



Canby United Methodist Church

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Sunday at **11:15** a.m.
In-person & Zoom worship

Church Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pastor Dylan:
Mondays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fridays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lectionary Readings

March 20 / 3rd Sunday in Lent
Luke 23:32,39-43

March 27 / 4th Sunday in Lent
John 19:25-27

April 3 / 5th Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday
Mark 15:29-36

April 10 / Palm/Passion Sunday
John 19:28-29

April 17 / Easter Sunday
John 20:1-18

April 24 / 2nd Sunday of Easter
John 20:19-31



Pastor's note:

My grandmother loved my wife Anna from day one when we visited her in Korea before our wedding. A few years later, we finally decided to write our first Christmas card to my dear grandmother. However, before the card arrived in Korea, my grandmother passed — right on that Christmas day. It was heartbreaking because we had finally sent a card to her, who loved us so much; instead, now, I did not even get to say how much I appreciated her love. Life is sometimes bittersweet, and there are many occasions that I have regret on the things that I did/didn't act upon.



Yet, it is comforting to have faith that our journey continues after finishing the one here on earth; there is a life that continues. There is hope that I will see my grandmother and say that I love her and appreciate her love. There is hope that we will no longer be bound to pain, suffering, injustice, evil, destruction, death, and sorrow in God's paradise. There is hope that somehow God will transform people's hearts and work towards good and justice. There is hope that people will choose to work on peace instead of war and destruction, especially as we witness people's suffering in the Ukraine area. There is hope that, soon, we will have social gatherings without fearing the virus that kept us

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from engaging with each other in tangible ways. There is also hope that someday our small steps of making things better and brighter will be gathered and bring fruitful influences to this world.

Our faith in Easter gives us Hope: not only hope for the life that will come but also hope for the near future in this present life. And Hope motivates us and empowers us to strive for the greater good and follow the right path faithfully. As we anticipate the Easter season that reminds us of Jesus' triumph over death and evil, may our faith in the promise of Easter gives us peace and hope while we walk on this journey where our task is to transform this world into God's kin-dom.

-Pastor Dylan



March Birthdays

- 5 Heidi Laitinen
- 7 Heidi Oldenkamp
- 13 Karen Joy
- 14 Janet Whitcomb
- 17 Audrey Oldenkamp
- 27 Curtis Cooley

March Anniversary

- 29 Ken & Deanna Johnson

April Birthdays

- 5 Janet Groat
- 17 Eric Laitinen
- 19 Geni Pittelkau

April Anniversary

- 17 Mark & Laura Oldenkamp

March/April 2022

Upcoming:

Good Friday Service
April 15

Church Council
April 18 (6pm) via Zoom

We want our pies back:

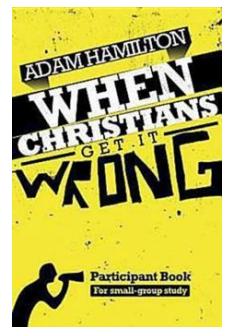
We want to continue our tradition of baking CUMC's signature pies. This will be a small re-launching of pie baking that was discontinued during this pandemic time. The purpose is to recollect our pie baking muscles; focus on gathering people together to engage with each other but not making a profit. We will brainstorm ideas on Sunday, **March 27**, after church.



Please join our fun party!

Small group:

We will start the book study group again. The group will gather bi-weekly on Mondays and study a book together. We will read the book *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. The book will help us understand how we can become better Christ-followers living with our neighbors, especially those who do not practice faith.



Please get in touch with Pastor Dylan if you are interested.

Financial Report:

Spring is coming, and CUMC appears poised to adjust slowly to the easing of Covid restrictions. We have weathered quite a few storms the past two years, and our members and participants have been very steady in support of our ministry. The first two months have been about breakeven with income matching expenses. At this point, we are still sending \$1,000 per month toward our shared ministry giving. Utility costs have been fairly high during the winter months, even with limited facility use.

The church council met in February and discussed the request from the Hispanic Ministry team that does our yard mowing and landscape work. They have asked about getting a new lawnmower which we have needed for a couple of years. We are working together with them on the selection of a new mower. We will be using money from the Recycling Fund to a good share of this purchase but would welcome any special giving toward this need. We expect the new mower to cost about \$4,000. Please mark any contribution toward this as "Lawnmower," and thank you in advance for your consideration. I just requested another \$500 check from the account - the steady support has been fantastic.

Coming soon, there will be a special appeal to support UMCOR. They do great work year-round, and in times of disaster, whether natural or man-caused, they are on the ground to help those affected. They are there today to help those in and from Ukraine. If you are able, this is one of the limited special offerings we are presenting to our membership. There are so many needs.

Mark



United Women in Faith:

Dear UMF Sisters,

Our last meeting was at Shirley Wright's home on February 12th. We:

1. Discussed our Purpose.
2. Prayed for the Missionaries UMW sponsors.
3. Read the minutes & finalized the budget for 2022.
4. Reviewed the "Charter for Racial Justice."
5. Read several articles together.
6. Enjoyed goodies & each other.
7. Said our closing prayer.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 12th at 1:00 PM at Leta Bunnell's home! Come check us out!

Sharon & Deanna



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in Faith

Blessing Bag ministry:

We gave away six blessing bags this month. We met a man we've seen before at Fred Meyer in Canby and gave him a bag. We sent another 'God Bless you' message. We went out by the Lloyd Center and found a group of tents. Most of the people were gone, but we found five people who were in need. We served five more people through our blessing bags.

We thank you for all your help. May the Lord bless us all!



Care Team: We wrote 16 cards this month. It's Sharon and Deanna serving Care Team if anyone else would like to help. We write cards to others who cannot make it to church now. Cheering someone up with a call is another thing we do. Call Deanna if interested 503 592-2793.

Sharon, Diana and Deanna

Lent:

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The English word "Lent"



comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of "spring." In many other languages, the word used for this season refers to the 40-day length of the season (*cuaresma* in Spanish and Tagalog, *carême* in French, *quaresima* in Italian) or to the fasting that characterizes it (*Fastenzeit* in German, *fastan* in Swedish, *paasto* in Finnish, *posta* in Russian). The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The First Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Note that the readings during Lent, until Passion/Palm Sunday, focus primarily on the meaning of baptism and discipleship, in continuity with the season's original purpose. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the

penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection. Holy Week is the final week of Lent, beginning with Passion/Palm Sunday and concluding with Holy Saturday. It is during these days that the readings focus primarily on the last days and suffering and death of Jesus.

The Great Three Days—sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch—from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden. They should be seen as a great unified service beginning with a service of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday and concluding with the services of Easter Day. These services may be connected with a prayer vigil lasting from Holy Thursday evening (or Good Friday) until the first service of Easter and may be accompanied by fasting.

