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Holy Week

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Pastor's Message

Tune (adjust, alter, change, modify, tweak, regulate, set)

my **wandering** (nomadic, traveling, drifting, roving, meandering, moseying, rambling, roaming)

heart (core, mood, nature, spirit, center, essence, nitty-gritty)

to **sing** (croon, hum, warble, resonate, reverberate)

your **grace** (kindness, mercy, loveliness, charm, benevolence).

In this season of Lent we're singing and reflecting on the hymn "Come, Thou Fount." We have "wandering hearts" all over the place. We have them in our worship space, study room, and community hall, as well as our own wandering hearts deep within our beings.

I recently showed some of our visual installations to a friend from another church. I shared how we are following the story of a disciple of Jesus, Peter, in whom we find a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In following Peter's journey with Jesus, we're paying attention to how his story unfolds through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out. To which my friend replied, "Just like us." And I responded, "Exactly!"

In collaboration with our friends from Sanctified Art we affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows - that wandering is exploration, not necessarily distance from God. And, we recognize ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls. As we wander, as we tune our hearts to sing God's grace and...

May we

rest (respite, breather, repose, relax, recreate)

in **streams** (flows, courses, creeks, rivers,)

of **mercy**, (compassion, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, grace, relief)

never (on no occasion, not once, under no circumstances)

ceasing. (ending, concluding, stopping)



March 16 - Executive Committee @ 10 am

March 17 - Linger Longer Luncheon w/Luscious Soups

March 18 - Elders Monthly Meeting @ 2 pm

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Holy Week Service @ 6 pm

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise gathering at the Sellers @ 6:30 am

Worship @ 10 am

April 14 - Wanda Clark - Lucille Ball Presentation at the Coleman

April 20 - Executive Committee Meeting @ 10 am & OK Regional Assembly Business Session@ FCC Stroud 10 - noon



Welcome to the Family

We're delighted to welcome Melissa Whiting and Andrea & Lane Enloe to the SGLCC(DOC) family!

As a congregation, we welcome these and all new members with this covenant ...

"We gladly welcome you into this community of faith. We enfold you with our love and commit ourselves to your care. In the power of God's Spirit, we will mutually encourage each other to trust God and strengthen one another as we serve others."



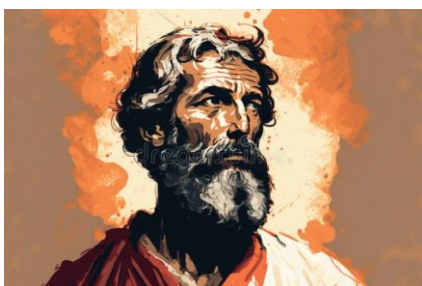
Pastors Gina & Chuck are scheduled to take a few days off after Easter. Many thanks to all who are involved in planning & leading worship during their absence! John Baird will bring the message on April 7th and a hymn sing is planned for the 14th.

On Sunday, March 3rd the General Board elected Fran Rahn to the eldership. We look forward to her faithful service in the days ahead!

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD

A survey will soon be conducted to make a list of the congregation's favorite hymns. Please be ready to share the names of songs you most enjoy along with the reason they are special to you.

Our Linger Longer Luncheon in March will feature several scrumptious soups that will be provided. All are invited to bring salads and desserts to share.



The Stations of Peter

In years past, we have observed Holy Week with a variety of rituals, vigils, and creative worship experiences. As our "Wandering Hearts" Lenten series culminates this year, we will be continuing our examination of the life and witness of Simon Peter through a new ritual. Similar to the "Stations of the Cross," we will be participating in the "Stations of Peter." This will provide a meaningful recap of the ways our individual and communal spiritual journeys resemble that of this early follower of the Way.

Prayer REQUESTS

Shane Ailey, Michael Ailey, Fran Barton, Chris & Rosemary Clark, Dale & Louise Compston, Ted Coombes, Calvin Cross, Andrea Enloe, Gary & Cindy Fest, Karen Hendrix, Barbara Hamilton, Annabelle Russell, Mary Shell, Alena Thibert, Chris Tribble, Patty Wolfe, Jenny Wood, Jeanne Woods, caregivers, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by acts of violence, addiction, mental illness and natural disasters



March

09 Mike W.
21 Mary A.
27 Jade A.
27 Jesse A.
30 Helen W.
31 Diana S.

April

01 Mique A.
06 Jared G.
08 Sharon H.
13 Sue U.
15 Pat W.
16 Matthew H.
17 Tressie M.

BREAK

Wednesday Bible Study takes a break starting March 27th & resuming April 24th



March

20th - Bill & Mary A.
21ST- Jack & Buddie M.



General Fund Offerings: January \$9,378.42 Designated Gifts: \$2,550.00
February \$13,099.84 \$1,655.00

Blessing Quarters: January & February \$152.40
Total for 2024: \$152.40

Date	Members	Visitors	in Person
02-04	28	6	34
02-11	21	12	33
02-18	26	7	33
02-25	35	11	46