



Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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FROM THE PASTOR

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi has devoted much of his life to understanding being in the zone or flow, describing it as, *“being completely involved in an activity for its own sake. The ego falls away. Time flies. Every action, movement, and thought follows inevitably from the previous one, like playing jazz. Your whole being involved, and you’re using your skills to the utmost.”*

The hands that broke and blessed bread, the hands that washed the disciples feet, were first trained in carpentry and in the finer points of creating, building and repairing.

Would Jesus, while covered with carpenter’s dust and debris of creating and repairing, have moments of complete absorption being “in the zone” or flow similar to what we might know?

As we follow Jesus through the events of Holy Week, may the wonder of God whose courageous self-giving love, whose living, dying & rising, whose teaching, and mission is complete absorption of what is broken and beloved in us, in religion itself, and all the world, beckon all that we are to draw near to Jesus with curiosity shaped by Christ and hearts breaking and rising anew, absorbed in love for God and neighbor.

May the Spirit flow through you and move us all deeply with minds, hearts, and hands, open, following Jesus through this Holy Week of new creation.

Let us worship God!

Grace and courage, Ryan

IN WORSHIP

Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM
(Maundy Thursday)

Sunday, April 5
(Easter)

7:30 AM Luke 24:1-12

10:30 AM

Matthew 28:1-10

Let us worship God!



Pancakes for Pyoca!

The youth camp fundraiser is coming up!

Get your taste buds ready for a pancake brunch on Sunday, April 12, at 11:30.





Please pray for:

Ann Meyers, Beth Bailey, Dave & Barbara Moran, Randy Mattingly, Kim Hale, Peggy Pennington, Linda Coleman, Maria Keller, James Foster, Betty Sue and Pamela Jean, Dee J., Michael Pegues, the Doerter family, Joan Post, Ruth Ann Nelson and family, Tammy Wallace, Billy Barnes, Lisa Russell, Lynn Copp and family, Tosha Perdue, Smokey, Eli Spencer, Jack Turpin, Jmari Henderson & the people of Hawaii, the Hessler family, Chloe Caltrider & family, Lizzie Brandon and children, Jenny Kuhs & family, Kay Howland, Hudson Bergstrom, Ty Maldonado, the family of Ron Sproatt, the family of Jane Williams, the Lane family, and Ruth Lankford.

If you have prayer requests or wish to have your name removed from the list, please call the church office at 812-476-3355.



CRUCIAL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Greatest needs are diapers Size 3 and Size 4. Diapers size 5, baby wipes, and pull-ups also greatly appreciated.

Balancing work, caring for their children, the struggle to make ends meet, can make it challenging for so many families today. So many wonderful partners are doing good work in the community, but unfortunately the available hours to pickup crucial supplies do not always match families availability of transportation.

Our friends at Healthy Families are hoping to build up a supplementary diaper bank, and your support is greatly appreciated. Supply donations will be received with deep gratitude in bins here at the church building.

Thank you for the wonderful generosity you share together in Christ!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week at Eastminster

Maundy Thursday - April 2 at 7:00 p.m.



Inspiring Tenebrae service of stirring music, communion by intinction, and powerful reflections following Christ through the shadows of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday - Good Friday

Prayer Vigil



For more than two decades we have shared a Holy prayer vigil in the sanctuary from 8pm Maundy Thursday to 3:00 PM on Good Friday. Sign up for an hour during that period and we'll have appropriate music, study and devotional books available along with Stations of the Cross arrangement. Let us be in prayer.

Easter Sunday - April 5



7:30 AM – Sunrise Service in The Gallery

8:30 AM - Sunrise Breakfast

9:00 – Sunday School Classes for All Ages

10:30 - Worship



We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Ron Sproatt's wife, Patsy, their children, grandchildren, and family following his passing on Palm Sunday.

Ron lived with a compassionate heart for serving and storytelling and with a deep love and faith.

Family and friends may visit on Wednesday, April 1, from 3-7 P.M. at Boone Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 10:00 A.M. at Eastminster.

God has graced Ron's journey Home, let us grace the family with our prayers and support



PLEASE NOTE

Change of Date

The Men's Breakfast has been moved to April 11 due to Easter. Hope to see you then!

CLEARING OF THE ATTIC !

Holding much more weight and items than it was meant to hold, the church attic is in need of a spring clearing. If you or a ministry team you serve with, has storage in the attic, we ask your help to check or claim stored items prior to Sunday April 12. For items that can be removed or given a new home, we ask that you write a note marked, "Go" and for stored items still in use write, "Keep". Thank you for the help!

Fundraising Ideas Request!

As mentioned at the Congregational Meeting, the Finance Committee is hoping to defray some church expenses through fundraising.

The goal is not only to assist in helping our budgetary needs, but also to reach out to the community with heads, hearts and hands in service and fellowship.

The committee will gather your ideas and present them to Session for approval and identification of the committees that could best assist in making them happen.

Any and all ideas are welcome, but particularly ones that invite community involvement. Knowing that we are a generous, intelligent congregation with a vast array of experiences, we look forward to seeing how God inspires us to be good stewards of his gifts.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

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Brilliant Ideas: _____

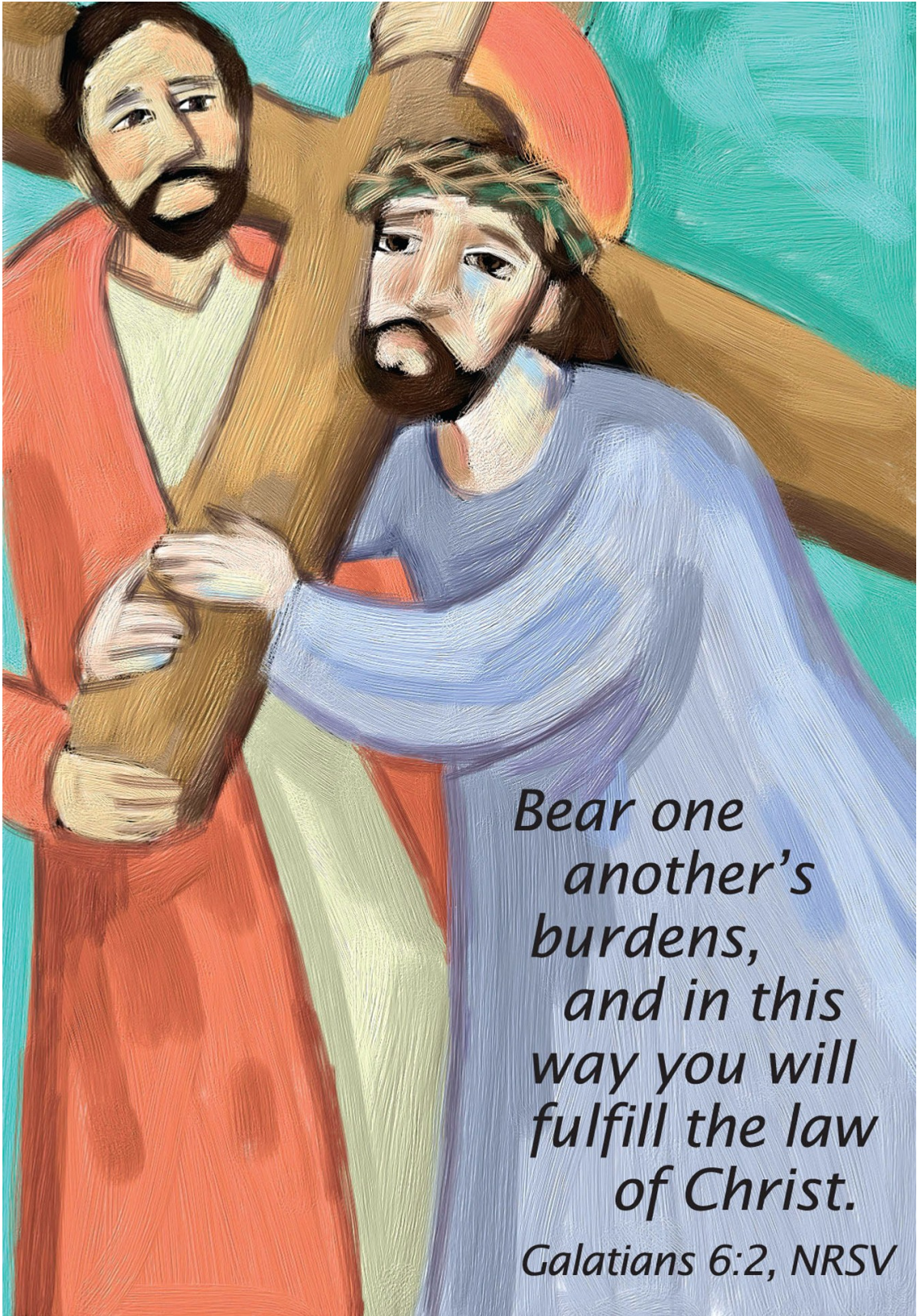
Preferred contact information (phone, email, etc.) should there be questions _____

For sending ideas electronically, please email the church office or Patti Garcia at pheringarcia@yahoo.com



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026





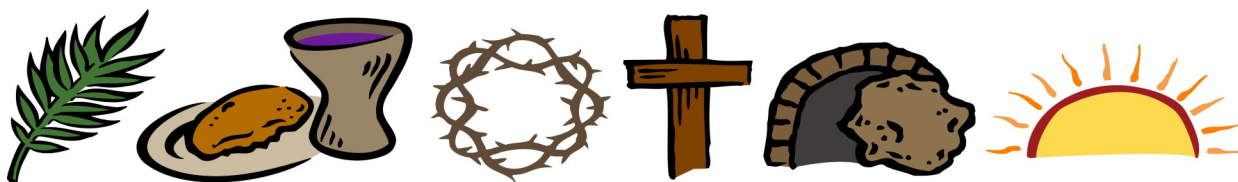
*Bear one
another's
burdens,
and in this
way you will
fulfill the law
of Christ.*

Galatians 6:2, NRSV

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