



THE SOUNDS OF SUNNY LANE

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
8:30am and 10:50am
"Seven Last Words" Cantata

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH
Maundy Thursday Worship
6:00 p.m.

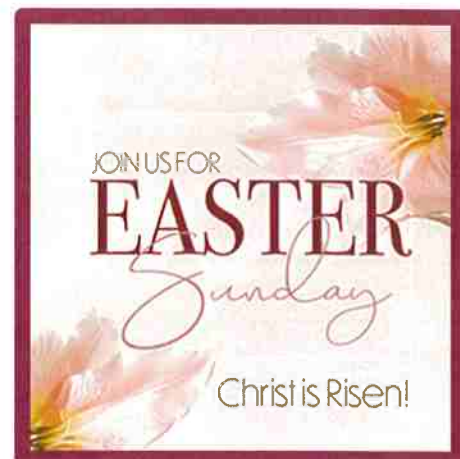
FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
Good Friday Worship
6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
Bunny Hop
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

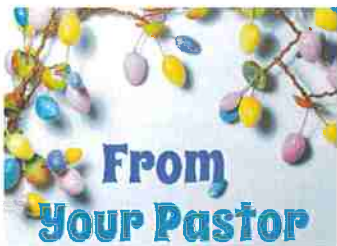
SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST
Sunrise Service
7:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.



Sunday, March 24th at 8:30am and 10:50am, the Sunny Lane Choir and Orchestra will give the world premiere of a new Holy Week Cantata called "Seven Last Words" by our music director Taylor Roland. This cantata is written on the seven last words of Christ on the cross. This piece represents the intense emotional spectrum of Jesus's time on the cross and the gravity of his sacrifice. Come experience this dramatic musical setting of our Savior's last words and final breath.



Dear Sunny Lane Family,



Children are our future and a big part of our present reality too. When I look around our church, I see children in the nursery, crawling on the steps of the chancel during Children's moment, and leading us in Vacation Bible School songs. Children give me much hope for our church! We need to invest in our children to nurture them in the way of Christ and to raise the next generation to carry the mantle of God's vision for our church in this community.

Our vision is *"to be a pathway of hope by striving to live like Jesus, cultivate transformation in our community, and embrace all with God's grace."* A few of the goals we set to accomplish this vision are related to ministry with children:

- Build supportive relationships with parents, children & youth in Del City.
- Recognize the sacred worth of every person.
- Inspire intergenerational ministry.

Last year, through many discussions with our church leaders, we decided to begin meeting those goals by asking our members to invest in the Children's Ministry. Knowing that Sunny Lane is a generous church, our leaders decided to host a campaign to fund the part-time position fully for one year prior to hiring someone.

We're calling it a "Children's Ministry Fun-Raiser!"

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin receiving donations to support this effort. In years past, this church has done fundraisers like "Buy a Pew or a Chair." With this "Fun-Raiser," you can:

- "Buy 1 Hour" of future Children's Director time for \$20.
- "Buy 1 Day" of Children's Director time for \$160
- "Buy 1 Week" of Children's Director time for \$400

- "Buy 1 Month" of Children's Director time for \$1600

Of course, you don't have to give in these exact increments, but we thought it was a fun idea! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for 1,000 hours' worth of work. As of today, we have already received a donations totaling of \$5710! Amazing! God is at work here at Sunny Lane UMC, and I hope you'll join in the fun!

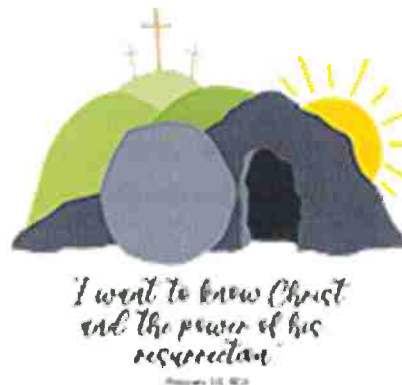
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Adam



Alicia Bridges joined our Sunny Lane family on Sunday, February 18 by a profession of faith. She is Jerry Bridges' daughter who has been worshiping with us for a while.

On February 25th, David and Janet Hernandez joined Sunny Lane also by a profession of faith. Janet has joined our music ministry.

Please welcome all of them to Sunny Lane!





Greetings OKC
Sunny Lane,

We would love to show you appreciation for your love Campus Ministry in Oklahoma!

Your support helps the Wesley Foundation continue your our purpose of sharing good news of god's Love, Grace, and Mercy to thousands of college students each week. Thank you for continued support through prayers, encouragement, and apportionments.

With love and thanks,

The Wesley Foundations of the Oklahoma
United Methodist Conference



Sunny Lane received the annual giving statement from Skyline reflecting financial support in the amount of \$1,250. Every \$1 donated is the equivalent of providing four meals. You are encouraged to do the math, so you will know the incredible impact your gifts have made.

The following statistics were provided by Skyline:

- 58,727 persons were served by the Food Resource Center and Mobile Food Pantry. This is a 60% increase compared to last year.
- 1, 376 eye exams were conducted through the Skyline Eye Clinic
- 3.013 pounds of produce were grown in the Skyline garden. All of the produce grown at Skyline supported the Food Resource Center
- 262 uniforms were donated to Adelaide Lee elementary school alongside 195

prom dresses distributed to students in the community.

- 1,500 + volunteers helped make 2023 an amazing and successful year

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Thank you all for your generosity in support of the food pantry. We all had fun, enjoyed delicious soups, and yummy desserts, and shared in fellowship. Thanks to all those who made the soups and those who make the desserts.

The amount raised along with the 5th Sunday offerings will keep our food pantry able to continue to serve our community and its needs. We also thank the Women's groups for contributing monthly to items most used. The whole congregation of the Sunny Lane UMC family are Volunteers In Mission with generous, caring hearts and the VIM Team loves and appreciates you! We will be helping other groups with their projects until time for our next event.

Your VIM Team



Becky Gunion Scholarship Applications Available March 15 to April 15, 2024

Applications for the Becky Gunion Scholarships are available at the Welcome Center starting March 15, 2024. Completed applications along with a transcript must be turned into the church office (Merry Weds Class mailbox in the workroom) by April 15, 2024 for consideration. IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT YOU BE A MEMBER OF SLUMC. Any affiliation with SLUMC qualifies you to apply. If there are any questions, please contact Tom Duhon, 405-532-3852.



The United Women of Faith are preparing for High School Senior Sunday. This year it will be Sunday, May 19, 2024. Our church will recognize all graduating High School Seniors of 2024.

We have had a good February. Thanks to all the good donations we have received.

We have had several new customers who have noticed our signs and come in. We have a lot of regulars who come nearly every week.

Thank you to Janet Hernandez for the peg board for jewelry and thank to Bill Martin for hanging it for us. We have a lot of nice jewelry so come check us out.

Our first quarter giving to the church is \$1,250.97 to apportionments and \$416.97 to the Samaritan Fund.

We will be soon putting out spring and summer clothes out. You can find good deals on our items.

Saturday, March 30th

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

We will do "the Hop" again!!! It's our version of an Easter egg hunt. You are invited to park your car in the east parking lot, where the children will "hop" by and you can share an Easter treat with them. There will also be a flyer that invites the family to worship and Sunday School.



Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to join the fun by parking your "Treat Car" for the bunny hop in the east parking lot. We are also receiving donations of candy and plastic eggs to be distributed at "The Hop."

If you are a graduating High School Senior and

If you are a member of Sunny Lane United Methodist Church, active or inactive, or if you are not a member but attend our church, or if you know of a graduating Seno in our church, please turn their name into the church office as soon as possible.

The deadline for this information is April 28, 2024. You may also call Ina Lane, (405) 677-7930 or Sondra Hamlin, (405) 677-8620 with your information or if you have questions.

BECAUSSE JESUS SAID SO

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."

He is Risen



United Women in Faith

Our purpose: Helping men to grow in Christ, so others can know Christ.

*The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is: **To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.** To develop a creative supportive fellowship. To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

First things first: This weather is so weird. Our February meeting was the annual Methodist Men's Sweetheart dinner. We had about 40 folks show this year. We enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner for Del City's own JT's Barbecue. The entertainment for the evening was none other than our own Taylor Roland. He graced us with an outstanding litany of jazz tunes. His knowledge and abilities continue to amaze me. What a magnificent talent. He makes every instrument he touches sound wonderful. I can't wait to hear the Easter Cantata that he composed himself. We are so blessed to have him here at Sunny Lane UMC.

February has flown by. I would like to slow down time to enjoy all God has provided for us.

Our February General meeting was our Call to Pray and Self Denial which is part of our second mile giving. We also had a short lesson on water conservation. We got a list of ways to conserve water which we can put to good use.

Our next business meeting will be Monday March 18th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the preparations for the April grind. Remember all men of the church are invited and will be very much welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Our next General Meeting will be March 5th at 12 noon with a covered dish luncheon. Ruth Group is the hostess and they also have the program. March 23rd is our National Day of giving which is another second mile giving.

United women in Faith support many missions here at home and around the world.

Also, we are accepting input for speaker suggestions for future meetings. Is there a subject, a ministry, a program, or anything you believe we may be interested in hearing about, please feel free to provide some input.

Plan to join us on March 5th and bring a friend. All are welcome.

The pantry item for March is macaroni and cheese.

Until then
Peace and Blessings


Ina Lane

Dean Sparkman
President





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