

Ohltown UMC

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As we continue our journey through this season of Lent, I am ever reminded of what it might mean for each of us. Is it indeed good news that Jesus always reaches out to those who need him the most? Many folks are hurting right now in grief, in pain, and wondering when hearts and minds will be transformed to reflect the love of Jesus and not society as we might know it now. Perhaps it is time to act in some way to show we care for the same folks Jesus showed mercy, grace, and forgiveness to.



The Good News Is.....

Third Sunday Of Lent March 8

"The Good News is...together, the impossible is possible"

The message will be based on Mark 6:32-44 and the gospel writer Mark's writing of feeding the 5,000.

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15

"The Good News is...protection and care for the vulnerable."

Matthew 19:13-15 will help us to understand that Jesus always defers to those who are not valued by society.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22

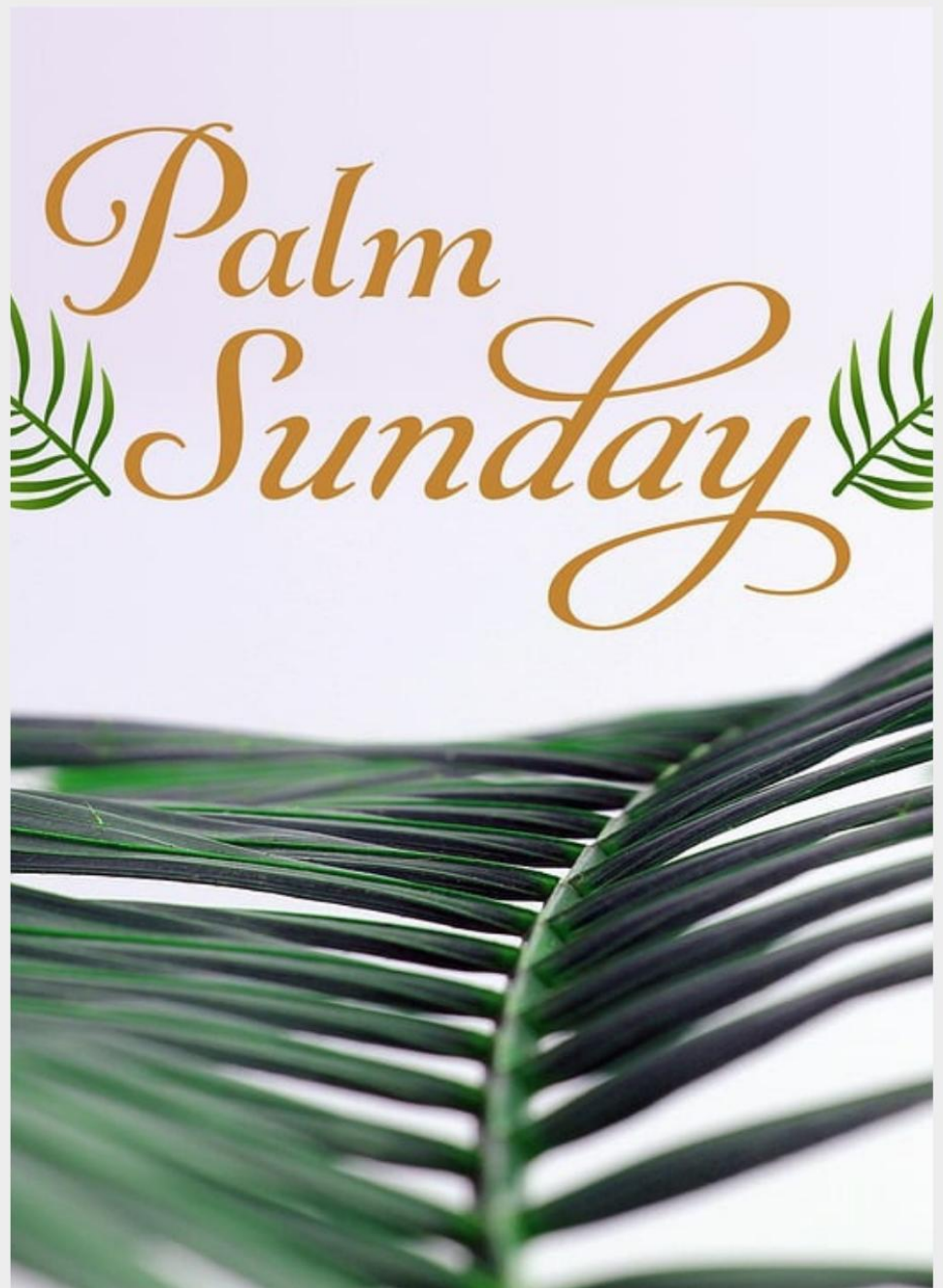
"The Good News is...rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness."

The message will lead us through John 8:2-11 and how Jesus includes everyone in the offer of God's gracious forgiveness and mercy.

Palm Sunday March 29

"The Good News is...inspiring us to act." Mark 11:1-11. Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

What did the disciples expect? The Pharisees? What do we expect as we also approach...Holy Week



*Tell me something
good...the good
news of Jesus Christ!*

Sunday, March 8 – Easter Flower orders are due
Monday, March 9 – Ad Council Meeting at 6:30 PM
Friday, March 20 – First Day of Spring
Saturday, March 21 – Puzzle Palooza from noon – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 25 – Missions Meeting at 6:00 PM
Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

Sunday - March 8



**JOIN THE UWF FOR SOME
FUN, FELLOWSHIP &
BLANKET/SHAWL MAKING**

for
Akron Children's Hospital & the Hospice House.

Monday, March 16

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Bring a blanket kit, scissors & a ruler.

Refreshments will be served!!

All women of the church are welcome.

**Easter Flower Orders
are due March 8**



MAY 2



TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

Have you been setting aside your items for the Trash & Treasure Sale? It's time to spring clean and get rid of unwanted things. May 2nd will be here before we know it. A reminder of: no clothing, no shoes, no mugs; items need to be clean, unbroken, and in working condition. TBD: When you can start bringing items to the church.

Let's Keep Cleaning!!!

Upcoming Events

April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 PM

April 3 – Good Friday Service at Noon

April 5 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7:30 AM

Breakfast following Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday Traditional Service at 9:30 AM

April 12 – United Women in Faith Sunday

April 18 – Speaker from Direction Home at noon

April 20 – UWF at 6:30 PM

MISSIONS COMMITTEE Invites you to

PUZZLE-PALOOZA

Saturday, March 21

Noon – 4:00 PM

BAKE SALE

HAVE LUNCH

JOIN the PUZZLE CONTEST

BUY a PUZZLE

BASKET RAFFLES

PUZZLE CONTEST

Begins at 12:30 pm

Ends at 2:30 PM

\$20/team . . . 2 person teams

Every team receives the same 300-piece puzzle

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place *(based on the most number of pieces completed on the puzzle)*

Sign-up Sheets are at the church



All proceeds go to
The Paula & Anthony

**Rich
Center for
Autism**

*For more information & ways to help, please see
Cindy Renner or Judy Hake*







Fruit Cups
Ramen Noodles
Individual Mac & Cheese
Pudding Cups
Jello Cups
Fruit Snacks
Granola Bars
Pop Tarts
Nutri Grain Bars
Rice Krispy Treats
Peanut Butter Cracker Packs
Teddy Grams Packs
Crackers & Cheese Snack Dips



Manwich Cans
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Cereal
SpaghettiOs/Raviolis
Mashed Potato Mix
Stuffing Mix
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Hamburger Helper
Canned Soup
Instant Oatmeal
Tuna

MARCH

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Bible Study 10:00 AM	6	7
8 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class Daylight Savings Time Begins!!	9 Ad Council 6:30 PM	10	11	12 Bible Study 10:00 AM	13	14
15 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	16 UWF 4pm-7pm Blanket Making	17 	18	19 Bible Study 10:00 AM	20 	21 NOON – 4 PM 
22 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	23	24	25 Missions Meeting 6:00 PM	26 Bible Study 10:00 AM	27	28
 29 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	30	31	1 APRIL	2 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 PM	3 Good Friday Service at Noon	4

March Birthdays

- 2 Margie Waldern
- 9 Margie Ford, Janet Welliver,
Ashley Cardwell, Stephany Darby
- 12 Pastor Jim Spatholt
- 13 Jill Patterson, Tim Harness
- 14 Joyce Holesko-Motter
- 15 Stephanie Jones
- 17 Hannah Baird
- 27 Lydia Noble
- 28 Rhonda Goist
- 29 Willovene Plant, Guy Shively
David Darby

March Anniversaries

- 21 Josh & Andria Swain

March Liturgists

- 1 Ron Fleet
- 8 Vicky Demagall
- 15 Sonja Hixenbaugh
- 22 Linda Hahn
- 29 Carolyn Lorent

March Greeters

- 1 Rhonda Harris & Nancy Welch
- 8 Pat Baird & Sheryl Baringer
- 15 Ron Fleet & Margie Waldern
- 22 Linda Williams & Diane Wylam
- 29 Linda Paulsey & Marcy Sabol

March Junior Church Leaders

- 1 Rhonda Harris & Tammy Knipp
- 8 Robin Baldwin & Chris Sigley
- 15 Trudee Davis & Karen Kozicki
- 22 Cathy Mellott & Cindy Renner
- 29 Robin Baldwin & Chris Sigley

March Youth Sunday School Leaders

- 1 Sandi Rich/Laurie Spatholt
- 8 Sandi Rich/Jenny Spencer-Cain
- 15 Sandi Rich/Sheila Spencer
- 22 Sandi Rich/Becky Eckels
- 29 Sandi Rich/Laurie Spatholt

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
January 18	61	\$1165
February 1	65	\$4583
February 8	48	\$2040
February 15	62	\$2310



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