

First United Methodist Church

"Where we are glorifying God as we make disciples for the transformation of the world."

Sunday, March 24th, 2024
Palm Sunday



Welcome to all!

We hope and pray that all will experience God's love and grace in all we do and say.



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Order of Worship

Welcome to Shelbyville First United Methodist Church. We are honored you chose to worship with us this morning.

Ringing of the Hour

Wayne Crowell

Prelude

Lori Schuler, organ

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

John 12:12-16

Wilma Bean, Liturgist

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." 16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

*Procession of the Palms

*Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UM Hymnal #278

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Abe Zimmerman

Announcements

Jon Brock

Call to Worship

Wilma Beam, Liturgist

Liturgist: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

At this time the children pre-K-5th grade are dismissed to continue church on the third floor.

Palm Sunday Affirmation of Faith

ALL: **We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.
We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.
We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.
We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.
We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation.
We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.
We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's
peace.**

Sharing of our Prayers, Praises, and Concerns

Pastor Abe

Offertory Invitation

Pastor Abe

Presenting of our Tithes and Offerings

Lori Schuler

*Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal #95

**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.**

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Abe

Anthem

It Causes Me to Tremble (Were You There?)

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Wilma Beam, Liturgist

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Message

"Lent: Power of the Gospel", Part 6

Pastor Abe

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

UM Hymnal #286

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!

2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain;

mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

Benediction


Pastor Abe

Postlude

Lori Schuler

"It Causes Me to Tremble (Were You There?)" Traditional Spiritual Lyrics with music by Joel Raney, 2023.
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The flowers offered in our worship this morning are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Kendra Pitner's birthday. They are given by David & Joe Weston Pitner.



Holy Week Events

March 24, 10 am - **Palm Sunday Service**
March 28, 6 pm - **Maundy Thursday Service**
March 29, 6 pm - **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**
March 31, 10 am - **Easter Sunday Service**

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28 at 6 pm

On this night we commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. The service will include a message, singing, and an invitation to receive communion. It will conclude with the stripping of the church (removal of holy symbols from the sanctuary).



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 29 at 6 pm.

The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." It is an ancient service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of Jesus' Passion. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and how the world would be hopelessness without God. This service does not include a sermon, it is a time of listening, reflection, and prayer.





Bridal Shower
for Anna Claire Hull
April 7th from 9 - 10 am
 in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone's invited - Please come help us celebrate!



PRAYER STATIONS
Prayer Changes Things

On March 27 & 28 there will be prayer stations set up in the chapel from 9am - 2:30pm.

During Holy Week, this could be a great way to set aside some time for prayer in the chapel. On both days, Pastor Abe will also be available for prayer between 12 and 1.



Give Online

To give your tithe or offering online, please visit the church website fumcshelbyville.com. On the main page you will see a link for "Online Church offering." You will need to create an account and then you will be able to make your payment.

Or scan this QR code →



Easter for Kids & Youth

The Fellowship/Education Committee met and decided we will not have an Easter Egg Hunt this year due to the timing of Spring Break (Palm Sunday - Easter Sunday) as there will be many families traveling on one or both weekends. We will be giving out Easter Baskets to all the children on Resurrection Sunday!



The Believers Class wishes to thank all who purchased gumbo, soup, cookies and pimento cheese in support of

September's Rise Against Hunger event. We had a wonderful time of fellowship in preparing it and, as promised, will donate all net proceeds--\$2069.12.

We are so grateful for a generous community of faith, and were especially touched by a child's special donation of \$4.50 to fight world hunger. (Please return your empty quart jars to the church kitchen for reuse.)



Knitters & Crocheters

will resume meeting on Monday, March 25th from 1-3 pm in the parlor for fellowship & care ministry.



THE prayer PAGE

SHORT TERM PRAYERS- Names will be removed after 4 weeks

*Joyce Boggs
*Walter Taylor

*Carol Jean
*Edna Lee Borders

Kyler Trice
Cari Burks (burn victim)

Susannah Thompson
Jeremiah Thomas

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Anonymous - & family, health concern
Breniser, Jennifer and family (daughter of Kelly Breniser)
*Carlton, Janice (Melody Teague)
*Carrick, Miriam (staying with daughter)
*Cross, Paul
Dennis, Kay (Pam Ingraham) - cancer
Dennis, Tina (Melody Teague) - cancer
Eblen, Bonnie (sister of Barbara Owen and Biff Farrar) - cancer but improving
Gardner, Dakota - heart
Henry, Bob (father of Kelly Breniser) - dementia, falling
Hicks, Jeff (Margaret Hicks) - heart
Howell, Chris (son-in-law of Peggy Feck)
Hubbard, Katie (Trish Hubbard's daughter-in-law) - brain cancer
*Hyland, Pat - long Covid
King, Grady (Lori Jones) - heart & lung issues
*King, Myrna
McGee, Carol (sister of Billy Hix) - cancer
Milton, Melinda (Jeanie Phillips)
Owen, Dan (Melody Teague) - needs liver transplant
Parker, Rita - lungs, hip fracture
Pearson, Christy (daughter of Suzy Johnson's friend) needs lung transplant
*Rittenberry, Ardis - Parkinson's
Shreve, Samantha - cancer
Spear, Diana (sister of Becky Cortner)
Stacey, Tina (wife of Jesse Stacy, our HVAC tech) - cancer
Tyree, Jim & Linda (John Teague) - cancer
Woodard, Cathy (Melody Teague) - cancer
Zimmerman, Ken (hospice, grandfather of Pastor Abe)

For those in Skilled Care Facilities

Carriage House (311 Coloredo Blvd, Shelbyville 37160)
*Cliff Garrard

Celebration Way (895 Union Street, Shelbyville 37160)
Billy Raney (son-in-law of Miriam Carrick)
*Margaret Hicks & *Ruth Statum (C-3)
*Betty Nelms

Creekside at Three Rivers Assis. Living (2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro 37128)
*Mary Ann Dunlap

Lynchburg Nursing Center (40 Nursing Home Road, Lynchburg 37352)
*Charlotte Lytle
*Barbara Turner

The Heart Remembers (317 Coloredo Blvd., Shelbyville 37160)
*Jack Carney

The Waters of Shelbyville (895 Union St., Shelbyville 37160)
*Susan Harvey

**denotes membership*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School at 9 am

Nursery for Toddlers - Chloe Claxton
Children's Sunday School (3rd Floor) - with Ann Spencer
Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) - with Korley Cannon

Adult Sunday School Classes - All on the First Floor

Believers Class with Kay Bartley
Friendship Class with Ed Leichner and Dinah Agnew (email Ed if you'd like a Zoom link: edleichner@yahoo.com)
Quest Class with Rebecca Baker



Church and Community Calendar

Church Office Hours 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Monday - Friday

SPRING BREAK for Bedford County Schools: 3/25-4/1

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24th ~ PALM SUNDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

11am-2 Community Soup Kitchen Fundraiser Lunch

Monday, March 25th

11 am Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen
1 pm Yarn Ministries resumes
5:30 pm Adult Handbell practice

Tuesday, March 26th

10:30 am United Methodist Women/UWF Circle 7 meeting
3 pm Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen
6:30 pm Trivia Night at La Rivera

Wednesday, March 27th

9 am - 2:30 Prayer Stations in the Chapel
7 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, March 28th

9 am - 2:30 Prayer Stations in the Chapel
9:30 Bible Study with Rheaetta
3 pm Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen
6 pm **Mauddy Thursday Service**

Friday, March 29th - Church Offices Closed

6 pm **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**



*******UPCOMING ACTIVITIES*******

Sunday, March 31st ~ EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 1st ~ Church Offices Closed

