

PLAN NOW TO WALK THE LABYRINTH DURING HOLY WEEK

MARCH 25TH-30TH IN THE FIESTA CENTER

- SUNDAY 1-4 AND 6-8 PM ON YOUR/OWN RESOURCES PROVIDED
- MONDAY 8 AM-4 PM ON YOUR OWN/RESOURCES PROVIDED
- TUESDAY 8 AM-4 PM ON YOUR OWN/RESOURCES PROVIDED
- WEDNESDAY 8 AM-4 PM ON YOUR OWN/RESOURCES PROVIDED
- WEDNESDAY GUIDED LABYRINTH JOURNEY 6-7 PM (REGISTRATION REQUIRED SEE ROUND TABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA)
- THURSDAY 8 AM-7 PM ON YOUR OWN/RESOURCES PROVIDED
- FRIDAY 4-7 PM ON YOUR OWN/RESOURCES PROVIDED

The labyrinth is a model or metaphor for life. Our Christian life is often described as a pilgrimage with God. Walking the labyrinth can draw us closer to God. It includes turns as life does. It provides a quiet time to concentrate on prayer, our life journey, and to listen for God might be saying to us. Come this Holy Week and use the labyrinth.



Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, March 25 We will continue our tradition of the reading of the passion story from the Gospels with musical responses at both 8:45 and 11:00 worship services.



Maudy Thursday, March 29

7:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary featuring the Lord's Supper around the cross, music led by the Chancel Choir, Carillon Choir, and the stripping of the chancel.



Good Friday, March 30 7:00 PM featuring a creative worship service around the crucifixion.



Easter Resurrection Worship, April 1 – 6:15 AM Sunrise service at Boot Rd. Park. Both of our worship services (8:45 and 11:00) will have special music and an uplifting message. The outdoor cross will be decorated by our children with multi-colored flowers to celebrate the resurrection.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 11 8:45 AM - Worship-(S) Nursery (104), 2's-5's (Splash) Kid's Church 10:00 AM - Sunday School 0-2 (104), 2-3 yrs.(1), 4 yrs.-Kind.(2), Grades 1-5 (4,5), Grade 6-12 (Pit) Adults (C,7,12, 208) 11:00 AM - Worship - (FC) Nursery (104), 2's-5's (Splash) 3:00 PM - Youth Group 4:00 PM - El Buen Choir 4:30 PM - Sprouts 5:00 PM - El Buen New Beginnings 5:30 PM - Stephen Ministry Training 6:00 PM - El Buen Worship 6:15 PM - Celebration Ringers 6:15 PM - Youth Choir	7:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 PM - El Buen Music Class Wednesday, March 14 8:30 AM - Stephen Ministry Supervision 9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM - Lunch Break for Retired Men 6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Out 6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM - Wednesday Night Live 6:45 PM - Cherub Choir, Hope Choir, Junior Choir 6:45 PM - Disciple I 6:45 PM - Disciple III 7:30 PM - Carillon Choir 8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study
Monday, March 12 10:00 AM - Sunshine Memory Cafe 7:00 PM - El Buen Women's Group 7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts	Thursday, March 15 12:00 PM - Disciple III 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir 7:00 PM - Chess Club Friday, March 16 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance
Tuesday, March 13 6:30 PM - UMW Executive Board 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance	Saturday, March 17 5:00 AM - El Buen Morning Prayer 8:30 AM - Good Works



Hippity Hop Hippity Hop

Easter Egg Hunt
March 24 10-11am
Crafts begin in the Fiesta Center at 10.

Sign up on the website or email Judy to let us know that you will come.

judy@umcwc.org

Age level hunts throughout the building. Scavenger Hunt for 3rd-5th graders.

If you can volunteer for set up or clean up, please let Judy know that you can help.

Leadership

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Property Chair.....	Bob McPherson
Finance Chair.....	Denny Wright
Archivist.....	Michael Haynes
D.S.....	Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm
Resident Bishop	Rev. Dr. Peggy Johnson
Ministers to the World	ALL OUR PEOPLE



Our Vision-
Building A Spiritual Home
Where You are Family

Our Mission-
To be a Christian community that invites everyone to know, love, and serve God

Welcome to our guests and members!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

- First time guests please come to the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area to receive a gift and a packet of material about our church.
- Children are always welcome in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available with trained attendants: Nursery for infants - 2 years is in room 104; Children ages 2-5 are invited to the "Splash Room" free play area on the second level following the Message for Growing Christians. The ushers can help you locate childcare rooms.
- Children's Bulletins and Pew Packs are available from the ushers.
- Prayer request cards can be found in the friendship folder. To request prayer for someone, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.
- Hearing assist devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one during the service.
- Enjoy coffee in the Gathering Area after worship. Proceeds go to the youth mission trip.



UMCOR SUNDAY—UMCOR acts as the arms and legs of Christ, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Because of you UMCOR responded when tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, when children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, when a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, and when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond. Thank you for your generous gift.

We Continue Our Kindness Adventure Today with Kindness Sticky Notes-Leaving a sticky note with an encouraging message when you're out and about can make someone's day brighter and magnify the effect of your kindness. Pick up a sheet of sticky notes at the Kindness table in the Gathering Area.

Do you need a kind idea? Youth and Sprouts on Sunday evenings need dinner at 5:50. Can you pick a week and provide dinner for these hungry kids? Let Cory or Judy know that you can help.

Prison Pillow Ministry concludes today with the Youth from our church, Grove, and Marshallton delivering the pillows, made by inmates of Chester County Prison and members of local UM congregations, to residents of Brandywine Hall nursing home. Youth and leaders meet here at 3pm.

Testimonies Needed in worship. Do you have a story of healing, change, or renewal in your life that would encourage the lives of others? Let Truman, Allen, or Molly Dee know. They will book you for a Sunday morning.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Sunday, March 11, 2018 ~ 8:45 AM

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith. -Billy Graham

Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you. -Robert Fulghum

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
arr. Hopson

◆Call to Worship

Loving God, we come to worship today because we love you, and we want to love you more.

We come to worship needing love in our lives: love for family, friends, strangers, enemies. In this hour of worship, touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts to your love which passes all understanding. Amen.

◆Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* TFWS no. 2197

Prayer of Confession

We admit, O God, we are responsible. And look what we have created... a world wracked by ethnic cleansing, terrorism, wars, and school violence; millions starving in the midst of pockets of unbelievable plenty; and individuals who seem more concerned about tomorrow's weather than about today's casualties in shootings, starvation, drunken driving, drug abuse, and on and on. We admit we are responsible ... for our own involvements in the concerns we have placed before you, and that we have added to their power through our actions and our inaction. Shake us awake to the pain of your world, O God. Help us to take our responsibility as disciples of your Son more seriously. Amen.

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Words of Assurance

There is nothing you can do to make God love you more, and there is nothing you can do to make God love you less.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May God's love lead us to live as Christ's new creation!

◆Signs of Peace and Unity

Music *Pié Jesu* Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Men's Ensemble

Translation:

Merciful Jesus Lord, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Grant them rest everlasting.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank

of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Passing of the Friendship Folders

Appreciation Cards for Our Children

Message for Growing Christians

Music *Arise, My Soul, Arise* Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir
*Arise, my soul, arise, Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the Throne, my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die."*

*My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.
Arise, my soul, arise.* Charles Wesley

Scripture John 6:5-13

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were

seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

◆Hymn *Jesus Loves Me* no. 191

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.**

**I love Jesus! Yes, I do! I love all God's people too!
I will do my best to share love and kindness everywhere.
Yes, I love Jesus! Yes, I love Jesus!
Yes, I love Jesus! And all God's people too!**

Scripture Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Message *Kind Communities
Create
Kind Children*

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer no. 895

Offering *Traumerai* Schumann

◆Offering Response no. 273, vs. 2
**Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.**

◆Offertory Prayer

Spirit of God, help us to learn how to give generously. Help us think of those who are hungry and in need this day and to care for them.

To all of us who have plenty, give us passion for justice and mercy so that the hungry will be fed and all who are hurting may find kindness. In the name of our most compassionate Lord Jesus. Amen.

◆Hymn *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* TFWS no. 2234

◆Benediction

As you go forth from this place, may you be an ambassador of peace and grace, whether you are in the parking lot or on a playground.

May our eyes be opened to see the miracles that God is unfolding in our world and may the love and peace of Christ sustain us and the power of the Holy Spirit renew us daily. Amen.

◆Postlude *Fugue in C Major* Handel

◆Please stand as you are able.
Bold text indicates congregational response.

The flowers on the Lord's Table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Susan's mother, Lucille Scheveers, and Tom's mother, Margaret Woods, by Susan and Tom Woods and family;
Eileen's parents, Regina and Joseph Haley, by John and Eileen Hogan.

Worship Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Truman Brooks
Liturgists: Rev. Molly Dee Rounsley, Rev. Allen Keller
Readers: Rodney Jones, Jacqui Rothera
Message for Growing Christians: Jacqui Rothera
Chancel Choir and Men's Ensemble Director: Mike Muzzo
Organist: Steve Campitelli
Acolyte: Celia Rozea
Violin: Serena Cohen
Cello: Stephanie Campitelli

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children. - Charles R. Swindoll

Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you. -H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them. -Phyllis Diller
There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.

-Nelson Mandela

The soul is healed by being with children.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

Adults are obsolete children. -Dr. Seuss

There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings. -Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Your children need your presence more than your presents. - Jesse Jackson

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood. - Fred Rogers

Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy. -Robert A. Heinlein