

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



February 14 ~ 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Lent is a period of forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays. It can be a time for repentance, reflection and soul-searching. On February 14th, 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.

March 25

Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 & 11 a.m.-Sanctuary & 11 a.m.- FLC

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

March 29 ~ 7:30 p.m. - Worship

Maunder 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.

March 30 ~ Noon - Worship

Good Friday

A contemplative service reflecting on Jesus' passion, and sacrifice.

March 30 ~ 7:30 p.m. - Worship

Good Friday

"Behold the Darkness"

Good Friday recalls the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a time to remember Jesus' final days and hours. The Sanctuary Choir will present Benjamin Harlan's "Behold the Darkness," which is structured as a Tenebrae service. Tenebrae services date back to the 4th century. Tenebrae is a service of shadows which ends in almost total darkness. Through music and scripture, "Behold the Darkness" combines classic passion texts with poignant music. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

April 1



Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service ~ 6:45 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.

Lectionary Reading List:

	1 st lesson	Psalms	2 nd Lesson	Gospel Lesson
Ash Wed.	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Mt. 6:1-6, 16-21
Week of:				
2/19/18	Gen 9:8-17	Ps 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mk 1:9-15
2/25/18	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16	Ps 22:23-31	Rom 4:13-25	Mk 8:31-38
3/4/18	Ex 20:1-17	Ps 19	1 Cor 1:18-25	Jn 2:13-22
3/11/18	Nbrs 21:4-9	Ps 107:1-3, 17-22	Eph 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
3/18/16	Jer 31:31-34	Ps 51:1-12	Heb 5:5-10	Jn 12:1-8
3/25/16	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Mk 14:1-15:47
Holy Week				
3/26/18	Isa 42:1-9	Ps 36:5-11	Heb:11-15	Jn 12:1-11
3/27/18	Isa 49:1-7	Ps 71:1-14	1 Cor1:18-31	Jn 12:20-36
3/28/18	Isa 50:4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 11:1-3	Jn 13:21-32
3/29/18	Ex 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14	Ps 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-17
3/30/18	Isa 52:13-53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25	Jn 18:1-19:42
3/31/18	Job 14:1-14	Ps 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Jn 19:38-42
Easter				
4/1/18	Acts 10:34-43	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Cor 15:1-11	Jn 20:19-31

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



creating opportunities for all students

3rd annual **SPRING FEAT** Kids Dash and 5k Run hosted by Manchaca United Methodist Church benefiting local Austin schools: Manchaca Elementary, Paredes Middle School, and Akins High School. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/2018feat>

Lenten Opportunities

February 13 ~ Shrove Tuesday ~ Pancake Supper 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.

Observing Lent at Home

Lent calendars and countdowns will be provided to children and youth at church on Ash Wednesday and on the first Sunday of Lent. Devotional books for families with children of all ages will also be available. Families with elementary children can pick up a "Holy Week Activity Box" later in March. For more ideas on observing Lent in your home, please visit our website: www.ManchacaUMC.org/Lent.

Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah

Monday Evenings, Begins February 5, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Led by our Director of Worship and Fine Arts, Mark Hixon, this 6-week Lenten study explores the scriptural texts of Handel's Messiah.

What Makes a Hero? Church-wide study for all ages.

Lenten Study for Adults

led by Pastors Andy Smith and Rosie Grattan

Lessons for Lent for Children ages 3 years - 5th grade led by Kim Carroll

Adults and children's classes will meet separately, but concurrently on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, beginning February 11. Youth will study the same curriculum at Awaken Sunday Morning Small Groups (during the Sunday school hour).

Healing Power of Forgiveness

Wednesday Evenings at 7p.m., beginning February 21

Led by Phil Jones of Sunrise Ministries, this 6-week course combines Bible study with personal reflection, prayer, music, humor, discussion and Christian fellowship. Cost: \$35 in advance/\$45 at the door.

Lent Studies in Sunday School

Check out our website, www.ManchacaUMC.org/adult-sunday-school, to find a Lent study in a Sunday morning small group (9:45-10:45 a.m.).

Frolic Parent & Me Faith Class

Sunday, March 4, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Infants and toddlers and their parents and caregivers are invited to attend this special Frolic class where we will learn about Jesus as the Good Shepherd together!

First Sunday Fellowship: Potluck and Family Games

Sunday, March 4, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun, child-friendly time of fellowship in the parlor. Bring a dish to share and a game to play! In honor of the Lenten season, we will make and enjoy Resurrection rolls!

FISH Tween Group: 3 Simple Rules

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Our FISH will learn about how John Wesley's 3 simple rules can help them love God and love others.

FISH Service Project: You've Been Egged

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 - 7:30, Room 30

The FISH group will gather to stuff eggs to prepare for the EGGstravaganza on Easter. They will also be invited to make a set of eggs to share with a neighbor to invite them to our Easter services.

Caring Kids: Egg Hunt at Marbridge

Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Families are invited to sign up to bring and hide eggs for the residents at Marbridge!

Easter EGGstravaganza

Easter, April 1, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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

Prayer and Meditation



Ash Wednesday

February 14

6:30 a.m.

6:30 a.m. Begin your day with prayer and Holy Communion in the company of other members of your Manchaca family.

7:00 p.m. Traditional Ash Wednesday worship (*Sanctuary*)

Palm Sunday

March 25

Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday

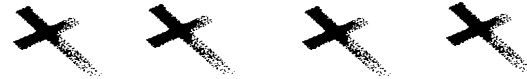
March 29

7:30 p.m. Communion

Good Friday

March 30

noon and 7:30 p.m. (*Sanctuary*)



Food Pantry Help in 2018

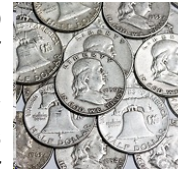
Lent is a time when most people give up something. I invite you to DO something this Lent.

Throughout the year, MUMC Food Pantry provides sacks of food to persons who request aid in the church office. Each sack provides at least three basic meals and costs about \$15 to purchase. During a typical month, 30 sacks of food are given out. We also support the Backpack Ministry at Menchaca Elementary and weekend food sacks for Akins' Homeless. You are invited to support this ministry with either food or financial donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Bowen at mabowen314@gmail.com. May Lent bring you closer to Christ who died for us and rose from the dead on Easter Morning.

Super Silver Saver 2018

During the season of Lent, many of us decide to make a special sacrifice to improve our physical or spiritual selves. For example, we may choose to give up buying coffee, sodas, and candy and use the money we didn't spend to help others. This year, each of us has the opportunity to participate in the Super Silver Saver fund drive as part of our Lenten experience.



Super Silver Saver cups will be available either in the hospitality area or the Family Life Center beginning Sunday, February 18. Take the cup home and fill it each day with change or bills. When you put your money in your Super Silver Saver cup each day, say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Bring your money-filled Super Silver Saver cup back to worship on Palm Sunday (March 25) and we'll celebrate together our common offering of sacrifice. The money will be used by the Missions Team to fund mission activities sponsored by our congregation, such as support for our missionaries and local disaster victims, flood buckets, students at Akins High School who are experiencing homelessness, Backpack ministry, Zoe Helps ministry, Food Pantry, Angel Tree Program, housing improvement projects, and manna bags at the spring and fall festivals.



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