



MAR 23, 2016

This week at GRACE

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Holy Week and Easter at Grace

Dear Grace,

Holy Week is upon us. Tomorrow begins what is called "The Triduum", three holy days in which we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These are the holiest days in the Christian year, and I hope you will make a special effort to join Grace for all three days:

Maundy Thursday, 5:30pm, Grace Café

An evening for all ages as we commemorate what Jesus did on the last night of his life. We'll begin with a potluck supper, sharing a meal together just as Jesus did with his disciples. Then, we will remember his last supper and move to an optional service of hand and foot washing, hearing the story about how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. Finally, we will have a blessing over the socks and hygiene items you have donated for people living on the streets, to support The Open Door's Harriet Tubman Foot Clinic. And following the blessing, a group will deliver the collected items. We will be finished before dark.

Good Friday, 7pm, Sanctuary

A service of hearing the passion narrative, in 16 readings. Between the readings there will be special music, congregational song, prayers and silence. We'll begin the service in candlelight and close in darkness.

Calendar

Calendar of Events

TOMORROW - Maundy Thursday, March 24

Worship and potluck, 5:30pm, Grace Cafe

Good Friday, March 25

Sanctuary, 7pm

Holy Saturday, March 26

Easter Sunday!, March 27

- Sunrise Service, Beltline (North Ave. Bridge), 7am
- Egg Hunt and Brunch, Front Lawn/Grace Cafe, 9:30am
- Festival Worship, Sanctuary, 11am

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Easter Sunrise, 7am, Beltline/North Ave. Bridge (*You can park at Kroger.*)

We will gather in the dark, like the earliest disciples' meeting at Jesus' tomb. Together, we'll witness the rising of the sun and celebrate the good news that "He is risen!" There will be candlelight, music and baptismal remembrance (*and coffee and donuts!*), a joint service between intown UMC churches.

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch, 9:30am, Front Lawn and Grace Café

An Egg Hunt for all ages will be held on the Front Lawn of the church—think about what kids you can bring and invite. There will also be crafts, telling of the Easter story, and an opportunity for you to put a flower in the Easter cross. Brunch will then be available in the Grace Café.

Easter Festival Worship, 11am, Sanctuary

Out of the darkness, barrenness and silence of Good Friday, we will enter a sanctuary filled with light, flowers and a congregation shouting, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Easter Sunday is a time when people without a church home are looking for a place to worship. Think about who you can invite to Grace! All our service times and locations are on our website and our Facebook page—it's as easy as sending someone a link or forwarding this e-mail.

If you would like to help prepare for Easter, you are invited to gather at the church on Saturday morning at 9am. I look forward to seeing you all for all of these special services.

Grace and peace this Holy Week,

Kate

P.S. Kyle and I announced on Sunday that we are expecting our second child in October. Thank you for your overwhelming well wishes and prayers. We are grateful to bring new life into such a loving congregation.

[Visit us online](#) and "like" our [Facebook page](#).

Thursday, April 7

Grace Reads, 7pm, Starbucks in Whole Foods Ponce Plaza

Tuesday, April 12

Needles & Prayers, 7pm

Wednesday, April 13

Women's Group (Bible study and fellowship), 7pm, Calissa's home

Wednesday, April 14

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Grace Cafe

Event Spotlight

NEW Sunday School Class

"What Every Christian Needs to Know about Islam"

Sundays, 10am, Room 219

Join Pastor Kate for a 5-week study on Islam. We'll learn, discuss and open our hearts and minds to our Muslim sisters and brothers. **Beginning next Sunday, April 3rd.**

Nursery care and Sunday School classes for children and youth are also available at this time; so, parents with children can attend. This class is open to all, and it is not necessary to attend all sessions. Come as you are, and as you are able!

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