



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent to Resurrection

We had a large gathering for our special Ash Wednesday Service to begin the season of Lent. Young and older gathered to draw near to the Lord in this time of searching and preparation.

As we move toward our Resurrection Celebration at the end of March, please note all of the special events and worship services.

Holy Week begins with a church-wide celebration on Palm Sunday, March 24. As per our tradition, on that day we will have one combined worship service in the Main Sanctuary at 10:30 AM. After worship, we will have dinner on the grounds with activities for children including their egg hunt.

We then move to Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with worship at 6:30 PM.

On Good Friday (Mar 29) at 6:30 PM we will once again host a Tenebrae service of Shadows. This service is structured around music and the Scriptures of Jesus' last hours before the tomb. If you have never attended this service, you honestly need to come. Many people have told me it is one of the most moving worship services they have attended. I sincerely believe that those who attend this service have a greater sense of the power of Easter Sunday morning.

Our Resurrection Celebration will be on March 31 at all three worship services at their usual times of 8:30, 9:45 and 11 AM. Please invite a friend to come worship with you. Easter is one of the main times of year that people are most receptive to an invitation. Invite them to come, and then sit with them when they come!

A Health Concern

A few parishioners have commented on my frequent drinking of water while I preach. I decided I would let the church know that I am indeed struggling. Normally, I would not use this forum to talk about something like this- but honestly, it is a bit distracting (at least for me, if not for you).

Since sometime before last Thanksgiving, my mouth has been excessively dry- and as you can imagine, not only is that a challenge for everyday life, but it especially hinders public speaking. There are moments in preaching when my mouth is so dry, I cannot speak well. My words will slur. This is why I simply have to take a sip- and I hope you will bear with me. It is obviously a challenge to get through three services with this going on.



I also wanted you to know that my hearing has greatly degraded. Whether it is the same problem or a different one, I don't currently know. Ever since I flew up to see grandchildren in December, my ears never equalized. I have worn hearing aides the whole time you have known me (most people don't even notice), but lately, I have had to turn them almost all the way up in order to understand people. So, if I am having trouble hearing you- know that it is me, and not you.

Like many people, I'm not very big on talking about my health issues with others, but in this case, I thought you should know since it has been negatively impacting my ministry. By the time you read this I'll have visited with a doctor or two. Thank you for your prayers and your patience. I do know this: God's grace is sufficient for each and every need.

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness.

-Pastor Ronnie

THANK YOU!

Team FMC For The Win!

Your donations on Soup-er Bowl Sunday will continue to help our Benevolence Ministry feed our community- ***THANK YOU!***



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday ~ March 24

One combined service 10:30AM in the Main Sanctuary. *
FB Livestreamed. Lunch & Children's Festival to follow.

**No evening activities scheduled for Wednesday, March 27
(Except Chancel Choir)**

Maundy Thursday Communion Service ~ March 28

6:30PM in the Main Sanctuary. FB Livestreamed. *

Tenebrae / Good Friday Service ~ March 29

6:30PM in the Main Sanctuary. FB Livestreamed. *

Easter Celebration ~ Sunday, March 31

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00AM services will be celebrating
the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! *
9:45 & 11:00AM services will be FB Livestreamed.

**Nursery available for children 6 weeks to age 4 for all Holy Week Services.*

Exploring Membership Class

Join Pastor Ronnie next **Sun, March 3**, at 3:00PM in the Asbury Rm / CRC if you are interested in becoming a member of FMC.



March CommUNITY Dinner

The Womens Service Group will be hosting a Mexican Fiesta Night that will include desserts at our next Community Dinner on **Wed, March 20** at 6:00PM in the Crossroads Center. Serving begins at 5:30PM. Church Council begins at 6:30PM. Youth, Kid's St & Choir are at usual times.



Palm Sunday Children's Festival & Worship Schedule

Join us on **Sun, March 24!** We will have one joint worship service at 10:30AM in the Main Sanctuary which will also be FB Livestreamed. Lunch will be hosted by our 8th Ave Methodist Men on Alabama St next to our WCCC Daycare. Directly after lunch we will have Easter egg hunt. Don't forget your basket!



Small Groups Schedule

The adult bible study is putting together the list of studies for next quarter, after Easter. If you are interested in leading a bible study on Wednesday evening or another day in the morning please let me know. If anyone has ideas for a bible study contact me and I will try to find a leader and book on the subject.

-Margaret Larson 850-217-6960



Youth Ministry

We are ONE month away from our annual Discovery Weekend!! The high-schoolers have already had their Lock-in to plan for this wonderful Christ-centered weekend. All details and information have been and will continue to be sent out to parents and youth over the next several weeks. If you have any questions or would like to help with this weekend, please reach out to firstcrestviewyouth@gmail.com.

Discovery weekend is the weekend after Easter. It will be April 5th- April 7th and is one of the biggest events for our youth program each year! I am so excited to see how God will work in our youth during this special time! The whole church is invited to join us for our candle light prayer service on Saturday night (April 6th) and for our special contemporary worship service at 9:45am on Sunday, April 7th in Wesley Hall. I hope to see you all there to support our youth!!

Thank you to all who support this youth program and if you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Paul Adams at firstcrestviewyouth@gmail.com.

-Paul Adams



Soup Kitchen Ministry

Happy Winter! First Methodist Church Crestview Soupers have prepared hot homemade nutritious meals for those who are hungry each week, for the last 16 years! We also hand out handmade hats for those who need relief from this cold weather. We are grateful for your continued support so we may help our community (people and families) who are hungry. Because of your support we have children who have a warm meal that would have gone without food on Saturdays. Thank you for all that you do for us, each and every week. Volunteers contact Deb Lubas 401-742-4898. Donations contact the church office. Also, come out to support the Woman's Group Meal in March. They are directing proceeds to go to a new freezer for the Soup Kitchen.

-Deb Lubas /Soup Kitchen Coordinator, 401-742-4898



Yarn Ministry

Hello Spring... well, it's on it's way... I think!

We can remain ever hopeful. We are so thankful for our shelves of yarn (also known as our Yarn Stash) and we are having a great time pulling from our supplies and making the most wonderful and divine items that will bless and keep someone warm.

We are happy to take any donations of clean yarn. Please drop it off in the front

office during regular business hours.
Yarnies will meet on Tuesdays, **March 12 & 26** at 6:00PM in Rm 213 (Yarnia).

-Cathrin Owens

*"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands."
Psalm 90:17*

"We look for wool and linen, and work with our hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13



Crestview Prayer Network

The Crestview Prayer Network meets the first Wednesday of each month to share fellowship and goings-on in the different churches in the North Okaloosa Area.



The next meeting for the Crestview Prayer Network will be **Wed, March 6**, at noon, at Hideaway Pizza downtown. Come pray for your hometown!

CALENDARS

March Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters:

March 3- Mike & Betsy Roy

March 10- Kit Callahan

March 17- Alesha & Robert Dabbs

March 24- Melanie & Gary Zick

March 31- Debbie Watson

Ushers:

March- Alesha & Robert Dabbs

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: Aimee Keller & Dan Taylor

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Allen Bell 3. Nell Sutherland 4. Jody Woodward

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters:

March 3- Steve and Kathy Fowler

March 10- Glenda McMasters and Jamie Davis

March 17- Suzie Wingate and Jayne Hager

March 24- Eddie and Jayne Hager

March 31- Tom and Edie Giovanini

Ushers:

March 3- Tom Giovanini and Tom Saunders

March 10- Dax Reeves and Burt Colt

March 17- Eddie Hager and Tom Saunders

March 24- Tom Giovanini and Steve Fowler

March 31- Dax Reeves and Rollin Anderson

Side Aisle Ushers:

March 3- Steve and Kathy Fowler

March 10- Glenda McMasters and Jamie Davis

March 17- Suzie Wingate and Jayne Hager
March 24- Eddie and Jayne Hager
March 31- Tom and Edie Giovanini

Office Door Greeter:

March 3 - Gary Johnson
March 10-Connie Statt
March 17- Margaret Larson
March 24- Gary Johnson
March 31- Connie Statt

Lock Doors & Turn Off Lights

March 3- Tom Giovanini
March 10- Burt Colt
March 17- Margaret Larson
March 24- Eddie Hager
March 31- Dax Reeves

Liturgists:

March 3- Mike Steen
March 10- Scott Sallberg
March 17- Paul Adams
March 24- Sara Fordyce
March 31- TBD

Important Dates In March

March 1- Women's Service Group 10-12:00PM Asbury Rm/CRC
March 2- Love your Church Day! 8:30AM-11:30AM
March 6- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza
March 10- Happy 14th Anniversary to our Soup Kitchen! (3/10/2010), Youth
12:15PM Conf Rm, Daylight Saving Time begins
March 11- 8th Ave Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
March 12- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM
March 17- Kids Committee 12:15PM Kid's St., Trustees 3:00PM FH, Finance
5:00PM Rm 212
March 20- CommUNITY Dinner 5:30PM CRC, Church Council 6:30PM CRC,
Sign up for your next Small Group at our CommUNITY Dinner
March 24- Palm Sunday Children's Festival! Combined worship service at
10:30AM in the Main Sanctuary followed by lunch on Alabama St. & Easter Egg
Hunt
March 25- April Newsletter Deadline
March 28- Maundy Thursday Service 6:30PM Main Sanctuary
March 29- Good Friday Tenebrae Service 6:30PM Main Sanctuary
March 31- Easter Sunday (Normal 3 Services)

**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads
Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*

Please see firstcrestview.com calendar for any updates or changes

Looking Ahead To April

April 1- Easter Monday / church office will be closed
April 3- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM Hideaway Pizza, Small Groups
begin
April 5- Women's Service Group 10-12:00PM Asbury Rm/CRC
April 8- 8th Ave Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
April 9- Worship Committee 5:30PM Prayer Rm, Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
April 22- May Newsletter Deadline
April 23- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads
Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*

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A MOMENT OF REFLECTION



A Prayer for Silent Saturday

God, thank you that you are always working, even though I may not see or understand how. Open my eyes to your presence and movement in my life. Lord, when I find myself in a tough place, like a Saturday after a “crucifixion” but before a “resurrection,” please help me to remember who you are. Help me to hold on to all the times you showed up and helped me. Help me to recognize you in the present and not just see your work when I look back. Once again, thank you ever so much that I have you. Amen.

-Alexis Waid

*"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning." -Psalm 130:5-6*

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH INFO

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Morning Glory at 8:30AM
Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM
The Crossroads Center / FB Live

Traditions at 11:00AM
Main Sanctuary / FB Live

First Methodist Office Schedule

Mon - Thurs 9:00AM- 4:00PM

Staff Meetings Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

Lunch 12:00-1:00PM

The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

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