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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums

As I write this, I am thinking about Holy Week. I am reflecting about how things are so different this year. No public gatherings mean no public services. What does that mean for us as a congregation and individuals. It might make getting into the Spirit of things harder. But I am convinced that we may be called to a different time of reflection. A chance to really get into the season on our own terms, on God's terms. As I try to prepare to personally and spiritually interact with Holy Week I find myself drawn to one of the lessons from our Lenten study, The 24 Hours That Changed the World. Adam Hamilton says:

"During the final twenty-four hours of Jesus' life, we see Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, the disciples' abandonment, the Sanhedrin's jealousy, the crowd's rage, Pilate's acquiescence and the soldier's cruelty. What do these sights teach us about what we need saving from?"

This has really stuck with me. Each week we have been asked to place ourselves in the various events of those twenty-four hours. In this one quote we are offered several places to insert ourselves. The answer to Adam Hamilton's question seems to be we are saved from the human condition. We are saved from ourselves.

There is the hope. There is the reason for celebration. No matter where we find ourselves in Christ's story, no matter where we are on the journey, no matter what – Christ is there with love, grace and salvation! We are not left to handle things on our own. We can't fix it. It is what Christ is offering that brings the love, hope, peace and salvation. It is Christ's love that brings us home.

May we all truly celebrate this Easter. Not that Jesus died, but that JESUS LIVES!

Please join me for weekly video services. You may go to the Shores UMC YouTube page or it will also be posted on Facebook

Eco Palms "sustainably" harvested and managed protecting the palms and the forests they need for shade will be available for Palm Sunday. Susan will let everyone know when they arrive and will be leaving them outside the front door of the church so you can stop by and pick one up.

Easter Sunday, April 12th, you are invited to have grape juice and bread available. I will be leading online communion during the Easter Sunday service. Online communion has been authorized by Bishop Carter and the District office. If you are unable to get supplies, please let the church office or Pastor Carolyn know and we will do our best to get them to you. Also please have a bell ready to ring in the "Good News!"

Pastor Carolyn will also be providing a Good Friday Devotion on Good Friday, April 10th. I will be live on Facebook on the Shores UMC page at 6pm. It does remain on the page, so if you can't make it then, you may watch at your convenience

Scripture/Sermon April

April 4th-Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11
"Blessed is He..."

April 12th-Easter Sunday
Matthew 28:1-10
"The Shock of it all"

April 19th-2nd Sunday of Easter
John 20:19-31
"It is written"

April 26th-3rd Sunday of Easter
Psalm 116:1-14, 12-19
"Change in Life"



4th

Lois Meyers

5th

Sophia Fink

6th

Pat Jilson

9th

Bet Mends

10th

Dallas Kimbrough

15th

Frank Schmidt

Paul Cote

John Hunter

19th

Doug Fallin

20th

Anndie Blaschke

Jessie Gail Atkins

21st

Deborah Hallman

23rd

Terry Lowery

Vicki Hall

26th

Lezlie Cox

27th

Pat Tracy

29th

Cynthia Avance

Earle Hayford

30th

Boone Griffin

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Google Group
Call the church office to receive periodic
e-mails sent to members of our Google group.

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