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## **Weekly Scripture Reading**

### **April 5**

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43;  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

### **April 12**

Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 111;  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

### **April 19**

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 34:1-10  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

### **April 26**

Ezekiel 34:7-15; Psalm 100;  
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10: 1-10

## **Harrison First United Methodist Church**

### **Sunday Schedule**

Sunday School            9:15 a.m.  
  
Worship                    10:30 p.m.

### **Bible Study Schedule**

**Tuesday**  
L.O.G. Bible Study        9:00 a.m.



# *The Flame*

April 2026

## **Pastor Angie's Musings...**

Happy Easter! We are about to celebrate Easter Sunday after the season of Lent in which we have experienced a time of reflection and preparation. I have often wondered exactly how others prepare during Lent.

As I stated in one of my sermons, I took on a discipline during Lent that I knew was going to be difficult for me. I have been fasting from all of the fancy coffees that I had been purchasing for years. I haven't gotten a single latte or breve, cappuccino or cortado, macchiato or mocha, flat white or café au lait. Just regular brewed coffee. I have even lessened the amount of things I put into my regular coffee. I thought this would be difficult but have found that it got easier and easier as time went on. But the true test of any of our Lenten disciplines come on Easter morning. Do we pick up what we fasted from or do we wipe that out of our behaviors completely?

In Matthew 4, we have the temptation of Jesus. He fasted for forty days and was famished at the end of his time of fasting. But what we don't hear is that as soon as his time of fasting was over, he immediately ate something. It wasn't until the end of his time of fasting that the devil tempted him to turn rocks into bread. Jesus refrained, even though he was famished. He stated that we do not live by bread alone. Jesus refrained until it was time.

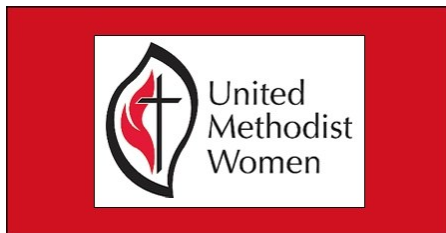
In Matthew 6, we have Jesus giving instructions about fasting. This was a common practice. Fasting was refraining from something. For us, we fast from things that have brought our attention, our time, our resources, away from serving God, for providing for the ministries of the church, and from our ability to focus on God. When our Lenten disciplines are over, will we go back to the same old way or will we find a new balance in our faith lives?

May we all find a way to refrain from those things that steal away from the ministry of Christ in our world that we should all be a part of in the church. May we all find this year, following Easter, that our hearts are in a new place with Christ.

*Pastor Angie*



**Next Meeting:**  
April 22 at 5:30 p.m.



The Nellie Dyer Circle fundraiser was a great success.

**Next Meeting:**  
April 21 at 10:00 a.m.



February GF Income	\$14,211.48
February DF Xfers	<u>\$4,219.39</u>
Total Feb. Funds Available	\$18,430.87
February Expenses	<u>\$20,039.12</u>
February Loss/Gain	<u>\$(1,608.25)</u>

YTD GF Income	\$25,264.94
YTD DF Xfers	<u>\$16,506.13</u>
Total YTD Funds Available	\$41,771.07
YTD Expenses	<u>\$46,753.98</u>
YTD Loss/Gain	<u>\$(4,982.91)</u>

<b><u>Balances as of 2/28</u></b>	
General Fund (GF)	\$134,527.51
Designated Fund (CF)	\$201,952.33
Communion Fund (CF)	<u>\$7,716.94</u>
Total all Funds	<u>\$344,196.78</u>

CS Checking Account	<u>\$41,951.12</u>
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Less O/S cks and deps	<u>\$(1,609.68)</u>
Total Bank Balance	<u>\$344,196.78</u>

Feb. Avg. Attendance	43
Feb. Avg. Online Attendance	91



**Prayer Corner**

These are not just names on a list, but those for whom we truly care. Please let us know how they are doing that we may continue to pray for them or rejoice in answers to prayer.

**Prayer List**

Jenny Beard, Etta Borlund, Zach Brown, Kim & Jim Ciurej, Sandra Crafton, Mary Koza, Robin & Randy Cooper, Carol McCord, Dee McCracken, Dave Olson, Jane Pinson, Carol Best, Ross Parker, Mary Richards, Tom Ross, Ellen Rush, Susan Street, and Kelly Scoggins' Family

**Homebound / Nursing Home**

Inis Atchley, Natalie Bernard, Dr. Joe & Mary Jean Bennett, Jim Best, Shady & Patsy Brown, Judy Erwin, Helen Foster, Carol Moseley, Patsy Powell, and Ina Thomason

**Opportunities for Christian Education in our church.**

We offer two Sunday School Classes for adults, every Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

**L.O.G. Bible Study**

Learn- Observe.-Grow.

Come join us at our weekly Bible Study where we take a look at the scripture Pastor Angie will be using on Sunday morning. This Bible study is open to everyone and meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Card Ministry**

Don't miss the opportunity for some great cards that have been created by our card ministry. They have Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, and more. They are located in the hallway across from the Fellowship Hall entry.

**Earth Day 2026**

Earth Day is April 22. The first Earth Day event happened in 1970. Senator Gaylor Nelson and Congressman Pete McCloskey co-chaired the movement to create the first event following the Santa Barbara, California oil spill in 1969. Since then, the event has grown into a worldwide event, with things happening beginning the Saturday before Earth Day.

This year, we will host an Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 18, between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. We will have presentations during the event, including representatives from the Buffalo National River. If you would like to help with this event, have an idea to present to people, would like more information, or just want to attend, contact Pastor Angie for more details. All those who participate with receive pollinator seeds and some supplies to create a Mason Bee house (until supplies run out). The event will be held in the Family Life Center.

## NEWS FROM THE ARKASNAS CONFERENCE

### 200,000 More Reasons Transitions to Next Phase of Eliminating Childhood Hunger

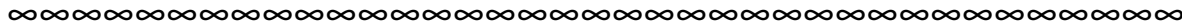
The 200,000 More Reasons initiative is launching its next phase of eliminating childhood hunger in Arkansas. Beginning in May, the initiative will transition to equipping churches to advocate for their hungry neighbors and create sustainable, vital, and connectional ministries.

“Through the generosity of the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas, 200,000 More Reasons has awarded more than \$700,000 to feeding ministries in the state since 2014,” said Samantha Menley, Outreach Ministry Specialist for ARUMC. “This spring, we will complete the grant awards through 200KMR, then transition to focus on advocacy for Arkansas’s children and families struggling with food insecurity, literacy, and stable homes.”

“200,000 More Reasons is still partnering with the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas, but our focus now will be on equipping churches to advocate for hungry children and families in their communities, address the literacy problems in these same communities, and grow vital churches in these areas,” Menley said. “Funding for feeding ministries will still be available and accessible, only now it will come directly from the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas and other funding resources.”

“The mission of 200,000 More Reasons remains the same,” Menley said. “Immediate access to food for children; greater learning potential for these same children and opportunities for living without food insecurity for the next generation.”

200,000 MORE Reasons asks churches to add poverty-alleviation strategies to their ministries serving hungry children. Specifically, we focus on literacy and promoting healthy, stable families as means of hope, assistance, and the opportunity for families to move out of poverty. Our mission remains the same: 100 percent of Arkansas United Methodist churches will participate in an initiative to significantly reduce childhood hunger through feeding ministries, public witness and education for long-term stability. 200,000 MORE Reasons expands the understanding of education and long-term stability, believing that in working to alleviate poverty, we have the best opportunity for ending childhood hunger in Arkansas. Arkansas’s United Methodist Church ministries can provide access to food now; greater learning potential for the child in the future; and opportunities for living without food insecurity for the next generation.



### FOOD MINISTRY

We are in the process of planning another food distribution day. We have tentatively scheduled it for April 30 from 4:00 pm until 7:30 pm. We will do this in the same manner as we did before, which means helping the economically insecure (working poor). We will need donations of the following: canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, juice, canned meals (beef stew, chili, pasta meals, soups, tamales), canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, corn muffin mix, gravy mix, corn meal, flour, sugar, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, rice (not instant), ramen, spaghetti with sauce, and shelf stable milk (best price is at Dollar Tree).

## RESTORATION UPDATE

It has been a long and, at times, arduous journey, but we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. Most of the furniture has been painted. Floors are being put down in the church office. The Round Table Sunday School classroom has been finished, and work in the Fellowship Hall is nearing completion. The children’s areas are done, just in time for our new children’s ministries director. Feel free to stop by and see how things are looking, or take a tour of the building when you are here for worship, Bible Study, or other events.



### HOLY WEEK

Holy week is upon us. Here is our schedule for Holy Week Services leading up to Easter Sunday.

**Maundy Thursday** – April 2 at 6:30 pm with communion

**Good Friday** – April 3 at 6:30 pm with the “stripping of the church” (removal of items in the church)

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** – 6:40 am in the Family Life Center Parking Lot followed by a continental breakfast potluck in the Fellowship Hall

**Easter Sunday Worship** – 10:30 am with communion. There is a special gift for everyone who attends worship.

## FARMERS MARKET

Spring is officially here, which means the Central Ozarks Farmers & Artisans Market isn’t too far off. Starting on May 2, the Farmers Market will once more be taking over the downtown square of Harrison from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

This year we will be offering a variety of items. There will be gluten free breads and baked goods, craft items, still photography, and plenty more. If you would like to volunteer to help at our church booth, contact the church office. You can also donate handmade crafts to help benefit the ministry of the church.



We will also be offering a variety of produce fresh from the church’s garden, including green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, okra, squash, peppers, and more. If you would like to help out with the garden, contact Arthur, Randy, or Regina.



We are also currently in the process of making vouchers for The Call and other organizations. Families in need will be able to redeem the vouchers for fresh produce at our Farmer’s Market Booth.

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship <b>11:30 am 5th Sunday Potluck</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00 am Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 10:30 am Grief Group	<b>31</b> 9:00 am LOG Bible Study 1:00 pm Prayer Quilting 6:30 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)	<b>1</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 4:00 pm Barre Exercise 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study  <i>Ken Beard</i>	<b>2 Maundy Thursday</b> 9:15 am Yoga 12:00 pm 20th Century Club 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday	<b>3 Good Friday</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 6:30 pm Good Friday Service 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop	<b>4 Holy Saturday</b>   <i>Rose Barnes</i>
<b>5 Easter Sunday</b> 6:40 am Sunrise Service & Continental Potluck Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	<b>6 Easter Monday</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 10:30 am Grief Group  <i>Jim &amp; Carol Best</i>	<b>7</b> 9:00 am L.O.G. Bible Study 1:00 pm Prayer Quilting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (FLC) 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>8</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 4:00 pm Barre Exercise	<b>9</b> 9:15 am Yoga	<b>10</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Farmers Market Meeting
<b>12</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	<b>13</b> 8:00 am Coffee w/Pastor 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 10:30 am Grief Group 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting  <i>Jerry &amp; Jane Maland</i>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am LOG Bible Study 1:00 pm Prayer Quilting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (FLC) 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>15</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 4:00 pm Barre Exercise	<b>16</b> 9:15 am Yoga	<b>17</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 11:00 am Food Truck 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop	<b>18</b> 2:00 pm Earth Day Event
<b>19</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	<b>20</b> 8:00 am Coffee w/ the Pastor 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 10:30 am Grief Group	<b>21</b> 9:00 am LOG Bible Study <b>10:00 am Nellie Dyer Circle</b> 1:00 pm Prayer Quilting <b>5:30 pm Finance Committee</b> <b>6:30 pm Admin. Council</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)	<b>22</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 4:00 pm Barre Exercise <b>5:30 pm UMM Dinner</b> 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>23</b> 9:15 am Yoga  <i>Leo &amp; Etta Borland</i>	<b>24</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service  <i>Phyllis Waters</i>	<b>27</b> 8:00 am Coffee w/Pastor 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 10:30 am Grief Group	<b>28</b> 9:00 am LOG Bible Study 1:00 pm Prayer Quilting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (FLC) 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>29</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 4:00 pm Barre Exercise	<b>30</b> 9:15 am Yoga 4:00 pm Food Care Giveaway	<b>1</b> 10:00 am PEPPi Exercise 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop	<b><i>Birthdays and anniversaries are listed in italics on the calendar.</i></b>