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MISSION  
"MAKING DISCIPLES OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
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## What Jesus Did for You!

*"See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."*

Matthew 20:18-19

This Scripture from Matthew 20:18-19 summarizes what happens to Jesus during Holy Week.

Jesus intentionally goes into Jerusalem knowing that he would be arrested and killed there. He went anyway. Jesus intentionally rides in on a peaceful donkey knowing that this would attract the attention of those who hated him. He rides in on a donkey anyway. Jesus intentionally gathers with his disciples and shocks them by changing the historic Passover ceremony from the sacrifice of a perfect lamb to his sacrifice as the Perfect Lamb of God.

Jesus intentionally chose twelve disciples knowing that one of them, Judas, would betray him. He chose Judas anyway. Jesus intentionally allows himself to be arrested even though he could have escaped like he had done before. Jesus is intentionally silent during his trial. Jesus allows himself to be beaten, scourged, mocked, and crucified. He willingly gives up his life on the cross. He humbled himself to the point of death (Philippians 2:8) and was buried in a tomb.

Jesus intentionally did all this for you and for me. He loves you that much! He did this because he wants to be in a relationship with you now and always. "Greater love has no one than this, than he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends." (John 15:13-14).

Jesus lived for you to show you how to live. He died for you so that your sins would be forgiven. He went to the tomb for you conquering death. In final triumph, Jesus was resurrected so that we may have eternal life! Jesus tells us, "And this is eternal life, that they know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He sent" (John 17:3).

When John Wesley, founder of Methodism, encountered Jesus at a meeting on Aldersgate Street, it was personal. He wrote, "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away *my* sins, even *mine*, and save *me* from the law of sin and death." Wesley knew that Jesus meant all along to be his *personal* friend.

After you finish reading this, spend a moment with Jesus, who wants to be *your* friend. Thank him for what he did for *you*. Yes, Jesus did this for all. Yes, Jesus did all this for *you*!

Blessings!

## ONLINE GIVING



<http://www.fumcirving.org>

### 2021 Bible Reading Challenge!

This year we will be reading through key parts of the Bible from the Old Testament through the New Testament. The major themes of Scripture will be encountered as you read God's inspired word. The Sunday message will almost always be taken from the week's readings.

Week (Theme)	Reading
Mar 29 - Apr 4 (Resurrection!)	Matt 28; Mark 16 Luke 24; John 20-21
Apr 5-11 (Ultimate Sacrifice)	Leviticus 1, 16 Hebrews 8 - 10
Apr 12-18 (Doubting God)	Numbers 11-14 John 20
Apr 19-25 (A Chosen People)	Deuteronomy 6-10 Psalm 105
Apr 26 - May 2 (Choosing God)	Deut. 11, 27-30 Joshua 24
May 3-9 (Promised Land)	Joshua 1-6

## Refuge Youth

I hope you all are doing well as have been moving through this lenten season and rapidly approach Easter. We just wrapped up our annual youth camp out (a few months late) and it was a huge success. Our students always love going out to Lloyd Park at Joe Pool Lake and spending a few days out in God's creation with their friends. This year we had a slightly smaller group, but it let to great conversations, games, and fellowship. As we round the final corner on this school year, I ask that you lift up all our students and especially our seniors as they prepare to close out their high school experiences.

Rev. Kyle Powell  
Associate Minister and  
Director of Youth Ministries



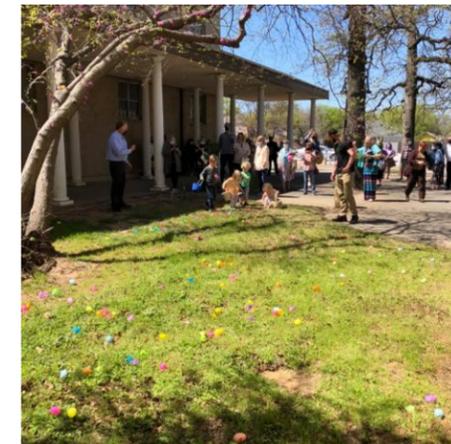
Thank you!!

I want to thank the church for their support of our in-person Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great beginning to Holy Week. We had donations of stuffed eggs and youth who hid the eggs for both our preschoolers and elementary aged children. Robin led our Sunday School class about Palm Sunday and then we processed to the grassy area (thanks to Jimmy Lane for putting out spray for ants). The excitement could be felt in the air and children had to empty their baskets into different bags so they could keep hunting. At that time cameras were busy, (see the Children's Facebook) and everyone was helpful to encourage other hunters. The spirit of helping was evident all over, Jesus' Spirit of joy was evident. I think the mood of joy started with the worship in music that was a gift for all of us either in person or online. Thank you to David and Yeon-OK Lee and all who shared their gift of music.

I thank God that we were able to meet in person and I am encouraged that our VBS which starts **June 7<sup>th</sup>** will go as smoothly. Please be ready to say yes, if you are asked to have a part in VBS. WE will be making individual kits for the children's safety so there are many jobs that can be done at home or church and not actually be there the week of VBS. If you are not contacted please contact me to volunteer, at (940)445-0738 or [children@fumcirving.org](mailto:children@fumcirving.org).

Blessings,

*Juanell Montoya*



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

MARCH 2021

### In Honor of

**FUMC Prayer Team** to General Budget from Ernestine Overland

### In Memory of

#### Herbert Cooper:

to Community Outreach/Irving Cares from Mickey & Linda Wheeler  
to A/C Fund from Allee Anderson  
to General Budget from Judy & Danny Elms  
to General Budget from Ruth & Harrold Henson  
to General Budget from JoAnn Maykus  
to General Budget from Connie Baker  
to General Budget from Jack & Pat Carnell  
to General Budget from Cynthia Stone  
to Music Ministry from Mary Husa Good  
to Myrtle Beard Scholarship from Bill & Marni Monty

#### Betty Scarborough, Godmother of Jana Fox:

to Community Outreach/ Irving Cares from Mickey & Linda Wheeler  
to Music Ministry from Bill & Marni Monty  
to General Budget from Cynthia Stone

#### John Fox, Father of Rev. Doug Fox:

to Community Outreach/ Irving Cares from Mickey & Linda Wheeler  
to Missions from Bill & Marni Monty  
to General Budget from FUMC Prayer Team  
to General Budget from Cynthia Stone

#### Edelize Filler:

to General Budget from Mary Ruth Ellis  
to Myrtle Beard Scholarship from Jimmy & Christine Burkett  
to Myrtle Beard Scholarship from Ruth & Harrold Henson  
to General Budget from Mickey & Linda Wheeler  
to General Budget from Cynthia Stone

### In Memory of:

**Pat Love** to General Budget from Ruth & Harrold Henson  
**Earlene Dungan, Barbara Hargrove's mother,** to General Budget from Ruth & Harrold Henson  
**Dr. Clay Gilbert, brother of F.M.,** to General Budget from Connie Baker  
**Tom Maletic, brother of Bob Maletic,** to General Budget from Mickey & Linda Wheeler  
**Kathy Stramp** to General Budget from Cynthia Stone



# Parent's Day Out



Spring is here! With that comes lots of wonderful things. In classes at PDO, we talk about how things come back to "life". The trees get their leaves again, the flowers start to bloom, the grass gets green, etc. We also talk about how our activities change. We get to be outside again more to play, we go for walks, we play baseball, soccer, etc. The birds sing a special happy song.

All of these things are a blessing and are beautiful. Sometimes we adults forget to slow down and take a look. We are busy with families, work, etc. PDO challenges all adults to see the spring like they do. Slow down even if just for a minute. Hear the birds, feel the sunshine, look at Gods beauty. We bet you will get all your adult stuff done - and with a whole new outlook and pep in your step.

Happy spring to all --

Ms. Sandi  
PDO Director

Note - Registration is open April 1 for summer and next Fall classes. Please spread the word!! Don't forget to follow us on social media!!

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## MUSIC NOTES

Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

I would like to thank the Lord our God who deserves all the glory. Also, I am very thankful to all the performers, and volunteers who helped make "Easter Celebration Music Service" a great success for His glory. Trumpet Solo, Joshua Escudero, Double Mixed Quartet, Children's Choir with Sue Wilson, Bass Solo, Ralph Wilson, Women's Ensemble, duet, Matthew Adamson, Katy Crumpton, Men's Quartet, Youth Small Group and Youth Group, Timpani player, Logan Jones, and Yeonok Lee, the best accompanist. I specially thank to Sound and Media Team, and Kyle who helped edit the video clips and Doug for the short message ^^ . Once again, I would like to say from bottom of my heart "thank you".

Lastly, thank you to the congregation who came to church in person and watched in live streaming to support our Music Ministry.

**David Lee**

**Director of Music and Worship**

