

Tea and Tablescapes Annual UMW Fundraiser

This Sunday!

Come join us at 2 p.m. this Sunday, March 12, in Canterbury Hall. Join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship, food, fashion and fundraising! For more information on purchasing a table or a seat for the event, please contact Meg Lilly at 807-2802 or Meg.Lilly@me.com.

Little Brown Bag Spring Break Packing & Delivery

Sunday, March 19
in Canterbury Hall

Help provide meals during Spring Break to the many Birmingham City School children who rely on their schools for breakfast and lunch. We will be packing 2,500 Little Brown Bags immediately after Worship on Sunday and delivering them to the children on Monday and Tuesday. Packing will begin immediately after Worship on Sunday and deliveries will begin on Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m. out of Canterbury Hall. For information, contact Susan Bellows at susanbellows@charter.net or 967-9865.

Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of March 8)

Anne Collum.....	St. Vincent's
Mary Nell Glasscock.....	St. Vincent's
Bret Pippen.....	St. Vincent's

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Tom Holton.....	March 6, 2017
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Flowers on the Altar

The beautiful flowers on the Altar are placed in loving memory of George V. Daniels, Jr.



Easter Lilies

To place an Easter lily in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one, please complete this form:

Placed in Honor ____ Memory ____ of _____
By _____ Phone# _____

Make your check for \$15 per lily payable to Canterbury UMC and return it with a copy of this form to the church office or to Paul McCracken, no later than Palm Sunday, April 9.

Traditional Worship

MARCH 12, 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PREACHING — REV. DALE COHEN

LITURGIST — REV. TORI HASTINGS

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

“When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, ‘Surely he was the Son of God!’” (Matthew 27:54, NRSV)

The Lenten journey is one that requires both the examination of scripture and the examination of self. We examine the scripture as a means of gaining a greater understanding of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The results of the increased knowledge we gain about the work of God through his Son, Jesus Christ, then begins to make claims on us. If Jesus is the Son of God, then what does that mean for how we are to live our lives? This question leads to our need for self-examination as we measure the impact and the influence of the resurrection story on how we live—especially in relationship with others.

The centurion who was on guard during the crucifixion of Jesus was moved by what he saw. We have no idea how many other crucifixions he observed before this one. We have no idea how long he had served in his position or how much violence he witnessed in his life. The only clue we have about this man is that he, along with others, experienced fear as the earth shook in response to the death of Jesus. This fear caused him to make a statement of faith—“Surely he was the Son of God!”

What was it that convinced the centurion and the other guards that Jesus was the Son of God? Throughout Matthew’s narrative, those non-believers gathered at the cross scorned Jesus and mocked him. They extended a sponge of bitter-tasting liquid to his lips in a mean-spirited gesture. They ridiculed him by joking that he had called for the prophet Elijah to come and save him. Then he died. As he died, an earthquake tore apart the rocks nearby. It appears that in their fear, the mockers became believers. Is that what convinced them?

I think the centurion and his associates came to believe in Jesus as the Son of God through the love of Jesus that was on display on the cross. Although the earthquake was a sign that something significant had happened in his death, it was his love that spilled out more than his blood. Jesus’ love covered those hard-hearted people with a blanket of grace they had never experienced before.

As you stand at the foot of the cross of Jesus, who do you see? What characteristics does the One upon whom you gaze embody? And what are you moved to declare in response to what you see? These are the questions for each of us that will shape our futures.

Dale R. Cohen

Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor

WELCOME CHILDREN! —Parents, make sure your children get a worship activity pack in the Narthex entrance area. The Children’s Comfort Room is also adjacent to the Narthex.



Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



FOLLOW *Jesus*...
SERVE OTHERS...

CANTERBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Voluntary Adagio in A Minor J. S. Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices

Collect *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 159 Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Gracious God: Your Son Jesus Christ wept over Jerusalem and longs to gather your children under the wings of your love. We confess that often our thoughts, words and actions have betrayed the goodness you have shown to us. Forgive us, loving God. Though we have wandered far from home, help us to know that we are never out of the reach of your love. Lead us again to embrace the truth of your Word and to trust your never failing love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, says the Lord, yet I will not forget you. I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands. (from Isaiah 49:15-16)

All pray in silence

Kyrie 482
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Words of Pardon

Pastor: *Believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

All: **Glory to God! Amen!**

* Passing of the Peace *The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with You.*

Children's Moment Scott Precise

Infant Baptism Scarlett Corinne Brady *see insert*

Anthem Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Anthem God So Loved the World John Stainer

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

* Doxology OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Gospel Procession 292 What Wondrous Love Is This, vv. 1 & 2 WONDROUS LOVE

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 27: 45 - 54

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Procession 292 What Wondrous Love Is This, vv. 3 & 4 WONDROUS LOVE

Sermon Rev. Dale Cohen

Hymn of Commitment 578 God of Love and God of Power UNSER HERRSCHER

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer Ted Clark, cantor

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the words we have said and sung this day may be so grafted and guarded in our hearts, that our lives may bring forth good fruits, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise, to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Want to know more about Following Jesus and Serving Others? To make Canterbury your home church, contact
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