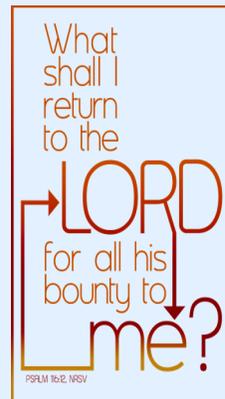


Handley Happenings

March 12, 2018

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS
The People of the United Methodist Church



Our Gifts & Presence **Sunday, March 11, 2018**

Total Worship.....	31
Total Sunday School.....	17
Budget	\$1267

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying your "Spring Break" in whatever way it presents itself to you!

Here, at the church we are beginning to gear up for the busy season of Easter – yes, Easter is not so far away now – April 1st – no fooling!! The choir is busy practicing for their presentation on Palm Sunday. Order forms are now available for you to order Easter Lilies. And worship plans are beginning to solidify for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday morning. Since we have already suffered through the time change, the Easter Sunrise service will be at a much more decent time – 7:00 am.

Along a completely different front, it is also time for scholarship applications for college. We have applications ready and available in the church office for those students preparing to start college for the first time and for those continuing their college education. Check with Merla if you know a student that could use a little extra help with college expenses. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 26th.

I hope you continue to enjoy the ups and downs of the weather. It seems that is going to be the pattern for a while whether we like it or not. So we may as well enjoy it!

I look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Sally

682-213-2065 (home)

817-240-4042 (cell)

Bruce's Bible Study

Guess what? You get one more article on "Mary after the Christmas story." We've been looking at why the Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, in particular, think of Mary as "Queen of Heaven," "Perpetually virgin," etc. Well, something happened in the past two weeks that deserves one more comment. Pope Francis recently proclaimed one day in February as the "new" festival of "Mary as the Mother of the Church." This thinking has been around for a while, but it has never been treated as a particular festival. We might ask, "What's it all about?"

In the gospel of *John*, when Jesus was on the cross, He committed His mother, Mary, to the care of the only disciple present at the foot of the cross---probably John himself, who would have been very young and not regarded by the Roman soldiers as a threat. Roman Catholics, in particular, have said that John represents the (Roman Catholic) Church---and that here, Jesus is proclaiming Mary to be the mother of the Church (when He says to John, "Behold your mother"). Actually, I think that it's a reminder that the rest of Jesus' family were horrified by Jesus and what had happened to Him. In *Mark 3*, we're told that Jesus was so busy He didn't have time to eat (I can sympathize), and His brothers said, "He's popped His

cork" and went to "rescue" Him (they must have been part Methodist; you know, when we meet, we eat!). Likewise, in *John 7*, they showed themselves totally unable to understand what Jesus was doing. When He was crucified, they were probably somewhere (maybe even back in Nazareth, although it's more likely that they were in Jerusalem for the Passover), hiding their heads in horror. Crucifixion was usually reserved for traitors against the Roman government and was a totally ghastly punishment, in which the victims sometimes took days to die. Also, we've seen before that the Jewish leaders who hated Jesus so fiercely would have favored crucifixion as a means of destroying His credibility because of the final verses in *Deuteronomy 21*, in which it is said that a person who had died by capital punishment (under Jewish law) should have his body *hanged on a tree* to show that he had died under the curse of God. The Jewish leaders figured that this would take care of Jesus once and for all, discrediting Him with both Jews and non-Jews! When Jesus committed John and Mary to each other, it's a reminder that Mary was all by herself---and Jesus wanted to forestall that. The Pope would strongly disagree, but I think my interpretation is more accurate!

Bruce

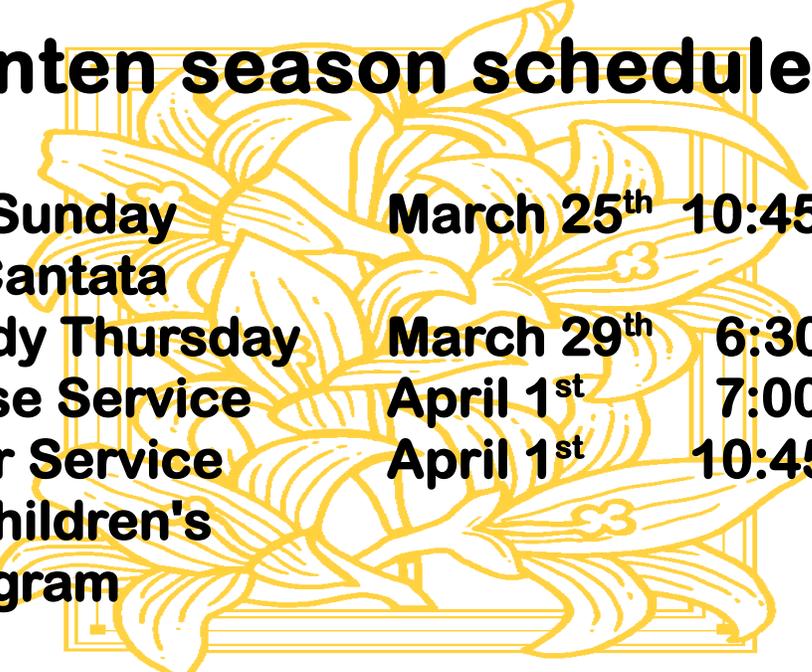


Please continue to bring pantry, diapers, and hygiene items for Eastside Ministries. Thank YOU!

Save the Date
Friday, April 20, 2018

There will be a Garage Sale here!
Please bring your best unneeded items now
to help us with this Springtime fundraiser!!!

Lenten season schedule:



Palm Sunday & Cantata	March 25th	10:45am
Maundy Thursday Sunrise Service	March 29th	6:30pm
Easter Service & Children's Program	April 1st	7:00am
	April 1st	10:45am

Easter Lily Order



It is time to order your Easter Lily/Lilies for the Easter Service. Please complete this form and return it to the office. You may place the completed form in the collection plate, bring into the office, email the office (handleyumc@sbcglobal.net) or fax (817-446-4013) the office to complete your order. Cost is \$10.00 each. (Please have orders in by [March 26](#) to be listed in the bulletin). Thank You!

In Honor/Celebration of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Purchased by: _____ Quantity ordered _____

Child Protective Services once again extends our heartfelt thanks to **Elvie & Wade Walker, the wonderful UMW ladies, and other church members** for providing Christmas Stockings to the children we serve. Many of these children come from homes where broken dreams and despair have replaced love and nurturing. These children desperately need to experience the joy of having a Christmas Stocking of their very own, and Handley members made sure they did! The love and kindness you put into the stockings will always remain in their young hearts. Handley's generosity to our children at Christmas is truly spectacular and much appreciated!

In the Spirit of Christmas,

Lisa Hill
Tarrant County Child Protective Services



*Love lives on
in little kindnesses
and gentle words...*

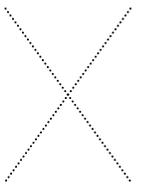
Thank you to so many who visited, sent cards, messages, calls, attended and made donations during Pat's illness and death. It means more than you all can know to have my "old" church family by my side. Love to all,

Tricia McMahan

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Meetings & Events Schedule



March 13
Mail out Newsletter

March 14
NO Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday

March 18
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday

March 25
Palm Sunday
Choir Easter Cantata

March 26
Friendship Circle

March 27
Grace Circle
Mail out Newsletter
& Calendar

March 28
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday

March 29
Maundy Thursday
6:30 Service
March 29
Good Friday

April Highlights

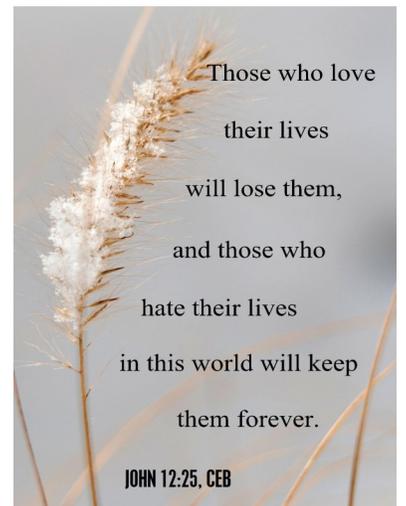
April 1
Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday
Communion set-up by
Friendship Class
Children's Program
"The Tomb"

Usher Schedule

03/18—Mike Williams' Group
03/25—Bill Mann's Group

Sunday's Service:

"Love and Loss"
John 12:20-33



Those who love
their lives
will lose them,
and those who
hate their lives
in this world will keep
them forever.

JOHN 12:25, CEB