

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 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.

Easter Basket Sponsorship

Sunday, March 19 in Canterbury Hall

You can also stop by Canterbury Hall on Sunday, March 19th to pick up one of the 200 Easter Baskets (and a list of small items to purchase) for the women and children at Children's Harbor, Kings Ranch, and the Avondale STAIR Program. For information contact Cindy McDougald at cindy.mcdougald@canterburyumc.org.

Special Announcements

In the Hospital / Rehab (as of March 16)

Elizabeth (Betsy) Crum Davis.....	Brookwood
Lynda McLaughlin.....	Grandview
Dr. Jesse Milby.....	Brookwood
Amanda Payne.....	University



Thanksgiving for the Life of

Linda Pansano.....	March 12, 2017
Dr. Dudley Pewitt.....	March 14, 2017
Jenny Gauld.....	March 14, 2017

Flowers in the Chapel

The flowers in the Chapel are placed in honor of Carolyn Cade Smallwood & William Benjamin Turnley who were united in holy matrimony on March 18th.

Flowers on Sanctuary Altar

The flowers on the Sanctuary altar are placed in honor of Kimberly Tam Do & Matthew Russell Dean who will be united in holy matrimony on March 19th.

Birth Announcement

The rose on the Sanctuary lectern is placed in honor of Elizabeth "Barton" Davis, daughter of Betsy & Rob Davis, who was born on March 14th.

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 19, 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PREACHING — REV. SHERYL THORNTON

LITURGIST — REV. WARREN NASH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

ON THE ROAD TO DISCOVERY

"As they came near the village to which they were going, [Jesus] walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them."
(Luke 24:28-29, NRSV)

In the culture of Jesus' day, hospitality was a big issue. In Luke's gospel, we find the story of two disciples who are leaving Jerusalem on their way to a village called Emmaus. It is the same day as the resurrection of Jesus, and they are processing the events of the previous 72 hours trying to make sense of everything. It is during this dialogue that Jesus himself joins them on their journey. They do not recognize him but receive him as they would any stranger—as a welcome companion to join them on their journey.

Making conversation, Jesus asks them about what they were talking. The two men are amazed that Jesus has no clue about the turmoil in Jerusalem, so they begin to tell him all about it. Jesus listens intently. When they conclude their story with citing their disappointment that these events seem to have stymied their hopes of a Messiah, Jesus begins to line out in scripture how everything that happened was the fulfillment of prophecy.

The two disciples are amazed at what they hear, but they have yet to recognize this stranger as the one in whom they had so much hope—Jesus! By this time, they have reached Emmaus, and Jesus feigns to keep traveling. The two disciples compel him to stay with them and share a meal. So he does.

In a break with convention, as they begin to share the meal, Jesus assumes the role of host. He is supposed to be the guest. Jesus uses the meal as one last opportunity to teach these men he has traveled with one more lesson. In re-enacting the last supper, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the two disciples. At that moment, the disciples see and recognize the resurrected Jesus through this sacramental offering. And then Jesus immediately disappears.

St. Augustine said that for those of us who were not witnesses to the resurrected body of Jesus, all we have is the sacrament of Holy Communion as a means of experiencing the reality of his resurrection. It's not just in the sacrament that we can see Jesus. We can see Jesus in the eyes of those with whom we share any meal, whether they be a family, a friend, or even a stranger. For in breaking bread with one another, Jesus is always in our midst, extending his love and grace through each of us. Bon appétit!

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.



Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

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

Voluntary Through Adam's Fall We All Have Sinned Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Parish Notices

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

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Pastor: Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

People: O Lord, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those travelers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this great good news with others. Amen.

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: There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored.

All: Glory to God! Amen!

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

Children's Moment Ralph Yeilding

Infant Baptism Gerald Anderson Morris *see insert*

Solo If With All Your Hearts (from *Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn
Jackson Massey, tenor

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

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 Hear Us, O Hear Us, Lord Lee Hoiby

Hear us, O hear us, Lord; to Thee A sinner is more music, when he prays,
Hear us, for till Thou hear us, Lord, We know not what to say;
Thine ear to our sighs, tears, thoughts, gives voice and word;
O Thou, who Satan heard'st in Job's sick day, Hear Thyself now, for Thou in us dost pray.

Son of God, hear us, and since Thou By taking our blood, owest it us again,
Gain to Thyself, and us allow; And let not both us and Thyself be slain;
O Lamb of God, which took'st our sin, Which could not stick to Thee,
O let it not return to us again; But patient and physician being free,
As sin is nothing, let it nowhere be.

Hear us, O hear us, Lord; to Thee A sinner is more music, when he prays,
Than spheres' or angels' praises be, In panegyric alleluias;
Hear us, for till Thou hear us, Lord, We know not what to say.

* 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.

* Hymn of Preparation 368 My Hope Is Built THE SOLID ROCK

* Gospel Lesson Luke 24: 13 - 35

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

Sermon Rev. Sheryl Thornton

Hymn of Commitment 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

* 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 Rev. Tori Hastings at 868-6580 or tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org.