

SERMON BRIEFS FOR APRIL

Thursday, April 1, 2010: Holy (Maundy) Thursday

Footwashing and Seder supper moved to Good Friday. No Thursday services offered.

Friday, April 2, 2010: Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Footwashing, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

7:00 p.m. Seder meal after the Christian tradition of Christ's Last Supper, Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. You may volunteer to help provide food for the dinner

8:00 p.m. Tenebrae service of increasing darkness signifying Jesus' death and burial, John 18:1-19:42, stripping of the chancel, departing in silence

Sunday, April 4, 2010: Easter Sunday

CHRIST IS RISEN!

6:30 a.m. Sunrise service at Courthouse Square, the park across Hawker's Funeral Home parking lot from the church.

9:00-10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast served by the United Methodist Men, free will offering received for scholarships

9:30-10:15 No adult Sunday School Class; Middle School class providing Easter egg hunt for preschool and elementary classes

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ: ***Why Believe?*** The scriptures are Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, and Luke 24:1-12. New members will be received by baptism, profession of faith, and transfer of membership. If you desire to unite with this congregation of the United Methodist Church, please talk to Pastor Gay.

Sunday, April 11, 2010: The Second Sunday of Easter

That You May Believe (8:30 and 10:30) The stories of Jesus—his life, death, and resurrection—are told that “you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The scriptures are Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4-8, and John 20:19-31.

Sunday, April 18, 2010: The Third Sunday of Easter

Belief Acts (8:30 and 10:30) Our belief in Christ—our faith—leads us to acts of mercy and justice that others may consider contrary to good sense, such as when Ananias went to lay hands on, and pray for healing for Saul (Paul) who had come to Damascus to arrest followers of Christ (like Ananias). The scriptures are Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, and John 21-19.

Sunday, April 25, 2010: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Belief Spreads (8:30 and 10:30) The Gospel reports of Jesus' miracles often end with the notice that many people believed in Jesus because of his mighty acts. After Jesus' resurrection many more people came to believe in him through the work of the Holy Spirit in the disciples. After Peter raised Tabitha from death to life, word spread throughout the community and many believed in the Lord (Acts 9:36-43). The other scriptures are Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, and John 10:22-30.