



# Canby United Methodist Church

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## UMC Lectionary April Readings

*The UMC Lectionary is available online from  
<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org>.*

### **April 01 Thursday of Holy Week**

Ex 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14, Ps 116:1-4, 12-19,  
1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **April 02 Friday of Holy Week / Good Friday**

Isa 52:13-53:12, Ps 22,  
Heb 10:16-25, Jn 18:1-19:42

### **April 04 2021 Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Cor 15:1-11, Jn 20:1-18 or  
Mk 16:1-8

### **April 11 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:32-35, Ps 133,  
1 Jn 1:1-2:2, Jn 20:19-31

### **April 18 3rd Sunday of Easter**

*Native American Ministries Sunday*  
Acts 3:12-19, Ps 4, 1 Jn 3:1-7,  
Lk 24:36b-48

### **April 25 4th Sunday of Easter**

*World Malaria Day*  
Acts 4:5-12, Ps 23,  
1 Jn 3:16-24, Jn 10:11-18

## Canby UMC Special Offerings

The Canby UMC Council has approved a selection of Special Offerings for the year. If you wish to donate, we ask that a separate check in addition to your monthly giving be written.

The special Sundays in The United Methodist Church are intended to illustrate the nature and calling of The Church and are celebrated annually. The special Sundays are placed on the calendar to make clear the calling of The Church as the people of God and to give persons the opportunity to contribute offerings to special programs.

**March 14 UMCOR Sunday**

**April 4 Easter - Shared Giving**

## *From Pastor Dylan:*

The Easter message is the core belief of our faith. God came to this world, lived among us, and went through frustration, failure, suffering, pain, and death just like all of us. Jesus' death on the cross is a sign of love that God is willing to suffer and die for us. God is saying to us, "I will give my life for you to save you. This is the kind of love I have for you." Just like we parents are willing to sacrifice anything for our children, even to give our lives for them. And through the resurrection, we see that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God, not even death can take us from God.

This is the message I am craving now, more so than at any other time. I want to spread this message of resurrection – that God's love overcomes all human brokenness and failure. I am weary of this long pandemic and am counting on the day that everyone can gather together and do what we used to do. I am fed up with racial injustice issues and the feeling that there is no way to make peace with one another. I am tired of watching partisanship among people over different opinions, perspectives, understandings, and so on. I wish somehow God would fix everything and make things better; and that somehow, miraculously, people would understand that only love can mend everything. Yet, God is reminding us that we are the agents of God's love in this world, called to embody and show people how to love, embrace, share & care, forgive, and empower each other.

Yes, we live in a world with suffering, darkness, and brokenness; unexpected/unwanted things happen to all of us. And God is with us in the midst of all of this mess, just like Christ was here with us and went through all of our human sufferings and limitations, even to death. I believe God is with us. God is walking with us, God is suffering with us, and God understands what we are going through.

And I pray that God will transform our suffering, darkness, and brokenness into hope, light, and love — just like the message of resurrection.

## Finance:

March was a similar month to February. We are holding our own, but relying some on the PPP loan/grant funds we received. We have purchased the equipment to be able to transmit sound to the parking lot area. By the time you read this, many of us will have been a part of our first test of this. While we all hope to be back in our building soon, this may be a good resource for now and for later.

Thank you for your dedicated support of our ministry. If it is helpful to you, we have the online Vanco payment processing system available. It is accessible from the church website.

## Recycling:

We have a steady stream of recyclable containers coming in. If you need anything picked up we can arrange this if you let Renna or me know. We are registered for another 20% bonus week in late April, so I will be saving the full blue bags to turn in during the bonus week. The last time we had this bonus week we got a little over \$40 extra. This program is only for the non profit group blue bags. We are close to requesting another \$500 check

Please get them to the church by the April 20 so I have time to get them in turned for this bonus. Ask your extended family or neighbors if they would share with us.

Thanks for your support of this ministry.

—submitted by Mark Oldenkamp

**Care Team** has been busy writing 107 cards this month. We made contact via 37 texts and calls. Great job ladies.

**Blessing Bags** We have had a great month with giving out blessing bags. We went to Clackamas Park to walk my dog Batman. Before we came in I saw a man in a wheelchair pushing himself with one foot up by McDonald's. We went to the park and when we were done, here he was in front of me asking for money. I have something better for you I said, and I gave him a blessing bag. I told him God bless you. It was raining out and all I can do is pray for him. Then when we were taking Mollie to see Steven at the hospital, we saw so much homelessness. It is a different world in SE Portland. We gave out lots of blessing bags, sleeping bags, and shoes. Thank you for all the prayers and support you give us. Please pray for the homeless.

**UMW** will meet Saturday, April 10, at 1 p.m. at Sharon's house. Bring a mask. Come and visit.

—submitted by Deanna Johnson

### *Have a happy day to our April birthday friends:*

05 Janet Groat

17 Eric Laitinen

19 Geni Pittelkau

### **Church Office Hours:**

Pastor Dylan's office hours are Friday mornings.

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Upcoming:

Anna and Deborah wanted CUMC to be aware they will be having an estate sale at 595 N. Cedar St., Canby. The second weekend of the sale will be April 8, 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.