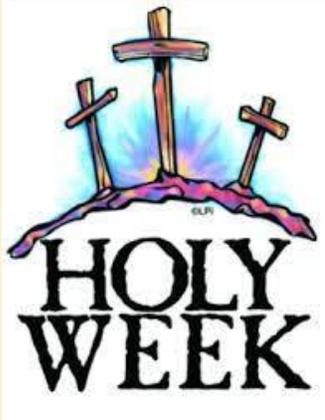




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Easter Services



- 04-10 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.
- 04-14 Tenabrae Service – 6:30 p.m.
- 04-17 Sunrise Service - TBA
- 04-17 Breakfast here following Sunrise Service
- 04-17 Easter Service 11:00 a.m.

Free Signs

Austin was able to get us some cool yard signs. These are free for the taking:



Pastor Notes:

The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an “every Sunday” celebration during which we come together to receive the fruit of the cross and resurrection of Jesus—the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal life with God. Easter is also an “every day” celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” (Jn 11:25) for us.

So what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After the two angels reminded Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women that Jesus had risen, Luke tells us that “they remembered the words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest” (Lk 24:8-9, emphasis mine). They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to bring an “every day” witness of God’s power over Sin, death, Hell, and Satan himself.

So where do we go once we leave the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of Jesus’ first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to



show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business (Jn 21:1-14). They went back to their vocations or stations in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them.

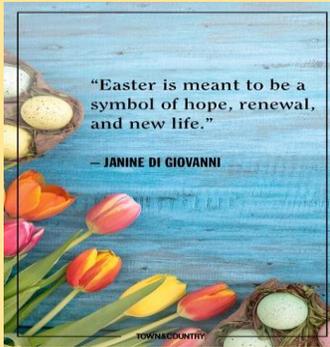
They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary labor and responsibilities given to them. Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are “every day” witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe and are baptized. We have the hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection living inside of us. Also, like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we have vocations or stations in life that God has given to us as gift. Most of us are not fishermen, but all of us have one or more of these callings: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities.



Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors

## Graduation

Please remember to call the church office if you have a graduate in the family. We would like to honor all those graduating from high school and college.



As repentant Christians, by God's grace we wrap the daily duties and responsibilities of our vocations in the joy, love, peace, and forgiveness of Christ. And, more than likely, others will take notice and God will bless your faithful work by giving you opportunities to "tell all these things to all the rest" (Lk 24:9).

Now, we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb free as God's forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by God's Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as "every day" witnesses. Let us be witnesses of Jesus Christ and his resurrection but also live as resurrected people!

## Upcoming Events:

- 04-02 UMW Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 04-03 You Matter, Augusta H/S 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.
- 04-05 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 04-06 Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 04-12 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 04-13 Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 04-13 Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 04-14 to 04-16 Plant Sale  
Community Buildg
- 04-19 Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
- 04-20 Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 04-23 TEFAP 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 04-25 Sr Center Monterrey Dinner 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 04-26 Bible Study at 10:00  
Card Players at 1:30
- 04-27 Community Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 04-29 Daddy Daughter Dance 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### UMW name change to United Women in Faith



A new name is part of a refreshment of our organization that includes a new look, new feel and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood to put their love in action too.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### Admin Council Meeting

We had a full agenda. Finance concerns include purchasing a new air conditioning unit. Many of the shrubs around the church have fallen to disease, so they need to be replaced. Staffing and following the Dept of Labor rules have created many SPRC meetings. Our church audit is due into conference by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Easter Sunrise will be a combined service with the Christian Church.

**Toilet Paper will not get you into Heaven, folks. That's not what it means when you sing, "When the Roll is called Up Yonder."**