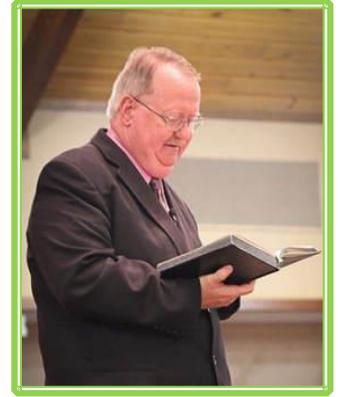


FUMC Weekly e-news

FROM PASTOR YOUNG



"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:3-6

This is Holy Week! To be sure with all the COVID-19 outbreak and its resulting changes to our everyday lives, it is unlike any other Holy Week we have ever experienced! And yet with all the upheaval the heart of this week is still the cross and the empty tomb.

To be sure we have to pass through Good Friday and the Cross of Calvary for the empty tomb and resurrection to be a reality. The sacrifice of our Lord Jesus pays the price for our sins and brings us reconciliation with God. It cost the life of a lamb, the perfect lamb of God to bring us home to our heavenly Father.

Bible scholar and Pastor N.T. Wright retells the following story about an archbishop who was hearing a confession of sin from three hardened teenagers in the church. All three boys were trying to make a joke out of it so they met with the archbishop and confessed to a long list of ridiculous and grievous sins that they had not committed. It was all a joke. The archbishop, seeing through their bad practical joke, played along with the first two who ran out of the church laughing. But then he listened carefully to the third prankster, and before he got away told the young man, "Okay, you have confessed these sins. Now I want you to do something to show your repentance. I want you to walk up to the far end of the church and I want you to look at the picture of Jesus hanging on the cross, and I want you to look at his face and say, 'You did all that for me and I don't care that much.' And I want you to do that three times."

And so the boy went up to the front, looked at the picture of Jesus and said, "You did all that for me and I don't care that much." And then he said it again, but then he couldn't say it the third time because he broke down in tears. And the archbishop telling the story said, the reason I know that story is that I was that young man. There is something about the cross. Something about Jesus dying there for us which leaps over all the theoretical discussions, all the possibilities of how we explain it this way or that way and it grasps us. And when we are grasped by it, somehow we have a sense that what is grasping us is the love of God.

This week be grasped by the deep and full love of God for you this Holy Week and Easter.

Join us for Good Friday services Friday at 6:00 pm online at my personal Facebook Page, the Church's Facebook page or our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6Q2NSAVa-9u3C4MdOPNKQ>. Or go to our webpage and check the link to our YouTube videos at fumc-ec.org. Easter Celebration can be found at these same addresses online Sunday at 10:00 am. So curl up on your couch or grab a cup of coffee and set on your patio and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Have a blessed Holy Week and Joyful Easter!

Take care of yourselves and keep being the Body of Christ!

In Christ's love!

Pastor Richard





Rev. Richard Young
 Norman Wilson
 Lois Sablatura
 Caregivers of sick and elderly
 Our Country
 Jamie Hensley
 MYF & Boost Leaders
 Our Choir
 Manna Meals
 Rose and Steve Shelton
 Sarahjane Swanson

Toby
 Pastor Sheldon Johnson
 Dickie Means
 Matthew Graff
 Jake Glastad (military:sub patrol)
 Pres Holcomb-cancer
 Gerald Wigginton-pneumonia
 Kenneth Bray-gallbladder surgery
 Judy Besrieh-moving
 Carolyn Gibson parents

Family of Edward Petrich
 Barbara Smith-fall
 George Matthews-surgery
 Friend of Rocky Hamman-cancer
 Levi Hamman-broken nose
 Family of Karen Meinardus
 Coronavirus patients & situation
 Molly Ondrias
 Artie Street-recovery surgery
 Sharon Gardner-pacemaker
 Mr. Joe Hernandez-cancer

Prayer requests will remain on our list for four (4) weeks unless you notify the church office otherwise. Please let us know if a prayer concern arises mid-week. You can contact Cindy at 979-543-6426 or office@fumc-ec.org

Requests in italics are on-going prayers needs.

In-Home Residents: Shirley Heame, Joyce Henderson, Hazel Miller, Melvin & Ruby Parker, Judy Romig, Theresa Webb, Edith Johnson, Johnnie Nordeen, Lois Sablatura, Wade Newton, Evelyn Martin, and Carol Rooker.

FUMC Online Worship



You are invited to join Reverend Richard Young for online worship

**Good Friday, April 10, 2020 – 6:00 pm
 Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 – 10:00 am**

Go to the FUMC El Campo or Richard A Young Facebook page and select videos from the menu on the left



GIVING FOR WEEK:		TOTAL FOR MONTH:	
General	\$3,290.00	General	\$3,290.00
Designated	\$0.00	Designated	\$0.00
		Day Care Reimb.	\$0.00

Did you know you can give online?

Go to www.fumc-ec.org, Click on giving and sign-up

Prevention of COVID-19



Wash hands with soap



Use hand sanitizer



Cover coughs and sneezes



Avoid touching face



Disinfect surfaces



Avoid close contact

Prayer Concerns?

You can email your prayer concerns to us at office@fumc-ec.org. Or call them into the office at 979-543-6426 Mon-Thu 8:30 to 12:00. We will be happy to list them in the E-News each week and pray with you.

Online Worship

You can now view FUMC-EC online worship and the weekly devotional on YouTube at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6Q2NSAVa-9u3C4MdOPNKQ>

Or on our webpage at:
FUMC-EC.org

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April Birthdays

Terrie Woods	1	Linda Joy Stovall	15	Kelli Cook	26
Gavin Ondrias	3	Wes Cook	16	Katherine Maples	19
Ed Weinheimer III	5	Gretchen Seymour	18	Allen Laitkep	28
Antonio Gonzalez	6	Jeff York	18	Mason Cortez	29
Carolyn Hoffman	6	Melvin Parker, Jr	18	Nancy Maples	29
Levi Hamman	6	Guy Stovall IV	20	Jonathan Fisher	30
Larry Payne	14	Trayton Vaclavick	24	Nathan Fisher	30
Steve Maples	14	Nathan Chapa	26		



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Church activities have been postponed due to the current situation with covid-19. The church office remains open Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am-12:00 noon. If you have any questions, please call us at 979-543-6426.

Apr 08	Wed	Easter Lilies delivered	Afternoon
Apr 10	Fri	Good Friday Worship (Online)	6:00 pm
Apr 12	Sun	Resurrection Celebration Worship (Online)	10:00 am

EASTER LILIES

&

FLOWERING THE CROSS

Many of you enjoy the tradition of flowering the cross on the church lawn for Easter. Since we will be unable to bring fresh flowers to worship to carry on this tradition, let me invite you to take a picture of your favorite flowers in your garden or elsewhere and send the photo to me by email at revyoung55@gmail.com or text it to me at 210-787-9955 and I will print them out and place them on the flowered cross outside the Stovel Chapel. I will publish pictures of our finished flowered cross on our Facebook page, or you tube channel and will send it out to all of FUMC El Campo on our email blast.

Also if you purchased an Easter Lily they will be placed at the base of the Flowered Cross in the drive thru next to the chapel. Each Lily will have a wooden stick with the last name of the family that purchased it. You may come by and pick those up starting at 9:00 am Easter Morning. We will have approximately 12 Lilies that will not have names. If you would like one, please pick it up and take it home for your family Easter celebration. We ask that you consider a \$12 donation to the church for the cost of each Lily.

The List of Lilies that have been purchased for the honoring of someone living or that has passed away will be posted in this week's enews.

Easter Lilies

Given in loving memory of...

*Harold & Lois Wigginton & Rudy & Lorena Kunz
Elbert & Addie Lee Matthews
James & Katherine Gremillion
Gene Glaze
J.E. & Lorraine Clayton
Ardith & Clyde Collins
Leroy Strarup
Mother Ruth
Ruth Young
Bobby & Patricia Lankford*

Given in honor of...

*Given to the Glory of God
Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Children & Grandchildren
Kalynn & Rosie Gibbs*

Given by...

*David & Cathy Kunz
George & Kay Matthews
George & Kay Matthews
Grace Glaze
John & Linda Collins
John & Linda Collins
Ann Strarup
Marge Norton
Richard Young & Family
Cindy Gibbs & Family*

Given by...

*Charlene & Charles Petersen
Grace Glaze
Pat & Allen Hurst
Cindy Gibbs*



Thank you!

Donna and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the wonderful people that stepped forward to make our Fund Raiser Meal and Raffle a great success. We would also like to thank everyone that helped with the cooking and the preparation of the plates. Also, we would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that donated Raffle prizes, the people that sold meal and raffle tickets, and those people that purchased them. May GOD BLESS each and every one of you.

*Thanks so much,
Dickie and Donna Means*

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Online Worship - April 10, 2020

Good Friday Service



THE FOLLOWERS REMEMBER

People Gather for Silent Reflection

Prelude

REMEMBERING THE JUDGEMENT

Hymn of Remembering: "Alas! And did My Savior Bleed"

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Refrain

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away;
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day.

2. Was it for crimes that I have done,
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Refrain

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

Refrain

5. But drops of tears can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do.

Refrain

Prayers for Insight

Mary Magdalene Remembers the Judgement

REMEMBERING THE END OF AN ERA

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:31-50

Hymn of Remembering: "The Old Rugged Cross"

1. On a hill far away
Stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross,
So despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God
Left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

3. In that old rugged cross,
Stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

Joseph of Arimathea Remembers the Death and Burial

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Time of Silent Reflection & Prayer

The Ragman

Hymn of Remembering: "Were You There?"

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Refrain

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they...

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Refrain

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Refrain

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain

Prayer as Followers Scatter in Sorrow to Wait

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RESURRECTION CELEBRATION



Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Easter Greeting

L: Because people are suffering from the COVID-19 virus, it doesn't feel like Easter. But healthcare workers are tirelessly caring for the sick. We are seeing Easter at work.

P: Lord of love, keep leading us to be an Easter people.

L: Because people are losing their jobs and businesses, it doesn't feel like Easter. But neighbors are offering help and hope for one another. We are seeing Easter at work.

P: Lord of love, keep leading us to be an Easter people.

L: Because we are isolated and unable to offer a handshake or a hug, it doesn't feel like Easter. But we are making phone calls and finding other ways to reach out. We are seeing Easter at work.

P: Lord of love, keep leading us to be an Easter people.

L: Because people continue to struggle with poverty, oppression, and pain, it doesn't feel like Easter. But despite this pandemic, people are finding new ways to be the hands and feet of God. We are seeing Easter at work.

P: Lord of love, keep leading us to be an Easter people.

L: Because our church sanctuaries are empty, it doesn't feel like Easter. But we hold on to the hope that our day of resurrection will come, because nothing can separate us from God's love. We will see Easter at work.

All: Lord of love, keep leading us to be an Easter people!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

3. Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise you joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
4. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
5. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
6. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10

Special Music: "I Will Rise" Pastor Young

Sermon "Shockwaves of Joy!"

Continued...

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Hymn: “He Lives”

4. I serve a risen Savior,
He’s in the world today;
I know that he is living,
Whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him,
He’s always near.

Refrain

He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He Walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way.
He lives, he lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

5. In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that he is leading
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing
Will come at last.

Refrain

6. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
The help of all who find;
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.

Refrain

Benediction

Postlude

Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

1. Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
’tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
6. When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.