

# Worship Opportunities

## EVERY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. ~ Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary  
 11 a.m.~ Praise Worship - Life on the Road - FLC  
 11 a.m. ~Traditional Worship - Sanctuary



March 27



Easter Sunday

## Sunrise Service ~ 7:00 a.m.

At the Pavilion - Youth provide leadership

Easter Worship ~ 8:30 & 11 a.m. - in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship ~ 11 a.m. - in the Family Life Center

Flowering of the Cross ~ Bring a flower to place on the Cross.

## February 10 ~ 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

## Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. Lent is a period of forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays. It is a time for repentance, reflection and soul-searching. On February 10th, there will be two worship opportunities in which members of the congregation can begin their Lenten journey. The services will be at 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Each service will be a little different, but both services will include the imposition of ashes, a symbol of penitence and mortality.

## February 10 ~ 8 – 10:30 a.m.

## Come and Go Ashes

If you're unable to attend one of the Ash Wednesday services, ashes will be available as a "come and go" opportunity in the west parking lot by the CDC and FLC entrance.

## March 20 ~ 8:30 & 11 a.m.-Sanctuary & 11 a.m.-FLC Palm/Passion Sunday

In the Sunday morning worship services, we will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem while recognizing his last physical week on earth, through scripture and music.

## March 24 ~ 7 p.m. - Worship

## Maundy Thursday

Historically, Holy Thursday signifies the last evening Jesus spent with his disciples in the Upper Room. Holy Thursday is often called "Maundy" Thursday. "Maundy" refers to the new commandment (*mandatum novum* in Latin) to love one another, as Jesus demonstrated through the act of washing his disciples' feet. Scripture tells us that on this last evening, Jesus shared a meal with disciples, washed their feet, and instituted what we now call "Eucharist" or "Holy Communion." The service will include communion and an opportunity for hand washing.

## March 25 ~ Noon - Worship

## Good Friday

A contemplative service reflecting on Jesus' passion. And sacrifice.

## March 25 ~ 7 p.m. - Worship

## "The Gift of Messiah"

## Good Friday

Good Friday recalls the crucifixion of Jesus. We relive this occasion through a Service of Darkness, which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by all twelve disciples and ultimately, his death on a Roman cross. The Sanctuary Choir, along with instrumentalists and soloists, will present portions of Handel's *Messiah*. Worshipers will leave this service in silence experience the depth of Jesus' work until Easter Sunday.

## Lenten Sermon Series:

### "Gifts of the Dark Wood"

Ash Wednesday	"Where We Find Ourselves"	Mt. 14.22-33
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	"The Gift of Uncertainty"	1 Cor. 13.11-12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	"The Gift of Emptiness"	Mk. 15.22-38 & Lk. 17.33
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	"The Gift of Being Thunderstruck"	Job 37.1-5
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	"The Gift of Getting Lost"	Ps. 42 & 1 Sam. 3.6-9
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	"The Gift of Temptation"	Lk. 14.1-13 & 2 Cor. 5.16-19
Palm Sunday	"The Gift of Misfits"	Luke 19.29-42a
Maundy Thursday	"The Gift of Disappearing"	John 12.1-11 & 13.3-18, 21-30
Good Friday	"The Gift of Messiah"	John 18 & 19
Easter Sunday	"Where Do We Go From Here?"	Luke 24.1-12 or John 20.1-18

## Lectionary Reading List:

	1 <sup>st</sup> lesson	Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Gospel Lesson
<b>Ash Wed.</b>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Mt. 6:1-6, 16-21
<b>Week of:</b>				
2/14/16	Deut 26:1-11	Ps 91:1-2, 9-16	Rom 10:8b-13	Lk 4:1-13
2/21/16	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Ps 27	Phil 3:17-4:1	Lk 13:31-35
2/28/16	Isa 55:1-9	Ps 63:1-8	1 Cor 10:1-13	Lk 13:1-9
3/6/16	Josh 5:9-12	Ps 32	2 Cor 5:16-21	Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32
3/13/16	Isa 43:16-21	Ps 126	Phil 3:4b-14	Jn 12:1-8
3/20/16	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Lk 22:14-23
<b>Holy Week</b>				
3/21/16	Isa 42:1-9	Ps 36:5-11	Heb 9:11-15	Jn 12:1-11
3/22/16	Isa 49:1-7	Ps 71:1-14	1 Cor 1:18-31	Jn 12:20-36
3/23/16	Isa 50:4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12:1-3	Jn 13:21-31
3/24/16	Ex 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14	Ps 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35
3/25/16	Isa 52:13-53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25	Jn 18:1-18
3/26/16	Job 14:1-14	Ps 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Mt 27:5-66
<b>Easter</b>				
3/27/16	Acts 10:34-43	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15:19-26	Jn 20:1-18

We offer Bible Study in small groups for children, youth, and adults every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

# Lenten Opportunities

**Shrove Tuesday ~ Pancake Supper ~ February 9** **5 – 7 p.m.**  
**in the Family Life Center**

**Tickets are:** Adults: \$5.00; Children: (age 6 and under) \$3.00  
Sponsored by Manchaca Methodist Men  
Proceeds from the supper will go to the  
South Austin Assistance Ministries (SAAM)



Tickets will be on sale two Sundays before Shrove Tuesday and also at the door.

**Wednesday Lunch for Men** **noon**

Join us for lunch and devotional each Wednesday at noon at the Texican Restaurant, 11940 Manchaca Road.

**Coffee with the Pastors** **9:45 – 10:45 a.m.**

**Please join us at 9:45 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month, in the Library!**  
(Located just off of the Hospitality Area in the main building.)

Do you have questions? Do you want to know more about how to get connected or how to become a part of the ministries here at Manchaca UMC? Just grab your coffee and a cookie from the hospitality table and gather around the table with Laura and Tracey. We'd love to get to know you better! Childcare is provided in the church nursery.

**February 7- March 20 ~ Lenten Adult Study ~ Animate: Practices** **3 - 4:30 p.m.**

Sunday Afternoons ~ Cost: \$15 for participant journal ~ An engaging introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith.

**February 8 ~ "The Daily Message" Facebook Group**

Join us in a daily discipline of Bible study through an online discussion group beginning Monday, February 8, with daily postings of scripture and reflective questions.

**February 10 ~ Ash Wednesday ~ Lent in a Bag** **6 - 7 p.m.**

Gather before the Ash Wednesday evening worship service for a "make and take" event where families can gather materials to assist them in practicing Lent at home.

**February 17 ~ Wednesday ~ FISH Tween Group ~ Time with God** **6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Tweens in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to spend time with God during Lent through interactive prayer ideas they'll take back to their own homes.

**February 21 ~ Sundays ~ GriefShare** **2 - 4 p.m.**

Holidays can be a tough time for those who are grieving. GriefShare is a faith-based weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. A new 11-week GriefShare program **begins February 21.**

**February 24, March 2 & 9 ~ 3 Wednesday Evenings ~ Three Simple Questions**

A Multigenerational learning and fellowship opportunity where we'll explore 3 Simple Questions: Who is God? Who am I? and Who are We Together?

- **5:30-6:30: Dinner and Discussion:** A time for adults and youth to discuss the questions while breaking bread together.
- **6:30-7:30: Children's Lessons in Lent:** Preschoolers- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will learn about the 3 Simple Questions through art, games, science and bible story.

**March 20 ~ Palm Sunday ~ Come and Go Holy Week Prayer Walk** **8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Journey through Holy Week with self-guided interactive prayer stations designed for all ages. Each station will have instructions and materials to help you reflect on the events of Holy Week and prompt you in prayer.

**March 23 ~ Wednesday ~ You've Been Egged! Outreach Project** **6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

FISH (Tweens) and Caring Kids (families with kids of all ages!) are invited to create "You've Been Egged" kits – a fun, creative way to invite friends and neighbors to our Easter services and Eggstravaganza.

**March 27 ~ Easter Sunday ~ Easter EGGstravaganza** **9:45 - 10:45 a.m.**

Families are invited to celebrate the Resurrection with an egg hunt, fun snacks, family games and a retelling of the Easter story!

**Super Silver Saver 2016**

During Lent, many decide to make a special sacrifice as a spiritual discipline. For example, some give up coffee, sodas, or candy and redirect saved money to help others. This year please participate in the Super Silver Saver fund drive as part of our Lenten experience. You'll find Super Silver Saver cups in both the hospitality area and the Family Life Center on Sundays during Lent. Take a cup home to add saved money daily. As you do, say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Bring your money-filled Super Silver Saver cup back to worship on Palm Sunday and we'll celebrate together our common offering of sacrifice. The offering will be used to fund mission activities, like our missionaries, Family Promise, Food Pantry, South Austin Assistance Ministry, Angel Tree Program, housing improvement projects, etc.



**Food Pantry Help in 2016**

There are several items that we often run low on: canned peas, canned fruit, broth based soup (such as chicken noodle), cream based soup (cream of chicken, mushroom, etc.), and macaroni and cheese. In addition, we have several volunteer days open, for bagging food to be distributed. If this is something you think you might be interested in, you can sign up for it in the Hospitality Area. If you have any questions about this ministry you can email Caelynn Moon at [caelynn.moon@gmail.com](mailto:caelynn.moon@gmail.com)

# Prayer and Meditation

## Ash Wednesday

February 10

6:30 a.m.

- Begin your day with prayer and Holy Communion in the company of other members of your Manchaca family.
- 8 - 10:30 a.m. "Come and Go" imposition of ashes.  
(West parking lot by the CDC & FLC entrance)
- 7 p.m. Traditional Ash Wednesday worship (Sanctuary)



## Palm Sunday

March 20

Procession of Palms

## Maundy Thursday

March 24

7 p.m. Hand Washing & Communion  
(Family Life Center)

## Good Friday

March 25

noon and 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)



## After Easter

Saturday, April 16, 2016

5K Start time - 7:30 a.m.

### Spring Fling to Your Feet - 5K & Kids' Dash

Run or walk in a Family Friendly 5K to raise money for area schools, then stay and celebrate Spring! There will be lots of children and youth activities and games! Food, live music and clowns! Bring your neighbors and friends! For more information and to register for the 5K visit our website!



Lenten  
Calendar

2016

For more information about these events, please visit our website at  
[www.ManchacaUMC.org/lent](http://www.ManchacaUMC.org/lent).

To reserve free childcare for classes  
email [childcare@ManchacaUMC.org](mailto:childcare@ManchacaUMC.org) at least 3 days in advance.

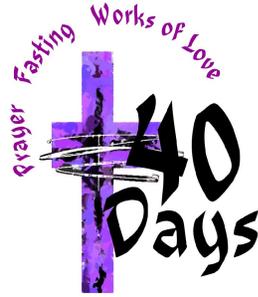
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## What is Lent?

Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days, not including the six Sundays, before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence (feeling regretful at offenses). Lent is a time for concentration on fundamental values and priorities, and is not a time for self-punishment. Lent, this year, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, and ends on Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016. This season is a preparation for celebrating Easter on March 27, 2016.



## Observing Lent

The custom is to mark the season of Lent by giving up some things and taking on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a holy time of preparation. Some examples of things people give up for Lent include sweets, meat for all or some meals, and alcohol. In most cases, giving up something for Lent can be made more meaningful by using the money or time for another purpose. For example, meal times on fast days could be spent in prayer. Another example is that if you give up meat during Lent, the money that would go to meat dishes can be given to a group that works to end hunger worldwide. Some things added during Lent are daily Bible reading, fasting, times of prayer, taking a course of study related in some way to spirituality. Note: Sundays are celebrations of Jesus' resurrection and are always an appropriate day to lessen the restrictions of Lent. Lent is also an especially appropriate time for confession. While confession to clergy is not required to receive God's forgiveness, it can be a meaningful rite of reconciliation to God.

## Shrove Tuesday

This is actually the day before Lent begins. The day is named for the "shriving" or confessing that was traditional on this day before beginning Lent. This day is also called Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, because it was a time for eating the things from which one would abstain during Lent. Pancake suppers became traditional as a way of using up some of the ingredients not needed during Lent.

## Ash Wednesday

The first day of Lent is marked with special worship observances. The theme for the day, though not for all of Lent, is that we stand as sinners condemned to die but for God's grace. This is symbolized by the imposition of ashes on the forehead, with the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of penitence and mourning.

Ash Wednesday is one of two days of special observance (the other being Good Friday) for which fasting is recommended. While this usually refers to going without food for the entire day, this practice is not practical for all persons, including, but not limited to, diabetics. Use your own discretion in determining how you can best observe this day.

## Palm Sunday

This Sunday before Easter is the last Sunday in Lent. The day commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a procession of palms. The day is also marked by reading the story of Jesus' Passion (the word used to describe Jesus' death comes from "suffering," which is one old meaning of passion). Some of the Palm Sunday palms are dried and burned to make the Ash Wednesday ashes for the next year.

## Maundy Thursday

This is the Thursday in Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter). The day is a time for remembering The Last Supper. The name comes from the Latin word "Maundatum" for "commandment" as Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment; that you love one another." At the conclusion of this service, altars are stripped of any ornamentation and crosses are removed or veiled to mark the solemnness of the occasion.

## Good Friday

The Friday in Holy Week is a time for remembering Jesus' death. This is the second day of special observance for which fasting is recommended. One should use discretion in deciding how best to observe this day. There is no celebration of Holy Communion from Maundy Thursday until the Easter Vigil on early Sunday.