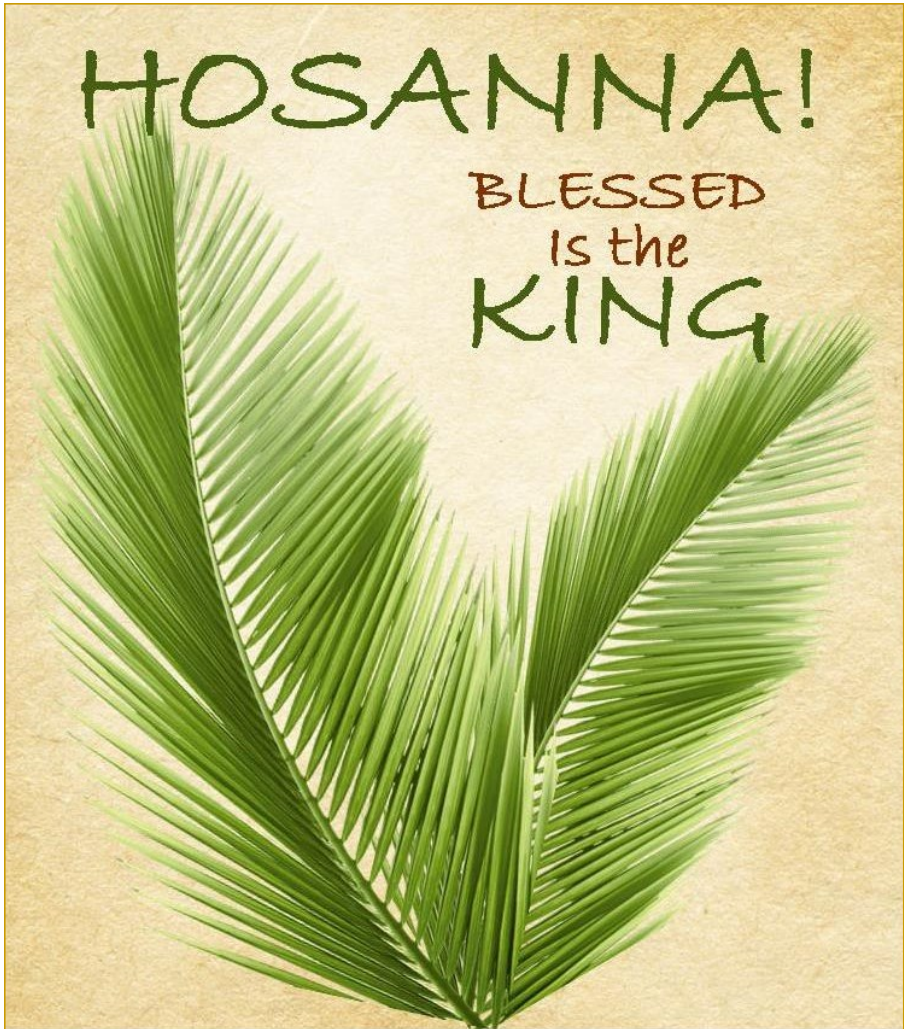




First United  
Methodist Church  
OF BIRMINGHAM

# Steeple Notes



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 29, 2015**

### **Traditional Worship**

**8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Sanctuary**

#### **Hymns**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

#### **Choirs**

Sonshine Choir

Disciple Choir

Covenant Choir

Genesis Choir

IXOYC Choir

Chancel Choir

#### **Scripture**

Mark 14:1-9

#### **Sermon**

*Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus*

“She Did What She Could”

Rev. Laurie Haller

### **Shine Contemporary Worship**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Christian Life Center**

#### **Scripture**

Luke 9:23-25

#### **Sermon**

*Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus*

“That’s Our King!”

Rev. Chad Oyer

### **Worship at Troy Campus**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Sanctuary**

#### **Sermon**

*Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus*

Rev. Suzanne Walls

**The Liturgists** are Rev. Gary Haller at 8:15 and 9:30, and Rev. Gary Haller and Rev. Lindsey Hall at 11:00.

**The Palm Arrangements** on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and placed by Dick Hameister in loving memory of Kate’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gallina, Dick’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Hameister, and his wonderful wife Kate.

**The Missions Candle** is lit by Sue Walters in memory of her parents and in honor of her grandchildren.

**The Greeters** are Leah Blinstrub, Mary Jane Bond, Ken Cooper, Lucy Evans, Paul and Charlotte Finney, Megan Fischer, Kerry Fox, Katie Kirkpatrick, Joan Krempel, and Patty Reynolds.

### **Sunday School**

*Nursery care is offered at 9:30 and 11:00.*

#### **9:30 a.m.**

Children’s Sunday School  
Middle School Sunday School  
Middle School Confirmation  
High School Youth Café  
Contemporary Study  
Covenant Bible Study  
Faith Builders  
Parents of Adolescents

#### **10:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School (Troy Campus)

#### **11:00 a.m.**

Children’s Sunday School  
Fundamentals  
Sunday Scholar

### **Sunday’s Usher Teams**

#### **8:15 a.m.**

Head Usher: Larry Benson

#### **9:30 a.m.**

Head Ushers: Beverly Hannett-Price, Todd Menig  
Asst. Head Ushers: Terry Bower, Dan Cooper

#### **11:00 a.m.**

Head Usher: Len Billingsley  
Asst. Head Usher: Liz Watkins

#### **11:00 a.m. Shine**

Lead Usher: Ron Reynolds

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Our Christian Caring and Concern** are shared with the following persons, known to be in the hospital on Thursday, March 19: Shirley Hause, Mary Jane Russell, Jane Snyder, Shirley Thornton

**Our Prayers for Good Health** are shared with the following persons, released from the hospital since Thursday, March 12: Jean Lugers, Cornelia Schulz

**Our Prayers of Sympathy and Support** are shared with Roger and Jean Steed and family on the death of his father, Richard "Dick" Steed, on March 7.

**"And he took the little children into his arms and blessed them..."** We are pleased to announce that Alexander Walter Tomlinson and Emma Kathleen Tomlinson were baptized on March 15.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER



The Prayer Team would like to pray for you during times of need and also to praise the Lord during times of celebration. In addition to your concerns, please let us know of any answered prayers, family members in the military returning home, births, marriages and other special events. Contact Elise Norwood ([enorwood@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:enorwood@fumcbirmingham.org) or 248-646-6407 ext. 3127).

## DID YOU KNOW

....that Palm Sunday, March 29, is the last day to place an order for Easter lilies for the altar. Each plant is \$20. Please use the order form in your Sunday bulletin or contact Janet Smylie (248-646-6407 ext. 3121 or [office@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:office@fumcbirmingham.org)).

....that we rang the final buzzer on another awesome year of Unite 3 on 3 basketball on March 14. Eighty-six 1st-5th graders, 24 adult coaches, and 14 high school refs came together in the CLC for eight winter Saturdays to have fun, make friends, grow in faith, learn skills and, of course, play some basketball!

....that someone took home the wrong men's coat following worship a few weeks ago. If you have a black wool top coat, size large, with black leather gloves in the pocket, please check to make sure you have the right coat. The one that was taken has a business card in the pocket. If you have it, please contact the church office (248-646-1200). We have your coat and will make the exchange!

....that StreeThreads has connected with Yummy Cupcakes (at Long Lake and Woodward) and is the recipient of cupcakes left over at the end of the day. We freeze them and share them with our StreeThreads friends at HAVEN and NOAH. They love this special treat. So if you're in the market for some delicious cupcakes, please stop by Yummy Cupcakes in Bloomfield Hills and let them know how much we appreciate their support.

....that the church spends \$10,000 each year to clean our tablecloths. Effective immediately, a charge of \$3.50 per tablecloth (\$5.00 for outside groups) will be billed to groups requesting them for their events. Tablecloths must be reserved in advance through the Program Department. Questions? Please contact Lisa Wells (248-646-6407 ext. 3137) or Beckie Bower (ext. 3144).

## ADULT EDUCATION

**The First 300 Years of Christianity....**Dr. Todd Hibbard, Professor of Religious Studies at U of D Mercy, will begin a new series starting on Tuesday, April 7. The focus of this five-week study will be to examine the first 300 years of Christianity. Come learn how Christianity survived Jesus' crucifixion. For more details, please pick up an informational flyer from the Welcome Center or contact Shawn David ([sdavid@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:sdavid@fumcbirmingham.org)).

## CHILDREN, STUDENT, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

*For information about our Children's Ministry activities (Crib through 5th Grade), check out our website at [www.fumcbirmingham.org](http://www.fumcbirmingham.org), Facebook FUMC Birmingham Children and Family Ministries, or contact us at [sheilas@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:sheilas@fumcbirmingham.org) to receive a monthly email newsletter.*

*Want to get the inside scoop on First Student Ministries? 180seconds is a weekly e-mail newsletter with the most current news for middle school and high school students. Get your free subscription today! Sign up under "[E-mail Subscriptions](#)" on our website.*

**Youth 2015 in Orlando, Florida** is the national gathering for United Methodist youth and youth leaders. It only happens every four years—and we want you with us in Orlando! To register, contact Kim Thoren ([kthoren@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:kthoren@fumcbirmingham.org)).

**Dates:** June 23-29 (departure and return from Redford UMC)

**For:** Rising 7th through rising 12th graders (12-18 years old)

**Transportation:** Charter bus

**Location:** Marriott World Center (8701 World Center Dr., Orlando FL 32821) with all event activities and lodging on one site

**Cost:** \$700 (includes \$475 registration cost, lodging, transportation, one-day ticket for Disney World or Universal, out-of-pocket for 14 meals, snacks and spending money)

**45 Christians!** Mark your calendars for these upcoming spring and summer dates. Contact Kim Bowyer (248-646-6407 ext. 3134 or [kbowyer@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:kbowyer@fumcbirmingham.org)) for details.

**Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Cass Family Work Day.** We will work at Cass to assist in outside clean-up and various outside tasks. We will also have lunch at Cass and have a tour of the facilities. There are opportunities for short projects during the day if your family cannot commit to the whole time that day.

**Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-13: Summer Mission Days.** We will spend three days in Detroit working with Cass, Brightmoor and Central United Methodist Church. Each day we will work at one of those locations in the morning, have lunch, and then spend some time in the afternoon exploring a fun location in downtown Detroit. Possible afternoon locations include Belle Isle Aquarium, PuppetArt Theatre, Boll Family YMCA, and Pewabic Pottery.



*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

**The People of the United Methodist Church.**

# Pastors' Page

## **"ALL IN"**

Have you been "all in" during Lent? The phrase "all in" has been popularized over the past several years as a way of saying that we are committing every resource we have to a specific cause. However long it takes, no matter the cost, whatever is needed, we'll be there.

This Lent we have been studying and discussing the radical commitment Jesus asks of us when we follow him. It's also an occasion to reflect on the hesitations, doubts and fears that prevent us from being "all in." Now Holy Week is upon us. Will you continue to be "all in" by traveling with Jesus from Palm Sunday to the cross?

Will you sit with Jesus in the temple as he debates the religious leaders? Will you honor and model the generosity of a widow who put all she had into the offering plate? Will you find your place at the Last Supper with Jesus on Maundy Thursday? Will you stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday as Jesus offers his very life to save you? Will you keep watch by the tomb? Will your heart be changed and your spirit resurrected on Easter so that you can love no matter what?

This Sunday we'll hear about a woman who was "all in" for her Lord by doing what she could. She has inspired me to go the distance during Holy Week. How about you? Will you join us for our Holy Week services? And will you invite your friends, family, work associates and neighbors to come with you? Let's be "all in" together!

Pastor Laurie Haller

## **THAT'S OUR KING!**

Three kings entered the city of Jerusalem within a very short window of time.

The son of King Herod the Great, Herod Antipapas, who many hoped would become king, entered from the north with his entourage.

The Roman governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, entered the city from the west with one thousand soldiers and all of their regalia.

Another would enter the city from the east with no show of force and humbly seated on a donkey, not a stallion or chariot.

It's for the last one, this man entering from the east, that we proclaim "That's My King!" because his triumphal entry into Jerusalem marks the occasion of Palm Sunday!

Yes, we have palms to wave and celebratory worship songs to sing and a story to proclaim.

How about you? Will you join us as we celebrate our King?

Pastor Chad Oyer



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

**Partners in Mission Appeal: Palm Sunday....**First Church is a busy, vibrant and growing church; drive by any day of the week and the parking lot bears witness to these truths! Some of this is about worship, and some of this is about feeding ourselves and feeding others—"Worship plus Two"—and many First Church members do so by working on one or more of FUMC's 25 mission teams. Over the course of any given year, these teams do a lot of good, and deepen their faith in the process. Please consider getting involved and supporting the Partners in Mission appeal on Palm Sunday, which funds these good works.

**Spring Cleaning = Rummage Sale Donations....**Spring is an excellent time to clean closets and start your donation pile for the UMW Rummage Sale. The sale's success depends on donations of quality used clothing and household items. Visit the church website for dates, times, volunteer information and lists of items accepted. **Schedule the pick up of large furniture items** with Debbie Berg by April 19 ([umwrummagetruck@yahoo.com](mailto:umwrummagetruck@yahoo.com) or 248-798-4898). Our truck visits different communities on April 26, 27 and 28, picking up items that are too big for you to deliver.

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

**Stratford Theater 2015....**Tickets are still available for you to join Rev. Gary Haller on our Endowment Express for day trips to Stratford, Ontario to see two of this season's productions:

Wednesday, August 5:	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	\$155	(6 tickets available)
Wednesday, September 23:	<i>Carousel</i>	\$125	(9 tickets available)

We depart from the church at 8:30 a.m. and return by 9:30 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to attend with you! Contact Janet Smylie ([office@fumcbirmingham.org](mailto:office@fumcbirmingham.org) or 248-646-6407 ext. 3121) for more information and to reserve a ticket.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**UMW Presents MIND - BODY - SOUL** on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m., with optional fellowship time and labyrinth until 9:00. Featured speakers are Cathy Glisky and Shawn David. Cathy has been a registered dietitian for 38 years and in private practice for 12 years, specializing in diabetes and weight loss. Shawn worked for 30 years as an acute care Nurse Practitioner, seven in private practice with a psychiatrist, and is currently on staff at FUMC. We will also have teaching and practice meditation (with Tibetan Singing Bowls), breath prayer, Taizé, and an opportunity to do a labyrinth walk. Childcare will be available. Please sign up in the church office or with Janine Friend ([jfriend9966@aol.com](mailto:jfriend9966@aol.com) or 248-770-8162) so we can properly set up and staff for childcare. Please bring a yoga or exercise mat or towel if you are able to sit on the floor for the meditation.

**Save the Date** for the UMW trip to Grand Rapids to see Joyce Meyer, June 5 or 6, at Resurrection Life Church. Admission is free. We will help arrange carpools and overnight accommodations if needed. Please watch for more information in future *Steeple Notes* or contact Janine Friend ([jfriend9966@aol.com](mailto:jfriend9966@aol.com) or 248-770-8162).

# Holy Week Worship

## **Palm Sunday, March 29**

**Traditional Worship - 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Laurie Haller preaching

**Shine Contemporary Worship - 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Chad Oyer preaching

**Troy Campus Worship - 9:00 a.m.**

Rev. Suzanne Walls preaching

*Holy Week begins. Palms distributed to every worshiper.*

## **Wednesday, April 1**

**Midweek Worship - 7:40-8:15 a.m.**

*Music, prayer, preaching and Communion. Led by Rev. Chad Oyer.*

**Troy Campus - 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

*Personal reflection in the Prayer Room with meditation stations.*

## **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

**Worship - 7:00 p.m.**

Rev. Gary Haller preaching

*Our unique service of Holy Communion as we remember the Last Supper.*

*Childcare through age four; reservations appreciated (248-646-6407 ext. 3124).*

**Troy Campus Worship - 6:00 p.m.**

*Seder Dinner and Holy Communion.*

## **Good Friday, April 3**

**Community Worship - 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

*In our sanctuary. Rev. Laurie Haller is one of three speakers.*

**Troy Campus Worship - 7:00 p.m.**

Rev. Suzanne Walls preaching

## **Easter Sunday, April 5**

**Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m. - Runkel Chapel**

Rev. Lindsey Hall preaching

**Traditional Worship - 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Gary Haller preaching

**Shine Contemporary Worship - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Chad Oyer preaching

**Troy Campus Worship - 9:00 a.m.**

Rev. Suzanne Walls preaching



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