

## Holy Week Services

**April 2: Palm & Passion Sunday in all morning worship spaces**

**April 6: Maundy Thursday in the Multi-Purpose Room 7 pm**

**April 7: Good Friday in the Sanctuary 7 pm**

**April 9: Easter Sunrise Service: begins in the Memorial Garden  
and moves to the sanctuary for Holy Communion**

**April 9: Easter Worship in all three regular worship services**

### Marvelous Monday

#### "On Golden Pond" Coming In April

Everyone is invited to join us on April 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our next Marvelous Monday gathering. We will enjoy the classic "On Golden Pond," featuring Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda. Great snacks and drinks will be available. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and great cinema!



### Reserve Your Spot for Our Senior Adult Luncheon

We are thrilled that our very own Melanie Hutsell will be our speaker for our upcoming XYZ Senior Adult Luncheon on Wednesday, April 12. Melanie's recently published novel, *The Book of Susan*, was presented an Award of Merit for a work of fiction by the 2023 Christianity Today Book Awards! Her novel offers a riveting deep-dive into one woman's experience with bipolar disorder and God.



Our \$10 catered lunch that day will consist of chicken salad, pasta salad, and fruit with rolls and dessert. Contact the church office to make your reservation prior to the deadline on Thursday, April 6.

### Easter Visitation Sign-Up Deadline

Easter visitation is a lifeline for our members. If you would like to spend a few minutes with a homebound member of the church, please either fill out the form at <https://fumcor.org/easter-visitation> or contact Betty Lou Alspaugh (alspaughbl@gmail.com).

### Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

Join the Children and Family Ministry team for "Living Water: Sailing Towards God's Love." Vacation Bible School is open to students age 5 through 6th grade and will take place June 12-15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Your family



to register

can then join us on Friday, June 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for family night where we will wrap up Vacation Bible School with music, water games, fellowship and more!



to volunteer

### Second Thursday Marina Walk

Our April hike will be a short one to the Lee Russell Trillium patch on Thursday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. This hike is on the North Ridge Trail (eastern section) and the trillium patch is only about .6 mile from the Delaware entrance. RSVP to Betty Lou, alspaughbl@gmail.com, if you want to join us.

## In the Hospital:

Linda Houlberg - UTM

## Dismissed:

Jerry Delene (to NHC Oak Ridge)

## Our Giving

Weekly offering:	\$ 13,941
2023 YTD offering:	\$ 325,734
2022 YTD offering:	\$ 327,466
Mission Offering:	\$ 2,885

## Worship for March 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: When The Church Should Just Shut Up  
Scripture: Romans 8:6-13

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Multipurpose Room  
Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn

## Thank You!

Thank you, congregation, for your patience this past week as the building closed for two days for maintenance work. Everything (including our new chiller) is back up and running. We're grateful for all of those who worked together to make this work as painless as possible.



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## A Sunrise Service Clarification

Prior to the pandemic, the youth of our congregation took the lead in our Easter Sunrise Services. Those worship experiences were held on the front lawn and were followed by a breakfast gathering in the Multi-Purpose Room. Most of those who attended Sunrise Service would share breakfast together and then attend the 8:45 a.m. Traditional service of worship.

However, since our return from the pandemic, our Easter Sunrise Service has transitioned to be essentially that same as the other Traditional worship experiences later in the morning, only without a brass ensemble or our Chancel Choir. Once again this year, our Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Memorial Garden—which is fitting, since the women first learned of Jesus' resurrection while outside, early on Sunday morning. After sharing the gospel story and a few songs in the Garden, those gathered will process inside where our worship will include Rev. Flynn's message for the day, as well as Holy Communion.

All are welcome to join us on Easter morning for this wonderful sunrise experience and full worship service!

**The Social Concerns Committee and the Branches Sunday School Class** helped with spring cleanup at the Blossom Center for Childhood Excellence in Oak Ridge on Friday, March 10. Blossom Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "partner with parents to provide excellent child-centered programs that are affordable and accessible" with childcare seven days a week for parents who work long hours and weekends. Our volunteers separated and hauled away worn out furniture for disposal and items for recycling, carried items to attic storage, and assembled new furniture and playground equipment.

## Card-Making Group

Join us this Sunday as we launch the new card-making group led by Sandi Henry. Bring your kids to youth and enjoy some fun and fellowship making your own greeting cards! We will meet in room 207 at 7:00 p.m.

## Easter Flowers

Please fill out a form (you can get one from an usher or the church office) and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with your cash or check made payable to First UMC with "Easter flowers" in the memo line. Sunday is the last day for orders.

## Scholarship Opportunity

Whether you're graduating high school and about to start college or just need some financial help, we have a couple of opportunities for you. Please visit our website at [fumcor.org](http://fumcor.org)/scholarships. The deadline to complete applications is April 15.

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