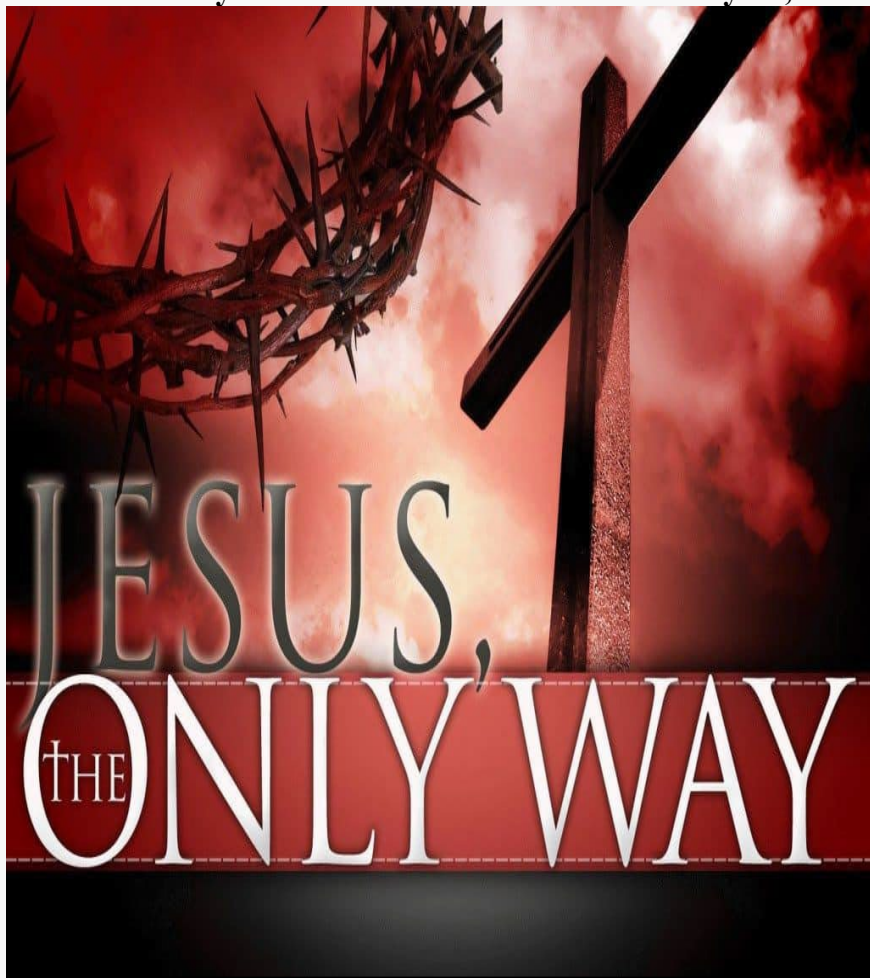


Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024



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PRELUDE *"INTO MY HEART"* **GARY MAYNARD**

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** **SHEREE DOWNEY**

Liturgist: If any want to be my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

People: For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. *(Mark 8:34b-35)*

***HYMN** *"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"* **UMH 710**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** **UNISON**

Lord Jesus Christ: may our hearts be more fully open to you and the wonder of your word, your Living Word, that we may seek you and serve you both today and every day we are granted life. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING** *PSALM 22:25-31* **UMH 753**

***GLORIA PATRI** **UMH 70**

CHOIR *"BLESSED BE YOUR NAME"*

HEBREW BIBLE READING **GENESIS 17:1-7,15-16**

SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS

(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN PRAYER BASKET)

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***OFFERING / DOXOLOGY
& OFFERTORY PRAYER** **UMH 95**

***EPISTLE READING** *ROMANS 4:13-25*
 STEPHANIE MALCOLM, RLLP

***HYMN** *"MUST JESUS BEAR THE CROSS ALONE"* **UMH 374**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: I invite you to join me in our Prayer of Confession.

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, not been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. (Wesleyan Methodist Conference, England, 20th. Cent., ALT)

All offer prayers of confession in silence. Pastor: May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen (The Book of Worship 1944, Alt.)

***GOSPEL READING: ST. MARK 8:31-38**

SERMON: "HAVE IT YOUR WAY, JESUS!"

***HYMN "STANDING ON THE PROMISES"**

UMH 374

***OUR INVITATION TO SEEK AND FOLLOW JESUS.**

***BENEDICTION AND THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT**

***POSTLUDE**

GARY MAYNARD

**Please stand only if you are able.*

*****Worship Committee Meeting Today at Noon.**
Sunday, March 2nd. The Sacrament of Holy Communion

MARCH BACKPACK MINISTRY

**Please bring individual servings of breakfast foods and snacks
(examples: cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars).**

Sunday School:	Each Sunday	10:00am
Choir Practice:	Each Tuesday	5:00pm
Exercise class:	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:00am

Mark Your Calendar

***Next Community Dinner is scheduled for
Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:00pm.
Invite your family and friends!***

Prayer List

If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office. For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates within 3 weeks would be appreciated so our prayer list can be kept current.

Aaron Baker & Mother, Elizabeth Dawn Baumgardner Shirley Bias Beth Carson Bob Carrico Jill & Jim Combs Bill Hively Sara Beth Lowry Tom Maynard	Mabel Pillion Red Sowder The Roswell Family Brian Tuttle Gene & Ellenda Ward Connie Watson The Family of Kenneth Gallagher
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Remember those not able to join us for church:

**Betty Craig, Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty,
Ruth Kelley, Patricia Morgan, Jim Reed,
Harold Sowards, Dan & Shirley Webster**

Office Hours: Pastor Thom Malcolm Wed/ Thurs 1:30-4:00

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Wed/Thurs 2:30-4:30

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Gary Maynard

Pianist:

Gary Maynard

Liturgist:

Sheree Downey

**Please note: Any information for the bulletin needs to be
in the church office on Wednesdays by 2:30pm.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events – March

Tuesday, March 5 6:00pm Women's Circle
Tuesday, March 12 6:00pm Educ/Outreach
Wednesday, March 20 6:00pm Community Dinner



March 24 Palm Sunday Service
11:00am
March 28 Maundy Thursday Serv.
7:00pm
March 29 Good Friday Service
7:00pm
March 31 Easter Worship Service
11:00am

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Friendly reminder if you signed up to bring an item for the Easter Baskets for "those unable to attend church", please bring to our Women's Circle scheduled for Tues., March 5 as we plan on putting the baskets together at our meeting. If you have any questions, please ask Sheree Downey.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

As an outreach activity for March, we will be preparing Easter Food Baskets for two families in our community who are in need. If you would like to contribute, we will have a sign-up sheet on Sunday, March 3 with specific items. If you have any questions, please ask Ann Wheeler or Laura Blake.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite you to join us for Sunday School at 10:00am prior to Worship Service. You will increase your knowledge about the Bible, enjoy great fellowship, and prepare your heart and mind for worship service. We are starting a new quarter of learning on Sunday, March 3 focused on the theme, "Encounters in Prayer and Love."

The first five lessons will continue the Lenten focus. They take us inside the story of Jesus as he moves toward the cross, particularly looking at Jesus' prayers during this time, including his prayer for his disciples, his prayer for the church, and his anguished prayer in the garden. They encourage us to sit in Jesus' presence as he prays these poignant prayers and then call us to celebrate because of the hope Jesus' resurrection brings.

With the hope of resurrection fresh in our hearts, eight lessons will flow naturally into a vision of peace, reconciliation, and healing in our fractured and polarized world. The overall emphasis is on the relational dimensions of mission, especially as Jesus and the early church encounter the stranger, the marginalized, and the other. The biblical texts offer us an opportunity to reflect on the complexities and the wonder of engagement with others as we are moved and empowered by the Spirit, to announce the good news, to bear the burden of historic wrongs, to come alongside and to listen, and much more.

COME JOIN US EACH SUNDAY @ 10:00am

WV Conference United Methodist Mission Projects



- 1 The House of the Carpenter
- 2 Ebenezer Community Outreach Center
- 3 Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries
- 4 Scott's Run Settlement House
- 5 Upshur Parish House & Crosslines, Inc.
- 6 Heart and Hand House
- 7 Tyrand Cooperative Ministries

The Seven Mission Projects affiliated with the West Virginia United Methodist Church Conference are one way we show the love of Christ in our communities. Emergency food and utility assistance, housing rehabilitation projects, thrift stores, and newborn layettes are a few examples of what these ministries do.

All these ministries are supported by our apportionment dollars. We are encouraged to help be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors across our wonderful State.

Each Sunday, we will focus on one of the mission projects so that we are knowledgeable of the work being done with our apportionment dollars. As you know, we were able to pay 100% in 2023 and some of these funds are directed to these projects.

This week, we will focus on Heart & Hand Outreach Ministries located in South Charleston, WV.



"Celebration of the One Who Calls Us to Mission"



Heart + Hand

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**In 2022, served
over 6,500 in
Kanawha and
Putnam Counties.**

What We Do: We are a community-based organization located in South Charleston, WV supporting our neighbors with their emergency basic needs.

Our Mission: To demonstrate the love of Christ and to minister to needs both physical and spiritual as we assist those who live among us.

Thrift Store

The Heart + Hand Thrift Store is stocked throughout the day with new items received as donations. Those that qualify for assistance receive needed items at no cost through our voucher program. Everyone else is invited...encouraged to come and enjoy shopping. This is a year-round fundraiser for us. Profits from the Thrift Store are used to fund additional assistance programs.

Food Pantry

Heart + Hand is the primary provider of a food pantry for South Charleston and the surrounding area. We receive USDA Commodities and donations from the community. We provide weekend snack bags to South Charleston Middle School students that might not have enough to eat at their home over the weekend and USDA Senior food boxes.

Social Services

Heart + Hand provides basic needs assistance and services for low-income residents of our service areas. Applicants meet with a caseworker at our South Charleston office to identify solutions to their basic needs. Services offered include utility assistance/ Dollar Energy, diapers/hygiene, cleaning supplies/household vouchers, beds for foster children, free medical supplies, furniture vouchers, Christmas program, and community classes.