

PALM SUNDAY

The church is providing palms for families to help you celebrate Palm Sunday from home. The palms will be available for pick up from the church office (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) beginning **Wednesday, March 24 through Friday, March 26**. There are a limited number of palms, so first come, first serve.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CEREAL & CANNED GOODS

We continue to collect cereal and canned/dry goods for the Salvation Army. Please feel free to drop off these items any time during the month. You may deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center or call Betty Huneycutt (336-212-0704) for porch pick up. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.



Giving
Hope
Today

HOPE IN THE MIDST OF ... CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

whatever else you can think of. What do you get? Someone who may feel like giving up hope.

As I listen to Paul's words, I hear a voice of hope. He seems to be saying that we need to get the things of this world in perspective. He lifts up the afflictions of this world as momentary in light of eternity. He focuses on the transient nature of this earthly life. This world, with all its ills is not our final home; and, if we read to the end of the biblical story, we find that Light wins over Darkness.

If we try to put our hope in this imperfect world, we will be frustrated and sorrowful. But if our hope is in Christ, then we can face the day, whatever it may bring.

As we progress through Lent toward Holy Week, this is a great time to do some deep thinking about how we may have contributed to the imperfections of society in our little corner of the world. And with that reflection should come a resolve to cast some of the Light of Christ into that darkness as only we can. If there is an aspect of society that is inhibiting us from being able to share the love of Christ with another person, or inhibiting that other person from receiving the love of Christ from us, we must seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as to a way forward.

Whether the challenge is physical illness, racism/prejudice, or something else, we who are resurrection people have a joyful obligation to seek a way to inject the hope of Christ into the situation. Christ is our only hope, and our transformative influence for today.

Pastor Ross

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HOPE IN THE MIDST OF ...

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

– 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

In the passage above, the Apostle Paul is saying that neither he, nor his fellow workers for the cause of Christ, will lose heart. They continued to experience all kinds of suffering as a result of their Kingdom work, but they had something that kept them going. They had a hope that made all the hardships worthwhile – resurrection in Christ. They were convinced that the experiences of this world were to be enjoyed or endured in light of the eternal. Such a hope in the fullness of a life offered in Christ kept them getting up each day with a spirit sufficient for whatever they would encounter.

While this passage wasn't intended, perhaps, to speak directly to our present situation, I would argue that it has a lot to offer with respect to a helpful mindset. So many people these days seem intent on losing heart. They find themselves confronted with a pandemic that has claimed countless lives, and has altered the way we live. They find themselves confronted with people who are angry and frustrated about societal ills of all flavors. They find themselves in the midst of quarreling factions who seem to have no intent on finding a way forward that is mutually beneficial. Add to those things the everyday challenges of marriage, children, work, maintaining a home, on-going physical ailments, and

continued

A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

Holy Week at Front Street



Palm Sunday ♦ March 28

Recorded worship offered via YouTube and Facebook, as normal

Maundy Thursday ♦ April 1

Outside worship with Holy Communion @ 7 p.m.

Good Friday ♦ April 2

Outside worship at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday ♦ April 4

Sunrise Service: outside worship at 7:00 a.m. Come and celebrate the resurrection

Worship: recorded worship offered via YouTube and Facebook, as normal

Note: the outside services will be located in the grassy area beside the playground and parking lot (Webb Ave.) You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair for these services.

FLOWER CROSS



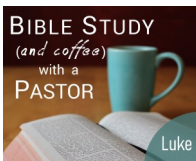
On **Easter Sunday (April 4)**, you are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross. This reminds us that through the cross and Christ's resurrection, we can have new life. The flower cross will be located on the grassy area beside the playground.

GROWING IN CHRIST

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join Pastor Ross on **Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.** for a Bible

Study on the book of Luke and Pastor Patrick on **Thursday nights at 7 p.m.** for a Lenten Bible study walking through the book of Ruth. Both studies meet via Zoom. Look for the Zoom links in Tuesday's *Front Street*



Happenings email. If you would like to participate but are unable to join us on Wednesday morning or Thursday evening, these gatherings are recorded and posted on our website and available to view at a time that suits you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women continue to reach out to our community. UMW Circle 4 has recently provided Easter gift bags for Meals on Wheels participants on one route. Jennie Beedle, circle member, assembled the Easter baskets on behalf of Circle 4. A total of 209 face masks have been made by several UMW members that have also been distributed to Meals on Wheels participants.



SHARING CHRIST

MISSION FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Join us on **Saturday, March 20** (9 a.m. - noon) to assist in the distribution of food to families and individuals in the community through a drive-thru line. This event will be physically distanced and gloves will be provided. Please wear a mask. Contact Marcy McAdams (marcy@frontstreetumc.org) to volunteer or for more information.



FILL A DOZEN EASTER EGGS

Want to bring a little joy to our children this Easter? Fill one or two dozen eggs with candy, and the occasional \$1 bill (no coins please) and bring them to the church office by **March 26**. They will be hidden for the children to find at our Easter Egg Hunt on March 27. Thank you for your support.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your children and grandchildren for an egg hunt on **Saturday, March 27**. In order to keep the groups small, there will be two sessions: preschool age (10-10:30 a.m.) and elementary age (11-11:30 a.m.) Masks are required for anyone over the age of five. Gather on the grassy area by the playground, and don't forget your basket! Looking forward to seeing you there! **(Rain date: April 3.)**



Prayers

- **Marshall and Catherine Anderson** upon the death of her mother, Lois Stockard, on February 24.
- **Marty Crank** who is recovering from back surgery
- **Jeff Ellington, III and family** upon the death of his wife, Virginia "Beth" Elder Ellington, on 3/10
- **The family of Charles Hawks** upon his death on 3/5
- **Ben Lee** who is receiving cancer treatments

Continued prayers:

- **Tina Manning**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one: **April 11 and 18 and May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).



FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 3/12/2021

YTD Actual Giving - \$222,553.47

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$314,788.44

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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Text \$ amount to 336.489.4483



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