

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

**RECONSTRUCTING FAITH:
Living a Faith That Looks Like Love**

Message Notes

1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

THIS WEEK:
Sunday, 3/22 9:15am Life Groups/Sun School; 10:30am worship; 4pm Board Meetings
Wednesday, 3/25 5:45pm Supper; 6:30pm Bible Study, Youth/Kids Activities
Sunday, 3/29 PALM SUNDAY: 9:15am Life Groups/Sunday School; 10:30am worship
MENU this Wednesday
 Tater Tot Casserole, veggie tray, cornbread, ice cream
NEXT MONTH:
 4/4 Easter Carnival, 11-2
 4/5 EASTER
 4/6 Church Office Closed
 4/14 M&M Meetings
 4/19 WiFi
 4/25 Youth Rummage Sale
 4/29 Quarterly Business Mtg
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WHO WE ARE

If you've been wondering if there's a place where people are more important than dogma, where people are warm and welcoming, thoughtful, and gentle, and where grace is a verb, University Heights Baptist Church might just be the place for you.

We are a church that believes worship doesn't end with a benediction, but spills out into classrooms, neighborhoods, shelters, hospital rooms, dinner tables, and streets, right here in Springfield.

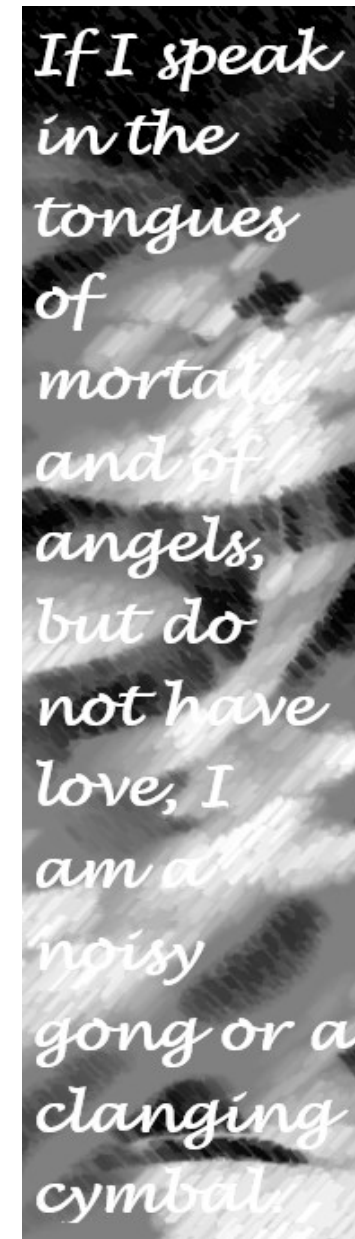
UHBC is a faith community that is going to encourage deep thinking, generous grace and compassion, and encourage everyone, men and women, to lead and to serve.

There's room at the table for you.

UHBC is affiliated with both Cooperative Baptist Fellowship & American Baptist Churches.

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 22, 2026



<i>God So Loved</i>	
Welcome	Joe Miller
<i>Shine Like Stars</i>	
Scripture Reading	Emma Ludwinski
<i>1 Cor 13:1-8; 13</i>	
<i>I Could Sing of Your Love Forever</i>	
Offertory Prayer	Martha Rice
Offertory	Chancel Choir
<i>Deep, Deep Love</i>	
Children's Message	Chris Brammer
**After the children's message, children K-5th grade will be escorted to the 3rd floor Treehouse Room to participate & enjoy children's church the rest of morning worship. Parents, please pick up your children there after worship.	
<i>#387 Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	
Message	Nolan Porter
<i>RECONSTRUCTING FAITH: Living a Faith that Looks Like Love</i>	
Song of Response	
<i>I Could Sing of Your Love Forever</i>	
Closing Thoughts	
<i>Doxology</i>	

University Heights Baptist Church

A Church of Thoughtful, Gentle Grace

David and Linda Brown — Retirement Rebels

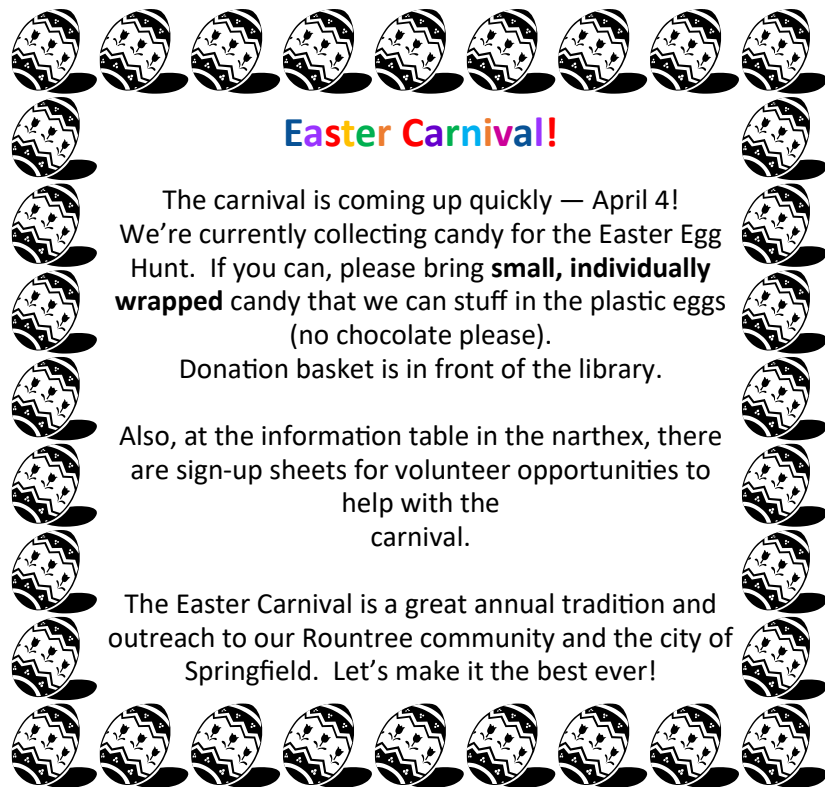
We're excited to welcome David and Linda Brown, founders of Eden Village, who will share a few minutes in the service today about the ministry of Eden Village, as well as a new book they've written about their unconventional "retirement" years. There's also a book signing after the service!

What IS Maundy Thursday?

And why do we do we recognize it?

Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday of Holy Week, commemorates Jesus' Last Supper, the institution of the Lord's Supper or Communion, and the washing of the disciples' feet, as well as Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, followed by betrayal and arrest.

The word "Maundy" originates from the Latin *mandatum*, or "commandment." This refers to Jesus' "new commandment" to love one another through service, as Jesus demonstrated through humility and sacrifice, setting the stage for His betrayal and crucifixion.



Easter Carnival!

The carnival is coming up quickly — April 4! We're currently collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you can, please bring **small, individually wrapped** candy that we can stuff in the plastic eggs (no chocolate please).

Donation basket is in front of the library.

Also, at the information table in the narthex, there are sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities to help with the carnival.

The Easter Carnival is a great annual tradition and outreach to our Rountree community and the city of Springfield. Let's make it the best ever!



EASTER FLOWERS

If you'd like to purchase Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, you can pick up a card at the information desk in the narthex, and drop it in the offering plate or at the office. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!**

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

- Next Sunday, **March 29**, is **Palm Sunday**, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- Join us for a very special service at 7pm in the chapel on **Maundy Thursday, April 2**, where we'll remember the Last Supper and events leading to Jesus' crucifixion, prepare our hearts for Good Friday and Easter, and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.
- **Easter Carnival, April 4**, 11am-2pm. Volunteer signups in the narthex.
- **Easter Worship, Sunday, April 5**. Join us at 10:30 to celebrate the Risen Christ!

You can access the church directory from your smart phone!

Just go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com, and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "create a login now." (You will need to make sure you use the email address that we already have on file—that is how the app verifies that you have authorization to access the directory.)

New printed church directories available on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall!

UHBC MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month-end Feb 2026

Revenues

Fiscal Projected YTD Contributions: \$ 111,620

Fiscal YTD Actual Contributions: \$ 80,261

Expenses

Fiscal Projected YTD Expenses: \$ 111,620

Fiscal YTD Actual Expenses: \$ 98,189

NEXT STEPS

- 1) We most often hear 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 at weddings or sometimes as a themed sermon around Valentine's Day. How might our view of this passage be affected by primarily hearing it applied to romantic love?
- 2) How can we apply a modern American lens to our reading of these verses? For example, what unloving behaviors or actions in our culture would qualify as a "noisy gong or clanging cymbal?"
- 3) Hurry short-circuits our ability to be patient. Lack of patience then leads to lack of compassion when others force us to slow down. This week, practice the spiritual discipline of patience – drive to and from work (or errands) without passing anyone. And don't tailgate people to get them to move faster.
- 4) The Bible doesn't teach us much about leadership, it most often teaches us about relationship and serving. How can you celebrate the success of someone else this week? Is there someone whose gifts you can point out and give encouragement?
- 5) What if love is the test of a faith-filled life, and everything can be measured by how people are blessed by our presence? This week, with everything ask, "How does this benefit and bless others?" Or, "Have my actions benefited and blessed others?"