

**Lectionary Scriptures For  
March**

**March 3, 2013**  
3rd Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8  
(UMH 788); 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**March 10, 2013**  
4th Sunday in Lent  
Joshua 5:9-12; Ps 32 (UMH 766); 2 Cor 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**March 17, 2013**  
5th Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps 126 (UMH 847); Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**March 24, 2013**  
**Palm Sunday**  
6th Sunday in Lent  
Luke 19:28-40; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839); Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

**March 31, 2013**  
**Easter**  
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839); 1 Cor 15:19-26; Jn 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

**Lectionary Scriptures For  
April**

**April 7, 2013**  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150 (UMH 862); Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

**April 14, 2013**  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30 (UMH 762); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**April 21, 2013**  
4th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137); Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

**April 28, 2013**  
5th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148 (UMH 861); Rev 21:1-6; Jn 13:31-35



# SOAR TO THE HEIGHTS

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## Micah's Meditations

Spring is on the way! As the weather warms up and as we receive those spring rains, we begin to see the beautiful colors of plants and flowers. We will see the beauty of rainbows. But, sometimes, we might overlook that beauty and that presence of God. We may take it for granted. I thought about the times I have seen a rainbow or a special tree or a rock or cross and missed God's love and presence. As I was thinking about this, I remembered a moment from a few years ago. It was my final year in the marching band at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. That September, we hosted a high school marching band contest at our football stadium. During the day, the weather was beautiful. But, just as the "Spirit of Southeastern" performed our show to end the first part of the contest, the wind was really blowing and the weather was not very pleasant. It started to rain. Everyone thought that the contest finals would have to be cancelled. However, the rain stopped. As I sat in the stands and watched the first band start their show, I noticed something over the visitors' stands. There was a beautiful rainbow shining through the clouds. I looked up a bit higher, and saw another rainbow. That double rainbow was a glorious sight that I have not seen before or since. If I had not looked up, I would have missed a wonderful moment. So, may we keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open for meaningful and powerful signs of God's love, care, and grace for us in rainbows, stones, trees, and beyond as we enter into this wonderful season of springtime growth.

Grace & Peace,

*Micah*

Pastor Micah



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Worship @ 10:55 am



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### Sunday Night F.I.R.E. (Faith In Reaching Everyone)

Join us on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4:45pm – 6:00 pm for UMYF (seventh through twelfth grades). We have a special program planned for Sunday, March 17th. It will be a St. Patrick's themed F.I.R.E., and we will talk about the Trinity. Also, we will continue learning the books of the Bible. Bring a friend, and join the fun! If you would like to be a volunteer for F.I.R.E., please contact Sharla at [sharladowelcher@gmail.com](mailto:sharladowelcher@gmail.com) or call 482-5267; 482-1536. Thank You!



### UMW Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be March 13th at 2:00 PM. March is Women's History Month and we will have a special program called "Writing Women Back Into History". You are invited to dress up in historical clothing and bring your favorite snack to this meeting. Also, we have some special guests for that day. Come and see what's happening!

The meeting for April will be the 10th at 2:00 PM. We will go and take a tour of the Museum of the Western Prairie. Follow the activities of Native Americans, frontier soldiers, cowboys, and homesteaders. Revisit economic development, from assurances that "rain will follow the plow," to "Dust, Drought, Depression," and beyond. Everyone is invited to come. Please bring \$3.00 to cover the price of admission.



Experience the rich blessing of this holy season by sharing in worship at HHUMC as we walk the Way of the Cross.

Share the joyous anticipation of Palm Sunday's processional (March 24th). Taste the profound love offered by Christ on Maundy Thursday (March 28th). Mourn the agony of crucifixion on Good Friday

(March 29th). Celebrate the new life of Easter resurrection (March 31st).

No season offers more rich ways to connect to God than this one. In the story of Christ's death and resurrection, we find meaning for our lives and community. All are welcome to share this powerful time with us.

We will be sending out a letter in the mail closer to Holy Week to give you more information about time and place on these special services.

Also, the Lenten Bible Study is still in progress: *24 Hours That*

### Activities

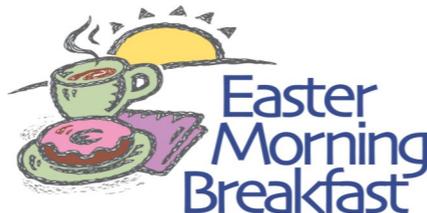


The ladies will be making another batch of the hot, sweet, and spicy pickles. If you would like to help, or donate ingredients for the pickles, please let Beverly know as soon as possible.

### Date to Remember

April 7th—collect offering for A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

*Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. Join us Mondays at 10:00 AM or Tuesdays at 7:00 PM as we retrace the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. The study will conclude on Monday, April 1st, and Tuesday, April 2nd. Everyone is invited to attend.



**Easter Breakfast  
March 31, 2013  
Time: 9:00 AM**



### Winter Missions

Thanks to everyone who donated a new blanket/throw for our drive. We were able to give eleven blankets to Southwestern Youth Services for the kids in the Transitional Living Pro-

gram. They were very grateful for these blankets because some of the kids have no heat in their homes. This got the mission team to thinking. We would like to extend the new blanket/throw drive and also add to that small space heaters. It is still winter and the items would be going to the kids in the Transitional Living Program who have aged out of foster care and have no where else to go. Thank you for your support!

And don't forget about the ongoing project thru the year of collecting eye glasses.



**2013 Communion Sign Up**  
A list of dates for 2013 Communion stewards will be out in the Narthex. Please sign up to provide the sacraments such as bread and grape juice, assist Pastor Micah, and set the front of the church up for Communion.

**Hands on Mission**  
Every other Wednesday a group from the church goes to the new Joseph Closet to sort clothes for Operation Care. If you would like to join the group, we leave from the church a little before 9:00 AM, or you could meet us there; 208 Cypress at the Presbyterian Church.

"Each photograph is a story captured in a single moment" ~ M. Lopez



**Winner of the Silver Ladle is Mrs. Verna Mayfield!**



**The Valentine Banquet at Buena Vista Grill!**

