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Upcoming Events!

March 26: ALPHA has begun on Tuesdays at 6:30PM. It is a conversation built around wrestling with the deep questions of life. Feel free to invite others to us on this 11-week journey!

March 29: Good Friday Service will be at 6:30PM.

<u>March 31: Easter Sunday Breakfast</u> - From 8:15AM - 10:15AM, breakfast will be served in the gym. Join us for food & fellowship!

<u>March 31: Easter Sunday</u> - If you are interested in being baptized on Easter Sunday, please contact one of the pastoral staff.

April 2: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) - We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00am at the church.

April 19: Kick-off for Cords of 3 Women's

Discipleship will be at 6PM in the gym. Flyers and sign up sheet located at Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Sarah with questions!

<u>Week of June 17</u> - Kids Camp! Mark your calendars! Registration and Volunteer forms will be out soon!

Food Pantry & Kids Clothing Donations are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours.

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Things You Should Know!

<u>Connect Cards</u> can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

<u>Prayer Requests</u> can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

<u>The Bridge the Gap Fund</u> sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings, you may do so by putting donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary or by giving online. Please email the church office for more information.

<u>Church Directory App</u> is available now! If you need help accessing it, please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

Further Reflection for 3/24

- Think of a moment when you used your imagination in a way that makes you smile? Why does it make you smile?
- 2. Is it easy or difficult for you to imagine the world differently today?
- 3. Read John 12:12-19
- 4. What jumps out to you from the text?
- 5. Have you ever been a part of a large crowd that was wrapped up in an event that you didn't fully process until after the event?
- 6. How might we better understand our call to be like Jesus in our day when we think about the fact that Jesus rode in to Jerusalem on a donkey and not on a horse?
- 7. Verse 16 talks about how the disciples didn't understand in the moment what was going on, but only looking back after the resurrection of Jesus. In what ways do we need to use the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus to impact how we live? How we understand the Bible?
- 8. The crowd with Jesus shared about Lazarus coming back from the dead. In what way are you also trying to bear witness to what Jesus has done in your life?
- 9. The Pharisees didn't really understand what they were saying when they said the whole world went out to see Jesus. How might understanding Jesus came for the whole world help us to "imagine" the world differently?

Further Reading: The Prophetic Imagination: Walter
Brueggemann; The Wood Between The World: Brian
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When's the best time to wash your Slinky?

During spring cleaning.

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 9AM & 10:30AM Kids Service: Sundays during both Services Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7:30PM