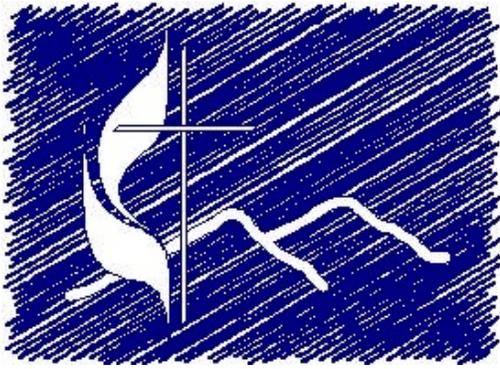


La Habra United Methodist Church



Vista

March 2018

Holy Thursday Service March 29 ~ 7:00 PM

This service recounts the events, which took place in the upper room. Jesus was sharing a meal with his followers. He teaches them about the meaning of servanthood. Our service will include Communion.

Easter Services ~ April 1

7:30 AM ~ Sunrise Service

Patio area between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

10:30 ~ Easter Worship Service

Easter Breakfast

April 1 ~ 8:45 a.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

There will be an informal Easter breakfast at 8:45 a.m., with several egg dishes, muffins, ham and scones offered by our hosts, the Hills and Tittles. If you have questions, contact Karen Hill or Nancy Tittle. For those of you that are able and want to, please bring a dish to share. There is no charge. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Easter Flowers

This year the sanctuary chancel will again be decorated for Easter with a variety of spring blooming plants. Everyone is welcome to purchase plants, in honor, in memory, or in celebration of loved ones for \$12 each. Plants will be available for pick up after the 10:30 AM Easter service.

The variety of plants will include flowers of all colors and species. This variety makes an incredible spring display for our Easter service. Order forms will be available in the church bulletin.

Deadline for orders ~ Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

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March 1 - Thursday

10:00 AM - Store
2:30 PM - Exercise Class
4:00 PM - Tops
6:30 PM - Choir

March 3 - Saturday

10:00 AM - Store
1:00 PM - Memorial Service for Betty Shaw

March 4 - Sunday

8:45 AM - Faithlink Class
10:30 AM - Worship Service
4:00 PM - The Sound of Spring Concert

March 6 - Tuesday

10:30 AM - Memoir Class

March 7 - Wednesday

10:30 AM - Lenten Bible Study
7:00 PM - Lenten Bible Study

March 8 - Thursday

10:00 AM - Store
2:30 PM - Exercise Class
4:00 PM - Tops
6:30 PM - Choir

March 10 - Saturday

10:00 AM - Store

March 11 - Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:45 AM - Faithlink
10:30 AM - Worship Service

March 13 - Tuesday

11:30 AM - Hope Circle
7:00 PM - Patience Circle

March 14 - Wednesday

10:30 AM - Lenten Bible Study
7:00 PM - Lenten Bible Study

March 15 - Thursday

10:00 AM - Store
2:30 PM - Exercise Class
4:00 PM - Tops
6:30 PM - Choir



March 17 - Saturday - St. Patrick's Day

10:00 AM - Store
6:00 PM - The GAP at the Janeway's

March 18 - Sunday

8:45 AM - Faithlink Class
10:30 AM - Worship Service

March 20 - Tuesday

10:30 AM - Memoir Class

March 21 - Wednesday

1:00 PM - Out-to-Lunch Bunch - The Hungry Bear Restaurant

March 22 - Thursday

10:00 AM - Store
2:30 PM - Exercise Class
4:00 PM - Tops
6:30 PM - Choir
6:30 PM - Preschool Open House

March 24 - Saturday

10:00 AM - Store

March 25 - Sunday - Palm Sunday

8:45 AM - Faithlink Class
10:30 AM - Worship Service

March 28 - Wednesday

Preschool Easter Egg Hunt and Parties



March 29 - Holy Thursday

10:00 AM - Store
2:30 PM - Exercise Class
4:00 PM - Tops
7:00 PM - Holy Thursday Service

March 30 - Good Friday

March 31 - Saturday

10:00 AM - Store

March Birthdays

- 1 Charlie DeBerry
- 2 Andy Williams
- 3 Matthew Kreeger
Michael Szekunda
- 10 Courtney Pfenning
- 14 Nancy Tittle
- 16 Sherry Shaw
Shirley Shaw
- 18 Judy Finney
- 20 Ann Hughes
- 25 Mary Taylor
- 26 Edward Zeliff



Preschool News

The preschool will be having their open house on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 PM. Please come out and visit the classrooms. Wednesday, March 28, we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt and classroom parties.

*...if we forgot your
birthday, please contact
the church office...*

THE G.A.P.

God's Awesome People

Our next gathering will be held at the home of Don and Barbara Janeway (936 Callahan Lane, Placentia) on March 17, at 6:00 p.m. Don and Barbara will provide a main dish, so please bring a salad, dessert or an appetizer to share. Also, bring your beverage of choice. RSVP to barbara.janeway@yahoo.com, (by March 15) so she can plan accordingly. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Remember this is a fun, every-other-month event. Hope to see you there! It is open to all ages. Be sure to save the future dates listed below:

- May 19 – Bill and Nancy Tittle
- July 21 – Pat and Kevin Gaston
- September 15 – Bob and Jonell Cadman
- November 17 – Jim and Karen Hill

For Lent this year I am focusing on the theme of wholeness. Jonell Cadman has placed a number of spheres on the alter/table as symbols of wholeness. The spheres come in a variety of sizes and configurations. Some of them are rather misshapen. Not really perfectly whole. Kind of like most of us.

On the First Sunday in Lent we read the story of Jesus' temptation and I focused on God's gift of empathy. My big picture understanding was that God's spirit both descended on Jesus at his baptism and forced him into the wilderness. While in the wilderness Jesus was surrounded by wild animals and was tempted by Satan. There with him were the messengers of God (angels) who cared for him. That is the gift of empathy.

I quoted research from a nurse in New Zealand, Theresa Wiseman. Wiseman had studied people in diverse "helping" professions in order to discover common traits. She discovered four. A number of you asked me to repeat these following the sermon, so here they are: 1) **Perspective taking**. In other words learning to take on someone else's perspective. Walking in someone else's shoes. 2) **Staying out of judgment**. Rather than judging someone else ("you should have done this instead") empathic people simply choose to be close to the other. 3) **Recognizing emotion** in other people, and 4) **Communicating understanding** of that emotion.

When we recognize emotion and communicate some understanding of that emotion we have to be in touch with our own emotions. It is not as if we are saying "I understand completely what you are going through..." We don't. We can't. But we do remember when we were lonely, or afraid, or confused, or whatever. The important message we can communicate to another is "you are not alone... I'm willing to be here with you."

During the remaining Sundays in Lent I'm going to address **Connection** (how we connect with God in spite of our sin), **Focus** (how we focus on God in spite of all of the competing distractions around us), **Salvation** (how we are healed), and **Covenant** (what does a new relationship with God look like?)

My inspiration for the Lent theme of **Wholeness** came from the Gospel Lesson assigned for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. It is a familiar passage: *God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.* The reason we walk to the cross with Jesus is not so much to see him crucified, but to experience the empty tomb.

I want to remind you that you are welcome to my four-week study of Mark's Gospel on Wednesdays (either 10:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.) in the church library (which is located in the Office Building). The dates are February 21 and 28, and March 7 and 14. The morning and evening sessions are identical so that you can switch back and forth depending on your schedule. Even if you can't make all four, feel free to attend. I've made each session "stand alone".

I love studying the Bible in groups. I enjoy diving deeper into the text with other people. I learn a lot more than I teach in these sessions. I look forward to our being together.

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

THE SOUND OF SPRING

March 4, 2018

4 PM

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pianist Dr. Esther Yune



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Out-to-Lunch Bunch Wednesday, March 21

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets every third Wednesday of the month. We get together for a nice meal and fellowship. Come join us for this month's event on March 21, at 1:00 PM. We will be meeting at The Hungry Bear, 2219 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton.

Hope to see you there!

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 11



Women's Retreat October 26-28 Luther Glen Retreat Center Oak Glen

Cost: \$225 – Payments can be made monthly, just make sure you pick up an envelope in the church or narthex.

Scholarships are available – See Nancy Tittle