

APRIL 2023

# THE OLIVE BRANCH

Romans 11: 11-24



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*A monthly newsletter highlighting  
the missions, ministries and  
activities of Mount Olivet  
United Methodist Church*

## From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Marc O'Neal

Grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus be with you! As I write this, we are but a few days from the end of our Lenten journey and Palm Sunday, where we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. That also means that we have Holy Week and then Easter Sunday. To that end, this month's newsletter is a little different. It features the "Stations of the Cross", a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. My hope is that as we make this journey with Jesus towards Calvary, and then celebrate the empty tomb, that we all likewise make this mini pilgrimage, and reflect truly on the overwhelming gift given to us in our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Happy Easter friends. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

-Pastor Marc

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### Admin Board:

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The Food Pantry needs brown grocery bags to help with carrying food to the cars of those that come for its services. Save yours next time you go to the store, and bring them to us!

# UMC Book of Discipline Required Committees

Our UMC Book of Discipline requires that each church in the UM system have certain committees in order to maintain the functionality of each church. Here's a quick look at each and what they do.

**Trustees:** Functions as Christian stewards of property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied. Meetings are open to anyone to attend. Contact Chairman Warren Blackburn for details.

**Finance:** This committee proposes a budget; then raises, manages, and distributes the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation. Contact Chairman Jason Waughtel for details.

**SPRC: Staff Parish Relations Committee** proactively council with and advise Pastor and Staff on their performance. The SPRC builds a strong positive relationship among the Pastor, staff, and the congregation to help make disciples of Jesus Christ. Contact Chair Carol Nease for details

**Administrative Board:** This group is made up of the chairpersons/ members of the church committees, and is the final stop for most matters affecting the church. Meetings are open to anyone to attend. Contact Chairman Chris Seawell for details.

# Celebrate

## *April Birthdays and Anniversaries!*

### **Birthdays:**

1st Amanda Songer; 2nd Allison Martin; 3rd Barbara Brown, Sherron Moore; 5th Hunt Thomas, Rodney Benson; 7th Ashley Jones; 9th David Twiford; 10th Tripp Phillips, Robin York, Adam Reed; 12th Ben Presgrave, Emma Weatherly; 13th S.C. Basnight; 14th Cathy Boyce, Meredith Meekins;; 15th Jean Payne, Ramona Wescott; 18th Angie Sellers; 19th Helen Farrow; 20th Byron Sawyer; 23rd Janice O'Neal, Charlotte White; 24th Mike Meekins, Mariah Wilson; 25th Virginia Meekins, R.V. Owens; 26th Skip Lange; 27th Bettie Kellogg; 28th Jennifer Gamiel, Crystal Cox; 29th Stephen Stetson; 30th Brenda Brent, Keith Martin, Donna Presgrave, Spencer Gregory

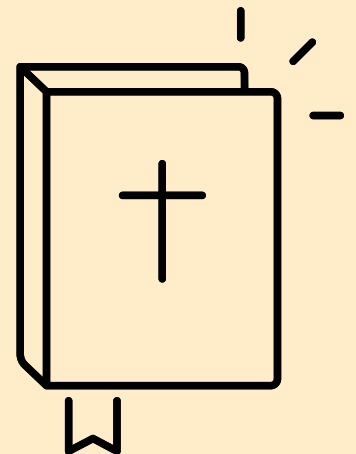
### **Anniversaries:**

17th Stanley and Paula Oliver  
18th Tom and Jan Krauss  
28th Gib and Pam Harrison



**This month's  
verse is  
John 11:25-  
26:**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.



## Prayer List

We invite you to pray for those listed below. For additions or deletions, please contact the church.

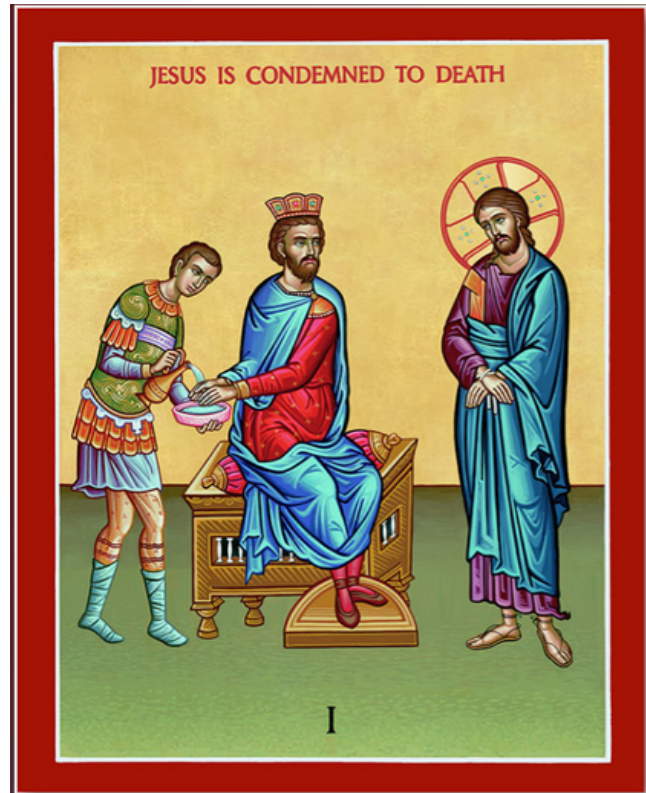
Lord, we pray this day for:

Binkie Jones, Bill Songer, Jeffrey Latham, Katrina Payne, Celia Meekins, Zack Reed, Jim Davis, Ray Long, Skip Dixon, Linda Holmes, Paul Tury, Saint Tillett, Ted Midgett, Erin Williams, Millicent Duprey, Walter Baum, Shirley Shannon, Sherron Moore, Darrell Collins, Anne Davis, Jim Tobin, Greg Sadler, Karen Grant, Thelma Calvio, Jane Nettles, Faye O'Neal, Jim Tobin, Stacie Allen, Logan Day, Bill Hook, Martha Callis

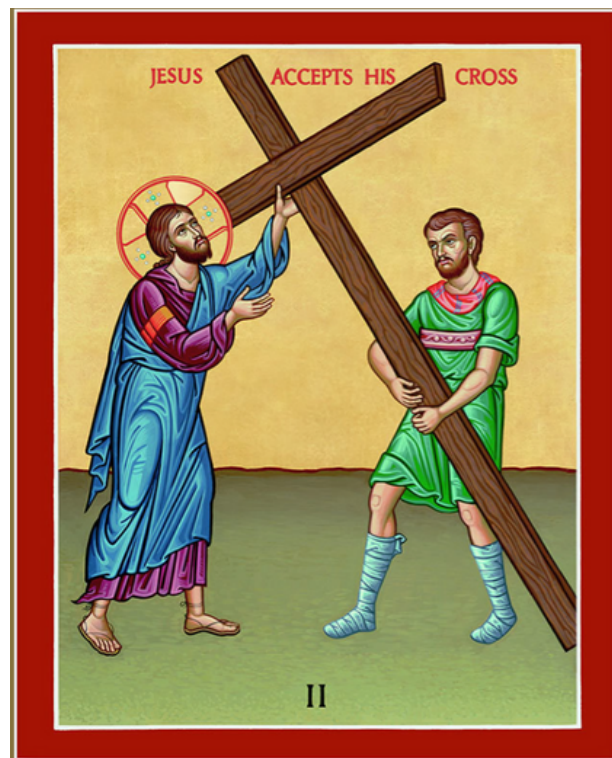


## Stations of the Cross

Under each picture is a Bible passage. Read, slowly, each one. Then sit with the picture it references, feel the presence of God, and think about what feelings or emotions or reactions it brings in you, as we reflect on the price paid on our behalf by our Savior.

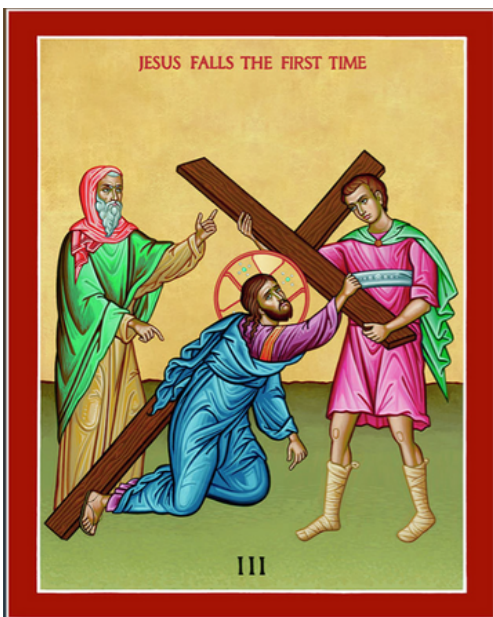


Mark 14: 61-64

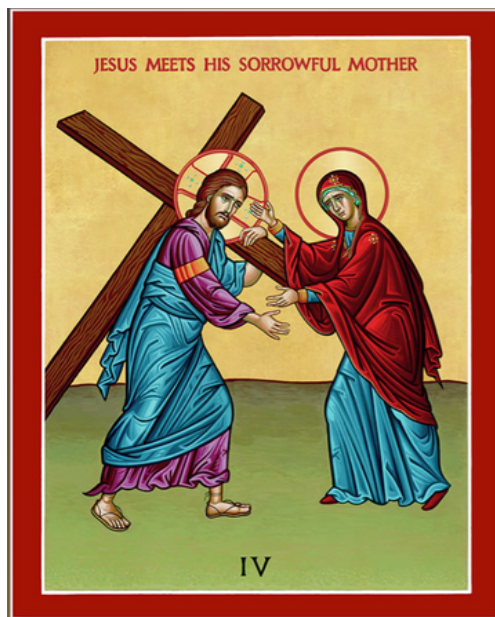


John 19: 14-17)





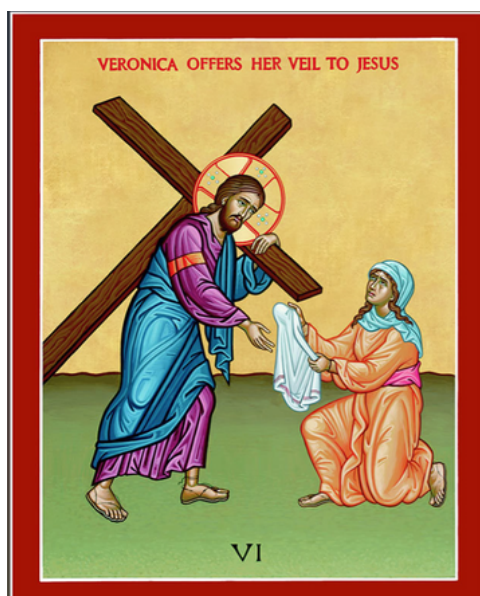
John 15: 18-20



John 19: 25-27



Mark 15: 20-22



Matthew: 25: 37-40



Isaiah 53: 4-6

**LECTIONARY  
READINGS FOR  
MARCH:**

**MARCH 5; 2ND  
SUNDAY IN LENT**

GENESIS 12:1-4A;  
PSALM 121; ROMANS  
4:1-5, 13-17; JOHN  
3:1-17

**MARCH 12; 3RD  
SUNDAY IN LENT**

EXODUS 17:1-7;  
PSALM 95; ROMANS  
5:1-11; JOHN 4:5-42

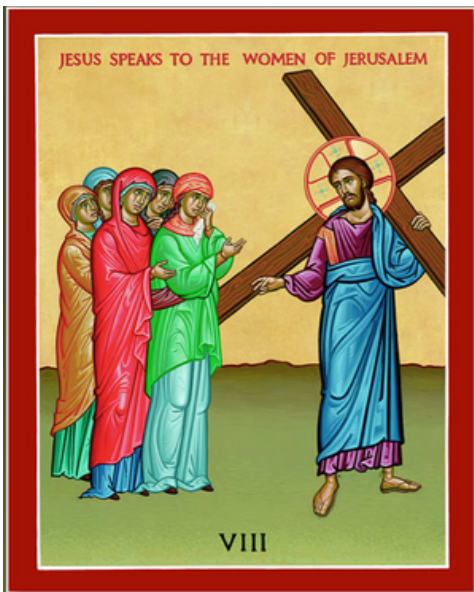
**MARCH 19; 4TH  
SUNDAY IN LENT**

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13;  
PSALM 23;  
EPHESIANS 5:8-14;  
JOHN 9:1-41

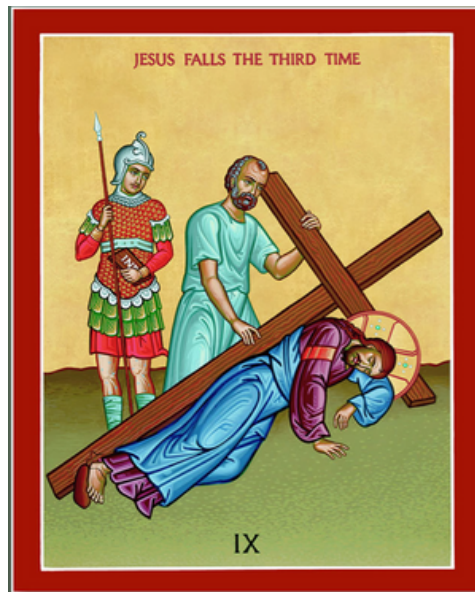
**MARCH 26; 5TH  
SUNDAY IN LENT**

EZEKIAL 37: 1-14;  
PSALM 130; ROMANS  
8:6-11; JOHN 11: 1-45

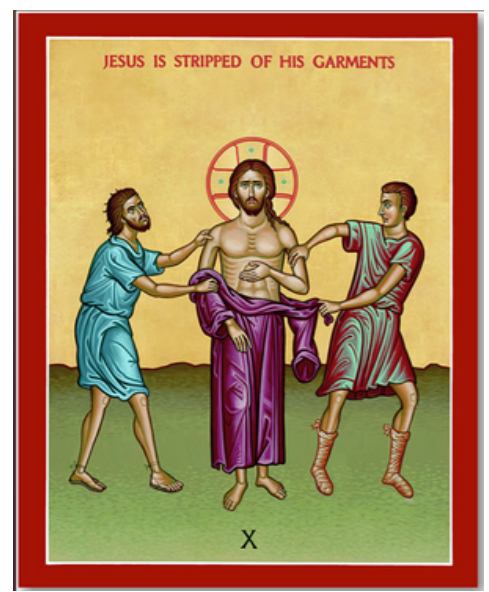




Luke 23: 27-28



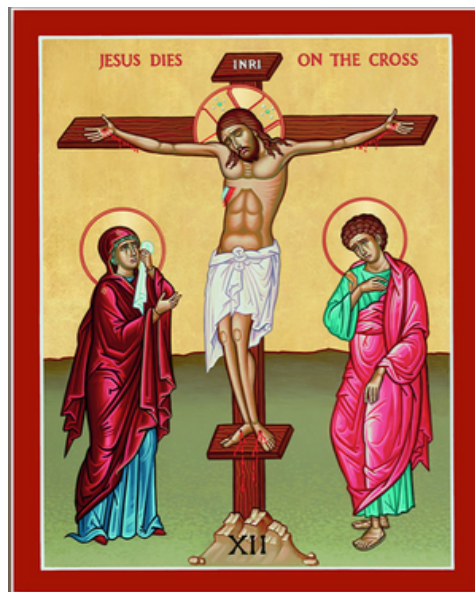
Psalm 118: 25-28



Matthew 27: 34-35



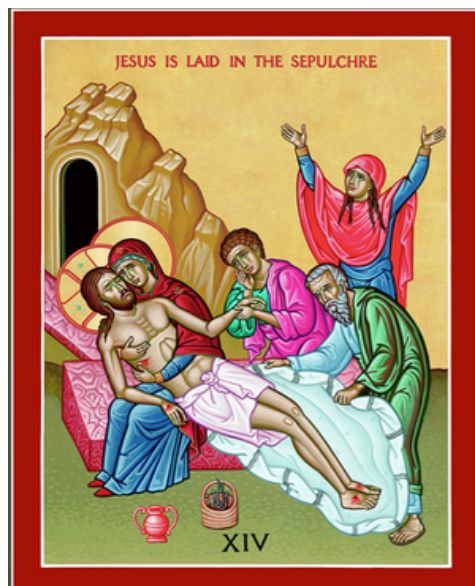
Luke 23: 33-34;  
John 19:18



Luke 23: 44-46; John 19:30b

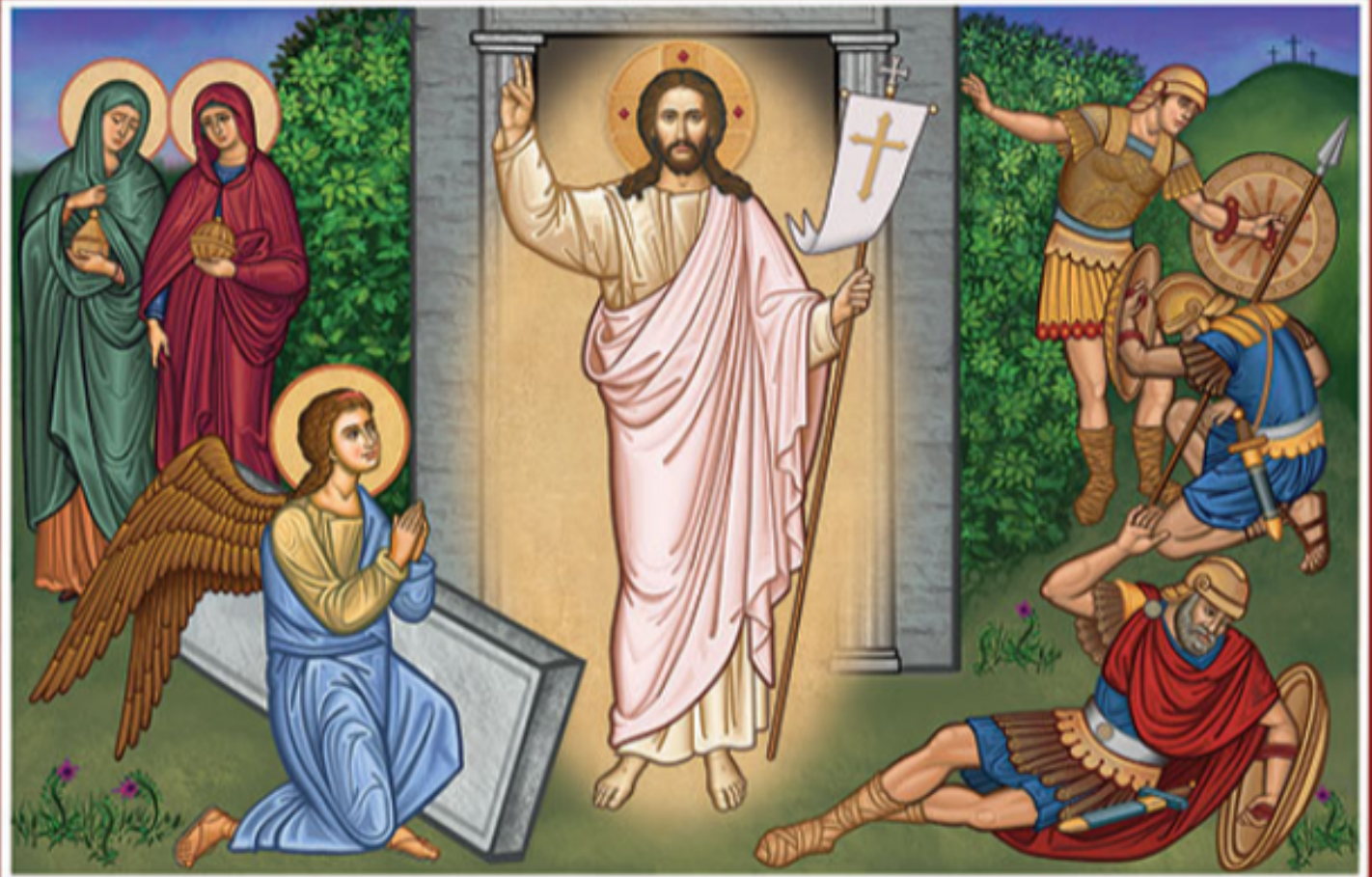


John 19: 33-34, 38a



Matthew 27:59-60





## Matthew 28:1-10

### *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* *UMH 302*

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

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