



Faith in Action

"Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together"

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April 2017

PLANNING AHEAD: SPRING DAY OF SERVICE & POTLUCK APRIL 30

Sunday, April 30 after worship we will have a day of service and then a potluck. We will be making cards for the Mobile Meals program that operates out of our building. We will also be making 3 kinds of kits (health kits, birthing kits, and school kits) for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), that will be delivered to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois. We will doing another project that is yet to be decided, watch the bulletin for detail. Bring a dish to share and willing hands to be in ministry.

Items that are needed to make kits: receiving blankets (NOT thermal or fleece receiving blankets); bandages, toothbrushes, combs (at least 8 inches long), wash clothes, hand towels (15x25 to 17x27 inches), soap (bath size, 3 oz. & larger); blunt-end scissors, lined paper (150 ct. packs of 8 ½ x 11). Please bring the items to church before April 23 if possible and place them under the table outside Pastor Gail's office. Thank you for your help.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SUPPER & WORSHIP DURING THE WEDNESDAYS OF LENT THROUGH APRIL 5

Supper begins at 5:15 p.m. ; worship begins at 6:15 p.m. The theme of the Wednesday evening worship are "Hymns of Faith related to Lent, Holy Week and Easter". Come and join us.

SUNDAY LENTEN CLASS 10:50 A.M. THROUGH APR. 9

The Lenten Class is led by Pastor Gail and will be using the book Half Truths by Adam Hamilton

***Our 13th annual* LIVE & SILENT AUCTION Saturday, April 8, 2017**

- 4:30 p.m. — Preview auction items
- 5:00 p.m. — Dinner
(pulled pork sandwich)
- 6:00 p.m. — Live Auction
- 6:30 p.m. — Silent Auction closes

Dinner Tickets: 12-adult \$8.00 • Ages 4-11 \$4.00

Make plans NOW to attend — and visit with Judy Turk or Lynn Bonkowske if you are able to help with donating items for the auction.



April Birthdays

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4/5 — Mark Bougie, Jr.	4/15 — Ross Kropp	4/25 — Madison Worden
4/7 — Patricia Giorgini	4/16 — Collette Peterson	4/26 — Kathryn Peterson
4/9 — Savannah Buse	4/18 — Kayla Rebischke	4/27 — Leona Opp
4/10 — Donald Seaquist	4/19 — Brandon Adams	4/29 — Noah DeNardo
4/10 — Nicholas Sielski	4/20 — Melinda Suchecki	4/30 — Christina Eberly
4/13 — Liz Chun	4/25 — Joan Ryan	4/30 — Ava Spatafore
4/14 — Evan Emery	4/25 — Clayton Short	

- If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/corrections. Happy Birthday, everyone! •

Thank you to and for during March...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Randy Roberts & Carmen Lutgen, Laurel Venhuizen, and Collette Peterson
- **Liturgists:** George Brown, Angela High-Pippert, Carol Schuldt, and Charles Beardshear
- **Serving refreshments:** Bonnie & Fred Dick, Pat & Paul Williams, and Joel Kranz
- **Communion Steward:** Karen Cohoes
- **Thank You** to JoAnn Loutsch, Judy Turk, Carol Schuldt, and Gil & Dawn Kinnunen for helping to assemble the March newsletter.
- **Thank you** to Lenten Supper providers: The Board of Trustees, the Sanctuary Choir, Sharon Yekaldo & friends, Fred & Bonnie Dick, and the Men's Breakfast.
- **Thank you** to the readers for the Lenten worship: John Kemp, Alana Sielski, Gil Kinnunen, Carol Schuldt, Judy Pfenning, Dana Scopatz, and Dawn Kinnunen.
- **"Dear Friends,** A warm place to sleep, a reliable meal, and hope for the future — that is what your generous gift of **\$1,087.45**, received on 2/1/2017, means to those we serve. I can't tell you how much we, and more importantly our residents, appreciate it!

By providing safe, affordable housing and specially tailored support services to homeless women, children, and families, Emma Norton Services helps nearly 250 people get back on their feet every year. Thank you again for supporting this work and helping us fulfill our promise of *boldly expanding, empowering an, and transforming* the women and families in this community. Feel free to call me at any time or come in for a tour to learn more about what your support makes possible!"

— Tonya Brownlow, Exec. Dir. EMMA NORTON Services

When we can't find Easter

Easter is the most joyous Christian holy day ... except when it's not. What do we do when our mood isn't what we think it "should" be? The kids are sugared up, we're juggling family gatherings (and conflicts), everyday challenges remain, and festive hymns — however rousing — fail to lift our spirits. We wonder, "What's wrong with me, that I can't seem to find Easter?"

Been there, done that. And it's okay. You're okay.

Jesus' resurrection doesn't scoop us out of our troubles, but the death-defying Christ walks through them beside us, on our own Emmaus road (Luke 24). We aren't alone. When we can't find Easter, Easter somehow finds us — if not on this designated Sunday, perhaps two days from now, or next week or mid-May. Watch for it; keep your heart open. Christ is risen indeed — and you shall be too. —Heidi Mann



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Pat Giorgini** is recovering from kidney stones
- ♦ **Kathy Johnson** is dealing with chemotherapy
- ♦ **Harison Van Siclen** broke his arm

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Elsie Brown** – *Norris Square, Cottage Grove*
- ♦ **Beulah Hanvelt** – *Inver Glen Senior Living*
- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Hgts.*
- ♦ **Jerry Lach** – *White Pine, Inver Grove Hgts.*

Ongoing Concerns: *(these will be listed for 3 months and then removed. If you wish for them to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office.)*

- ♦ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.

Concerns Beyond our Doors:

- ♦ Those being persecuted for their faith
- ♦ Those separated from family
- ♦ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ♦ Those who are hungry
- ♦ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ♦ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ♦ Those who grieve
- ♦ Those who are uncertain about the future

We Extend out Sympathy:

- ♦ We extend out sympathy to the family of **Marion Johnson**. Her memorial service was held on March 29 at Lake Benton UMC in Lake Benton, MN.

The Money Pot (located in the church lobby) welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. This month's money goes for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. You can put your money in the money pot in the lobby.



UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.



UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.



The Prayer Chain is active. If you have a prayer concern, contact Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770. Please make sure the pastor also knows of the prayer request, so that she can respond to pastoral care needs. Pastor needs to know about telephone prayer chain requests in order to share the concern on the e-mail prayer chain as well. If you wish to be involved in this ministry by being a part of either the telephone chain or the e-mail chain, please speak to Pastor Gail.

Hospital Calls: If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

FOR YOUR TIMES OF DEVOTION: Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issue** of the devotional *The Upper Room* (daily readings in regular or large print). This booklet is found on the table by the parking lot door.



Steps on the Journey

This has been an interesting winter. At times it has not seemed cold enough for winter yet the calendar on the wall says it is winter. And now it is spring. The beginning of the greening season, the time when the days are growing longer. Soon the trees and plants will begin to bloom and it will get warmer and brighter each day.

It is always fascinating to me that this changing of the seasons seems to come during Lent. The time in the church year when we are called to reflect on our lives and our relationship with God; what are the changes that need to happen? Are we willing to confess that we are not perfect and that we stand in need of God's forgiveness? How will we live as forgiven people? How will we reflect the experience of the resurrection that will soon be upon us?

For resurrection is about new life, new possibilities and an experience of God that may be new to us because of what God does in Jesus the Christ. Things are now different and we are called to live a resurrected life of hope and possibilities.

As we move into the new season may we reflect the resurrection and all the possibilities that are now before us.

Peace in Christ,

Gail

Camping Opportunities

Summer is almost here and it is time to think about summer camping. All kinds of camps are available through the camping program of the church. Pick up a brochure on the table outside the church office to see all that is available, from day camps to resident camps to specialty camps there is something for everyone.

Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Gail is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off. Please call her at home (612-722-3001) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

Alive Now Magazine

The print and digital magazine formats of *Alive Now* will end with the current March/April 2017 issue. The Upper Room staff will share plans for the transformation at facebook.com/Alive.now.magazine, www.alivenow.org, & twitter.com/AliveNowMag.

New Directory

We will be working on a new directory for the church this spring. If you have a new e-mail address or a new phone number (include cell phones) please send them to the church office by April 15. Church office – 651-457-5686 or faithumc@usfamily.net

Help Needed

Help is needed with the **Easter Breakfast** on Sunday morning, April 16. If you can help with cooking, please call Marsha Spatafore, 615-451-8713. If you can help with clean-up, contact Judy Turk, 651-343-8027.

Cotton Material

Laurel Venhuizen is looking for cotton fabric to use in making quilts. If you have cotton material you no longer need, or would like to donate, contact Laurel at 615-552-1167.



Coming Events

April 8 – Auction

February 26 – Afternoon at the Movies

April 13 – Maundy Thursday

April 14 – Good Friday

April 9 – Palm/Passion Sunday

April 16 – Easter

April 30 – Day of Service & Potluck

★ Address Change

“As of April 4 my mailing address is changing to 2222 Lower Afton Rd. E., St. Paul, MN 55119”. —John Kemp

2017 DARTS 3RD ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Thursday, April 27, 2017

7:30-9:00 am - Mendakota Country Club
2075 Mendakota Drive, Mendota Heights

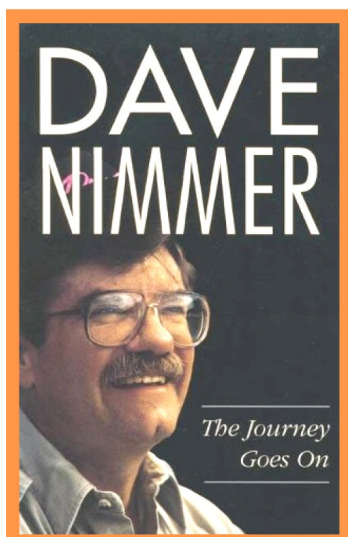
Enjoy: a FREE breakfast

Listen: to DAVID NIMMER recount his journey
Give: your gift/pledge to support DARTS services
for community seniors

Find out how Dave went from: Reporter and managing editor at The Minneapolis Star;

Reporter, associate news director, co-host of
NEWSDAY- WCCO

Television; News
Broadcast Reporting
and News Writing
Professor at The University of St. Thomas;
Designer for Three-Sixty, a non-profit that seeks to find young men and women of color who are interested in journalism
To hiking the Grand Canyon!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Methodist-related Colleges and Methodist Seminaries



Your offering empowers ministry within our congregation and in response to the needs of our community. It also helped support the work of ministries beyond the local church, such as the support we give to maintaining a connection with **100 United Methodist-related Colleges and 13 United Methodist Seminaries**. Some of these colleges are large, well known institutions such as Duke, Boston University, Southern Methodist University (SMU), Syracuse University, American University in Washington DC, Emory University in Atlanta and Hamline University in St. Paul. Others, while not as large, are highly respected and have long lists of distinguished alumnae. Whether large or small, they all bear the Methodist DNA to this day, living out United Methodist compassion. We saw in 2014 when it was Emory University that became the center for Ebola treatment in the U.S. working to save those infected and finding new ways to stop the spread of this devastating disease. These kind of cooperative efforts across our connection, thanks to the way the people of The United Methodist Church live and give connectionally. I invite you to give generously as we worship God through sharing our gifts, tithes and offerings.

Learn more about the colleges, universities and theological schools of the UMC: <http://www.umc.org/directory/schools-seminaries>



April 2017 Worship Schedule

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April 2 — 5th Sunday of Lent — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Sermon title: "The Loss of the Day"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Pat Giorgini

Fellowship Time host: Joel Kranz

Communion Steward: Roseanne Larsen

April 9 — Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon Title: "Week of the Passion"

Greeter: Dianne Mens

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

April 13 — Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 21:1-14; Psalm 116; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-35

Sacrament of Holy Communion and Service of Tenebrae

April 16 — Easter Sunday — *We celebrate the Resurrection!*

Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Sermon title: "Early in the Morning"

Greeter: Bonnie Dick

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time host:

April 23 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Sermon Title: "Trust and Believe"

Greeter: Karen Cohoes

Lay Reader: Mike Schwendinger

Fellowship Time host:

April 30 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116; I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Title: "Being Set Apart"

Greeter: Roseanne Larsen

Lay Reader: Marsha Spatafore

Fellowship Time host:

April 2017 Calendar

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Sun., 4/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship	10:50 a.m.	Day of Service & Potluck
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School	Mon., 5/1	10:00 a.m. Craft Group
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Wed., 5/3	6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
Mon., 4/3	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		7:00 p.m. Confirmation
Wed., 4/5	5:15 p.m.	Supper	Thurs., 5/4	6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship		7:00 p.m. Church Council
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sat., 5/6	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Thurs., 4/8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Sun., 5/7	9:30 a.m. Worship
	4:30 p.m.	Auction		9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
Sun., 4/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School		10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Mon., 5/8	10:00 a.m. Craft Group
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Wed., 5/10	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Outreach Committee		7:00 p.m. Confirmation
Mon., 4/10	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Sun., 5/14	9:30 a.m. Worship
Wed., 4/12	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		9:45 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
Thurs., 4/13	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship		10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Fri., 4/14	11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Prayer Vigil		
Sun., 4/16	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast		
	9:30 a.m.	Worship		
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		
Mon., 4/17	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		
	6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team		
Wed., 4/19	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		
Thurs., 4/20	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals		
Sat., 4/22	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		
Sun., 4/23	9:30 a.m.	Worship		
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School		
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		
Mon., 4/24	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		
Wed., 4/26	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		
Sun., 4/30	9:30 a.m.	Worship		
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School		
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		



Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **4/8, 4/22, 5/6 and 5/20** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 S. Robert Street starting at 8:00 am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at bill.short@whitebeartownship.org or 651-552-0736.

♥♥♥ **Need a day brightener or thought provoker?** ♥♥♥

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!* Every Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting phone message. So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!



Welcome Bags & Cards

The Welcome Team has information cards and welcome bags available in the narthex (lobby). Please feel free to take either or both if you have a new neighbor or a friend as a welcome from the church. Or take an empty bag for your own use.

New people for mailing list

We are looking for additional people to place on our mailing list. Maybe you have a neighbor, friend or family member you would like to receive the Faith newsletter. Leave the name and address in the church office. This will help us continue to be able to send the newsletter out at a bulk rate (we need 200 addresses for this rate).

Capital Campaign

This last fall we began a capital campaign to raise \$30,000 to replace the floor in the Fellowship hall, the kitchen, the back hallway and the choir room as well as the sound system in the sanctuary. We had a matching "grant" of \$15,000, a \$1 for \$1 match. To date we have raised \$24,500 toward the \$30,000. We have installed the new floor and the new sound system and paid the \$5,500 difference out of our reserves. We would like to repay our reserves so we have money to do other capital projects that need to be done around the church.

This spring when you get your tax refund, think about giving part of it to the capital campaign to help us complete the project. Thank you for your generous gifts.

—The Finance Committee & Board of Trustees

✠ Holy Week ✠

Maundy Thursday, April 13

We will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. and celebrate Holy Communion as we remember Jesus' last supper with the disciples, then we will move into a tenebrae time as we remember all of the events of the night and the next day that led to Jesus' crucifixion.

Prayer Vigil on Good Friday, April 14

This will be a chance for you to pause from your day to remember Jesus' crucifixion. We will hold the vigil from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We invite people to sign up for a ½ hour (30 Minute) slot. You can do it at church or anyplace else, just indicate on the sign-up sheet. If you come to the church there will be video and materials available for your time.

Easter Sunday, April 16

We will have Easter breakfast from 8-9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will begin in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. with the hearing of the Easter story; we will talk about what it means to hear Jesus say "I am the resurrection and the life." We will end worship with the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah. After worship there will be a time of fellowship to greet one another in the light of the resurrection.



I WILL NOT
DIE BUT LIVE,
AND WILL
PROCLAIM
WHAT THE
LORD
HAS DONE.

PSALM 118:17, NIV

Growing through Loss

The Interdenominational South Suburban Grief Support Coalition is sponsoring the Spring Growing through Loss Workshops on the Tuesdays of April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, 13900 Biscayne Avenue West, Rosemount. For further information about topics for each week, go their website, www.growingthroughlosssouth.com or see brochure on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

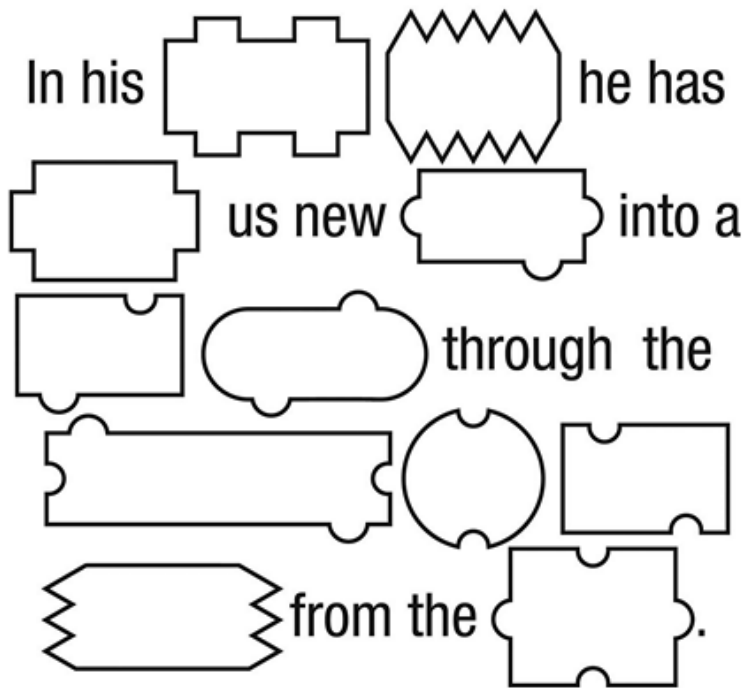
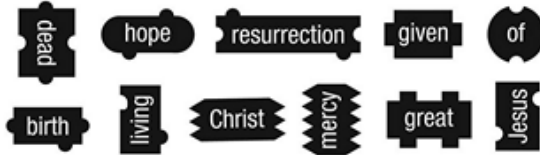
KIDS IN SEARCH



> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



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Worship Schedule

We invite you to join us this Sunday
for worship, study and fellowship:

- Worship — 9:30 a.m.
- Youth & Children's Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
- Fellowship time — 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Facebook Page

Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at:
<http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>

HOLY



WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 13 • 7:00 p.m.

We remember the last supper
of Jesus and the disciples as
we celebrate holy communion
in a Tenebrae style of worship
with light and darkness.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 14 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We will have a 4 hour prayer
vigil. You are invited to join in
prayer for 30 minute intervals
at church or where you are.
The church sanctuary will have
music and resources available
for people to use.



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 16

Breakfast • 8:00 a.m.

Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Easter breakfast will be served
in the Fellowship Hall starting
at 8:00 a.m. Then we will
celebrate the resurrection in
the sanctuary with the choir
singing, and our worship
concluding with the singing
of the "Hallelujah Chorus"
from Handel's Messiah.