



SELLERSBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Words to the Wise

April | 2024

Pastor's Pen...

There is a guidance of scripture readings called a lectionary that many churches follow. This guide is divided into three years, A, B, and C. This year, the church is in year B. As such, this year's scriptures surrounding Jesus' last days, trial, death and resurrection come from the story as told in the Gospel of Mark. I have the privilege of not only planning our Sunday morning worships, but also 2 very special Easter week worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. These two services on Thursday, March 28th, and Friday, March 29th, will be presented by the pastors and members of 8 different United Methodist churches all coming together in worship. They will both be held at our church in Sellersburg.

Since I was able to plan them along with Palm Sunday on March 24th and Easter Sunday on March 31st, I designed all 4 to be one continuous story through the Gospel of Mark. Those who are able to attend all 4 services will hear the complete story as the Gospel of Mark tells it. For many people, Easter often jumps from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday straight to the Resurrection on Easter morning. There is a lot to the story, however, in between those two events. This year, I invite you to attend all 4 services and hear the whole story. There is so much more power in the Resurrection

when you remember everything that happened leading up to it.

In the weeks after Easter, we will continue the story in the Gospels of John and Luke as we look at Jesus' appearances to his disciples and others after his resurrection. This journey will take us all the way to the celebration of Pentecost in mid-May. If you can remember only parts of the story, this sermon series from Palm Sunday through Pentecost is a great way to see the whole picture and understand how all of the pieces fit together. I hope you will join us in-person or view the worship services on YouTube.

Blessings,

Pastor John

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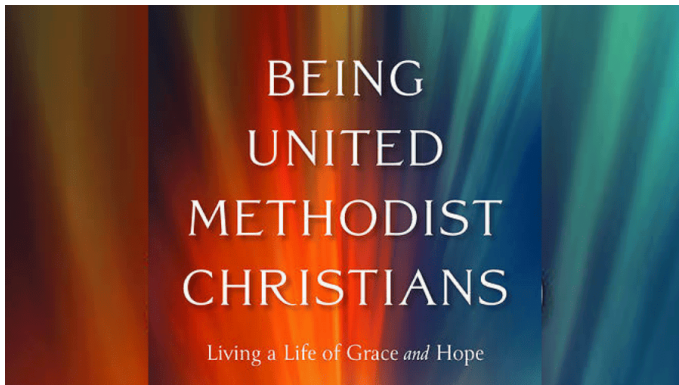


GROW PRAY SERVE

Are you
receiving
Pastor John's
weekly email?

If not, email the
office and let
Tony know!

SPECIAL EVENING LENTEN STUDY SERIES

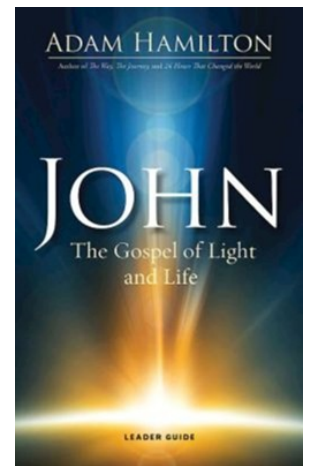


On Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm through March 27th, Pastor John is leading a special Lenten series in room 2. The series is titled “Being United Methodist Christians.” For those new to the United Methodist Church, and those who have been members for decades, this is a class of remembering our roots, what makes us distinctive, and how the love of Christ works through our church to transform lives and communities. We are using the video series “Being a United Methodist Christian” as a starting place each week and then diving into our history, our beliefs, our traditions, and our call to social justice. Whether you are thinking about joining our church, or want a deeper, richer understanding of our connection as United Methodist, this Lenten study is for you. The series began on February 21st but please come join us any week!



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Friday morning Bible Study group will start a new series on April 5th entitled John: The Gospel of the Light and Life. This new 6-week study will look deeply into the message and meaning of the Gospel of John. John’s gospel is different in many ways from the other 3 gospels. Come learn why that is and the special place the Gospel of John has in the Bible and our understanding of Jesus. All are welcome to attend the study. We meet every Friday morning at 10am in room 2, which is in the basement of the church. Entry is easiest through the back door which faces the parking lot behind the church.



The Wednesday evening Lenten Study Group has decided to continue meeting on Wednesday evenings. On April 3rd we will start a new study called “The Bible Project.” This study will take a close look at the first 5 books of the Old Testament and how the themes and stories connect to each other and tell and overall story about God and our relationship with God. The class meets every **Wednesday evening at 6pm downstairs in room 2.** Visitors are always welcome, even if you can’t come every week.



United Women in Faith

Attention All Ladies:

Sellersburg United Methodist Women in Faith will meet Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. Flora Childers will lead the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program. Call to Prayer gifts will support programs for climate justice put into action by United Women in Faith. Refreshments will be served.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WOMEN'S CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, MAY, 19 AT 2:00 PM

For more information please contact
Phyllis Hunefeld
at 502-693-3696 or
phyllis.hunefeld@gmail.com.



Beyond the Walls Ministry

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers. If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please let me know. Communion will be taken to our shut-ins during the weeks before Easter.



Kathy Waterman 812-256-5298



Young at Heart

Young-At-Heart Pitch-in Luncheon

Wednesday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m.

Meat Loaf and Chicken Casserole are on the Menu

BINGO for fun

Hope to see you there!

Everyone is invited!

Phyllis Hunefeld (502-693-3696)

Maureen Atkinson (812-786-2119)





Music Ministry

'All glory, laud, and honor to thee, redeemer King' have sung many Christians around the world on Palm Sunday. Like so many hymns, those lifting their voices in praise may not know the age of the melodies and lyrics they vocalize. Originally penned in Latin by an imprisoned bishop as 'Gloria, laus, et honor' in the time of Charlemagne, this hymn was later set to music and translated to English in the 1850s and 60s. Though many of the original Latin verses are not often sung in worship, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* continues to be the archetypal example of a Palm Sunday song.

As is written therein, it is in the time of Easter and amidst all times and places that we sing the praises of our great redeemer who has purchased us and for us with his blood. He rode into Jerusalem on donkeyback and had laid before him palm leaves. He left Jerusalem freed from the toll of sin and Himself risen to sit at the right hand of the Lord. We remember these mighty acts.



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SUMC Prayer Chain

If you'd like to be a part of our prayer chain, you can join by sending the message "@sumcprayer" to the number "81010" in a text using your phone. If you'd like to sign up for emails, then you can send an email to sellersburgumc@gmail.com and let us know so we can get you signed up.

Interested in singing with the choir?

Choir has rehearsal on Wednesdays at 5:00pm for 1 hour. **All are welcome.** See Diana after our Sunday service for more information.
dholman@ius.edu

Newsletter Articles

Newsletter articles are due by the 17th of each month. Please submit any and all articles by then to the church office.

sellersburgumc@gmail.com



Sunday School Opportunities

Sunday School is offered to all age groups before our service downstairs and in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am



MENS WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

On February 24, we celebrated the one year anniversary of our Men's Prayer Group.

We had a great turnout for breakfast, prayer, and Fellowship. Thank you to all those who attended.

We shared our commitment to prayer, and how God has answered so many requests this group has brought before him over this past year.

We continue to meet every **Saturday morning at 8:45 AM**, for a time of breakfast, prayer, and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there.

May Our Prayers Be With You,
Men's PrayerGroup



Indiana Conference Tornado Response

On March 10th, Pastor John spoke about the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and how on one Sunday a year, United Methodist Churches around the globe take a special offering that pays for the salary of the small UMCOR staff and their part-time trainers and consultants. There is even a bit left over that is set aside for emergency grants that are given in the first days after a disaster to bring in water and other essential supplies to a devastated area. Thank you to all who donated on that Sunday. I have personally met many of the UMCOR Staff members, consultants, and trainers at three Disaster Response Academies. They are all hardworking and dedicated.

Pastor John also announced that I am now the South District Disaster Response Coordinator. I am sure many of you are asking, but what does that mean? It means that if there is a tornado, flood, or extensive storm damage in one of the communities in the South District of the Indiana Annual Conference, I will reach out to the United Methodist pastor nearest the damaged area. If needed, I will meet with the pastor, and assess in broad terms what type of help is needed (e.g., debris removal, tarping of roofs, etc.). I will then report those needs back to the Conference Disaster Response Coordinators, Rev. John Young and Ron Heustis, who are in charge of the next stage of help, the Emergency Response Teams (ERTs).

As you are probably aware, tornadoes touched down on Thursday, March 14th, in the following Indiana counties: Randolph, Delaware, Jefferson, and Switzerland. None of these counties are in our district but all of them have homeowners who could use assistance. Please continue to pray for all those who have been affected, directly and indirectly. Financial contributions can be given either to UMCOR U.S. Disaster

response at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/> for funds to be used where most needed or to the Indiana Conference lockbox (INUMC, Dept 6089, Carol Stream, IL 60122). Please mark them with "Indiana Disaster Response." You may also give electronically to Indiana Disaster Response at <https://app.securegive.com/inumc>.

The Early Response Teams (ERTs) are trained volunteers who are willing and able to go to disaster areas after emergency responders (e.g. fire, police, national guard, etc.) have completed rescuing people and the area is safe enough for ERTs. Indiana disaster ERTs have begun to clean up debris and tarp roofs in these counties. If you are interested in being trained as someone who responds in this way, please reach out to me as I just went through the training in February. If this is a way you want to respond but do not think you can physically do it, please speak to me as each team member has different roles.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the above or what happens next in recovering from these tornadoes, please feel free to ask me about it.

Jennifer Demaree

South District Disaster Response Coordinator



Birthday List

See a mistake or omission? Need a mailing address for a card? Contact the church office sellersburgumc@gmail.com

April

- Janet Smith Apr 2
- Elizabeth Wells Apr 3
- Fred Smith Apr 5
- Dorothy Meyer Apr 9
- Gary Appell Apr 12
- Carol Voyles Apr 16
- John Demaree Apr 17
- Johnny Potts Apr 17
- Belinda Martin Apr 17
- Evelyn Tuttle Apr 18
- Tony Goforth Apr 30

May

- Betty McMillin May 2
- Mark Ritter May 3
- Deb Sappenfield May 4
- Kathy Waterman May 4
- Dalton Daily May 5
- Shawn Riley May 7
- Ellen Money May 7
- Sam Goodwin May 12
- Lilly Hardy May 13
- Jason Werle May 14
- Rev. Joseph Sanford May 15
- Janet Broady May 19
- Stephanie Beyl May 21
- Ron Sappenfield May 27
- Bill Koehler May 30 Darryl
- Moore May 30

Prayer List

1. Joyce Adams
2. Mark Ritter's Grandfather
3. Jan Johnson
4. Alice & Denny Jones
5. Janice Jones
6. John Scannapieco
7. Pastor John's parents
8. Yvonne Frederick
9. The people of Ukraine
10. Jennifer Demaree's cousin Eddie
11. Lois Ketterer
12. Josh Caldwell Family
13. Ralph Raeinhardt
14. Lori Shields friend, Janae
15. Monica Sorg & sister
16. Carol Voyles recovery
17. The people suffering in the Israel/Hamas War



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is the SUMC financial report for February, 2024:

- **Income Comparison 2023 vs. 2024 per Church Treasurer Report:**

Income through 29Feb24:		\$ 38,307.97
Income through 28Feb23:	:	<u>\$ 43,915.60</u>
Difference:		\$ -5,607.63 (deficit)

- **Income Projection to the End of the Year**

Income through 29Feb24:		\$ 38,307.97
Number of Sundays:		8
Average Giving Per Sunday:		\$ 4,788.50
Projection of Income to 31Dec24:		\$249,001.81

- **Income versus Expenses**

The Income versus Expense Report for the end of February, 2024, per Church Treasurer Report:

Income through End of February, 2024:		\$ 38,307.97
Expenses through End of February, 2024:		<u>\$ 31,427.16</u>
Net Income:		\$ 6,880.81

The church remains current in their obligations to the United Methodist Church. All other bills are also current.

If you should have any questions or comments, please e-mail me.

R Waterman
 Finance
 March 15, 2024



Vacation Bible School

June 24-28, 2024

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Join us for fun and adventure!

Mark your calendars for F-U-N!

As we start planning for Vacation Bible School, we need Y-O-U! We are looking for registration gurus, dynamic teachers, crafty people, game lovers, and snack makers.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please send an email to: burgstudentministry@gmail.com.

When you are ready to register your child(ren) for VBS, you may do so through this link: [REGISTER](https://sellersburgumccom.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/) (sellersburgumccom.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/).