



“Developing Followers of Jesus Christ to Serve the World”

Tidings

Union United Methodist Church, Belleville, IL

March 5, 2026



Dear Families and Friends of Union United Methodist Church,

When I was a seminary student, I served as a chaplain at a Retirement Community in Ohio. It was the first experience as a minister, and one of the most precious learning seasons of my life. The residents there were among the wisest people I have ever met. As Proverbs reminds us, “*Gray hair is a crown of glory*” (Proverbs 16:31). I was young, and they were my teachers.

Until that time, I had not thought deeply about aging and dying.

One day I visited a man named John in the Transitional Care Unit.

When I entered his room, I sensed he was near the end of life. His eyes were open but unfocused. The room was heavy with silence and suffering. I did not know what to say.

Gently I held his hand and asked, “Do you mind if I pray for you?” I offered a prayer. Then something holy happened. Though weak and barely able to speak, John whispered some unclear words. At first, I did not understand. However, when I heard the word “Amen” at the end, I realized he had prayed... for me. Even in his final hours, his spirit was alive in Christ.

The next day, when I returned, his bed was empty. The nurse told me he had passed away during the night. My eyes filled with tears, yet deep in my heart I trusted that God had given him peace.

The Book of Discipline reminds us that death is never a sign that God has abandoned us. Because of Christ, even death becomes a doorway, not a dead end.

Lent begins with ashes—those quiet words: “*Remember that you are dust.*” It is a season when we face our mortality honestly. But Lent never ends with ashes. It always moves toward life. Through the cross of Christ, we are given this promise from John 3:16 — that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

We may still carry questions. We may wonder why suffering exists at all. Yet God’s answer is not an explanation but a person — Jesus Christ — who prepares a place for us and walks with us through every valley.

During this Lenten season, we remember: Our lives are fragile. Our days are precious. Our soul is secure in Christ.

From ashes... God is leading us to life.

May this holy season help us live more intentionally and trust more fully in the One who holds both our earthly days and our eternal home.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Angie

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United Women in Faith
10:00 am
Krause Room
2nd Wednesday
(not January, April or July)
*Special events posted in
Tidings and the bulletin*

United Methodist Men
Third Wednesday 5:30 pm
Krause Room

**Ruth Circle
Quilters/Stitchers**
Each Thursday 9:00 am
Krause Room

Horticulture
Each Wednesday, 9 am
Coffee, 8 am
Krause Room

Junior Church
(Kindergarten – 4th
Grade)
Junior Church is held
during the 9:00 am
worship service

The Psychology of Gun Violence

Why do we have so much gun violence in our society? What causes mass shootings? What motivates a shooter to kill? How can we save lives by making smart choices?

An expert in the field, Dr. Janet Shibley Hyde, a professor emerita of psychology at the University of Wisconsin will speak of the public health approach to gun violence on Sunday March 8, 10:30 am in the Forum classroom on the 2nd floor at Union Church. All are welcome to this highly relevant talk.

In addition, on Sunday March 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30 am the group will study in more depth Dr. Hyde's book, The Psychology of Gun Violence. Please come and share your thoughts in a group discussion. All are welcome.

Union UMC livestream services

9 am service:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Kent5122>

or later through YouTube
Union United Methodist Church,
Belleville, Illinois

11:15 service:

<https://www.facebook.com/>

@Crosswalk.UnionChurch.Belleville

Tidings

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Upcoming *Tidings* deadlines (12 pm):

March 20
April 24
May 29

JOURNEY CHURCH

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Continuing the Journey What's Happening in Freeburg

Did you know Journey now has a YouTube Channel? You can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/@journeyumc-freeburg>. Please check it out – especially February 15th, when Journey member Debbie Sebol shared how a family tragedy came between her and God...and how she has recognized his faithfulness.

The Obernuefemann family has started hosting The Chosen Bible Study – Season 1 in their home in Smithton on Thursdays at 6pm. For more info, reach out to Cathy at cathy.obernuefeman@att.net or 618-978-5375.

Our next First Wednesday Dinner is March 4th, at 6pm. Look for the Facebook event and bring your favorite side to go with pulled pork. Music will be provided by JPB (Journey Praise Band). Lunch Bunch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11am for visiting and we eat a potluck meal at noon.

Look for our Facebook group called Lunch Bunch at Freeburg, IL. Anyone may come anytime, but Thel Lemons did issue a particular invitation to UWF to join us in April since they do not have a unit meeting that month. That date is April 15th. Our address is 900 N State St in Freeburg. We are located right next to Dairy Queen.

Holy Week we hope to see many of you at least one of our joint services: Maundy Thursday at Union at 6:30 with Pastor Mike preaching and the Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Journey at 6:30.

It is exciting to think that our Journey mortgage will be paid in full by or hopefully before April 2027. We would be grateful to anyone who makes a contribution toward that end.

“Cathy O”

Cathy Obernuefemann
Journey Worship Leader

EVERY WEEK

- Worship - Sundays at 10:15 am with Pastor Mike Olson and Journey Praise Band
- College & Career Bible Study - Sundays at 4 pm with Jenny Olson 618-979-3937 or jolson@nashville-k12.org
- Book of Ruth Bible Study – Thursdays at 10 am with Sherry Greiman 618-560-8802
- The Chosen Season 1 Bible Study, Thursdays, 6 pm at Obernuefemanns', 618-978-5375
- AA and Al-Anon - Thursdays at 7 pm; Eric G., 618-406-0366

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

March 4 First Wednesday Dinner: pulled pork
April 2 Maundy Thursday Service at Union, 6:30; Pastor Mike preaching; No “The Chosen” Bible study
April 3 Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Journey, 6:30
April 15 UWF visiting Lunch Bunch
April 2027 Journey mortgage paid off

Easter Is Coming!! The Best Time to Invite Someone You Love!!

Easter is one of the most meaningful and hopeful Sundays of the year. It is also one of the easiest and most natural times to invite someone to church. Many people are more open than we think—they may simply be waiting for a gentle, caring invitation.

Sometimes we wonder, “How do I invite someone without feeling awkward?” We may worry about saying the wrong thing, or we may not want to make others uncomfortable. Those feelings are very common.

I speak from personal experience. There was a time in my life when I was not a Christian. But I began to wonder about church—what it was like and what was happening inside. I was curious, but also hesitant. No one invited me. Of course, I had not shared my thoughts with anyone, so people might have assumed that I was not interested in church. Still, in my heart, I was quietly hoping someone might ask. Finally, I gathered the courage to say to a friend, “Would you invite me to church?” I simply did not want to walk in by myself.

That experience has stayed with me. Sometimes people around us are much closer to faith than we realize. What they need is not pressure, but a gentle nudge and a caring friend. Invitation is most meaningful when it is authentic and relational—when it truly comes from the heart. People often respond not to perfect words, but to sincere love and simple kindness.

If you would like to try, here are three gentle steps:

Step One: Pray intentionally.

Think of two or three people God is placing on your heart. Pray for them by name. Ask God to prepare their hearts—and yours. Scripture reminds us in Colossians 4:3 to pray that God may open a door for the message.

Step Two: Start an open conversation.

This does not need to be formal or heavy. Simply share from your own experience: “I’ve been finding encouragement at church lately.” “Our church has a beautiful Easter service.” Speak naturally and warmly. Your story matters.

Step Three: Extend a loving invitation.

Be specific and personal: “I would love for you to come sit with me this Easter.” “I can pick you up if that helps.” Sometimes the most powerful words are simply: “Come and see.” (John 1:46)

Friends, Easter is about new life, living hope, and the love of Christ for all people. Someone in your life may be longing for that hope right now.

Let us pray.

Let us invite.

Let us welcome.

You never know how God might use your simple invitation.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Angie

Worship and Words

March 1: Born Again into Grace (John 3:1-17) by Rev. Angie Lee
 March 8: Bishop David Bard at 9:00 am & Rev. Ed Weston at 11:15 am
 March 15: Shelter and Rest (Psalm 91; Matthew 13:31-32) by Rev. Shawna Bunnell from Chaddock
 March 22: Unbound to Live (John 11:38-44) by Rev. Angie Lee
 March 29: Which King Will You Follow (Matthew 21:1-11) by Rev. Angie Lee
 April 5: Encountering the Risen Christ: From Doubt to Faith (John 20:1-18) by Rev. Angie Lee

Bishop’s Visit to Union

Saturday, March 7: A Bishops’ Day with Clergy at Union will be held on from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., featuring worship, two keynote addresses by Dr. Ashley Boggan (General Secretary, Commission on Archives and History), and lunch.

We are thankful for the hospitality of Union UWF and for the Union Choir providing music for the opening worship. If you would like to serve as a greeter that morning, please contact the church office.

Sunday, March 8: Bishop Bard will preach at Union UMC at the 9:00 a.m. service. We look forward to hearing his message.

In a Lenten letter on behalf of the **Council of Bishops - The United Methodist Church**, Council President Tracy S. Malone offered this blessing for us, the church, as we enter into Lent:

May the God who calls us into this holy season guide your steps and steady your spirit.

May Christ, who walked the wilderness road before us, strengthen you for every challenge and sustain you in every moment of doubt.

May the Holy Spirit breathe courage into your prayers, compassion into your actions, and hope into your waiting.

(Blessing from Bishop
Tracy S. Malone)

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



Wednesdays at Union, Spring 2026
Dinner at 5:15 pm

March 11: UWF (chicken casserole)
March 18: Choir (baked ham with trimmings)
March 25 Aldersgate (Sloppy Joes)

Note: No meeting on April 1, due to Holy Week (There will be Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services)



April 8: Angie Lee (Korean meal)
April 15: Trustees (Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad)
April 22: Elizabeth Circle (Chicken Casserole)
April 29: Community Meal ("Hopping for Bars": Salad Bar, Potato Bar, Ice Cream Bar)

**Wednesdays at Union Bible Study after Easter:
Real Questions for Real Life**

April 8 - When Faith Meets Fear
April 15 - Is God Real... or Just Wishful Thinking?
April 22 - Love, Relationships, and Emotional Wounds
April 29 - Hope When Life Feels Heavy

Note: The Bible study series after Easter will be intentionally designed for shared reflection. Both long-time believers and new believers will have space to engage in dialogue about the basics of Christian understanding.

What is a Covenant Discipleship Group?

Covenant discipleship groups are small gatherings of individuals who commit to supporting each other in their spiritual growth and Christian discipleship. Members agree to a covenant—a written promise—to meet regularly, encourage one another, and hold each other accountable as they strive to live out their faith in everyday life.

These groups typically focus on prayer, scripture study, and sharing personal experiences, fostering a sense of community and mutual encouragement. These groups are not subject oriented bible studies but rather small and trusted groups that focus on increasing the Christian maturity of each participant.

Now that you know what Covenant Discipleship Groups are, would you be interested in starting or joining one or do you have more questions? If so let us know through the church office. If there is enough interest, we will be a catalyst in moving this initiative forward.



There are so many people who pass in and out of our lives. Good people, worthy people, and they enrich us. The wonderful part of the special things that they do, are the people who do them.

Your kindnesses, thoughts, calls, food, flowers, and prayers were so appreciated as I am recovering from back surgery. Once again, thank you all so very much.

Sandy Kuehn



**WELCOME CENTER LOBBY
PRAYER POSTINGS HAVE A NEW
LOOK AND A NEW LOCATION**

Lobby Prayer requests submitted by our sack lunch/food pantry patrons will now be posted on the central, round table located in the Welcome Center. The new iconic symbol for this posting will feature the praying figure and cross depicted at the top of this message.

A new weekly devotional message entitled, *THIS IS YOUR PRAYER CORNER*, will stand along side the Lobby Prayer requests. Each PRAYER CORNER message will feature a Bible Verse for the Week, a Prayer and Thought for the Week, and a corresponding inspirational poem.

Several flameless, votive candles will be available for your use as part of our Lobby Prayer display. If you have a prayer concern or wish to acknowledge special remembrance of a loved one, please feel free to light one of these candles every Sunday morning.

It would be an honor to have your prayer candles become a part of our weekly Welcome Center Lobby Prayer display. Please remember to stop by the new Prayer Corner prior to our 9:00 a.m. service!



Suzanne Hutcherson is now serving as UUMC's Prayer Ministry Coordinator and will now be responsible for collecting future prayer requests. If you have a prayer request that you would like to include on our weekly distribution list, please send it to Suzanne via email:

suzannehutcherson@att.net. You may also leave a message on her landline phone: 618-235-3793 and she will promptly return your call.



Children made Valentines for the veterans in nursing homes during children's church.



Fine Arts Concert Series

**Saturday, March 14, 2026
7:30 p.m.**

CELTICA

Infectious fun! Celtica's command of ballads, sprightly traditional tunes, and stories about the music, is guaranteed to engage any audience.




**Michaela Kuba
Shawna Kuebler
Gail Long
Allison Niesen
Paul Niesen
Zeb Pischnotte
Cheryl Schaefer**

**Union United Methodist Church,
721 East Main Street Belleville, Illinois 62220**

Free-Will Offering

Reception following Concert



JOIN THE FORUM CLASS IN APRIL, 2026 AS WE DISCUSS THE PRESENCE OF HUMAN EVIL IN TODAY'S WORLD

April 12: A Study of Evil in the Human Heart: How Scripture Validates Psychology

April 19: The Life and Legacy of Cain – When Sin and Satan Collide

April 26: Herod the Great: Power, Paranoia, and Murder


May 3: Judas Iscariot: Sin That Grows in the Dark

Forum series led by Suzanne Hutcherson. Join our lively discussion where all points of view are welcome and encouraged. Room 217 – 10:30 a.m.

The Outreach Committee of Union Church invites you to join them in providing an Easter meal for a family at Douglas School. We will include a gift card to Schnuck's so that they may purchase their own protein.

Please assemble in a sturdy bag the following:

- 2 - cans of pork and beans
- 2 - boxes of au gratin potatoes
- 2 - cans of carrots
- 2 - cans of green beans
- 1 - jar of apple sauce
- 1 - box of biscuit mix
- 1 - white cake mix
- 1 - lemon icing
- 1 - bag of jellybeans
- 1 - bag of M&Ms
- Easter sidewalk chalk
- 2 - dozen plastic Easter eggs



Assembled food bags may be delivered to the church office the week of March 23, between 9 - 12:00. Also, on Sundays, March 22 and 29, you may bring the bags to the Welcome Center.

If you prefer that the committee shop for you, just write a check to Union and put "food basket" in the memo. Monetary gifts towards the gift cards are welcomed, too. Also, you may donate online on our website, UnionUMC.org, noting "food basket" in the memo.


Thank you for your generosity!



GriefShare is a 13 week grief support group open to Union members, their friends and families. Co-led by Pastor Allynn and Danny Nollman, we meet every Sunday @ 10:30am (*except the first Sunday of the month*) in room 407 through April 26.

This Christ-centered program helps people as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one. The videos and curriculum feature respected Christian counselors and pastors who provide biblically sound advice and guidance. There is no cost.

Each week is a stand alone lesson. So all are welcome to join at any tie—whether it's week 1 or week 13. Call or text Pastor Allynn @ 618/604-2389 with any questions.



Join us for coffee and fellowship in McKinley Hall following 9:00 am worship.

Easter Lily Order Form

(Please Print)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

\$16.00 each (you may order as many as you like)

of Lilies ordered: _____ Total \$ _____

Donated By: _____



Please place in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Monday, March 30

United Women in Faith News March



The Union UWF will be busy serving others in the month of March!

- We will host the lunch for the attendees at the Clergy Conference led by the Bishops on March 7.
- We will serve the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 11: a delicious meal of chicken casserole, green beans, applesauce, and cranberry sauce.
- And we will be holding another delicious Bake Sale to meet your sweet tooth!

Thank you everyone for supporting us in our endeavors to serve others at Union, in our community, and across the world.

Keep praying!
Marjie



UWF Bulletin Board—thank you, Marjie Simms!

Mary Circle meets the 3rd Sunday of every month (unless noted otherwise) from 10:30 -11:00 am.



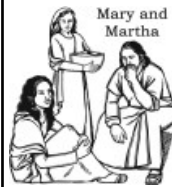
Contact Stephanie Pierce, 618-406-7960, for more information.



The sign-up for altar flowers in 2026 is now available in the Welcome Center (look for yellow folder).

Arrangements are \$25 and you may take them home with you after the service.

You may sign up for as many Sundays as you wish.



Will you be like Martha?
Will you be like Mary?

No need to choose! You can be both at UWF's March meeting. On March 11, UWF will host the Lenten Dinner.

- Be like Martha and say "yes" when Miriam Circle calls. (We need food and workers before and after the meal).
- Be like Mary and say "yes" to Laura K's devotional at 4:45 and then stay for the Lenten service (with dinner in-between!)

Visitation and Other Good Stuff with Dr. Joe Scheets March 2026

Special Edition, part 3 of I hope 3

From this space in January: *Following the advice of my wife and a few relevant medical doctors, I'll be on an unforeseen short leave of absence early in 2026. My "check engine light" came on last January. Since then I've joined the parade of people going from one specialist to another for a variety of tests and procedures involving a couple of situations.*

Paramount among them is a prostate cancer diagnosis. I ask for your prayers and understanding while going through and getting beyond this.

From this space in February: *I am grateful to actually be getting beyond this and certainly thank you for your prayers! According to the medical team and Patty, I'm about to be able to get back to my regular routine and ministry.*

Today: More than I can ever express, I am beyond overwhelmed by your prayerful concern, which has manifested in many meaningful ways. You and I are part of a great church here; let's never take that gift for granted.

I'm told I'm making good progress. While it doesn't always feel that way to me, I know they're right. It's just not quick enough for me; some of you know exactly what I mean.

Bottom line? I'm glad to be back to my much more active style of visitation ministry. Yes, I listen to the directions and advice I'm getting from both the medical team and Patty and try to follow it all.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you any time for any reason. And let's remind each other that God's still in business and by God's grace so are we.

Yours in Christ,
Joe

Join me at my *Fresh-Brewed Daily Devotionals*:
joescheets.com
Text or call me on my cell phone: 217.377.8049
Email me at joescheets3@gmail.com

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Elsa Eltrich
- 3 Ginger Doiron
Deb Sebol
- 4 Jane Bonaldi
- 8 Donald Eltrich
Kenzie Manno
- 9 Julie Callaghan
- 10 Sarah Lanxon
- 11 Danny Nollman
Dawn Feazel
- 12 Tom Wade
Matt Hill
- 13 Charles Rogers
- 14 Jane Helms
Dick Frette
- 16 Nancy Reaka
- 17 Barbara Kern
- 18 John Long
- 19 Jim Maule
- 20 Joan Braswell
Kristin Trapp
- 22 Nancy Rogers
Mark Tiemann
- 23 Linda Semmelroth
- 25 David Braswell
Carol Margerum
- 26 Charles Treser
- 27 Jerard Perez
Dave Baumann
- 29 Irene Piersol
Elizabeth Diener
- 30 Janet Stephens



ANNIVERSARIES

March 11, 1988
Bill & Suzanne Hutcherson

March 15, 1975
Skip & Nancy Uhl

March 24, 1984
Charles & LeAnna Kaemmerer

March 24, 2001
Paul & Julie Petraborg

March 27, 2004
Carlos & Amy Perez



The Worship Committee encourages you to get involved! Volunteers are always needed for the following at the 9:00 service:

Liturgists (read scripture and Call to Worship)
please contact Lisa Koerkenmeier at
koer1922@gmail.com or 618-979-2085

Ushers

please contact Danny Nollman at nollmandl@att.net or call 618-334-0320

Greeters

please contact Judy Eckert at
judy.eckert@eckerts.com or 618/476-1757

Hobby Time

Room 211
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm



These are open times;
you are welcome to come and go as you please.

Bring your portable hobby, a snack, and a friend for fellowship and fun as you work on a project. *Please contact Becky Keiser, 618-795-0317 for more information.*

Dinner & the Word

Friday March 6

We will meet at 6 pm to watch and discuss "The Chosen", Season 2, episode 3. We will begin with a delicious potluck before watching the episode and discussing it.



This month's theme: **GREEN POTLUCK**. Bring something that is GREEN (green salad, green beans, lime sherbet, mint ice cream, etc.).

Hosts are Bruce and Marjie Simms: 618-623-9279;
address, 1745 St. Andrews Dr., Shiloh
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Please RSVP to Marjie at (618)623-9279

2nd Tuesday BBQ Crew

Tuesday, March 10 all men of Union are invited to Fletcher's Kitchen & Tap at 1524 Clinton Hills Parkway in Swansea at 11:30. "Fletcher's for BBQ?", you ask. Yes! They have a great BBQ Back Rib basket and Reverend Farnsworth's Pulled Pork sandwich! Questions? Contact Joe Milton, 618-235-5344.

Outreach Committee Update



New Lobby Prayer Corner

A new Prayer Corner is now available in the church lobby for quiet reflection and lifting up the needs of our church and community. Everyone is invited to pause and pray—anytime.

Lenten Family 40-Day Coin Calendar

Families are invited to participate in our 40-Day Coin Calendar during Lent. Daily giving reminders help us collect coins that will support our outreach ministries. Small gifts truly make a difference.

Methodist on the Move

This new ministry focuses on small, practical tasks we can do together in a single Saturday morning—serving neighbors and caring for our community through simple acts of love.

Save the Date: Keep Belleville Beautiful – April 25
Join us on April 25 as we partner with Keep Belleville Beautiful for a community-wide cleanup. This all-ages event is a great way to care for God's creation close to home.

Easter Food Baskets for Douglas School

We are collecting items to create Easter food baskets for families at Douglas School. Watch for donation details and help us share hope this Easter season.

Reminder: Violence Prevention Center Workshop

PURPLEONE TRAINING with the Violence Prevention Center on Saturday, March 28, in the Krause Room, 8:45 am – 12:00 pm. This important training equips us to support and care for our neighbors with compassion and awareness.

Learn how to recognize, respond to, and refer survivors of domestic violence. Training is free. **Please register at** vpcswi.org/purpleone



Haircuts 4 Hope Benefit Breakfast

On Sunday, April 12, the Evangelism Committee invites you to breakfast in McKinley Hall after the 9:00 o'clock service. Chefs Tom, Bruce and Mark will be serving up scrambled eggs, sausage, and biscuits and gravy.

A free will offering will benefit **Haircuts 4 Hope**, a local non-profit organization that provides free on-site barbering services via their mobile barber facility.

Haircuts 4 Hope's belief is that a simple haircut may open the doors to opportunities, personal confidence, and emotional healing. If you are unable to attend the meal, but would like to donate to this worthy cause, you may do so with a check payable to **Union Church** or online via our website, UnionUMC.org. Just put "H 4 H" in the memo.

Union Church will host **Haircuts 4 Hope** on Wednesday, April 29, from 1 - 5. Our **Shower Ministry** will also be available, as will personal hygiene kits. A community meal will be offered at 5:15. Invitations will go to recipients of our **Sack Lunch** and **Hot Dog & Prayer Ministries**.

2026 Lenten Services

Theme: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9)

Emphasis: The Lenten series will center on promoting peace and reducing violence—in our words, actions, and relationships.

2nd Lent service March 4, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Preacher: Rev. Ed Westen

Sermon Title: Peace

Scriptures: John 14:27-28

3rd Lent Service March 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Preacher: Rev. Allynn Walker

Sermon Title: *Peace in Words and Attitude*

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

4th Lent Service March 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Preacher: Rev. Angie Lee

Sermon Title: *Peace in Our Communities: Safety and Compassion*

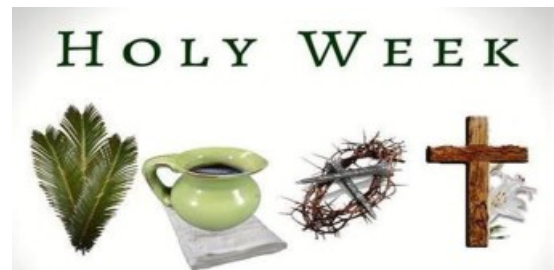
Scriptures: Micah 6:8; Romans 12:17–21

5th Lent Service: March 25, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Preacher: Rev. Angie Lee

Sermon Title: *Peace in the Public Square: Firm Conviction without Hatred*

Scriptures: Matthew 22:15–22; John 18:36



Maundy Thursday – April 2, at 6:30 pm

joint service (Union + Journey + Mascoutah Bethel)

Location: Union UMC

Preacher: Mike Olson

Prayer: Bobby Davis

Scripture Reading: Angie Lee

Good Friday Service – April 3, at 6:30 pm

(Journey & Union)

Location: Journey (900 N State St, Freeburg, IL 62243)

Preacher: Angie Lee

Sermon Title: *The Cost of Peace*

Scriptures: Luke 23:33–46; Isaiah 53:5

Prayer & Scripture Reading: Mike Olson



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SANCTUARY CHOIR
Lenten Dinner



Wednesday, March 18
at 5:15

Menu: Ham, sides, drink, & dessert

SANCTUARY CHOIR
will sing for the
Conference Ministers Worship
Service on
Saturday, March 7th, at 10 am

rehearsal at 9:30 am



Sundays at 11:15
Chapel

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MUSIC TIDINGS

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever; with my mouth
will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 89:1

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
arr. Dan Forrest
flutists: Cheryl Schaefer and Allison Niesen
Jubilation Handbells will ring

Sunday, March 15

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem:
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - arr. Wachter

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem:
"Amazing Grace, Eternal Life" - Boyd
Kings Kids and Joyful Noise will sing



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, PALM SUNDAY

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem:
"Festival Anthem on Ellacombe" - Lantz
with brass quartet;
Palm Processional
"Holy Grapes" will sing



FINE ARTS CONCERT AT UNION
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 7:30 pm

"CELTICA", Irish Band

freewill offering and reception following the concert