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## Telling MY Story

**Wednesday, March 6 - Ash**  
**Wednesday, Noon and 6:30 p.m.**

*Ash Wednesday begins our journey to the Cross. Keeping with our theme, Rev. Luna's message is "In The Beginning". We each have a story that begins and ends with God. Come celebrate the power of God as the author of your beginning! Join us for a meal and a brief worship service for imposition of ashes. We have a meal and worship service at Noon and at 6:30 p.m.*

**What's Your Story?**

**Let the story of Jesus  
CHANGE your story!**

**The Worship Journey  
March 6<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>**



Families are encouraged to bring a cross for the **Cross Wall** located in the Welcome Center fellowship hall any time during Lent up to the Good Friday service. Staff members will be on hand to hang the cross for you. The cross will represent your membership at Pleasant Retreat and will remain for years to come. Thank you for putting your families' name on the back. Each cross will represent our Lenten message of 2019– **What's Your Story?**

**Sunday, March 10 – First Sunday of Lent, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Our story can take a variety of paths, but it is common that each of us may have a story of obstacles and distraction. This Sunday we will look at how we can keep the main thing the main thing in our story. "Finding Focus" is Rev. Luna's message title.*

**Sunday, March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Our story is often made stronger when we remember where we came from and how far we have come. But even more, our story is driven to the next steps by knowing where it is we are going. "Coming Full Circle" is Rev. Luna's message title.*

**Sunday, March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Our story needs to have illustrations that are relative and useful. Each chapter needs to offer something for the good to the whole story we tell. If it is random and unhelpful....we edit! "Who Really Gives A Fig" is Rev. Luna's message title.*

**Sunday, March 31 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Our story can take us places that catch our attention and make us realize that this is not where we are meant to be....there has to be more. You are meant for a happy ending! "More Than This" is Rev. Luna's message title.*

## **Sunday, April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

Timing is important to our story. Sometimes we look for and try to create the right setting, and sometimes we just seize the moment and follow our gut. Every story will have some significant moments that need to happen at just the right time to make the story great. "Waiting For The Right Time" is Rev. Luna's message title.

### **Telling HIS Story**

## **Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be celebrated on this holy day. The Procession of Palms will be led by our children and the Chancel Choir will sing, "Wondrous Love" an Easter cantata, at the traditional service. Children will also bring in palm branches at the Fresh Start service and the Praise Team will provide special music. "Shout Out To Jesus" is Rev. Luna's message title.

PASTOR'S CHALLENGE! Pleasant Retreat UMC members are encouraged to attend the outdoor presentation of The Passion of Christ 2019. The location is **Lake Palestine United Methodist Church** at 2889 FM 315, Chandler, TX 75758. Presentations are on April 12-14 at 7 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE, but you can bring canned good donations for the hungry. Invite a guest and SHARE His story!!

## **Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.**

'Maundy' is Latin for mandate. It is on this night we are mandated to "Remember" and "Love One Another". We will share in Holy Communion and remember Christ's Last Supper. What greater love story can we find than that of Jesus' Passion? Has my story changed knowing I am both loved and called to love others? Am I ready to share my story? Join us to remember and pray.

## **Friday, April 19 – Good Friday 7:30 p.m.**

We remember Christ's great sacrifice on this day and give thanks for His costly love for each of us. For this special worship service our youth will lead worship with both special music and scripture.

### **Telling THE Story!**

## **Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Prayer Garden

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School check in

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg hunt on the church lawn

11:00 a.m. Fresh Start service

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Our story changes after we have met the Risen Christ. Join our celebration on this very special day!

**"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe"**

— Psalm 107:2