

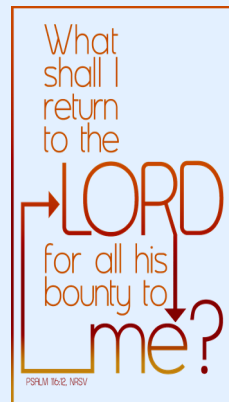
Handley Happenings

March 19, 2018

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

Bruce's Bible Study

I've been doing a series on what happened to the people in the Christmas story after Christmas, and for the past few weeks I've looked at the legends, etc., tied in with Mary the mother of Jesus, and why Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox (and some Episcopalians) think of her as Queen of Heaven, Perpetually Virgin, Mother of God, etc. You might know, I thought of one more reason why this attitude developed, particularly in the 4th and 5th centuries. That was the time of the great Christological controversies---deciding whether Jesus was inferior to the Father or His Equal (the latter view won out, and I think rightfully so), and what was the relation of the human to the divine in the person of Jesus, and whether He had a human will as well as a divine will, etc. The problem that showed up was that common people like you and me began to think, "Wow! If Jesus is that great and powerful, how could He possibly have time for the likes of me?" They then thought, "Who is closer to a son than his mother? And who would be closer to Jesus than His mother?" So prayers to Mary began to show up, with the common people feeling that she'd have time for their prayers and would relay them to her Son. In Michelangelo's great work *The Last Judgment* on the wall behind the high altar in the Sistine Chapel, you will see a picture of a very muscular Christ with His arm raised to judge sinners; at His right hand is a very feminine



Our Gifts & Presence Sunday, March 18, 2018

Total Worship.....	40
Total Sunday School.....	20
Budget	\$2210

Mary, interceding for sinners. You can see how this encapsulates this whole thinking. By the way, I think it is the greatest painting ever done. I may disagree with Michelangelo's theology here, but I can't say enough good about his incredible art!

Of course, prayers to Mary also left the door open for prayers to the other saints. Especially those saints who died for the faith were regarded as superheroes and automatically closer to God, so it became the fashion to offer prayers to them, asking them to relay those requests to God. In my New Testament classes, I just tell my students that I believe in going right to the Top! I think that we have the wonderful privilege of praying directly to God and Christ, with no other intercessors needed. You'll remember that, when Jesus died, the veil of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem was torn in two from top to bottom. That veil marked off the place regarded as where the presence of God was strongest on earth, and **only the high priest was allowed in there, and then only one day in the year--the Day of Atonement.** In other words, there was still a barrier between God and sinful human beings (the barrier was sin itself), and when the veil was torn in two, it means that Jesus' death on the cross has taken care of the sin question, and we now have **unlimited access to God.** I think you can see why I say we can go "straight to the Top" and don't need other intercessors! If this isn't shoutin' material, I don't know what is!

Bruce



Dear Sally & Friends,

I went to hospital Friday to clear my way for next Friday, March 9th. It was a rough day, but I made it just fine. Sorry I did not make it this Sunday. Hope to make it the coming Sunday (after my surgery).

*All of you take care and try to be good.
Bye-bye for now.*

*Love
LaRue Hulsey*



Long-time faculty John Fisher and Bruce McDonald present a recital in their ongoing annual concert tradition. They will present a concert of serious piano repertoire.

Please join them on April 3 at 7:30 pm for their concert in the Ann Waggoner Fine Arts Building on the Texas Wesleyan campus.



**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 _____

(Items reprinted
from last week)

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,

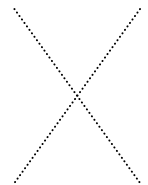
Tricia McMahan

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Handley United Methodist Church

Meetings & Events Schedule



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 2
Police Captains/Code Blue

April 3
Dr. McDonald Concert
@ Texas Wesleyan

April 4
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday

April 9
Handley Neighborhood Assoc.

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Sunday's Service:

Chancel Choir Easter Cantata
"The Way to Our Salvation"



"Ye shall see the
Son of man sitting on
the right hand of power,
and coming in the
clouds of heaven."
Mark 14:62

Usher Schedule

03/25—Bill Mann's Group
04/01—Glenn Estes' Group