

Holy Week



All are welcome to the Maundy Thursday Service on April 6 at 7 p.m. Communion will be served.



Please join us for our Good Friday worship service which will be held April 7 at noon.



Easter Schedule:

8:00 am	Worship
9:00 am	Donuts for Breakfast
10:00 am	Worship



Interested in being on the sound team? We have a few openings and **training is provided**. See Linda Morey if interested.



If you are able to help out, we'll have grocery bags with a list of items needed to compliment the ham that the Ella Cochran Food Pantry will be handing out for a complete dinner. We'll be collecting the items from March 5 through April 2. Thank you so much!



We are planning an Open House for Gretchen Tinsley who will be leaving us to move to Minnesota. We'll have a brief reception directly after worship on Sunday, April 16. Please no gifts – just well wishes.



Men and Sr. High boys are welcome to join in fellowship on **Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.** We'll be at the Fiddle Inn. No need to sign up – just come and join us! See Rob Crosby if you have any concerns or questions.



ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 15** when we will have a game and puzzle day at the church held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. No cost – a love offering will be taken to help defray costs.

You can relax and put together a puzzle, play a game or two or maybe you just want to come for the fellowship and hang out with us!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we know how many to prepare for.

PALM SUNDAY

THEY TOOK PALM BRANCHES
AND WENT OUT TO MEET HIM,
SHOUTING, "HOSANNA!"

JOHN 12:13 (NIV)



CONFIRMATION

Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen.

LAYING OF HANDS

NAME: The Lord defend you with His heavenly grace and by His spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RECEPTION INTO THE METHODIST CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to the Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of your congregation will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?
I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BLESSING

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Confirmation/Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

I present Jessica Shaffstall and Jonathan Shaffstall for baptism.
I present Jessica Shaffstall, Jonathan Shaffstall, Angela Anderson, James Crosby, Landon Dougan, Sara Mueller, Alice White, Joel White, and Madailein White for Confirmation.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Do you as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *these persons* now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround *these persons* with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in *their* trust of God, and be found faithful in *their* service to others. We will pray for *them*, that *they* may be *true disciples* who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on an ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to a land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and *those* who receive it, to wash away *their* sin and clothe *them* in righteousness throughout *their lives*, that, dying and being raised with Christ, *they* may share in His final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Receive these new clothes as a token of the new life that is given in Christ Jesus.

Let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works, may glorify your Father in heaven.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister and brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

Great Thanksgiving for Later in Lent

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter Feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.