

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Mon Mar 20**---3:00 PM Avila Beach Dog Walk, 6:00 PM Quilt Class—CH.
Tue Mar 21—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 22—9:00 AM Senior Exercise—CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Day.
Thu Mar 23---9:00 AM Senior Exercise---CH, 5:00 PM Bell Practice--HR,
 6:30 PM Choir Practice--S.
Fri Mar 24---nothing currently scheduled
Sat Mar 25---nothing currently scheduled
Sun Mar 26—8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
Sun Mar 26--10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
Sun Mar 26---4:00 PM Movie Night



Fourth Sunday
in Lent



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

*Today there is a Special
Offering for UMCOR*

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH HOSPITALITY

*SPONSORED BY THE CONGREGATION. YOU ARE INVITED TO SIGN UP TO
BRING SOMETHING ON MARCH 26. SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX.*

- **Monday, Mar 20, 3:00 PM Avila Dog Beach Walk.** Meet at beach--talk to Lucy Jacob for directions.
- **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. 
- **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.
- **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. 
- **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 19, 2023

10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Laetare Sunday

PRELUDE

The Love of God Frederick Lehman/arr. Mark Hayes

HANDBELL INTROIT

Hyfrydol arr. Timothy C. Shepard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Once we walked in darkness,
but Christ calls us into the light.
 Once we stumbled from blindness and self-righteousness,
but God offers guidance and vision for our journey.
 Once we were trapped in judgment and prejudice,
but the Spirit fills us with new life.
 Let us worship the God of grace and glory.

*OPENING HYMN

Lord of the Dance verses 1-3

No. 261

WELCOME

PUPPET PRESENTATION

OPENING PRAYER

**God of amazing grace, heal our blind spots.
 Give us the vision to see others as you see them.
 Touch us with your healing hands of love.
 Help us sing of your amazing grace—
 for we who were blind
 can now see ourselves and others
 as we truly are.
 In the name of your gracious love, we pray. Amen.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Joyously Resound

Lauren Delancy

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

PSALTER READING Psalm 23 No. 754

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus verses 1-2* No. 262

Prayers of the People

Choral Response *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus verses 3-4* No. 262

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-15

HYMN *(remain seated)* *Amazing Grace verses 1-3* No. 378

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

LOOKING TO JESUS:

Healing

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *In the Hour of Trial* Spencer Lane/arr. Franklin Ritter
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Page 95

*CLOSING HYMN *Amazing Grace verses 4-5* No. 378

*BENEDICTION

Christ's light shines in our darkness.
We will see as children of light.
 Christ's love illumines our path.
We will love as children of light.
 Christ's spirit leads us from blindness to sight.
We will live as children of light.

RESPONSE *Amazing Grace verse 6* No. 378

POSTLUDE *In Him We Live* Norman Lester

* Please stand as able.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Today's Scripture

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

John 9:1-15

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

Today's Liturgist: Patti Melsheimer

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

WEEK	ATTENDANCE				TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO		
02/19	47	60	107	40	147	\$1,770
02/26	37	68	105	44	149	\$2,972
03/05	36	43	79	38	117	\$13,451
03/12	30	42	72	14	86	\$1,574
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: YTD Budgeted: \$227,920 YTD Received: \$223,651						
Easter Budgeted: \$3,300 Easter Received: \$210						

**HOSPITALITY
TIME**

Today's Hosts:

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

*Next Sun-Mar 26
Hosted by*

**ALL-CHURCH
SUNDAY**