of the Easter Story. Thanks be to God for the parents, teachers, storytellers and pastors who guide us, and the learners who find joy in the "ah-ha" moments along our lifelong faith journey.

For His children , Sharon

### Family Lent Event

Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. - noon  
Epworth's Fellowship Hall  
Lent activities for children, middle-schoolers and parents/grandparents  
Liturgical arts (that's fancy for church-art project!),  
Palm branches to wave, a Seder meal,  
The Story of Easter, a story craft to take home,  
Easter egg hunt (on the playground, if weather permits)  
And a kid-friendly lunch for the whole family.

### Calendar of children's activities

Mar. 17	Children's choir sings
Mar. 23	Family Lent Event, 10a.m.
Mar. 24	Children carry the palms
April TBA	Children's choir sings
April	Sausage & Bratwurst sale
May TBD	Children's Choir sings at Primrose
May 12	Children's choir sings
June 17- 22	Vacation Bible School

### Children's Sunday School - March

- ◇ Nursery - room 202 *Begins at 8:25, Loving care, music, & play - Patsy Coffey & Chelsea Conley, caregivers*
- ◇ Little Blessings - room 201, 9:30- 10:20 *Learning about God in the 3 year old way - Alycia Orcena, Joy Boyer, teachers*
- ◇ Godly Play - room 206, 9:30 - 10:20, *The Faces of Christ - Pam Douce, storyteller*
- ◇ Acolyte Fellowship - room 204, 9:30- 10:20, *The Faces of Christ - Betty English, storyteller*

### Divorce Care for Kids -DC4K

Epworth's first DC4K class began on Jan. 22 and will meet on Tuesdays for 13 weeks.

Safekeepers Elizabeth Claborn, Doug Warne, Jackie Hamilton & Sharon Gilbert meet with the eight children of divorce for 2 hours of games, stories, movies, arts, snacks, scripture treasures, and prayer. The children are learning about their feelings, that they are not alone, that God loves all kinds of families, and that Epworth is a church that welcomes them with love. Thank you to the Children's Council for investing in the DC4K curriculum and several members of the congregation who have sponsored some of the children.

### Children's Camp Scholarship Fund

A huge thank you goes to all who supported the second annual Shrove Sunday Pancake breakfast. Thank you especially to Randy Brown, the Faith & Family class, Rick Gilbert and Mark Murphy, and the children. Their donations and efforts made for an enjoyable time of food and fellowship. After expenses, more than \$600 was added to the children's church camp scholarship fund. Since a week at Camp Wesley will cost approximately \$350 per child, we will continue to grow the scholarship fund with the Children's Council sausage and bratwurst sale in April - watch for details.

## Epworth Women



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WOMEN-IN-ACTION

Thanks to everyone who cooked, baked, served and cleaned up for the Valentine's lunch last month. Once again small

miracles were witnessed as every last detail fell into place, including the overwhelming response to our request for desserts! Fellowship Hall lived up to its name as families and friends ate together and fell off their diets together. Thanks again to those who served and those who came...our mission coffers are getting off to a good start for 2013.

I hope you can see that Epworth Women in Action are alive and well throughout the church ... not just at events such as the Valentine's lunch, but filling many roles. They teach Sunday School, play instruments, sing, greet and usher ... and that's just on Sundays. During the week, Epworth women serve on committees, work on neighborhood suppers, manage the food pantry, quilt, knit and sew ... all in the name of Him who showed us how to service ...Jesus.

On March 17 we will proclaim this tradition of service by presenting the worship service. Highlights will include the various missions, both local and global, that are supported by the generosity of this church. Great music by the Women's Chorus as well as the Children's Choir. Come, be inspired and enthused by this celebration. A Bake Sale will help boost our mission funds. So don't let all those good recipes from Valentine's go to waste ... package them for sale!

Please bring with you just ONE item of food which will be collected during the worship service as an outward and visible sign of our service.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 11 at 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor, Room 205; followed by the AMI at 7:30pm in the Church Parlor. The Evelyn Kendal Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at

1:00pm in the Church Parlor. Hope to see you at these Women in Action events.

Joy Boyer  
President, UMW

### A RETREAT FOR ALL EPWORTH WOMEN

#### **"Shaped By the Light"**

A retreat for all Epworth Women  
April 19-20, Friday evening & Saturday  
Retreat Leader: Kathy Swanger  
Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center  
Fremont, Ohio

Our own Kathy Swanger will lead all Epworth women in an exploration of how we are "Shaped By the Light". Shaped by the Light is an opportunity to rekindle your spirit through faith exploration and fellowship. The 2-day retreat will feature a new way to listen to contemporary music as well as favorite church hymns. We will uncover the *Bad Girls of the Bible* and what we can learn from them. Finally, we will engage in fellowship, games, fellowship, food, and more fellowship. The retreat will begin Friday evening with pizza and salad from a local pizzeria, followed by our first session at 7:00 p.m. We'll enjoy the surroundings of a 63 acre property and stay in an historic 1874 mansion. Our gatherings will be in a beautiful space and Kathy is known to be a lively spiritual leader! We'll depart for Marion, as closer friends in Christ, Saturday afternoon by 3:00 p.m. Registration costs will be \$50 for a single room (bath down the hall) or \$70 for a single room with private bathroom. Carpools will be arranged. A visit to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center and lunch at a local restaurant, both for additional cost, will be arranged for those able to leave Marion on Friday morning. Do plan to join us for a refreshing weekend! You may register for the retreat by contacting UMW President Joy Boyer or Sharon Gilbert. A reservation form can be found on the next page. You can also obtain reservation forms from the Church Office. Registration deadline is April 5.

# “Shaped by the Light”

A Retreat at Our Lady of the Pines in Fremont, OH for the Women of Epworth – April 19-20, 2013

## REGISTRATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (zip code)

Preferred Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Arrival Time (please check one):

- ☐ I am available to leave Marion at 9:00 Friday morning in order to tour the Hayes Presidential Center and enjoy a restaurant lunch.
- ☐ I will be arriving on Friday evening in time for pizza & salad at 6:00 p.m.
- ☐ I will have dinner on my own and will arrive in time for the 7:00 p.m. Friday evening session.
- ☐ I am available to drive others to Our Lady of the Pines. Please contact me.
- ☐ I am not available to drive and would like to ride with others. Please contact me.

## Special Needs:

- ☐ I have specific dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I have mobility needs: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cost:

Single Room (1 twin bed) with private bath = \$70 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Single Room (1 twin bed) w/ bath down the hall = \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Meals included. Friday night pizza, Saturday breakfast & lunch.

“Shaped by the Light” is sponsored by United Methodist Women – Women in Action for all Epworth Women.

Space is limited. Early registration is appreciated!

Please make checks payable to Epworth UMW by Tuesday, April 5; bring with the registration form to the church office.

Please note: Our Lady of the Pines is a non-smoking facility.



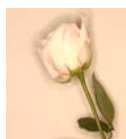
## Missions

### Food Pantry Report January Donations

	December	January
Donation sacks	50	18
Food items	205	66
Personal Need Items	263	55

Keep up the good work Epworth. Contribute what you can when you can.

Thanks again.  
Wayne Newell



White roses were placed on the altar in celebration of the life of:

- ◇ Betty McKinniss, mother of Ted McKinniss, who died February 6, 2013
- ◇ Vivian Elliott, Ruth Craft's step-mother, who died February 7, 2013
- ◇ Don Duprey who died February 14, 2013
- ◇ Kathryn Everson, who died February 19, 2013

Our love, support, and sympathy surround these families.

# Thank You

### CRAFTING WITH PHYLLIS



Every Thursday, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm - a group of people get together in Room 111 for crafting. We welcome anyone who likes to do hand work: quilting, scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, painting, etc. Bring your craft with you, and enjoy the fellowship you have while working with others. We LOVE the fellowship! You may come for an hour or come for all day - it's up to you. If you stay the whole time, bring a sack lunch.

Thank you so much for the prayer quilt. It meant so much to me and brought me so much comfort. I will always treasure it.  
Sherri Williams

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Thank you so much for the prayer quilt. It was so nice to wrap up in it and think of all the prayers that went into tying the knots. I am home and doing much better. Thank you for thinking of me and praying for my recovery.  
Virginia Leffler

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### PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR

- ◇ Sharri Williams for successful surgery and healing
- ◇ Andy Bratt for successful surgery and healing
- ◇ Kathy Shoaf for healing, strength, and comfort
- ◇ Joan Charbel for successful treatment and healing.
- ◇ Amy Erickson for successful knee replacement and healing.
- ◇ Destiny Martin for strength and healing through surgery.
- ◇ Charlene Williams Mendez for successful surgery and good results.
- ◇ Joan Glassmeyer Davidson for peace and better health
- ◇ Vivian Hamilton for healing and comfort

Thank you my Epworth Family. I want to thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt and for all your prayers received during my recent hospital stay. Your prayers helped Jack and I get through this rough time. A special Thank You to Rev. David Hoffman and Rev. Dan Kiger for their visits. Thank you for the choir and those persons who sent cards and well wishes. Everything was greatly appreciated.  
Kathy Shoaf

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The prayer quilt arrived by mail and is so appreciated. The time and prayers invested are obvious by the beauty of the quilt. All those prayers will make my recovering possible. Thanks again.

Michael Drake  
(Pam Williams' nephew)



This is the time of the year when the winter weather seems to stretch out to be too long and almost never ending. Whenever the weather cooperates we take the children outside to the playground for some much needed fresh air and exercise. When it is too cold or raining we use the Fellowship Hall for inside recreation and gym class. We are so grateful to have this wonderful facility and space for the 125 plus children that we serve every week. Thank you Epworth congregation!

If the weather cooperates the children will be in the garden planting our cold weather crops. One of the absolute favorite vegetables we grow in the garden is sugar peas and their recommended planting date is March 17<sup>th</sup>. We also plant lettuce and spinach at this time. It's so good to get back into the garden.

If you are spring cleaning please remember our annual garage sale which is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. We will joyfully accept all your unwanted treasures with the exception of clothing, console stereos and televisions. Thank you for thinking of Epworth Preschool and Daycare!

**The Brown Family of Maken Bacon Farms  
sponsor a Hog Raffle for the Preschool and  
Daycare**

For the second year preschool and daycare board members are selling tickets for \$5.00 a piece or a book of five for \$20. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The hog will be processed and wrapped to your specifications. Is your freezer too small or too full to accommodate all the winnings? How about sharing the ticket with a friend and splitting up the winnings between the two of you? Board members will be selling tickets on Sunday, February 24, with the drawing to be held May 4. Thank you in advance for your support.





March 2013

| Sunday                                                 | Monday                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Friday                                                              | Saturday                                                                         |
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| 3<br>11:30am Mission Committee (Rm. 205)               | 4<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)<br>7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm. 210)                            | 5<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>8:00am DivorceCare (Rm. 205)<br>11:00am No Staff Meeting<br>12:30pm Staff Appreciation Luncheon by SPRC (Rm. 205)<br>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rms. 106 & 109; Kitchen)<br>5:15pm Neighborhood Supper (St. Paul's Episcopal)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Child Care (Rm. 201)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Adults (Rm. 205)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Children (Rms. 204 & 206)<br>6:30pm Children's Council (Rm. 210)<br>7:00pm SPRC (Rm. 111) | 6<br>1:15pm PSDC Teachers meeting (Rm. 111)<br>6:00pm Bells<br>6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Choir | 7<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rm. 109 & Kitchen)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)                                                                                                                       | 8                                                                   | 9<br>11:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry (Rm. 111)                                     |
| 10<br>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - SPRING AHEAD 1 HR | 11<br>6:30pm UMW (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)<br>7:30pm AML Circle (Pastor's Office)    | 12<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>8:00am DivorceCare (Rm. 205)<br>11:00am No Staff Meeting<br>1:00pm Evelyn Kendall Circle (Rm. 205)<br>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)<br>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rms. 106 & 109; Kitchen)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Adults (Rm. 205)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Children (Rms. 204 & 206)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Child Care (Rm. 201)                                                                                                    | 13<br>6:00pm Bells<br>6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Choir                                          | 14<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rm. 109 & Kitchen)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)<br>5:30pm Circles: Allies & Families (Rms. 109 & 106)<br>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)<br>6:30pm Trustees (Parsonage) | 15                                                                  | 16<br>9:00am Women's Morning Out at Panera Bread<br>1:00pm West Family (Rm. 109) |
| 17<br>UMW Sunday<br>11:30am Worship Committee          | 18<br>6:00pm Lay Leadership (Rm. 210)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)<br>7:00pm PSDC Board (Rm. 111) | 19<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>8:00am DivorceCare (Rm. 205)<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>11:30am Cents for Children (Rm. 111)<br>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rms. 106 & 109; Kitchen)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)<br>6:00pm Stewardship Committee (Rm. 210)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Children (Rms. 204 & 206)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Adults (Rm. 205)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Child Care (Rm. 201)<br>6:30pm Finance Committee (Rm. 210)                                                         | 20<br>6:00pm Bells<br>6:30pm Bible Study (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Choir                                          | 21<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rm. 109 & Kitchen)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)<br>7:00pm Administrative Board (Rm. 111)                                                                             | 22                                                                  | 23<br>Easter event for Children (Rms. 109 & 112)                                 |
| 24<br>PALM SUNDAY<br>Choir Cantata at 10:30 Service    | 25<br>6:30pm Missions (Rm. 111)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Rm. 106)                                      | 26<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>8:00am DivorceCare (Rm. 205)<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)<br>5:00pm Getting Ahead (Rms. 106 & 109; Kitchen)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Adults (Rm. 205)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Children (Rms. 204 & 206)<br>6:30pm DivorceCare-Child Care (Rm. 201)                                                                                                                                                 | 27<br>Youth - Mission Day Experience<br>6:00pm Bells<br>6:30pm No Bible Study (Rm. 205)<br>7:00pm Choir     | 28<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm. 111)<br>10:00am Disciple Bible Study (Rm. 106)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm. 112)<br>5:30pm Cub Scouts (Rms. 301 & 303)<br>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm. 111)<br>7:00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY (Rm. 205)                                                                                              | 29<br>GOOD FRIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED PM<br>7:00pm Good Friday Services | 30                                                                               |
| 31<br>EASTER SUNDAY                                    |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |                                                                                  |

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## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AT EPWORTH UMC

*Common Grounds Coffee Shop opens at 9:15 am.*

*Stop by for a cup of coffee or tea and fellowship (Rm. 106)*

- 8:30 am     Nursery care available until 11:45 am (Rm. 202)
- 8:30 am     Worship Service
- 9:00 am     Children's Choir (Rm.203)  
              Open Door Class (Rm. 305)
- 9:15 am     Come Join Us Class (Rm. 205)
- 9:30 am     The Little Blessings, ages 2 ½ -3 (Rm. 201)  
              Godly Play (ages 4–2<sup>nd</sup> grade) (Rm. 206)  
              Acolyte Fellowship SS Class (grades 3-5<sup>th</sup>) (Rm. 204)  
              Jr. High Youth Class (Rm. 303)  
              Sr. High Youth Class (Rm. 301)  
              Faith & Family Class (Rm. 210)  
              Messengers Class (Rm. 111)  
              Common Grounds (Coffee Shop - Rm. 106)
- 10:30 am    Worship Service

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES – MARCH 24-31

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