

APRIL 2021

THE EVANGEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF  AUDUBON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EASTER

at Audubon Park Church

Sunday, April 4 at 10:30

We are people of hope because of Easter! Join us for an Easter that will look a little different again this year as we worship online in our homes. And even though we cannot physically gather in the sanctuary or church building, our joyful praises will rise in celebration of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We'll hear a message of hope, beautiful music and meaningful times of reflection and prayer. We hope you'll join us and consider inviting your friends or family to join us

Our Easter service will stream on Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 AM on Facebook, YouTube and our website: audubonarkumc.org/easter.

Prepare for Easter by journeying with us through Holy Week! You'll find more information inside on Audubon Park Church's Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services.



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FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

I'm excited to journey through Holy Week with you and celebrate Easter with you. I hope you'll spend a little time in the next day or so thinking about who you might invite to join us for worship this Easter. This invitation may mean inviting your friends and family to tune in from their own home. If you're fully vaccinated you might invite your friends or family members who are also vaccinated to join you in your home to worship with us.

I encourage you to not only invite someone but also pray for those you invite and others who may join us for the first time for Easter worship. Here's a short prayer you can use to pray for our Easter guests:

God of life, we praise you for the miracle of Easter. We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship this Easter and who will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with us. We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. Amen.

You can find out more about Holy Week and Easter services with Audubon Park church here in this newsletter and at on our website: audubonparkumc.org/easter. I pray that this Holy Week and Easter deepen your faith and bring you hope.

*Grace & Peace
-Pastor Geoff*

THE STORY OF DAVID



The story of King David of Israel is one of the longest narratives recorded in ancient literature and, in the Old Testament, there are few names that resonate as loudly as David. David can often take on an air of legend, with his rise from shepherd and youngest son of Jesse, to his incredible defeat of Goliath, and becoming king of Israel.

But David was a paradox. Sure, the scriptures call him a man after God's own heart and he's known as one of Israel's greatest kings, yet he was still fully human and in many ways deeply flawed. He experienced depression, heartbreak, loss, and fear as much as the rest of us. He made destructive choices, abused his power and caused brokenness in the lives of others. But despite his failures, he ultimately sought to follow God and was redeemed by truth and forgiveness.

An 8-week Sermon Series beginning April 18.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth ministry is for students in 6th – 12th grade. Contact Drew Homchick for more info: drew@audubonparkumc.org

Games, Games, Games

Sunday, April 18th | 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Finally, the weather is warming up and spring is in the air. We will meet outside at the church and walk over to Audubon Park for a variety of COVID - friendly games. We hope you can make it!

ALL UMC EVENT

Sunday, April 25th | 2:00pm - 3:30pm

The youth at Audubon Park UMC will be joining up with other churches, pastors, and youth leaders in the Spokane area for our monthly All Youth Event! So far we have been meeting over Zoom, but this month we plan to meet outside & in person. Location TBD.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Youth Sunday School (6th - 12th grade) will meet every Sunday online on Zoom from 9am - 10am.

JUST A REMINDER

For the safety of our youth and young adult helpers, all participants will be required to wear a face mask for youth group events. Thank you for your understanding during these uncertain times.



To sign-up for our weekly email, go to our website: audubonparkumc.org/connect/pastors-e-note

If you've signed up and still aren't receiving our emails, we recommend that you check your spam folder.



Children in Preschool to 5th Grade are invite to join us online for virtual Sunday School! WEEKLY ZOOM | Sundays at 9:00 AM!

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- WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE LESSONS & VIDEOS

Go to our church website for more info!

[AUDUBONPARKUMC.ORG/GROW/KIDS-MINISTRY-ONLINE](https://audubonparkumc.org/grow/kids-ministry-online)

(The password is: johnwesley)

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE PASTOR



Rev. Glenn Kennedy

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Dear Friends,

It will be no surprise that my Easter reflection comes with a story. In 1991 when my oldest brother, Jack, was only 57 years old, he had a very serious heart attack and was transported by helicopter to Deaconess Hospital here in Spokane. I was pastoring in Cashmere at the time, and upon receiving the news, I made a hasty three- and a half-hour drive to Spokane. When I entered my brother's hospital room, he was somewhat surprised to see me, and he kind of blurted out, "what are you doing here!?" My answer without really thinking was, "I've come to return the Easter visit!" Here is the backstory:

Nearly 40 years before, when I was six and my brother was eighteen, I was living with our grandparents (we had lost our dad four years prior). My grandparents' farm was at the end of what seemed like the last road in Steven's County. We were often snowed in during the winter, muddled in for much of the early spring. The grandparents had no phone. My mother and siblings lived forty miles away, which in those days was a drive you had to plan for!

I had been told by my family that someone would try to come by for an Easter visit, but it would depend on the weather, etc. All-day, I waited by the window which looked down across the valley. I waited and waited until it was almost dusk on that rainy Easter day. Finally, to my elation, a car came into sight. A familiar figure emerged – it was my brother! He had to park the car and walk the last half mile or so in the mud, but he got there. Upon his arrival, I was presented with a decorated egg carton filled with colored eggs and was given a "Happy Easter" hug. Because of the bad roads and the long drive back, my brother did not stay long, but he stayed long enough to deliver the gift. Therein lies the parable, "He stayed long enough to deliver the gift!"

Isn't that what we celebrate at Easter? Jesus did not merely deal with bad roads, deep mud, and no phones. He dealt with suffering and death in order to deliver the greatest of all gifts – the gift of eternal life. Bought, paid for, given without a price. "He stayed long enough to deliver the gift." Our Response? We find ways to show up and say "thank you" by giving the gifts that are ours to bring. No matter how muddy the road or long the drive!

*Easter Blessings,
Pastor Glenn*

APRIL

For more information on church meetings or events, please see the church website: audubonparkumc.org.

Thursday, 4/1

Genesis For Normal People - Grow Class with Pastor Geoff 7:00 pm

Sunday, 4/4

Audubon Park Online Worship 10:30 am

Monday, 4/5

Art Group 9:00 am

Wednesday, 4/7

Always a Guest- Book Discussion with Pastor Glenn 1:00 pm

Midweek Vespers & Communion 7:00 pm

Thursday, 4/8

Genesis For Normal People - Grow Class with Pastor Geoff 7:00 pm

Sunday, 4/11

Audubon Park Online Worship 10:30 am

Tuesday, 4/13

Audubon Park Food Bank 8:30 -11:30 pm
CASTE-Book Discussion with Pastor Geoff 12 pm

Wednesday, 4/14

Always a Guest- Book Discussion with Pastor Glenn 1:00 pm

Midweek Vespers & Communion 7:00 pm

Thursday, 4/15

Genesis For Normal People - Grow Class with Pastor Geoff 7:00 pm

Sunday, 4/18

Audubon Park Online Worship 10:30 am

Monday, 4/19

Art Group 9:00 am

Tuesday, 4/20

CASTE-Book Discussion with Pastor Geoff 12 pm

Wednesday, 4/21

Always a Guest- Book Discussion with Pastor Glenn 1:00 pm

Midweek Vespers & Communion 7:00 pm

Thursday, 4/22

Genesis For Normal People - Grow Class with Pastor Geoff 7:00 pm

Sunday, 4/25

Audubon Park Online Worship 10:30 am

Tuesday, 4/27

Audubon Park Food Bank 8:30 -11:30 pm

CASTE-Book Discussion with Pastor Geoff 12 pm

Wednesday, 4/28

Always a Guest- Book Disc. with Pastor Glenn 1:00 pm

Midweek Vespers & Communion 7:00 pm

Thursday, 4/29

Genesis For Normal People - Grow Class with Pastor Geoff 7:00 pm

Birthdays

- 1- Jenny Anderson
- 3 - Herb Parish
- 5 - Jeff Johnson
- 7 - Heather Homchick
- 8 - Braden Dodson, Sue Wisor
- 10 - Karen Peacock
- 11 - Galen Buterbaugh
- 14 - Connie Sweet
- 15 - Cathleen Jones
- 16 - Diane Cramer
- 19 - Jim Enzler, Mel Gantney
- 22 - Brady Homchick, Riley Sullivan
- 23 - Evie Patel
- 26 - Mike Gilbreth
- 28 - Amu Sullivan
- 30 - Kathy Dung, Amanda Nicol

Anniversaries

- 1 - Tony & Lorelee Ross
- 14 - Don & Marlene Peters
- 18 - Don & Bonnie Holm, Mike & Jan Cooper
- 26 - Mike & Iva Jean Gilbreth



Holy Week at Home

This year our Holy Week and Easter services will be totally online. Please consider joining us for the following special Holy Week services at ***audubonparkumc.org***.



Palm Sunday 3.28.2021 at 10:30 am

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy week and commemorates Jesus entry into Jerusalem days before his crucifixion.



Maundy Thursday 4.1.2021 at 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, Jesus washing his disciples' feet, and the giving of the great commandment to love one another.



Good Friday 4.2.2021 at 6:30 pm

Our celebration of Good Friday commemorates Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross through Tenebrae and Taize Music.



Easter Sunday 4.4.2021 at 10:30 am

Christ is Risen! On Easter Sunday we remember and celebrate Christ's resurrection and the eternal life we have through Christ.

Worship **AT HOME**

STREAMS LIVE ON SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM

Facebook.com/audubonparkumc

YouTube.com/audubonparkumc

audubonparkumc.org

by phone: 509.203.1126

40 DAYS of GIVING

The church celebrates the season of lent beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 17) for the forty days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. During Lent many Christians commit to fasting, or giving up certain luxuries in order to remember the sacrifice of Jesus' journey into the desert for 40 days.

This year, our church is taking things a step further, instead of simply abstaining from certain things we're going to give to those in need through a campaign we're calling "40 Days of Giving." Each day of the 40 days of lent we'll identify some item that you can donate to support ministries of our church that helps those in need in our community.

Many of these items can be purchased for \$1 or less at a dollar store or Grocery Outlet.

AUDUBON PARK UMC FOOD BANK

Wednesday, February 26	1 pkg of crackers
Thursday, February 27	1 can of beans
Friday, February 28	1 can of fruit
Saturday, February 29	1 can of soup

AUDUBON PARK UMC FOOD BANK

Monday, March 2	1 can of vegetables
Tuesday, March 3	1 pkg of top ramen
Wednesday, March 3	1 can of fruit
Thursday, March 4	1 pkg of cookies
Friday, March 6	1 pkg of shelf stable milk
Saturday, March 7	1 pkg of crackers

AUDUBON PARK UMC FOOD BANK

Monday, March 9	1 can tomato sauce
Tuesday, March 10	1 bottle of ketchup
Wednesday, March 11	1 can of spam
Thursday, March 12	1 container of salt, pepper or garlic
Friday, March 13	1 can of tuna
Saturday, March 14	1 can of vegetables

AUDUBON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, March 16	1 box of tissues
Tuesday, March 17	1 box of individually portioned crackers/cheese
Wednesday, March 18	1 box of crayons
Thursday, March 19	1 box of markers
Friday, March 20	1 box of granola bars
Saturday, March 21	1 pkg of socks

BARE NECESSITIES

Monday, March 23	1 travel-sized hand sanitizer
Tuesday, March 24	1 pkg of toilet paper
Wednesday, March 25	1 pkg of Ivory soap bars
Thursday, March 26	1 pkg of travel –sized tissues
Friday, March 27	1 toothbrush (adult or children's)
Saturday, March 28	1 tube of travel-sized toothpaste

TWINLOW CAMP

Monday, March 30	1 jar of glitter
Tuesday, March 31	an assortment of embroidery floss
Wednesday, April 1	1 pkg of pencils
Thursday, April 2	1 pkg of construction paper
Friday, April 3	1 pkg of beads (of any kind)
Saturday, April 4	1 pkg of paint brushes

SHALOM MINISTRIES

Monday, April 6	1 pkg of brown sugar
Tuesday, April 7	1 pkg of white sugar
Wednesday, April 8	1 bottle of ketchup
Thursday, April 9	1 bottle of syrup
Friday, April 10	1 travel size hand sanitizer
Saturday, April 11	1 jar of jam or jelly

\$40 in 40 Days - Don't have time to find and purchase all of these items? Consider donating \$1 for each day of lent. We'll make sure the funds that are donated are divided among each of these ministries and agencies.

**Drop off your donations on Tuesday or Thursday, 9am-noon
or by appointment (contact laura@audunpnparkumc.org)**

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SHRED DAY EVENT



Drop off your documents to be
shredded at the office anytime
before May 25th. \$10 per box