

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 23rd, 9 am - Noon

All-Church Clean Up

See information below

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Children's Sunday School, 9 am, Wesleyan Hall

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Adult Sunday School, 9 am, Susanna Wesley

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Sunday Live Worship, 9 am, Prayer Chapel

Palm Sunday Parade, March 24th

Starts in Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 am

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>

(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)

Wednesday, March 27th

Pastor Mark's Bible Study

11 am, Conference Room or on Zoom

(see Zoom link below)

Wednesday, March 27th

LIFT - Women's Scripture Study

6 pm, Youth Chapel

Friday-Sunday, March 29th - March 31st

Easter week schedule

See information below

This is the final Sunday in the Season of Lent. Palms are ready to wave. Those that want to join our Sunday School kids as they march around the block downtown waving palm branches as a way of proclaiming Christ is King can meet at 9:45 am in Wesleyan Hall on Sunday.

Palm Sunday is always a lesson in tension for many of us. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before the Passover celebration, but it also comes as penultimate steps to Good Friday in which Jesus is accused, sentenced and ultimately crucified.

For those of us whose history has allowed to read and experience the rest of this epic story, we know that Jesus is truly King, BUT we also know that the sinful nature that convicted him and lead to the cross still exists in the world! It seems fitting that the week before we celebrate Easter and the empty tomb and all that it means for us and all of creation, rests on that tension. Those of us that proclaim to be followers and disciples of Jesus live in that same tension. We know that there is victory over the grave, that Jesus is truly King and Lord of all, but we also know that there are plenty of opportunities for us to live lives that reflect the grace and love of God and be the reflection of God's love in a world that still needs redemption. Theologians often use the phrase "Already... but not yet" when we talk about that tension in the world.

I hope that you can join us on Sunday to celebrate that Jesus is Lord and that the work completed with a miraculous resurrection, finds its ultimate resolution in the lives and communities that live into the transformation of the world, now and for eternity!

Happy Palm Sunday my friends!

Pastor Mark

All-Church Clean Up

There is an all-church clean up scheduled for Saturday, **March 23rd from 9 am to Noon**. We will be cleaning the Sanctuary, kitchen, entry way, Susanna Wesley room, Sunday school rooms, windows, and outdoor landscaping. ***“We will have coffee, pastries, and prayer to start at 8:30 am. Actual work will start at 9:00. Sign -up sheets are posted on the Board as you come in the entry way. Please help our Facilities Team with your time and talents!”***

Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday service will be on **Sunday, March 24th at 10 am**, and for all who want to participate, there will be a **Palm Sunday Parade that meets in Wesleyan Hall at 9:45 am**.

Where You Can Report a Scam or "Phishing" Email

If you receive an email or text message attempting to commit fraud or gain access to your personal information you can report it to the US Government website at <https://www.usa.gov/where-report-scams>
The information you provide helps the Justice Departments and the Federal Trade Commission track down and disrupt the flow of criminal emails.

Pastor Mark's Bible Study

We are studying the book of Revelation using Scott McKnight's book "Revelation for the Rest of Us." We will be reading the book together during the class, but if you want to purchase your own copy, feel free to purchase them wherever you buy your books. As always the class will meet in the conference room at church or you can join us via the Zoom platform at:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96778398043>

Meeting ID: 967 7839 8043

LIFT – Women’s Scripture Study

The **LIFT** class will meet next **Wednesday, April 27th at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel**. The women’s scripture study meets **every Wednesday evening at 6 pm in the Youth Chapel**. All ladies are invited!

Upcoming Easter Week Schedule

Friday, March 29th, Good Friday Service, 7 pm

Saturday, March 30th, Easter Egg Hunt, 9 am

Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunrise Service, Columbia Park, 6:30 am

Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday Worship Service, 10 am

Holly Daze Workshop

The next Holly Daze Workshop will be on **Saturday, April 6th at 9 am** in the Susanna Wesley Room where we will be working on lots of projects for the 2024 bazaar in October. Everyone is welcome!

Sr. UMY Dessert Auction

The Sr. UMY will host the dessert and silent auction on **Sunday, April 14th starting at 1 pm in Ida Payne Fellowship Hall**. If you want to donate items to the auction or if you haven’t been asked to attend, please reach out to Claressa Elvik, or call the church office.

Youth Sunday

Come support the UMY on **Sunday, May 19th**. The youth will host the whole hour of worship from Prelude to Postlude. Please come and honor the United Methodist Youth!