

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

SERVICES AT 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY: MARCH 20TH AT 6PM-7PM

A TIME OF REMEMBERING: SHARING THE PASSOVER STORY AND THE SEDER

All ages will learn!

Jesus and his disciples were sharing in the Passover meal, when Jesus took Bread and broke it took the Cup and blessed it... and instituted for us our Holy Communion meal.

On Maundy Thursday we will learn more about what the Passover meal was and why it is important for us "to remember" as Jesus told his disciples to do. The Passover meal is a time to remember who we are and why we grow stronger when we hear and understand the story of our faith. The book of Exodus, chapter 11, speaks of the first Passover.

We will hear the story... learn why on this night we eat matzah (unleavened bread); why on this night we dip bitter herbs into salt water and haroset... why on this night we eat leaning.

All ages will enjoy hearing and participating in this story of our faith. We will have a light supper following. Those who wish are invited to stay for the Requiem and Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 PM.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR SIGN UP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS SO WE WILL KNOW HOW MANY PLACES TO SET AT OUR PASSOVER MEAL. ~ *Pastor Vicki*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 7:30 PM

REQUIEM BY GABRIEL FAURÉ

The Wesley Choir and the Wesley Festival Singers; Cheryl Cruikshank, soprano; Matthew Johnsen, tenor; Bob Jacobs, baritone; Scott Lamlein, conductor; Will Sherwood, guest organist.

A composer with an amazing gift for stunning beautiful melodies, Fauré wrote one of the most famous and lyrical of the many Requiem masses for choir. In commemoration of our Savior's passion and death, this mass is presented during a time of holy communion and sacred worship.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST

SERVICE AT 12:00 NOON

BISHOP'S DAY ON PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY

AT ROLLING RIDGE, ANDOVER, MA

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

According to many surveys, what is lacking in many churches is "passionate spirituality," an intimate connection to God that brings inner peace, contagious joy and compassionate concern for others. Author Joseph Campbell says, "we serve the world by being spiritually well."

Bishop Peter Weaver invites United Methodist **clergy and laity** to this day retreat on Passionate Spirituality, a day not about church strategies, but recovering the fire of spiritual leadership. The day will include worship, a keynote address by the Bishop and small groups exploring various paths to a passionate spirituality.

Registration Fee is \$50. Registration is limited to 80 persons. You may register online at www.rollingridge.org or by calling Carol Rabs at 978-682-8815. Download a complete brochure including the schedule and an invitation from Bishop Weaver at www.rollingridge.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 FROM 10:00-11:30 A.M.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Fun for all ages and a great way to invite friends to Wesley! Join us for an Easter movie, crafts, donuts, and a great Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring one dozen filled plastic eggs for each child you wish to participate.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

SUNRISE SERVICE AT INSTITUTE PARK (OR EPWORTH UMC IF RAIN) AT 6:00 AM

CHAPEL WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM

SANCTUARY WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM