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The Methodist Messenger

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April

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”
Ephesians 2:10

This year, April is filled with High Holy Days like Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter/Resurrection Sunday. The season of Lent (a pilgrimage of repentance) gives way to Eastertide (the celebration of the Risen King). During Lent, we reflect and repent of our sins. In Eastertide, we celebrate that we have been saved from our sins. Unfortunately, we often leave it there—we acknowledge that we have been saved from sin and death but forget that we have also been saved for something. Jesus was crucified, died, and was resurrected so that we could fully live into who we were already created to be. It doesn’t stop at, “Yay, Jesus conquered death.” There is more for us—there is more for us to do!

What could you do personally? What could you do at home? What can we do here at church that you would be willing to participate in and invest in? How can we engage more with the HUB? EFUMC has already been working with Churches of Restoration/Creation Care, and we are making another effort to form a “Green Team Ministry.” This team will help guide our congregation in practical ways to love God by caring for God’s creation.



We were created and saved for a purpose—loving God, loving God’s people, loving God’s creation, and serving all created beings and things to the glory of God.

Saved For More,
Pastor Michelle

Important Dates For Your Calendar This Month!!!

- April 7th, 1:00 p.m. - Bag beans and rice, freeze chicken
- April 13th 10:30am - Palm Sunday Worship
- April 17th, 1:00 p.m. - Prepare distribution bags
- April 18th - Good Friday Service
 - Good Friday service will be at 2:45pm in the Prayer Garden
- April 19th 8:30am - Food Pantry Distribution
- April 20th - Easter Sunday
 - 8:30 am-Early Service in Prayer Garden
 - 9:00 am-Continental breakfast
 - 10:30 am-Musical Presentation in the Sanctuary
- April 21st - Office Closed




What's Up With The HUB?

Spring is an abundant time on the farm! Squash, cucumbers, and green beans return this month with tomatoes, peppers, and okra on the horizon. This month's free community workshop is Saturday, April 12 from 10 am-12 pm. Dr. Timothy Brush will share insights on Birds & Agriculture and Devin Johnston will present about bees. Weekly farm stands to continue every Saturday 10 am - 12 pm and volunteer hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am-11 am.



See you at the Hub! You can reach Stephanie at stephanie.kasper01@utrgv.edu with any questions.

Communion Offering for the HUB April 27th

The HUB partnership is one of the ways EFUMC has been blessed to see God's creation cared for and revived! As most of you know, the HUB is funded through various grants, fundraising, and donations. Last month, the HUB received word that one of their federal grants was being withdrawn due to changes from the new government administration. This grant helped to pay salaries and stipends for the students who worked on the farm. As a sign of support and love for our HUB Family, we will have a special communion offering on April 27th as a blessing for the work they do. You can make checks to EFUMC and note HUB on the memo line, if you prefer CashApp, please note HUB in the notes.

It's Not Easy Bein' Green...

... but we're going to work at it! If you are interested in helping tend God's creation and want to help EFUMC in our ministry to care for creation, please contact Pastor Michelle at pastor@edinburgfumc.org

Easter Sunday April 20th

- Early, informal service at 8:30am in the Prayer Garden
- Continental Breakfast Potluck at 9am (for more information contact Linda Henrichson)
- Easter Musical Presentation at 10:30am in Sanctuary



News from the Board

We want to thank Mr. Craig Bovee-Trustee for all the hard work he put in painting the lines in the parking lot.

Your dedication to taking on this task on your own is much appreciated. Once again, we humbly thank you.

A Note from the Music Ministry



Greetings, Church Family!

The Chancel Choir and Praise Band continues to prepare for our Easter Musical Program on Sunday, April 20th at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to sharing the Easter message through music. Please join us and bring your friends and family. On behalf of the Worship Band, I want to thank you for your continued support as we bring uplifting, spirit-filled, and excellent music to our services each week. We look forward to worshipping with you each Sunday. Your presence and voices raised in worship make all the difference!

Blessings,
Omar Samaniego
Music Director

Join Our Media Team!

Our media team is the driving force behind our vibrant worship services! From advancing slides to managing the live stream, they help everyone connect and participate, no matter where they are. If you're passionate about photography, videography, or audio, we'd love for you to join us! Whether you're experienced or eager to learn, there's a place for you to grow and serve. Pray about where God is calling you to get involved, and reach out to our office team for more info!

Help Serve Our Church Family on Sundays!

We're looking for volunteers to assist with setting up our coffee station and providing light snacks before Sunday services. This is a wonderful way to bless our church family, foster fellowship, and create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone.

Here's how you can help:

- Snacks: Bring simple items such as pastries, fruit, or other items of choice.
- Set-Up: Arrive 30 minutes before service to help set up the coffee station and snacks.

Your contributions, big or small, will make a meaningful impact! If you'd like to join the rotation or have questions, please contact Dora Pagel at dorahpagel@gmail.com or (956) 929-1180. There is also a sign-up sheet on our snacks/coffee table with openings for the next three months. If you'd like to sign up, please write your name and phone number, and I will send out a friendly reminder the day before your scheduled date. Thank you for helping us create a warm and inviting space to connect and worship!

