



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find
yourself on the journey of
faith, you are welcome to
this church as you are to
receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024



Easter Flower Dedications

In remembrance of

Uncle Cameron

Owen, Caleb and Chase Foster

Our Parents

Don and Sue Ann Steinmetz

Alva and Elizabeth Rostron
Bruce and Marilee Rostron & family

Herbert and Velma Wening
Bruce and Marilee Rostron & family

Our Family Members

Roger & Nancy Jones

Tom Lewis, Sr.
His Family

Elizabeth Shanks
Tom Lewis Family

Resurrection rumblings

In *Easter Earthquake*, James A. Harnish explores the "earthshaking promise" of Jesus' resurrection. Easter Sunday "shatters the power of fear," he writes. "Because Christ is risen, we no longer allow fear to dominate, control or manipulate us. We don't remain imprisoned in the tombs of our past failures or buried under the weight of present anxiety. In the risen Christ, old things pass away and everything becomes new."

Easter, Harnish adds, is proof that God hasn't forsaken us and is present among us. "The Resurrection contradicts the assumption that Christ resides on an ethereal cloud in a distant heaven. Rather, we find him on the dusty road that leads to the real stuff of our ordinary world."

Jesus' followers can find him everywhere, Harnish concludes. "The risen Christ will meet us along the confused, chaotic, fearful paths of our lives and speak the same words the women hear at the tomb, 'Do not be afraid.'"



Transformed

Before becoming a Christian late in life, British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge denied that Jesus was God's Son and had risen from the dead. If Jesus' body was missing, he said, someone probably snatched it and abandoned it to the vultures, leaving the bones to whiten in the sun.

For Muggeridge, the turning point was encountering a living Lord. "If you should ask me by what authority I talk about the power of Christ to change human nature, I should reply to you simply ... because he has changed me," Muggeridge said after discarding agnosticism. "I can look anybody in the face today — my friends, my colleagues and what, perhaps, is most difficult of all, the members of my family — and be sure that they know, as I know, that I am really and literally a new creature in Christ Jesus since the day when he came into my life." —adapted from *The Wired Word*

Deaconess Gibson Hospital Auxiliary will have their annual fundraiser/geranium sale on

**April 15th and 16th
from 9AM-4PM**

@ Princeton Public Library.

Proceeds are used to fund a \$1000 scholarship to a senior student at each of the 3 county schools who plan to enter the healthcare field.



Colors of choice this year are: red, salmon, pink, hot pink and white. The cost is \$6.50 each cash or check only.

APRIL
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Philip Beckett ~ 1st
Sarah Fuhs ~ 1st
Jenna Schleiter ~ 6th
Ova Salyer ~ 6th

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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at Fort Branch First.



† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday Easter Sunday

7:00am † Sunrise Service with
breakfast & egg hunt

8:00am Ω Sunrise Breakfast

9:00am Ω Easter Worship
w/ streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30 pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship



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PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN #AV**

God So Loved

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in your row.

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #2069

All Hail King Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creatures here below!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Choir Alumni ~ Yahweh

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16:1-20 NLT

MESSAGE

"The Tomb is Empty"

Come to the Table



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

*HYMN #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* (chorus)

*Sing Hosana Sing Hosana
Sing Hosana to the King of Kings
Sing Hosana Sing Hosana
Sing Hosana to the King*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

HAVE A
Blessed
EASTER

Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston, Tegan, Pastor John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner, Mark Fear, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Kenny Shaw, Laynie Speicher, Scott Ingler, Cathy Starky, Duncan & Roberta Maikranz



"Then go quickly and tell his disciples:
'He has risen from the dead
and is going ahead of you into Galilee.
There you will see him.'"

MATTHEW 28:7, NIV

Mark 16:1-20 NLT

The Resurrection

16 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶ but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

⁸ The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

[The most ancient manuscripts of Mark conclude with verse 16:8. Later manuscripts add one or both of the following endings.]
[Shorter Ending of Mark]

Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unfailing message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen.

[Longer Ending of Mark]

⁹ After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. ¹¹ But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

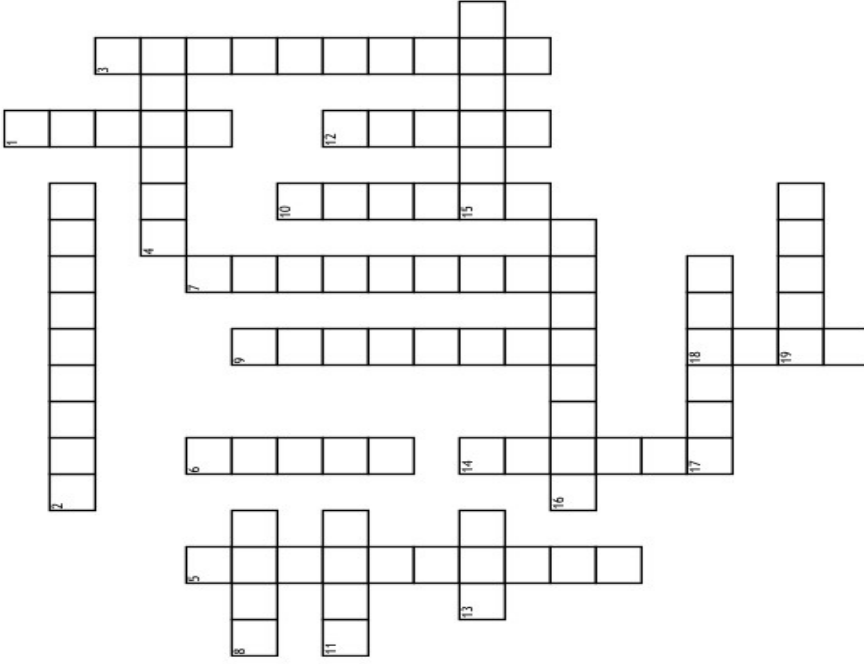
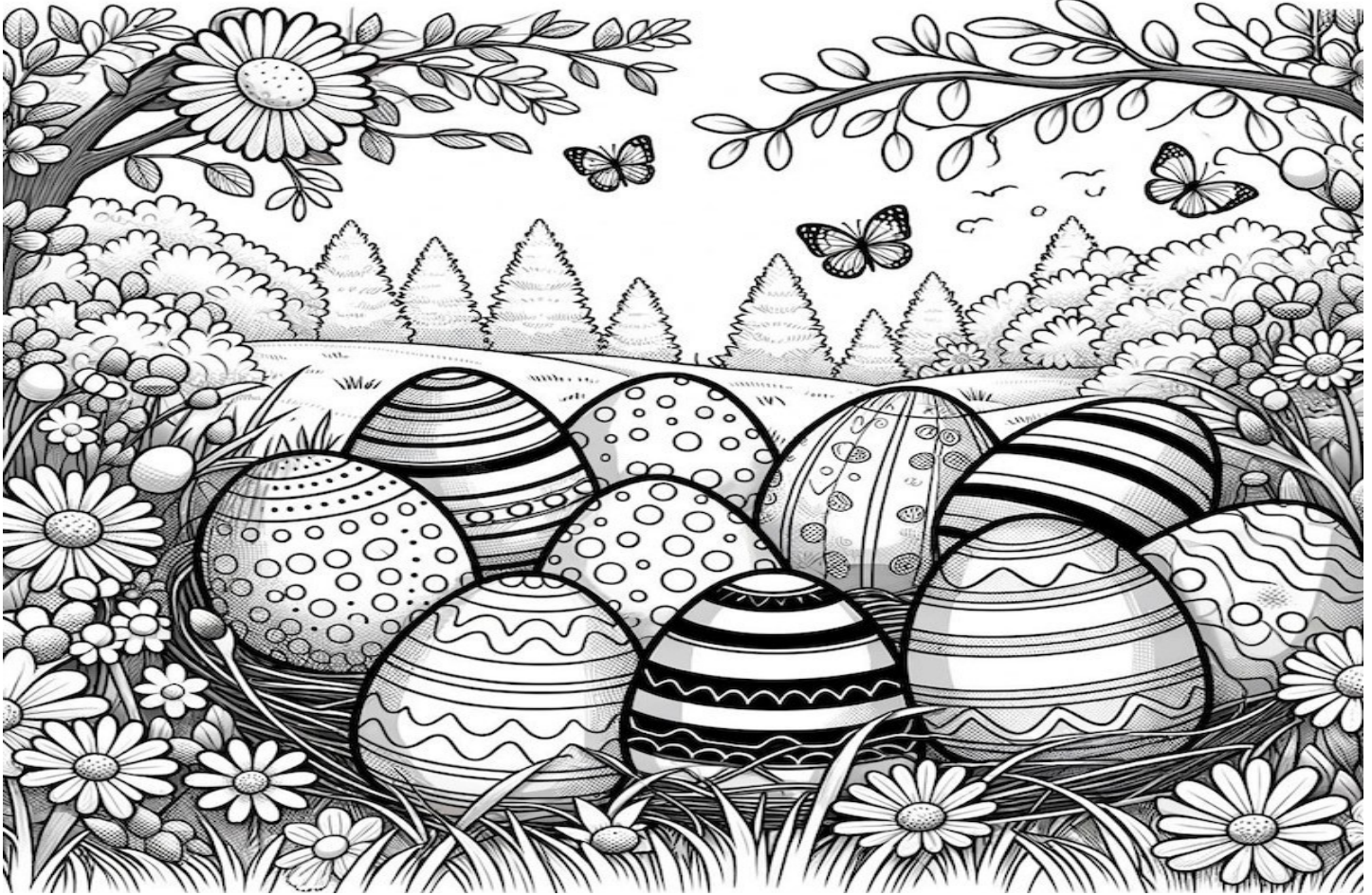
¹² Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. ¹³ They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

¹⁴ Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

¹⁵ And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. ¹⁶ Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. ¹⁸ They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

¹⁹ When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. ²⁰ And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!



Across

2. We take _____ for the forgiveness of our sins
4. Roman Governor, Pontius
8. To teach his disciples humility, Jesus washed their _____
11. People waved _____ branches and sang as Jesus entered Jerusalem
13. Jesus _____ thousands of followers with a few fishes and loaves of bread
15. They placed a _____ of thorns on Jesus' head

Word Bank

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| feet | fed |
| donkey | bread |
| getsemane | chocolate |
| blood | kiss |

Down

16. Jesus last words were, "It is _____"
17. Jesus rode on a _____ as he entered Jerusalem
19. when Mary and the others went to Jesus tomb, the _____ was rolled away
1. In communion we believe the _____ represents body of Christ
3. Jesus went to _____ to pray.
5. tiny chewy sweets usually eaten at Easter

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| stone | jellybeans |
| finished | Pilate |
| barabbas | thorns |
| communion | palm |
| | thirty |
| | raised |
| | third |