


WORSHIP
TRADITIONAL | 9 AM | Sanctuary
MODERN | 11 AM | Casual Center


Digital Bulletin

Welcome! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! Please scan the QR code to access the digital bulletin where you will be able to fill out the Connect Card and find other important resources!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 29
Good Friday Worship | 6:30 PM | Blackwater UMC

MARCH 31 | EASTER SUNDAY
Services at 9 AM and 11 AM
Baptism & Confirmation |
During 11 AM Modern Worship |
Casual Worship Center

APRIL 3
No Wednesday Family Night-
Returns 4/10

APRIL 5
Tables of Grace | 6 PM | El Rancho
(240 Range 12 Blvd, Denham Springs)

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS
Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Meal (FH)
Can you or your ministry/class provide a meal one week? Please let Donna King, or the Office, know which date you are available/willing!

WATCH ONLINE
Can't make it in person? Watch all our services online directly from our website: fumcds.org/watch

SERMONS ONLINE
Weekly Sermon Audio Podcast
fumcds.org/sermons
Weekly Sermon Blog
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CONNECT AND SERVE

COMMUNITY HANDS FOOD PANTRY
(225) 665-0855
Tuesdays & Fridays | 10-11 AM

GRIEFSHARE
Mondays | January 22-April 29 | 6 PM | Room 141

MODERN PRAISE BAND PRACTICE
Thursdays | 7 PM | Casual Worship Center

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
1st & 4th Mondays | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

UNITED METHODIST MEN
2nd Sundays | 4 PM | Fellowship Hall

AGAPE' WOMENS CIRCLE
2nd Tuesdays | 7 PM | Fellowship Hall

MORNING GLORIES WOMENS CIR.
3rd Tuesdays | 11 AM | Room 143

TABLES OF GRACE
Adult Fellowship Meal
1st Fridays | Times & Locations TBA

YOUNG AT HEART
Adult Fellowship Meal
3rd Thursdays | 11 AM | Sanctuary

DISCIPLESHIP

NURSERY (*Newborn-K*)
Sundays | 8:45 AM

CHILDREN (*1st-5th Grade*)
Sundays | 10 AM | Children's Commons
Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

PARENTS DAY OUT (*2-4 Yr Olds*)
Tuesdays-Thursdays | Aug-May | 9 AM

YOUTH (*6th-12th Grade*)
Sundays | 10 AM | Youth Cave
Wednesdays | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

ADULTS
Sunday School | 10 AM
Men's Class (137)
US Class (138) | Adult Women
Journey Class (141) | Mixed Adults
Inquirers (142) | Mixed Adults
Come Thirsty (143) | Adult Women
Wanderers (Conf Rm) | Mixed Adults
Second Sermon (108) | Mixed Adults

Wednesdays
Men's Bible Study | 6 AM | Fell. Hall
Family Night Meal | 5:30 PM | Fell. Hall
Disciple Bible Study | 6-8 PM
Adult Bible Study | 6-7 PM
Choir Practice | 7 PM | Choir Room
All are invited!
There's something for all ages.

MISSION
To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

PURPOSE
We Exist to Nurture Relationships With God and One Another.

VISION
That All People Would Know That They Matter to God, and to Us!

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DENHAM SPRINGS
FIRST UMC
BECAUSE YOU matter

MARCH 28, 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOLY COMMUNION
HAND WASHING

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

✝ Please Stand as you are able

GATHERING

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Bradley Swire

✝ OPENING HYMN He Leadeth Me UMH 128

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP AND UNISON PRAYER Courtney Murphy

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.
A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.
The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.
The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.
As we break the bread and share the cup, our understanding may fail us.
But we will never forget Christ's example.
We will never forget the full extent of his love.
Christ's love is poured out for us like water poured into a basin.
Christ's love washes us clean.
Christ's love shows us who we are to be, what we are to do. How blessed we are to know such love!
God invites us to the table. All are welcome, even those with their own agenda. Christ serves us at this meal. All may partake, even those who feel unworthy. All are welcome; all are served; all are loved.
Let us Pray:
Ever-gracious God, we gather in this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an Upper Room long ago. We come bearing the marks and burdens of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us, in the breaking of the bread, of our need and of your great sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and Redeemer. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

✝ HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together UMH 618, Vs 1-2, 4

✝ GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17; 31-35

HOMILY Rev. Bradley Swire

WE CELEBRATE AT THE TABLE OF GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.
Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him. Forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A) UMH 17

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP AND WASHING OF HANDS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The stripping of the church has come to symbolize the stripping of Jesus before the Crucifixion. By the time of its conclusion the church's chancel is transformed from being a place of holy worship in the midst of beauty, to what now appears quite like a tomb. In that transformation, we see a great truth: the joy we typically experience in our worship came at the cost of the death of the One we worship.

PREPARATION FOR GOING FORTH

✝ CLOSING HYMN My Jesus, I Love Thee UMH 172

✝ BENEDICTION


WE DEPART IN CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE

WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?


Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "commandment." As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). This is why services on this night generally include the washing of feet, hands, or other acts of physical care as an integral part of the celebration. While John's gospel does not record the institution of the Lord's Supper among the events of this night, the other gospels do. This is why Christians have traditionally observed this night both at the basin (foot or hand washing) and at the Lord's Table (Holy Communion).

HOLY COMMUNION


We will share in the meal of bread and juice known as the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or The Eucharist. This meal was instituted by Christ as a means of grace for us to remember his great love for us, to be forgiven of our sins, and to be strengthened for our journey in life. This is not a United Methodist meal – it is the meal of Christ. Thus, all are welcome, including children, to come and participate in this gift from God.




MARCH 24
(Palm Sunday)
Parade of Palms
(Both Services)
EGGstraordinary Egg Hunt
(12 pm)







MARCH 29
(Good Friday)
Last Words
From the Cross
6:30 PM (Blackwater UMC)





MARCH 28
(Maundy Thursday)
Service of Holy
Communion and Hand
Washing
6 PM (Sanctuary)



MARCH 31
(Easter Sunday)
Baptism,
Confirmation,
Resurrection Celebration
(Both Services)





Good Friday
Last Words from the Cross
March 29, 2024
6:30pm
FIVE CHURCHES
ONE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

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