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Maundy Thursday 2025

Welcome - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

Worship – The Wonderful Cross

Unison Prayer and Confession

People: Most merciful God, we, your Church, confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news; In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 12:1-14 - Rocky Hladky

Responsive Reading - Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19 UMH 837

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

Leader: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

People: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Gospel Reading – John 13:1-20; 31b-35

Sermon

Prayer for Maundy Thursday – UMH 283

Gracious God, your Anointed One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life. Amen.

Holy Communion and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song – Above All

Benediction





Doug & Alice Hall, Mary Stephenson, Jennifer Bell
Richard Hansen, June Baker, Marge Scheele, Ruth Wepking,
Norma McCallister, Esther Polson, Linda Steele

Would you be willing to spend \$5 or \$10 more at the grocery store to help feed families in our community? Our challenge through Easter is to pick up one or two items for either Stronghold or Trinity food pantries. We have shopping lists to take with you, but ANY non-perishable item is appreciated.



Easter is a time of rebirth and renewal. Our Easter Offering will support three agencies that help people at their darkest moments to rebuild a new life. The Alliance Against Family Violence helps people in abusive relationships. The Interfaith Community of

Hope provides crisis shelter and access to resources. Prison Fellowship helps break the cycle of incarceration with rehabilitation programs.

Eight pastors from area churches will be leading us through the last day of Jesus' life at the community Good Friday service tomorrow night at 6:30 pm. We will be led in worship by area worship leaders and we will celebrate communion as a community.



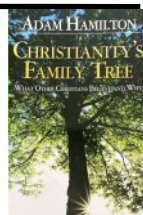
Easter Sunday we will have traditional services at both 8:30 am and 11:00 am. There will be Kids First Worship and Nursery offered at both services. Invite your friends and family to join you as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection.

Fusion 56 is our special program for fifth and sixth grade students. They will be having a special fun day May 4 at noon. Any fifth and sixth grade student is invited to join them, including friends. Nancy needs a count of who is attending by April 27. You can contact her at nshade@fumclvks.org.

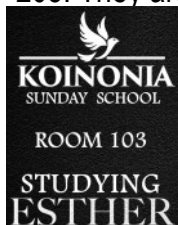


We will be celebrating graduates on May 11. If your family has a high school or college graduate, please notify the office so we can celebrate with you. Contact Sandy at swood@fumclvks.org.

We have four adult Sunday School classes available at 9:45 am. Two classes will be starting new studies after Easter, so this is a great time to join a new class. The New Life Seekers class meets upstairs in the Ed building in room 203. They are starting *Christianity's Family Tree* by Adam



Hamilton. It's a study of different denominations and what they believe. For more info, contact Donna Ramsey at dcramsey15@outlook.com. Koinonia is also starting a new study on the book of Esther. They meet in room 103 and are taught by Raun Watson, cavemanrg@earthlink.net.



Monday, April 21

Church Office closed

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 am Prayer Group

10:00 am Gospel of John Bible Study

12:00 pm Lunch at The Depot

Wednesday, April 23

1:00 pm Heart & Soul

3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday

5:00 pm Grief Share

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 24

1:30 pm Itchin' to Stitch

Saturday, April 26

9:00 am Samaritan's Buffet SCL



DIGITAL OFFERING

Online giving is available at fumclvks.org/give or use the QR code above to go directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at sshade@fumclvks.org.

Busy Bags

with activities to entertain children are available. Look for the red wagon!



We love kids! We have bags with activities and small toys for them in the red wagon in the foyer.

Operation International is looking for sponsors for the incoming class of international officers studying at Fort Leavenworth. They'll arrive in June and stay for one year. Each officer receives three sponsors, one from Ft Leavenworth, one from the Leavenworth/Lansing community and one from Kansas City. Please contact Mike Brettmann at 913-724-2864 if you are interested or have any questions.