



St. Mark's Remarks

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Rev. Jolinne Downey, pastor

Invite a friend!!!

We have a tremendous opportunity. Researchers indicate that 47 percent of the adults in the U.S. who do not attend church now are open to being invited by a friend. Forty-seven percent! Many have not yet decided whether they will attend church this Easter. Perhaps they are simply waiting for an invitation.

Growing numbers of adults have not been raised in church, but many still consider themselves Christian. They read the Bible and pray to God, but they are loners. They prize individuality and independence. And yet they have a growing need for meaningful human interaction. I think everyone likes to be included, to feel wanted, and appreciated.

Those of us who have grown up in the church may assume that our friends know that they are welcome to join us, but, from the outside, the church may look like a very exclusive club. The reality is no one is a mind reader. If we want our friends and neighbors and acquaintances to know that they are welcome here, we have to tell them. We have to use the words.

“I would love for you to come to church with me this Easter.”

It could be as easy as that. Just let them know that they are wanted. That YOU want them. That you want to share your church home with them. And by them, I mean all of them. Your grandson's best friend. Your hairdresser. The mechanic. If you stop to think about it, you come into contact with people all the time that you have never invited to church. What about the cashier at the grocery store? Or the guy who walks his dog every morning? Or your family physician? Easter is all about love and hope and abundant life. Who doesn't need that?

We will have lots of opportunities to worship and fellowship this month. We always do. In addition to our regular services and study groups, the UMW will host a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th, at 10:00. Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 10:30 am. We will offer a Maundy Thursday service at noon and again at 6 pm on March 24th. And we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with two services. One will be an outdoor sunrise service at 6 am on Easter Sunday, March 27th.

Grace, peace & joy!
Pastor Jo



Choir Notes

BE ON THE ALERT! HE IS "RISEN INDEED"!

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the risen Lord. The choir will be using the time during Lent to prepare our Easter music.

"Risen Indeed" will be shared with the congregation on Palm Sunday, March 20. Please be here to share and celebrate the music of a risen Lord.

Jim Lovelace

Golden Cross News

Wesley Senior Ministries would like to thank St. Mark's for the generous donation of paper products, soap, and detergent. We could not continue to help care for our residents without your support.

In Christ's Name

St. Mark's United Methodist Women

2016 is marching on and the month of March is full of activities. Holy Week and Easter are in March. To celebrate, our First Sunday Lunch will be March 6th, right after worship. We will have our **annual church cleanup** day on **Saturday, March 19th at 10:00**. We'll begin in the sanctuary and work as far as we can depending on the number of volunteers we have. This is **not** a "ladies only" event. We **need our men** to help with some of the "high up" places and some of the heavier chores. Everyone is invited to participate and your participation will be greatly appreciated! The next Saturday, March 26th, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am. In the next couple of weeks, a meeting will held to plan for this event. Please plan to attend and help! Our next UMW unit meeting will be Saturday, April 16th at 10:00. Please plan to attend! Until then Grace and Peace to you as we go through the season of Lent preparing for Easter.

Communion Offering

The March Communion Offering will be donated to Lake Shore Camp



March Birthdays!

Richard Moore	03/02	Darren Moore	03/07
Bill Demestre	03/08	Ken Hardin	03/08
Scarlette Rose	03/11	Scarlette Rose	03/11
Bob	03/12	Max	03/17
Willoughby		McMullin	

Lakeshore Summer Camp

Online registration for Lakeshore Summer Camp 2016 is now available at lakeshoreuma.com. All those who register online through March can use their payment plan, making a \$50 deposit when you register and the balance will be divided over the next three months. For more information, email the camp at office@lakeshoreuma.com or call 731.584.6102.

St. Mark's United Methodist Men

We will meet Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a program to follow. As always, you may order steak (\$10) or chicken (\$8) for dinner. Please call Terry Draughon at 359-7342 no later than Thursday March 10th to make reservations.



UMM Monthly Meeting

March 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Fields Hall

Steak \$10.00

Chicken \$8.00

Call Terry Draughon for reservations



Order Your Easter Lily

If you would like to have an Easter Lily placed on the altar during the Easter Season "in honor of" or "in memory of" a friend or loved one, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate with your check marked

"Lily". Cost is \$9.00 each.

Deadline is March 13. These Easter Lilies will be used in the sanctuary March 20th through March 27.

Miracles

The Miracles, a singing group from the Baddour Center for mentally challenged adults will be ministering to us on Sunday, April 2nd. We will still have our First Sunday Lunch following the program. If you have not heard the Miracles, you are in for a real treat

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March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6p Yoga 6:00-8:00pm Weight Watchers	2 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Weds. Dinner 6:30p Study	3 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00 p SPRC Mtg. 6:00 p. Yoga	4	5 9:00 a. Yoga 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
6 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1st Sun.Lunch	7 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	8 6p Yoga 6:00-8:00pm Weight Watchers	9 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Weds. Dinner 6:30p Study	10 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00 p. Yoga	11	12 9:00 a. Yoga 10-12:30 Cub Scouts
13 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice Last day to order Lilies	14 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	15 6:00-8:00pm Weight Watchers 6:30p UMM	16 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Weds. Dinner 6:30p Study	17 10:00a Lds. Bible Study 6:00 p. Yoga	18	19 9:00 a. Yoga 10-12:30 Cub Scouts 10:00 a. Church wide clean up
Palm Sunday 20 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice Choir Cantata	21 6-7:30p Boy Scouts	22 6p Yoga 6:00-8:00pm Weight Watchers	23 7:00a Emmaus 6:00p Weds. Dinner 6:30p Study	24 Maundy Thurs. Services at 12 noon & 6:00p.m. 6:00 p. Yoga	25	26 10:00 a.Easter Egg Hunt
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