



Hinshaw United Methodist Church

"Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ with All People"

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SOMETHING WORTH THINKING ABOUT AS WE ANTICIPATE EASTER...

There once was a man named George Thomas, pastor in a small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit. Eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak..."I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright. I stopped the lad and asked, "What you got there, son?" "Just some old birds," came the reply. "What are you gonna do with them?" I asked. Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. "I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time." "But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do?" "Oh, I got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll take 'em to them." The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh?? !!! Why, you don't want them birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing. They ain't even pretty!" "How much?" the pastor asked again. The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?" The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone.

The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free. Well, that explained the empty bird cage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story.

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!" What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!" "And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly. "How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked? Satan replied "Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you. You don't want those people!!" "How much?" Jesus asked again. Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your blood, tears and your life." Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price. The pastor picked up the cage he opened the door and he walked from the pulpit.

Jesus paid the price to set us free from the bondage of sin and death.

Easter is celebrating what Christ has done for us. Hallelujah!

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Holy Week and Easter Services at Hinshaw

Palm Sunday Service April 17th 11:00 a.m. worship

We will celebrate and remember!

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Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion Thursday, April 21st, 7:00 p.m.

We will take time to remember what Jesus did for us and share together in this holy meal along with singing and scripture.



"Given for you ..."

Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast **6:30 a.m., Sunday, April 24th**

Why not come out and celebrate the resurrection with us? The beloved Easter story will be told through scripture and song and special music. The service will begin outdoors (weather permitting) and move indoors. Come and enjoy this service of praise in honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Breakfast will follow in the fellowship hall. Please call 336-299-6330 before the 24th so we'll know how much food to prepare. We want to be ready!



Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday April 24th 11:00 worship

We have two young ladies who are high school seniors who will be joining during this Easter Sunday at the 11:00 worship service. The service will include special music from the Handbell Ringers and the Chancel Choir.



EASTER

Easter Egg Hunt

Hinshaw United Methodist Church — Saturday, April 23rd, at 2:00 P.M.

Bring your Basket - Rain or Shine

We will have refreshments at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Be sure to invite friends and family.

Call the church 299-6330 and let us know so we can have plenty of eats on hand.



Call the church before Saturday morning. Thank you!

Please explain the meaning of Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday) is the beginning of the Christian observance of Holy Week. It begins with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem before the Passover Festival (see Mark 11:1-10, Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19). The name, Palm Sunday, comes from this same story. "A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds ... were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes / in the name of the Lord.'" (Matthew 21:8-9, NRSV)

The Palm Sunday service also includes references to what is to come during the somber week to follow, when Jesus' Crucifixion takes place. The celebration and loyalty of the entry into Jerusalem turns into the pain and betrayal of Good Friday.

What is the significance of Maundy Thursday? Why and how is it observed?

Maundy Thursday is the day that Christians remember the gathering of Jesus and his disciples for the Last Supper. Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning commandment, in reference to Jesus' teachings about a new commandment. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35, NRSV).

Why is Good Friday called "good?"

The source of our term for the Friday before Easter, "Good Friday," is not clear. It is a day that proclaims God's purpose of loving and redeeming the world through the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a day that is good because God was drawing the world to God's self in Christ. As seen in John's gospel, particularly, God was in control. God was not making the best of a bad situation but was working out God's intention for the world winning salvation for all people. We call it "good" because we look backward at the crucifixion through the lens of Easter!

Easter Prayer

Dear God, I / we _____ (name) praise you. This is the day that the Lord has made.
I / We rejoice on this Easter day. I / We rejoice singing praises to Jesus' name.

Jesus is risen, and he brings new life to all. Dear Jesus, I / we thank you for giving your life for me / us on the cross. I / We thank you for forgiving my / our sins. I / We thank you for loving all the people of the earth. I / We pray your blessings upon our family. Unite me / us in your love. Make my / our home a safe place. Help me / us to reach out to the poor and the needy. Help me / us to speak for justice and against oppression. I / We pray your blessings upon all nations. Help me / us to repent of all violence and crime. Lead me / us to become a loving community. I / We praise you, Jesus my / our savior.

I / We thank you for this day. Amen.

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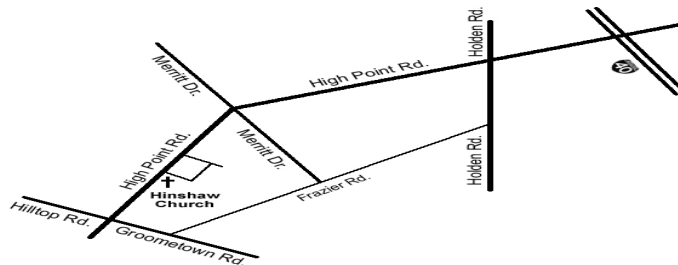
- 9:00 AM Biweekly Adult Christian Education Class
- 9:45 AM Bible study classes for all ages and stages of life
- 11:00 AM Worship

2nd or 4th Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. fellowship meal—stop in and enjoy sharing a simple meal.



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