

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES



Mon Mar 27---6:00 PM Quilt Class---CH.
Tue Mar 28---9:00 AM Senior Exercise---CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews---MMR, 11:00 AM UWF Chair Yoga---CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study---CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR.
Wed Mar 29----9:00 AM Senior Exercise---CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Day, 10:00 AM Mary-Martha-Esther Circle--MMR
Thu Mar 30----9:00 AM Senior Exercise---CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Practice--S.
Fri Mar 31----nothing currently scheduled
Sat Apr 01----nothing currently scheduled
Sun Apr 02---8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
Sun Apr 02--10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

Abbreviation Legend
 CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary
 K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123
 MMR--McMillen Room #113
 PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm #115

*Sunday
 April 2
 is
 Palm Sunday.*

*Hosanna!
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Thursday April 6 is Maundy Thursday.
There will be a 5:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service followed by a 5:45 PM Soup Supper.



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH HOSPITALITY
 SPONSORED BY THE CONGREGATION. YOU ARE INVITED TO SIGN UP TO BRING SOMETHING ON APRIL 30. SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX.

• **Mar 26 4 PM MOVIE TODAY**
 "You People" stars Eddie Murphy and is about a how a new couple and their families reckon with modern love amid culture clashes, societal expectations and generational differences.



• **Visit to Covell Ranch Clydesdales in Cambria.** A date to be set in April. Please visit Program Ministry in the Narthex for details on the visit. We need to see how many people are interested. There is a cost of \$50 per person. Then a date can be scheduled.



• **Apr 30 4 PM MOVIE**
 "80 for Brady" stars Joan Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Rita Moreno, Sally Fields and Tom Brady. Four best friends embark on a wild trip to see their hero play in the 2017 Super Bowl.

• **Food, Fun, and Friends** (the old Table of 8) has a new format. Sign up at Program Ministry to plan and to host/hostess a party with your input as to date, theme, place, how many people. Be creative!



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March 26, 2023

10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* Carles Gabriel/arr. Cindy Berry

CHORAL INTROIT *My Tribute* No. 99

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All God's children
 are invited to come forth to new life.

Lord, we answer your call!
 All who know darkness and despair
 are invited to come into the light.

Lord, give us courage to come forth!
 All who feel separated, lost and alone
 are invited into the presence of God.

We enter into God's presence with singing!

*OPENING HYMN *My Hope is Built* No. 368

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.
 Breathe new life into our lives
 and into our world.**
 Bless us with new possibilities
 and renew our hope and joy.
**Expand our hearts and our minds,
 as we worship you this day. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

PSALTER READING Psalm 130 No. 848

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* verses 1-2 No. 420
 Prayers of the People
 Choral Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* verses 3-4 No. 420

CHORAL ANTHEM *In The Garden* arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE John 11:1-3, 17, 21-25, 38-45

HYMN (*remain seated*) *Now the Green Blade Riseth* verses 1,2 & 4 No. 311

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
 LOOKING TO JESUS:
 New Life

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *How Great is Our God* Tomlin, Reeves and Cash
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Page 95

*CLOSING HYMN *To God Be the Glory* No. 98

*BENEDICTION

We go forth with the promise of life.
We go forth with the promise of light.
 We go forth revived by the Spirit
 to proclaim the glory of God!

RESPONSE *My Tribute* No. 99

***To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
 to God be the glory, for the things he has done.
 With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me,
 to God be the glory for the things he has done.***

POSTLUDE *Marche Jubilant* Robert W. Thykgerson

* Please stand as able.

Today's Scripture

John 11:1-3, 17, 21-25, 38-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Today's Liturgist: Judy Leonard

ALL-CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME IS LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEEK	ATTENDANCE			VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON			
02/26	37	68	105	46	151	\$2,972
03/05	36	43	79	42	121	\$13,451
03/12	30	42	72	45	117	\$1,574
03/19	32	54	86	12	98	\$3,426
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: YTD Budgeted: \$234,080 YTD Received: \$227,077						
Easter Budgeted: \$3,300 Easter Received: \$327 UMCOR: \$440						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:
ALL-CHURCH SUNDAY

Next Sun-April 2 Hosted by

STAFF-PARISH