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**Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of These is Love**

**A Mini-Newsletter From Your Family at Oakhurst United Methodist Church**



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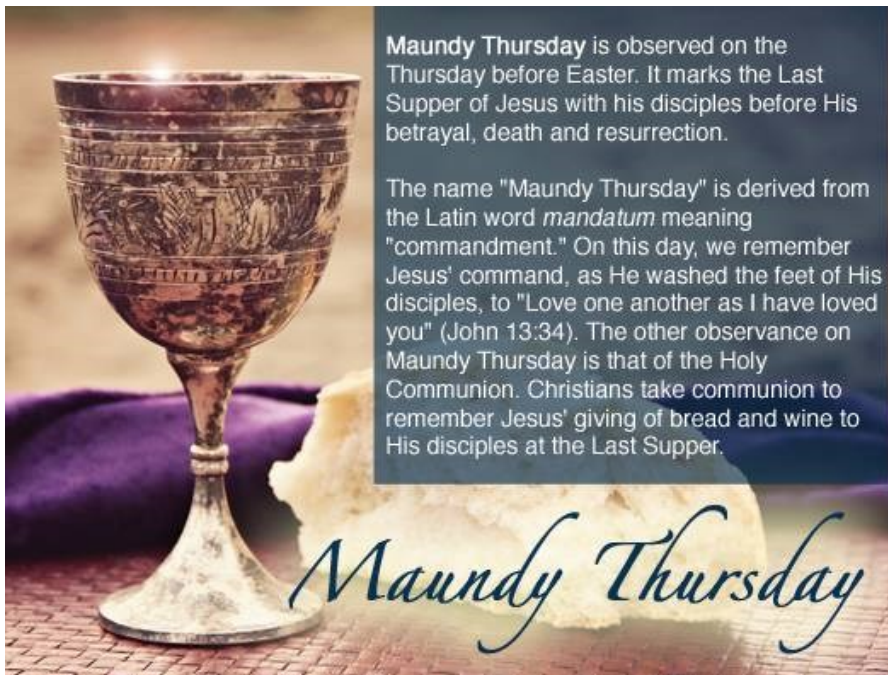
Office Hours: Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, LOVING LIFE*

**Our Mission is to make disciples, nurture disciples,  
and spread the Kingdom of Christ.**

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**Maundy Thursday** is observed on the Thursday before Easter. It marks the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples before His betrayal, death and resurrection.

The name "Maundy Thursday" is derived from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning "commandment." On this day, we remember Jesus' command, as He washed the feet of His disciples, to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). The other observance on Maundy Thursday is that of the Holy Communion. Christians take communion to remember Jesus' giving of bread and wine to His disciples at the Last Supper.

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Indoor Service in the Sanctuary.

We will celebrate Communion.

Space is Limited.

Registration Needed to Attend.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Friday, April 2 at 2:45 p.m.

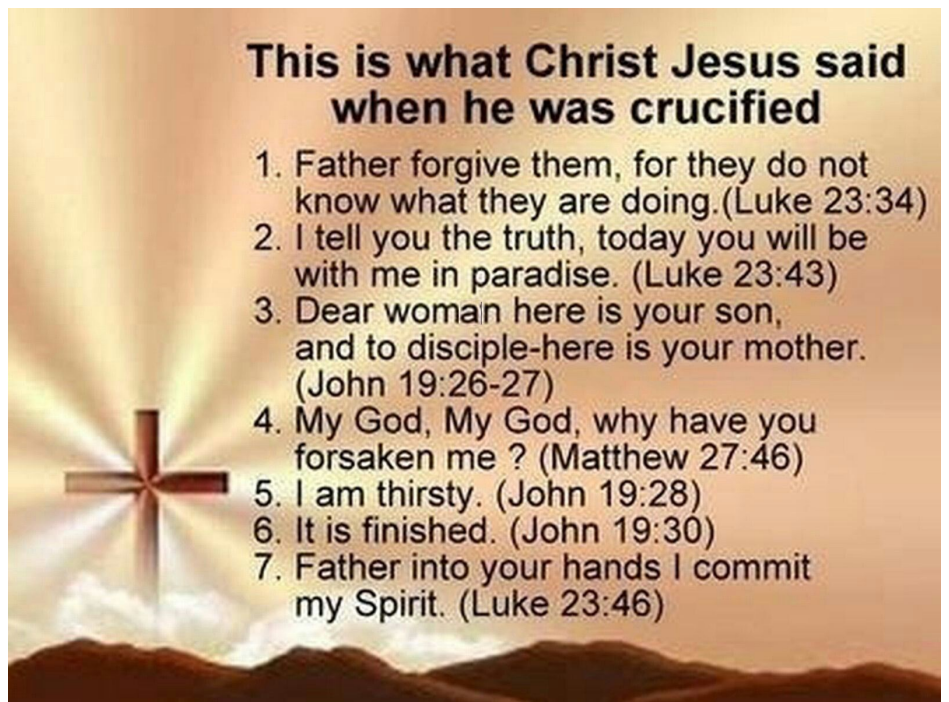
Indoor Service in the Sanctuary.

Space is Limited.

Registration Needed to Attend.

#### **This is what Christ Jesus said when he was crucified**

1. Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34)
2. I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43)
3. Dear woman here is your son, and to disciple-here is your mother. (John 19:26-27)
4. My God, My God, why have you forsaken me ? (Matthew 27:46)
5. I am thirsty. (John 19:28)
6. It is finished. (John 19:30)
7. Father into your hands I commit my Spirit. (Luke 23:46)







### EASTER SERVICES

7:30 a.m.—Sunrise Service (Outdoor Service).

8:30 a.m.—Family Service (Outdoor Service).

No Registration Needed. All Are Welcome!

10:00 a.m.— Indoor Service in the Sanctuary  
Space is Limited.

Registration Needed to Attend.



## Easter Bunny

[The Bible](#) makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on [Easter Sunday](#); nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of [Christianity](#)'s most important holiday. The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life.

According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in [Pennsylvania](#) and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.





**Provided by one of our members. Thank you!**

Palm Sunday, is the day Christ entered Jerusalem; to shouts of joy. Palm Sunday, 2021 is the day we're able to joyfully return to worship in God's house; to celebrate that first joyful occasion. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week; a week of, both, great joy and great sorrow. A week of events that fulfilled God's promise to mankind.

This year Palm Sunday takes on a special meaning. It is our first step toward the return to a normal church life; after a year of stress and isolation. This year Easter will have a special feel. The original Easter is symbolized by a sunrise. This year Easter carries the additional symbol of lifting the covid curtain of the past 12 months.

To help celebrate Easter 2021, I thought I'd share the history of some Easter traditions. Some traditions are based on the reading of scripture, Some are the results of circumstances and others are from the imagination of men.

The Sunrise Service is based on scripture. "Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb'..." this short descriptive phrase contained in Mark 16:2 was used in 1732 by a group of German worshipers as the basis for the first Sunrise Service. A tradition that is still practiced today.

Easter Eggs are an example of practicality, and religious practice. The season leading into Easter is Lent. Lent, a 40 day period of penance, sacrifice, prayer, mediation and fasting. Medieval European Christians observed all of the Lenten requirements. They boiled eggs to help preserve them. Easter morning, they gave the eggs as presents (the fast had ended). The decorations were added as an expression of joy.

Hot Cross Buns originated, again, as a German tradition. This time it was a 17<sup>th</sup> century Catholic monk. Dried fruit was added to the buns and given as presents, Easter morning. This unknown imaginative clergyman added a cross to honor Good Friday.

Enjoy the season. Let's use this Easter to mark a renewed effort to recognize God's love and to pass that love to everyone we encounter.

# Easter

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