



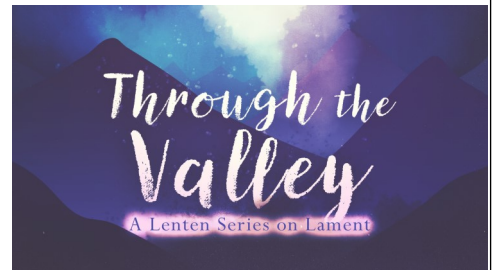
So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—March 22 **This Sunday, March 24 @ 9:00 am Palm Sunday**

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Sermon Series—Through the Valley: A Lenten Series

Just as Jesus wandered in the wilderness for forty days, so too can we feel like we are wandering in the wilderness, as we face hardships, grief, temptations, and injustices. This Lent, we will discover what it means to wander these parts of life in honesty with God through the practice of lament. We will learn how crying out to God in our need can help us to fully embrace what it means to be human beings held and loved by a God we can trust. We will learn that even through the darkest valleys, Jesus both goes ahead of us and walks with us.



This Sunday — Honesty Leads to God-Seeking Action | Luke 19:41-48

While facing reality can sometimes cause us great pain and sorrow, Jesus shows us how this important step can lead us to necessary, God-seeking action.

Scripture Reading | Luke 19:29-38, 41-48

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.' Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Next Week — Easter: Hope for All Creation | Mark 16:1-15 & Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13

Sunday Fellowship Check out the coffee, treats and great conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall.



Coffee and Worship

The two best things on Sunday morning are coffee and worship, and so we welcome you to bring your coffee in to the sanctuary. However, in order to preserve our beautiful space, we ask that you bring a covered coffee cup from home when bringing your cup into worship.

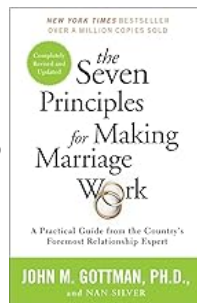


Other Ministry Updates

- March 24 9:00 am** Palm Sunday Worship
- 10:00 am** Fellowship
- 10:00 am** Education Hour
- March 25 1:00 pm** Prayer Shawl
- March 26 7:00 pm** Finance Team Meeting
- March 28 6:15 pm** Holy Thursday Meal—Soup
- 7:00 pm** Holy Thursday Service
- March 31 9:00 am Traditional** Easter Worship
- 10:00 am** Fellowship
- 10:30 am** Contemporary Easter Worship

Seven Weeks Seven Principles

We are looking for 3 or 4 couples interested in strengthening their marriage in a 7-week small group experience. We'll be reading *Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by foremost relationship expert John M. Gottman. Group commitment would be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per week and then including time for reading the chapters and doing the homework, facilitated by Pastor Amy. If we get enough interest, we'd like to start the group 1st or 2nd week after Easter and try to be done by end of May. Please let the [Pastor Amy](#) know by **Tuesday, March 26th**.



Holy Thursday

Holy Week will continue with Holy Thursday on **March 28th at 6:15 pm** in the Fellowship Hall with a soup and rolls meal. At **7:00 pm**, we'll share communion in the Upper Room with Jesus and the disciples, and end with a Tenebrae service.



Easter Sunday

To accommodate the extra people that Easter worship usually draws, we'll be offering two Easter Sunday worship services: a **contemporary** worship experience at **9:00 am** and a **traditional** worship service at **10:30 am**.

Special Easter Offering

2024 Easter Offering will be split 50/50, with half going to support of Terebinth Refuge a Christ-centered shelter and safe home that brings hope, healing services, and freedom to exploited and trafficked women. And the other half of our offering to go to support camp attendance for our kids. If you'd like to make a special Easter offering, please place your offering in one of the Easter Offering envelopes or write "Easter Offering" on your check. If you're giving electronically, you can make a note to that effect in the comment line.



Be a part of the conversation!

Throughout April, there will be a hosted discussion table in the fellowship hall during coffee hour. This informal discussion will talk about topics from the message, additional scripture, life application ideas and wherever the conversation takes us. Grab your coffee and stop by, beginning **April 7**.

Nursery

The nursery will not be staffed on Easter Sunday so the staff can celebrate the holiday. Please feel free to use the nursery or use the activity bags provided in the entry way.

Finance Team Report

Through February our year-to-date income minus expenses was at -\$3,297. Apportionments for the first 2 months of 2024 have been paid in full. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.

