

The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer



Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:18)

Next Sunday, March 25th, is

Palm Sunday. We will commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of what we have come to know as Holy Week. There is great irony in this "celebration." We see the people welcome Jesus with shouts and cheers, paving the road with palm branches and even their own coats. Soon, however, the mood will turn ugly and many people will encourage Pontius Pilate to have him executed in the cruelest manner imaginable. How fickle we humans can be!

From Palm Sunday through the week leading up to Easter Sunday, we have many opportunities to realize why this is called Holy Week. On Monday, you might read **John 12:1-11**. This is the story of Mary, the sister of Lazarus, pouring expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wiping them with her hair. This is a great act of love, criticized by some, but praised by Jesus and called a reminder that he will be leaving them soon.

On Tuesday, **John 12:20-36**, brings us the story of Jesus telling the crowd that, "*unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*" Obviously, to us these words foreshadow Jesus' death at the end of the week; the original hearers must wait to realize the full meaning of this image. This scripture goes on to include a theophany for the crowd and more confirmation of who Jesus really is. It's worth your time.

Wednesday, **John 13:21-32** will lead you to a better understanding of Judas. Although he is seen as the betrayer, he is also one who glorifies Jesus. Check it out – it's a great thought-provoking moment.

On **March 29th** we come to **Maundy Thursday** (or Holy Thursday) and **John 13:1-17** brings us the story of Jesus

washing his disciples' feet. This is the model of servant leadership that we all need to reflect upon. Also, on that evening, we will have our traditional Maundy Thursday gathering at the **Family Life Center at 6:30PM**. We will serve dinner, celebrate Holy Communion, and reflect on the stories from that last day with Jesus.

Good Friday, March 30th, is a day of sorrow. Many people take the day off from work and spend time in prayer and meditation on this day. Often, people will pause at 3:00PM for a moment of silence. I suggest you read **John 18:1-19:42**. This is commonly called, "The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John" and it is one of the most complete and familiar accounts of Jesus' sacrifice. At **6:30PM**, our choir will present their cantata, a moving musical journey through the events of this week. *Please plan to be there.*

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting as Jesus rests in his tomb. **Matthew 27:57-66** is a good passage to read and pray over this day.

Finally, we come to **Resurrection Sunday, April 1st**, and we rejoice that Jesus has triumphed over the grave and given us a chance at new life through him. Everyone wants to be here for worship on this day – it is the most-attended Sunday of the year. I pray you will join us for worship at 8:45AM or 11:00AM. This is when we hear Mary say, "**I have seen the Lord!**" Imagine that for a moment – seeing the Lord face-to-face when you just saw him die before your eyes three days before. How wonderful! How frightening! How mysterious. What do we do with this image? How do we hear this story today, from within our context where science and technology explain nearly everything? That is up to you. I hope you will choose to come closer to God this year so each day, you can say with confidence: "**I have seen the Lord!**"

Pastor Don



KidZone

Hey Kids-We had a fun time on Sunday, March 11th when the Youth joined us to do "Spring Treat Bags" for our Ninth Grade Center. They will be delivered after Spring break. This Sunday we went on an "archeological dig" searching for the symbols of Easter. After we finished our dig, we talked about the meaning of each symbol. Then we made and enjoyed eating "hot cross buns". Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will sing in both services. Please be there at 8:30 for the early service. We will celebrate the Passover Meal during Kidzone next Sunday, March 25th. Sunday, April 1st will be our annual "Kidzone Easter Breakfast Burritos" at 9:45 in the Caleb House. Parents and grandparents are invited to come as we celebrate Jesus and His great love for us.

Have a wonderful Spring break-see you next Sunday.
Miss Debbie and Miss Marty

SENIORS IN ACTION! We are planning a short car trip to Pawnee to have lunch and a great visit with our friends Bill & Mary Kay Schwartz. I've spoken with Mary Kay and Bill and they are looking forward to our visit! We plan to have lunch at Click's Steakhouse. The tentative date is Saturday, April 7th. We will meet at the Family Life Center to carpool that day. If you can drive a carload, let us know. We will need a definite headcount for this event, so sign-up will be necessary. Max & I will have the date and time set for sure by Sunday, and will have flyers ready to hand out. Questions?.... Call Max or Sharon Schuermann at [918.246.5180](tel:918.246.5180) (NEW phone number).

UMW BAKE SALE

Herbal Affair

It's that time of year again when we start to pull out recipes for our favorite treats. The Herbal Affair is just around the corner and we would like for as many to participate as can -- men and women. The date is April

21 and we will have a workday on April 20. Stay tuned for more information. If you have questions, please let me know -- Karen Wilder.

Missions Update

First, I want to thank you for your prayers while I was sick. I had no idea when I wrote in January that I would be in the hospital by the end of the week. My illness created a two month hole in my life that I am still trying to fill. The one thing I do know is your prayers brought me home.

The impending teacher walkout will create a need for all of us to support our teachers as they struggle to restore funding to education in the state to better not only their profession but to make education of our children, and grandchildren, the priority it should be. As a church we will look for ways to support our local schools and teachers. As needs we can meet become clear, we will get the word out to you so watch for emails, texts, smoke signals, and phone calls.

I am also repeating two requests I made earlier this year. There is still a need to assist 2015 flood victims in southern and southwestern Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Conference of the UMC, along with UMCOR, has extended funding to OK UMC-Disaster Response to keep assistance going until June 30th. If there is any interest in helping with this need, please let me know as soon as possible. The second request is to let me know of any individual missions or outreach you are doing. My interest is to just help record and report our mission activity which is part of our annual report to the conference. Again, thank you for your prayers. I was reminded prayer does work. Continue to pray for those who are hurt, those who are broken, those that are lost. Give thanks for the day and the blessings and bounty we enjoy, and once again, pray.

Your Brother in Christ

Buster Hall

Thank You...

Tracey & the SSUMC,

Thanks so much for all the prayers for Jaxen & Kenzie.

They are doing fine now. Hope Jaxen can wait till his

time [due date] to come.

God is in control!

Lots of love,

Chloeen Oney and Family

Sunday Lists

Please Keep In Prayer

Sunday Volunteers—March 25

Visitors Center & Coffee: Discovery
Head Usher-8:30am: Amanda Honeycutt
Head Usher-11:00am: Eddy David
Child. Church: 8:30am: Kingdom Kids
Teaching: Jami Warkentin
Children's Church: Susie Honeycutt
Counters: Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder

Sunday Volunteers—April 1

Visitors Center & Coffee: TNT
Head Usher-8:30am: Amanda Honeycutt
Head Usher-11:00am: Eddy David
Child. Church-8:30am: Kingdom Kids
Teaching: Jami Warkentin
Children's Church: Communion
Counters: Sondra Allen & Dick Ford



Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, June Brown, BW Proft, Sue Shaw, Keri Bostwick, Greta Green, Bob & Cathy Hula, Bill & Clare Caldwell, John & Sylvia Johnson, Jewell Brown, Barbara McClintock, Montie Box, Owen Johnston, Albert Kahl's mom & sister in law, Ruth Weaver, Angy Krebs-Warden, Joey Parrish

If someone needs to be added to the prayer list or someone was taken off too soon, please contact Tracey in the front office so the prayer list can be updated.



Youth Dinners

3/21-CIA/Pathfinders
3/28-Faith Circle
4/4-TNT
4/11-Ruth Esther Circle
4/18-Seniors In Action
4/25-No Youth
5/2-Priscilla Circle
5/9-CIA/Noah/Searchers
5/16-CIA/Pathfinders
5/23-Faith Circle
5/30-TNT

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Office Hours

Monday-8:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday-8:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday-8:00am-4:00pm
Thursday-8:00am-4:00pm
Closed Friday
Closed Saturday
Sunday
8:45am-Contemporary Worship
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship

Lost & Found

I have 2 different earrings, a ring, and a lapel pin in my office that were turned in after a Sunday. I also have a key fob for possibly a Mazda CX-5. Come by and identify your lost article to claim it. All have been turned in over the last 6 months.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, March 19

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, March 20

12:00pm-Lenten Devotional/Lunch-St Patrick's Catholic Ch.
6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, March 21

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
1:30pm-Mission to Stitch-Parlor
5:45pm-Y4Y
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth-FLC
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, March 22

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, March 23

No Activities

Saturday, March 24

10a-12p-Choir Practice
5p-9:30pm-Cub Scouts in FLC

Sunday, March 25-Palm Sunday

8:45am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, March 26

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs
5:30pm-4th Monday Community Dinner-F. Hall
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, March 27

12:00pm-Lenten Lunch-St. Matthews Episcopal Church
6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team

FLC-Family Life Center

**-Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome*

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To KidZone Parents and Grandparents
You are invited to our Annual Easter
Breakfast on Sunday, April 1st at 9:45am.
We will have breakfast burritos, cinnamon
rolls, muffins, fruit, juice and milk.
Please join us as we celebrate Easter together.