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The most important week of the Christian year is upon us. Next week is Holy Week. We start it with Palm Sunday, and remember his celebrated entrance into Jerusalem. In our second service we will have a parade of palms by the children that will help us get into that festive mood, “Hosanna to the Son of David.” The people were proclaiming Jesus the Messiah, the new King, the deliverer and redeemer that he came to be.

I’ll say more about our Palm Sunday celebrations in a moment, but, for now, let’s jump to Maundy Thursday. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word meaning “mandate.” A mandate is an order or command. On Maundy Thursday, after washing his disciples feet, Jesus mandated that his disciples love one another as he had loved them (John 13:35). In our service we won’t be washing each other’s feet, lest we chase some of you off, but you will be invited to wash the hands of another, symbolizing your love and service to them, and the cleansing power of Christ’s love in the fellowship of the believers.

After washing his disciples’ feet, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, which probably was a three to six hour ceremonial meal that remembers the Exodus and the passing of the death angel over the Israelites and destroying the first born of the Egyptians, which led to Pharaoh commanding his Hebrew slaves to leave Egypt. Jesus took the symbols of the Passover and gave them new meaning: the unleavened bread became the symbol of his broken body, and the cup of redemption became the symbol of his shed blood on the cross. We will celebrate The Lord’s Supper during our Maundy Thursday worship

service at 7:00. I know you will make every effort to be there.

Of course, on Good Friday, Jesus was put on trial by the Sanhedrin, found guilty of blasphemy for claiming to be the Son of God, and sent to Pontius Pilate where he was found innocent of trying to lead a rebellion against Rome, but was sentenced to death anyway because of the demand of the crowd that was probably made up of the friends and family of the members of the Sanhedrin. He was whipped, beaten, mocked, and tortured before being crucified on a cross. Our Good Friday Service (at 7:00 p.m.) will be a tenebrae service in which we will extinguish candles and dim the lights to total darkness as we retell the story of Good Friday.

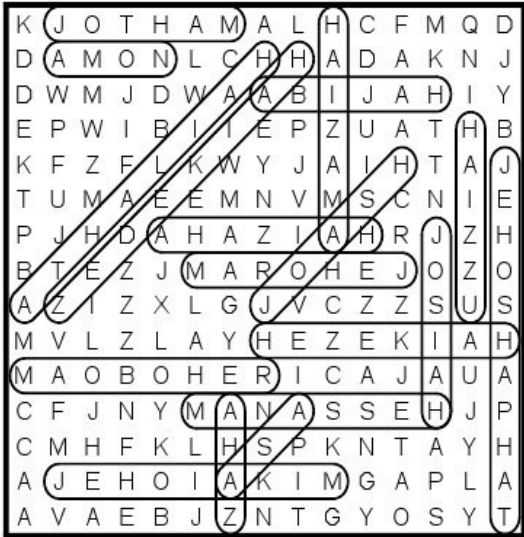
Jesus was buried in the tomb of a wealthy follower and lay in the tomb from Friday evening just before 6:00 p.m. until Sunday morning. Then he rose from the dead, and new life was born for you and me. Our Easter Services will be at our normal times this year. We will have our 9:00 a.m. Praise Service in McDonough Fellowship Hall, Sunday School at 10:00, and Morning Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00.

I hope you will take the time to journey with us through Holy Week. It is not only the most important week in the church calendar, it is the most important week in your life. It is of vital importance that you make every effort to fully participate in our services. I hope to see you at each one.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

Answers to March 15, 2011 Puzzle



In Loving Memory

Jean Wiggins Tennison

Jeanette Van Winkle

Henry Barfield

Jack & Mary C Martin

Men's Bible Class

Tommy & Dorothy Dean

Marianne Deadmon

James & Barbara Pierce

Robert & Yvonne Neyland

Irene Redkey

Brook & LaNita Gilchrist

George & Jo Ann Kirkpatrick

Robert Grote

Juanita Felps

Frances Murphy Richardson

Steve & Sharon Diden

George & Patricia Donalson

Pat & Lynn Hardy

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Dot Walker

Freeda Duffle

Bill Barclay

Craig & Janis Miers

Janette Van Winkle

Martha Bradshaw

Dana Bradshaw

Marianne Deadman

Gary Felps

Robert & Yvonne Neyland

Jack & Delores Nicar

Samuel & Donna Phillips

Carolyn Lee

Jack & Delores Nicar

In Worship



On
Palm
Sunday,
April 17,
I have
asked
Rev. Bill

Servis to preach for me at the 9:00 a.m. service in McDonough Hall because I will be just getting back from Sager Brown. Bill is a retired local pastor. He and his wife Johnni are affiliated with our congregation.

During the second service on Palm Sunday, we will enjoy our Easter Cantata, *Majesty!* Also during this service, we will have the Palm Processional with the children. If your child can participate, we ask that you have them at the back of the sanctuary at 10:45 to line up. We encourage you to come to both services, and Sunday School.

On Easter Sunday, we will again need the children to line up at 10:45, this time for a butterfly parade. They will enter the sanctuary in celebration of the new life that Easter brings. We also encourage everyone to bring bundles of loose flowers to help us decorate the large wooden cross in our sanctuary. Come join us in a celebration of the Risen King!

Gifts

April 3, 2011

\$9,767.00

Communion

Offering

\$36.09

April 10, 2011

\$5,238.00

Presence

Worship

4/03 158

4/10 183

Sunday

School

4/03 105

4/10 119



Kamp K'aana is being held at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston,

Texas. It is specifically geared to help kids ages 10 to 14 who have weight problems. It is not a faith-based program, but is sponsored by Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. More information is available from Pastor Dan or you can go to www.cho-yeh.org.

Jean Dinkle Scholarship



It is time once again for all our graduating seniors to submit their applications for the Jean Dinkle Scholarship. Applications can be picked up in the church office, or found on our website at www.silsbeeumc.com if you would like to print them at home. Please have all applications completed and returned to the church office no later than April 18 to be considered for this scholarship. Applications will then be reviewed by our selection committee, and recipients will be announced during the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 22.

Job Opening

First UMC is currently seeking a new Financial Secretary. Mary Catherine Martin, our current Financial Secretary has decided to retire as soon as we have a new person in her place. She has served in this position for 11 years, and was the All Faiths Day Care Director previously.

Job applications are available in the church office. It is a part time position keeping the church financial records on the church accounting software, called "Power Church." Ten to twelve hours a week are needed to accomplish the task. Hours are flexible.

Majesty An Easter Cantata

On Palm Sunday, our choir will be performing a thirty-minute special music offering with narrated vignettes of some of the followers of Christ as they approached the tragic and triumphant final days of His life. The music includes some familiar praise songs as well as several classic songs and hymns and original ballads. The Choir Cantata will be performed at the 11:00 service, April 17th. Come let this musical overview begin your observance of Holy Week.

Please join the Henry Barfield family for a reception in memory of Henry Barfield. The reception will be Saturday, April 16 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Cravens Hall. Casual dress. Come visit the family, and share in our time of celebration and memory of the life of Henry Barfield.

Summer Camp

District Church Camp is July 11-15 this year, with regular registration due in the church office on Sunday, May 15. You may go to the church website, www.silsbeeumc.com to print off the registration materials. They will also be available in the church office and at youth group meetings.



Easter Egg Hunt!

It's that time of year again! We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Sunday, April 17, at 2:00 pm. The party will be held at Jan Boothman's house (525 Hartman), followed by the egg hunt on the lawn of Nancy Ratchford's home (102 Quail Run). Please come and join the fun!



Easter



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| Angels | Mary |
| Apostles | Nails |
| Betrayal | Passover |
| Blood | Pieces of silver |
| Calvary | Pierced |
| Cross | Pilate |
| Crown of thorns | Resurrection |
| Crucifixion | Robe |
| Darkness | Romans |
| Death | Sacrifice |
| Earthquake | Simon of Cyrene |
| Easter | Soldiers |
| Golgotha | Son of God |
| High pries | Spear |
| Jesus Christ | Stone |
| Joseph | Temple |
| Judas Iscariot | Thieves |
| King | Three days |
| Lamb | Tomb |

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