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April Pews News

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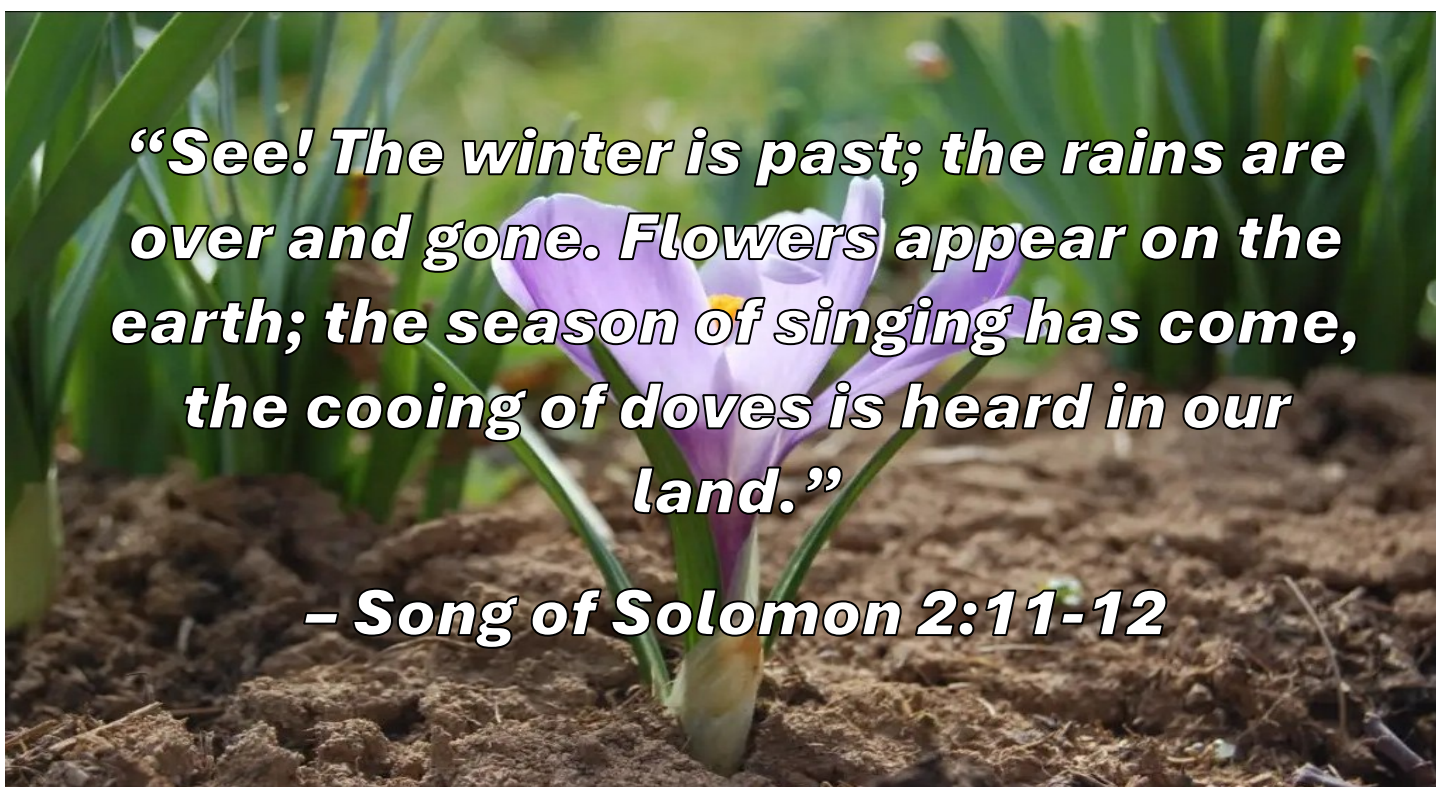
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You are invited to experience the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus through the Liturgy.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Maundy Thursday 2 April 2026

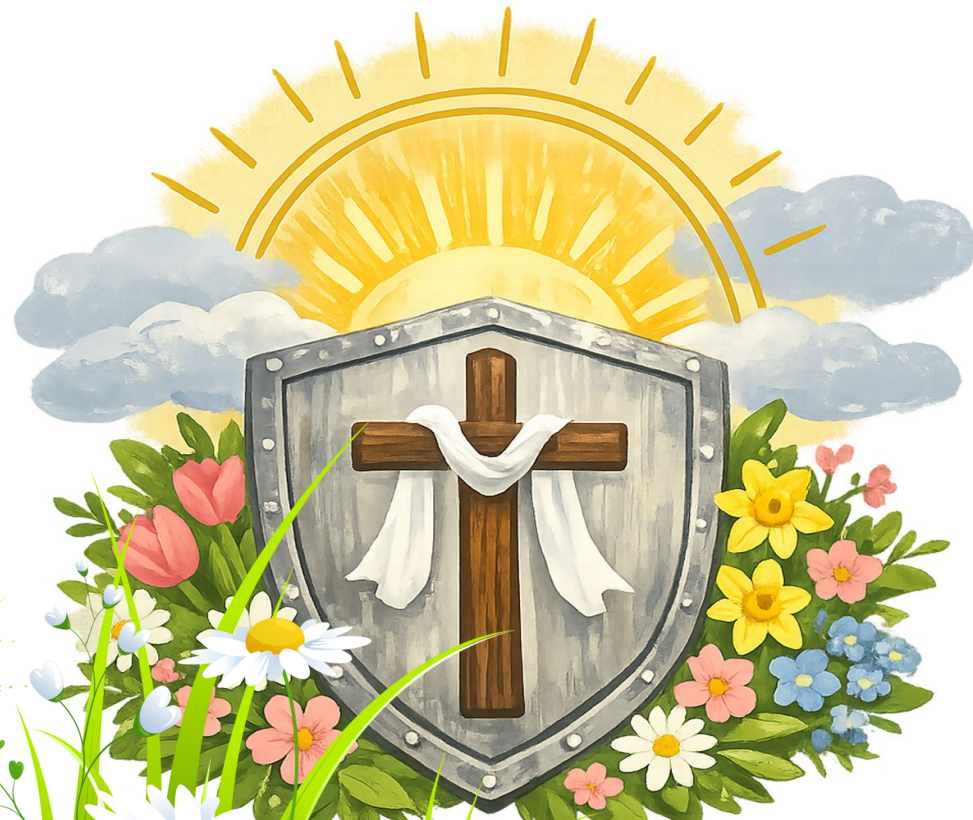
- 6:30 pm Service

Good Friday 3 April 2026

- 6:30 pm Service

Easter Sunday 5 April 2026

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service
- 9:30 am Service



- 2— Dylan Warren
- 3— Calista BreAnn Dothager
- 4— Mary Fulton
- 9— Rodes Hood
- 10— Laura Miller
- 11— Joe Rosborough
Avery Myers
Gary Potts
Joe Rosborough
- 12— Jan Johnston
- 14— Darryl Tjaden
Brianna Garner
- 16— Bill Bennett
Monica Schwarm
- 19— Jake Tjaden
- 21— Hudson Schneider
Kristin Stombaugh
- 23— Harper Goldsboro
Tim Michel
- 24— Butch Johnston
- 25— Austin Warren
- 27— Jeremie Rademacher
Ali Laack
- 28— Chase McNary
- 30— Alex Burnam
Randy Sasse
Sue Schwarm
Andy Sidwell

- 10— Bob & Gail DePaolo
- 14— Aaron & Hannah Konrad
- 15— Tom & Carla Diveley
TJ & Jaime Warren
- 22— Ed & Kim Taylor
- 24— Robert & Ruth Ann
Garrison

- 27 Driver:** Ed Taylor
- Rider:** Kim Taylor
- Greeter:** Sandy Stombaugh

Offering Collectors

- 6- John Burnam
- 13- Gene Schwarm
- 20- Barb Paine
- 27- Gene Schwarm

Acolytes

- 5- Hannah Stombaugh
- 12- Brooklyn Burnam
- 19- Addi Flake
- 26- Parker Clark

Sound Tech

Rand Craycroft

Video Tech

Patrick Myers

Bus Ministry

- 6 Driver:** Ed Taylor
- Rider:** Kim Taylor
- Greeter:** Sandy Stombaugh

Ushers

- 6- JD Vieregge & Josh Figgins
- 13- JD Vieregge & Rand Craycroft
- 20- JD Vieregge & Jacy Fulk
- 27- JD Vieregge & Greg Fulk

- 13 Driver:** Bill Warner
- Rider:** Kim Warner
- Greeter:** Mary Fulton

Liturgist

Patti Craycroft

- 20 Driver:** Max Durbin
- Rider:** Deb Durbin
- Greeter:** Jack Johnston





Please join us **Wednesday nights 5:30-6:30** for our community meals in **Wesley Hall**. Menu:

- April 1** **NO MEAL**
- April 8** **Spaghetti, Garlic Stick, Cookies / Fruit**
- April 15** **French Toast Sticks, Sausage Links, Hash Brown Patty, syrup cups**
- April 29** **Walking Tacos, Shredded Lettuce, Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa**



The **N.O.W.** Committee will be sending out College Care Gift Cards the last week of April. If you have a child or grandchild in college, please give their names and addresses to the Church Office by **Monday, April 19, 2025**.

Let Go

God: **You need to let go**
 You: **Of what?**
 God: **You know what**
 You: **I'm trying**
 God: **No, you're thinking about trying. There's a difference.**
 You: **It's hard**
 God: **I know. That's why I'm asking you to trust me with it instead of carrying it yourself.**
 You: **What if I let go and nothing happens?**
 God: **What if you let go and everything happens? You're so focused on the risk of release that you're not seeing the risk of holding on.**
 You: **Which is?**
 God: **You're blocking what I'm trying to give you. Your hands are full of the wrong thing. I need you to drop it so I can put the right thing in your hands.**
 You: **Okay. How?**
 God: **Stop trying to figure out how. Just do it. Release it. Trust me to catch what matters and let the rest fall.**

Source: *Let Go, Trust God* by Rebecca Simon | Contributed by Andy Sidwell

Brookstone: (1607 W. Fillmore) Jean Stombaugh (Apt. 35)	Phyllis Thoman (Rm.403) Pete Burnam (Rm.608) Retha Burnam (Rm. 708)
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New Joys and Concerns

Joy in hearing Children in Church
 Our Church, our community and our country.

World Conflicts

Jeff Endres—gave thanks for all the love and support for Deb and the family

The Family of Frank Roeder

Carolyn Daniel's sister Sharon—on hospice

Dorothy Schultz—needs healing & strength

Carole White—surgery 3/18/26

The Family of Mary Woolsey



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| Barb Ambuehl | Shirley Frick | Wes Miller | Phyllis Thoman |
| Brianna Barnett | Sue Harrison | Linda Monson | Heather (Jones) Thompson |
| Marti Bingham | Steve Hoover | Jason Mouser | Brenda Usher |
| John Campbell | Jennifer Kenney | Jeff Mueller | Les Vaughan |
| Sara Clark | Bob & Joy Kloster | Camille Proud | Victoria & Family |
| Ava Cooper | Ray Kramer | David Rademacher | Amy Vieregge |
| Julia Crowe | Carson LaDage | Sydney Rosborough | Sarah Vu |
| Cheri Darr | Krey Leesman | Andy Sidwell | Suzanne Wilkerson |
| Rob Dillingham | Kevin Leifer | Arlen Sidwell | Jeff Williams |
| Connor Eyman | Austin Long | Anna Syniuk | Ken & Peg Williams |
| Maurice Eyman | Sally Miller | Donna Taylor | Hudson Winters |
| David Floyd | | | Lonna Woodruff |





April 2026 Scripture Challenge

~In Four Parts~

Part 1 – The New is Hidden in the Old & The Old is Revealed in the New

1-The New is Hidden in the Old-Psalm 22

2-The Old is revealed in the New

“Why have you forsaken me?”- Matthew 27: 46 & Mark 15: 33-34

Mocking of Jesus by the soldiers-Matthew 27: 27-31, Mark 15: 16-20,

Luke 22: 63-65 & John 19: 1-3

Insults hurled at Jesus-Matthew 27: 39-44, Mark 15:29-32 & Luke 23: 35-39

Casting lots for Jesus Clothes-Matthew 27: 35, Mark 15: 24b, Luke 23: 34b &

John 19: 23-24

No bones broken, pierced side, blood & water-John 19: 31-37

“I thirst.”-John 19: 28

Scouring & Crucifixion-John 19: 1 & 16, Matthew 27: 26 & Mark 15: 15b-24b

From Despair to hope-Matthew 28: 6, Mark 16: 6 & John 20:19

“It is finished!”-John 19:30

3. “Why have you forsaken me?”-Psalm 22: 1, Matthew 27: 46 & Mark 15: 33-34

Mocking of Jesus by the soldiers & insults hurled at Jesus-Psalm 22: 6-8,

Mark 15: 16-20, 29-32, Luke 22: 63-65 & 23: 35-39 John 19: 1-3 & Matthew 27: 27-44

Casting lots for Jesus clothes-Psalm 22:18, Matthew 27: 35, Mark 15:24b, Luke 23:34b &

John 19:23-24

No bones broken, pierced side, blood & water-Psalm 22:14, 17, John 19:31-37

“I thirst”-Psalm 22:15 & John 19:28

Scouring & crucifixion-Psalm 22:16, 20-21, John 19:1 & 16, Matthew 27:26 & Mark

15:15b, 24b

From despair to hope-Psalm 22:22-30, Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:6 & John 20:19

“It is finished!”-Psalm 22:31b & John 19:30

Part 2 – Words of Comfort From the Old Testament

4 – Psalms 23:1 & 4

5 – Psalms 9:7-10

6 – Psalms 34:18

7 – Psalms 55:22

8 – Psalms 56:3-4

9 – Psalms 119:50

10 – Proverbs 1:1-7

11 – Proverbs 14:30 & 15:1-2

12 – Joshua 1:9

13 – Jeremiah 29:11-13

14 – Lamentations 3:32

15 – Habakkuk 3:17-19

16 – Isaiah 40:31 & 41:10

17 – Isaiah 43:1b-3a

18 – Isaiah 49:13

Part 3 – Words of Comfort from the New Testament

19 – Matthew 6:34

20 – Matthew 11:28-30

21 – Matthew 21:21-22

22 – John 3:16

23 – John 14:1

24 – John 16:20

25 – Romans 8:38-39

26 – 2nd Corinthians 1:3-4

27 – James 1:13

28 – 1st Peter 5:5-7

29 – Philippians 4:6-7 & 13

Part 4 – A Final Word

30 – Psalms 46:10a

~ Special thanks to Pastor Dain Spore, Kauai, who preached the sermon on Psalms 22 which opened my eyes to new understanding and a very special thank you to the Adult Sunday School Class who provided the remaining 27 days of scripture references for this challenge.~



There is no handbell practice in April.

Choir practice: April 8th & 15th

Choir anthem @ 9:00 April 12th & 19th



The concert with the band **Unspoken** will be held in held in the FUMC Sanctuary on **April 26th**.

The event will start at **6pm**, doors open at 5:30pm.

Methodist Men are on duty at the 6:35 Food Pantry on **Thursday, April 9th, 2025**. Please arrive by **4pm** if you plan to help!

