

CATCH *the* SPIRIT

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So God Sent Christ

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

Hello One Spirit Family!

As we turn the first corner of the year, we are getting ready to celebrate Holy Week together. This time is one where the rest of the world seems to melt away for me. I hope that you too will find sacred moments during this season; whether it is through our Daily Lenten Scripture Reading, in our Small Group study on Sunday mornings, in your living room where you tune in for worship, or even during one of our Holy Week services.

This season reminds us just how loved we are! The Creator of the Universe longs to be in relationship with us for eternity, but God knew that we could not save ourselves from death because of our human frailty; so God sent Christ.

During this season, we continue to lean into our new vision statement: Building Disciples That Live Out the Gospel. Through the Lenten season I pray we are able to grow our faith in a way that enables us to live into the role of a disciple who carries on the Kingdom of God!

So here's your invitation to grow with us! Join us for this Lenten season as we look at a special sermon series that focuses on the minor characters who encounter Jesus in the Easter story. Through their healings, may we yet come to be "Mended."

Check out details found in this newsletter for our Holy Week worship moments and bring in all the plastic Easter eggs you can find!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

Updated Schedule for
Ash Wednesday Worship Service
March 2 at 5:30 pm
plus
Drive Thru Ashes at 6:30 pm

Building Disciples that Live Out the Gospel.

LENTEN SERVICES & ACTIVITIES AT ONE SPIRIT UMC!

Palm Sunday Worship April 10 at 10:30 am

Palm Sunday is the start to Holy Week and allows us space to walk the path to the cross with Jesus. This service that will include special drama and move us from the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the tension filled moments before the Last Supper.

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 14 at 7:00 pm

ONLINE ONLY (No In-Person Worship)

As we remember how Jesus gathered all his disciples at the table for one last meal together before the cross, we will gather virtually for a Maundy Thursday worship. This service will be Communion centered. You are invited to gather as a family in your own home while visualizing the long table Jesus has gathered us at as a community, even when we are apart.

Good Friday Worship April 15 at 7:00 pm

On Good Friday we will gather in person or online to remember the final moments that led Jesus to the cross and the grave on our behalf. This service will move us to contemplate the darkness of the tomb as we await the sunrise of Easter morning.

Drive Thru Children's Easter Egg Event! Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 pm

Similar to our recent drive-thru events, we will hand out stuffed Easter Eggs to families that drive through with their Easter baskets! We need donations of both plastic Easter eggs, and bagged, individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs! **Please bring donations of plastic eggs and candy to the church by April 3rd.** **Volunteers will be needed on Sunday, April 10th after worship to stuff the Easter Eggs.**

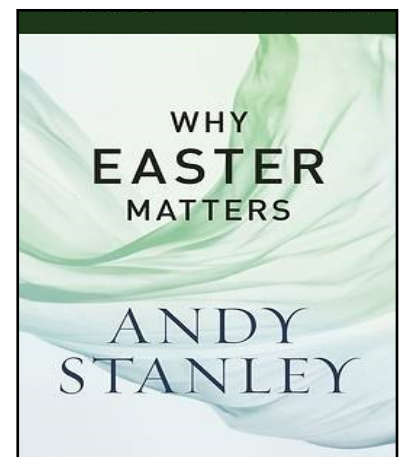


Don't forget to invite your family and friends to all of the special events and worship services at One Spirit UMC!

Lenten Study: "Why Easter Matters"

Join us during the Lenten season as we let the characters of the Easter story come alive and teach us in our modern world! "**Why Easter Matters**" by Andy Stanley will guide the 5-week class during the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning's at 9:30 am (March 6 through April 3). This class is open to everyone! We encourage everyone to either participate in the study either in the class or by reading the book on your own.

Books cost \$8.00 and will be available to order from February 13-27th. Be sure to get your order in early so that books can be available on March 6th.



CHURCH NEWS

Lenten "HOLY BAGS" Service Project

The One Spirit congregation includes many people who cannot come to church on a regular basis. So we want to show them some special love this Easter by bringing them a "Holy Bag" which will include some Easter goodies and provide them with Holy Communion. **Volunteers are needed to put together the Holy Bags on Sunday, April 10th after Palm Sunday worship at 11:30 am and to help deliver the bags on April 10 – 14.**

Scout Service Projects

The scouts and leaders of Troop 582 participated in Scout Sunday in February and completed two service projects for the church. They installed a new flag on the church flag pole, cleaned and repaired tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall, and cleaned and organized pots and pans in the kitchen.

Leadership Board Meetings

The next Leadership Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 9 and April 6 at 6:30 pm in room 102 and also on ZOOM.** This is an open meeting and all members may attend and participate in discussions, however only board members can vote.

Reminder: Donuts are available on the 1st Sunday of each month in Higher Grounds.

Check out our website at www.onespiritfamily.org or LIKE us on Facebook at One Spirit United Methodist Church

PLEASE RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS!
The proceeds help to pay for winter snow removal and summer lawn care.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on **Thursday, March 3 at 1:00 pm** and **Thursday, April 7 at 1:00 pm.** The March meeting will feature "Woman You are Set Free from Your Ailment" and the In-Gathering will be donations of snack items for Westridge Elementary during their testing time. The April meeting will present the Call to Prayer & Self Denial and the In-Gathering will be monetary donations for Della Lamb. All women of the church are invited to attend all UMW meetings and encouraged to bring a friend!

Bakers-For-Hire from UMW!

During the Easter season let UMW bake special treats for you! They will make delicious cakes, cookies, pies and more for your Easter holiday. If you would like to help UMW by baking some items, please contact Georgia Phillips. Order forms will be available at the church or you can call the office or a UMW officer to place an order. **Orders are due no later than April 10 and completed orders will be available for pick-up at the church Friday, April 15 from 6-7 pm or on Easter Sunday, April 17 right after worship.**

Caring For Kids at Westridge

One Spirit continues to support the students and staff of Westridge Elementary in a variety of ways. There are two upcoming events that they have asked for some help. Please review the two needs below and help out if you can!

1) Read Across America Week: Feb. 28-Mar 4. Volunteers are needed to come in and read a book aloud to a class and maybe have a short discussion about the book. Books will be provided and teachers will be in the classroom
2) MAP Testing: Donations of snack items are needed for the children which help the kids to remain attentive during the testing periods. Donations are needed by **Sunday, April 3rd.**

Individually wrapped items:

Granola Bars

Cereal Bars

Fruit Snacks

Goldfish Crackers

Cookie Snacks

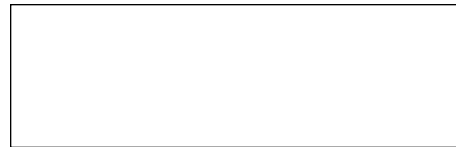


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**IMPORTANT UPDATED SCHEDULE CHANGE:
Ash Wednesday Worship Service
March 2 at 5:30 pm
plus
Drive Thru Ashes at 6:30 pm**

One Spirit will offer two options for Ash Wednesday: 5:30 pm will be a traditional worship service and at 6:30 pm we will offer a drive through option for the imposition of ashes. We hope the earlier option is helpful for those who don't want to drive after dark. Plus, the drive thru option is an opportunity for those who work to still be able to come to the church and receive the imposition of ashes in the circle drive in front of the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The worship service includes Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes which symbolize both death and repentance.



**Be sure to
"Spring Forward"
on March 13
when
Daylight Saving
Time begins.**

**The Church Office
will be Closed on
Monday, April 18, 2022**