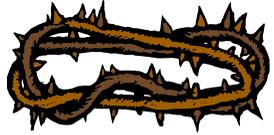


Holy Week



Palm Sunday **April 17**

*Pot-luck fellowship dinner
will follow.*

Tuesday **April 19**

Hymn Sing at 7pm

Wednesday **April 20**

*Lenten Fellowship Evening at 6pm
Devotional, food, and fellowship*

Thursday **April 21**

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

Friday **April 22**

Good Friday Service 7pm



Easter Sunday **April 24**

Sunrise service 7am

Breakfast to follow

Sunday School 9:45am

Easter Worship 11 am

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*The crowds going ahead of Him, and those  
who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to  
the Son of David; Blessed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna  
in the highest!"                      ~Matthew 21:9*

This is how Jesus entered Jerusalem. We celebrate the triumphal entry each year on Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. Throughout the week we remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

It was a difficult week. While it began with great crowds, it gave way to a small gathering of his closest followers for the Last Supper. Later that night, one of Jesus' own followers betrayed him and turned him over to the authorities.

By Friday, the crowds had turned and now shouted, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Jesus was mocked, whipped, marched through the now hostile crowds, and hung on a cross for all to see.

Saturday, Jesus lay in the grave. All seemed lost.

Then, before the sun even rose Sunday morning, Jesus rose from the grave! Truly, this week is holy!

In this holiest of weeks, we plan to gather as the people of God to walk this last most important week of our Lenten journey.

Sunday with our own shouts of Hosanna, we will sing praise to the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Thursday, we, like the disciples long ago, will draw near to the Lord's Table. Also we will ponder some of Jesus' final teaching to his disciples that last night with them.

Friday, we will quietly gather and listen as Jesus speaks seven times from the cross.

After the stillness of Saturday, we will gather again before the sun rises to find an empty tomb! Midday will find us still singing and praising our Risen Lord and Savior.

Come and celebrate Holy Week with us!



## Circle of Care

In the United Methodist Church, each congregation is connected to worldwide ministry in many ways. One way is through apportionment giving. In our giving, we become personally involved in

ministries close to home and far away. The Texhoma Vision will be running a series in which we feature one ministry our congregation supports through apportionments in each issue.

The Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care has cared for Oklahoma children and youth through residential and foster care families since 1917. Our mission is to provide help, healing and wholeness to children, youth and families who are hurting or in need.

The basic premise of the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care is that we do not see the children, youth and families that we serve as "at-risk" but "at-promise" because we believe that every person has received special gifts from God. We believe that being loved and accepted heals hurts that can be healed by no other means. Those in our programs and within our families' homes are provided with a loving, nurturing environment to help them understand that there is a better way to live. They are also taught skills to help them deal with real-life situations, given a quality education and provided with the counseling help they need to turn their lives around.

Circle of Care Ministries include the United Methodist Boys' Ranch, United Methodist Children's Home, Child SHARE and the Holsinger Home. Since 1917, Circle of Care has been helping people make better choices, live happier lives, and find hope and promise in their tomorrows.

To learn more go to [www.circleofcare.org](http://www.circleofcare.org)

## Calf Project



The Texhoma United Methodist Church has a special relationship with one of the Circle of Care Ministries, the United Methodist Boys Ranch in Gore, OK. The United Methodist Boy's Ranch provides care for young men—ages 13 through high school graduation—who are experiencing problems which prevent them from living at home or in foster care.

The youth are provided with a loving, nurturing environment to help them understand a better way of life. They are taught skills to help them with real life situations, can receive a quality education, and counseling as needed to help them move to more positive behaviors.

One unique component of UMBR is the Animal Therapy Program. Each resident attends weekly animal therapy sessions where they care for animals, assist in ranching operations, and learn of agricultural issues related to the care of animals. Sessions held under the supervision of the Ranch Manager include roping, riding, feeding, building fences, providing medical attention and classroom instruction.

Each spring, Texhoma UMC works with Alva First UMC to gather donations to buy calves for the Boys' Ranch each spring. Through your faithful participation, many young men have had

learning opportunities they may not have otherwise had.

We are once again collecting donations for the annual Calf Project. If you would like to participate, please speak with Jim Berry. The calves will be purchased at the Texhoma Livestock Auction on Wednesday, April 20.

## District UMW Day Apart

Five of our UMW members, Rev Rachel Parrott, Carol Beck, Margie Pugh and Linda Berry traveled to Keyes, OK on Saturday, April 9, for the Woodward District UMW Day Apart.

A study titled "For the Love of God" on the Epistles of John was led by Rev Alex True, pastor of the Panhandle Centenary United Methodist Church in Goodwell.

A salad luncheon prepared by Hazel Hitchins of the Chicken House was served.

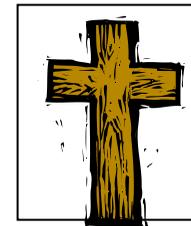
This was a time of fellowship and sharing of ideas among UMW members from all over the district.

A special thank you to the Keyes UMW for their hospitality.

~Sue Fleming

## Lenten Wednesday Fellowship

The purpose of Lent is to prepare us for what God is doing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Witnessing that work on Easter Sunday will bring praise and worship from us. We have had a great group of people come each Wednesday to study the mystery of the resurrection.



We also enjoy food and fellowship. You still have time to join us Wednesday evening at six in the evening.

~ Carol Beck

We have one Lenten Wednesday Fellowship remaining. On the Wednesday of Holy Week we will gather and continue our study of the Seven Words of Christ from the cross as we go deeper into the mystery of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Come and join us and stay for food, fellowship and fun.

## Church Fellowship at the Chicken House

On March 23, twenty-four of us went to the Chicken House for a wonderful meal and a great time of fellowship.

Rachel gave a continuation of our Lenten study that has been going on throughout the season.

We all had a great time and got caught up on the lives of everyone's busy schedules.

~Linda Berry

## UMW Sunday May 1

We are blessed to have members of the UMW lead the worship service on Sunday May 1.

The purpose of the United Methodist Women is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the ministries of the church.