



THE PARISH PAPER



March 2024

Churubusco United Methodist Church



"Deep Roots, Wide Branches"

How is it with your soul?

It is a question that Early Methodists would ask each other every gathering of band groups or societies. The question serves as a daily litmus test as to how we are aligning our hearts and minds with the kingdom of God. Early Methodists would check in with each other so that if someone was struggling they could encourage and support those persons whom it was not well with their soul. It is a question still asked in bible studies and gatherings of United Methodists today.

Maybe you have never thought to ask yourself this question.

Here are three ways to help you gauge how your soul, your spiritual walk with God, is going:

1. Is there anything weighing me down that I need to hand over to God?

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

2. Is there any sin that I need to ask God to remove from my life?

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139: 23-24 NIV

3. Are there any persons God is calling me to love and serve at this time?

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
John 13:34-35 NIV

When we go through the process of asking ourselves "How is it with your soul?", then we are better able to focus our lives toward the Kingdom of God.

So. How is it with your soul?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor John

March Worship Schedule

8:15 (Hymnal/Organ) and 10:30 a.m. (Praise Band)

8:15 a.m.—Traditional Worship

*10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Worship

Children's Church & Nursery Available

@ 10:30 a.m. Service

*Livestreamed on Facebook



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NewsLetter DEADLine

April 2024 Newsletter Articles need
submitted by the **THIRD Sunday in MARCH:**
Sunday, March 17h, 2024

Give articles for newsletter to the church office or
email: cumc99@aol.com.

UPCOMING

*Mark your
Calendars!*

- March 12 ~ Staff Parish Meeting @ 6p.m. in Seekers Classroom
- March 24 ~ March 30 ~ Holy Week
- March 30 ~ Easter Egg Hunt
- March 31 ~ Easter Sunday

Find us on social media:



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Churubusco United
Methodist Church

Ambassadors of the Gospel: The Congregation

Staff

Pastor: Rev. John Huff

8:15 Music Director: Mindy Cox

10:30 Music Director: Aaron Childress

Accompanists: Carmen Fitzpatrick,
Rosalie Geller, & Rolin Mains

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Zoie Tonkel

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to start receiving your monthly
newsletter through email instead
of the U.S. Postal Mail.**

*Also available on the church's website:
www.churubuscoumc.org*



March, 29th, 2024

Best Wishes - Mindy Cox

March 3rd



Mindy Cox who has served as choir director for the traditional 8:15 am church service and special music for the last 5 years will be leaving Churubusco United Methodist Church, her last day will be March 3, 2024. We are excited for Mindy as she will have the time to focus on the next several months with her son as he finishes up his senior year in high school and prepares for his college career.

We thank Mindy for her devotion to CUMC. Mindy has strived to provide challenging music helping us learn and grow as a choir.

Please come celebrate Mindy between services to offer our farewells and thanks for serving our church over the last 5 years. **March 3, 2024 from 9:15 am to 10:20 am** in Fellowship Hall. A basket will be available to place cards of Thanks on the table during this open house.

We're on a mission to help save lives with the Red Cross!

March is Red Cross Month

Roll up a sleeve on March 28 to give blood at CUMC! Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. You can help save lives by signing up to give. Make a difference in our community and beyond and help ensure blood is on the shelves before it is needed for trauma victims, transplant recipients and those being treated for cancer and sickle cell disease. To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Appointments are available from 1:15pm-5:45pm. Hope to see you there!

- During this month, the Red Cross honors the commitment of volunteers and blood and platelet donors to support individuals and families in need.
- We're encouraging donors of all blood types to make a positive impact in March by scheduling and keeping their donation appointments.

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. The blood collected at upcoming blood drives is critical!

CUMC will be hosting 3 blood drives in 2024. Those three along with 2 drives at Faith Lutheran Church give you 5 opportunities to donate in Churubusco this year! Join the other faithful donors from CUMC and give the gift of life!

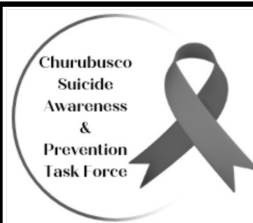
Please mark your calendar for these Red Cross Blood Drives in 2024!

**Help
maintain
the blood
supply.**



March 28 - CUMC
June 23 - Faith Lutheran
July 18 - CUMC
September 12 - Faith Lutheran
November 7 - CUMC

**BE A
HERO**



SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION TRAINING

QPR (**Q**uestion, **P**ersuade, **R**efers) training is being held **Tuesday, March 5th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at the VFW on Main Street in Churubusco. QPR is the accepted

professional standard and practice of how to respond to someone with suicidal ideations. This training is for everyone but aimed at those who work with youth in some capacity. It is completely free and includes education, materials, and discussion of some scenarios and how to respond. Resources are also available in our materials rack outside the church office.

Food Ministry

Upcoming Dates

March 12 - Food Giveaway
March 26 - Food Giveaway
April 9 - Food Giveaway
April 17 - Fellowship Meal
April 23 - Food Giveaway



Support Our Food Pantry

The **Last Sunday** of this month you have a chance to...

Be a blessing by donating

CANNED SOUP & DIAPERS SIZE 5 & 6

on Sunday, March 31st, 2024



SILLY RABBIT...EASTER MEANS JESUS IS ALIVE!

Saturday, March 30 At 11:00 a.m.

At Churubusco United Methodist Church

750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723; (260) 693-2154

What does Easter mean for Jesus?

We'll come find out at our Easter Event: Easter means Jesus is Alive! Receive prizes, pet some live animals and participate in an Egg Hunt with sweet surprises! Kids of all ages are welcome at the CUMC Community Easter Event.



Open Hands Ministry

This is a group for adults of all ages. We will focus on adult community, spiritual growth, and hands that seek to serve our church, our community and our world.

OPEN HANDS MINISTRY NEWS:

2024 Open Hands Mission Trip: Our team of 20 will be travelling to Dayspring Native American UMC in East Peoria, IL, April 3 – 7, 2024. Pray for our team as we seek to serve and share the love of Christ. Thank you for supporting our mission and our team through prayer, financial support and our fundraisers! Join us as we will be commissioned during service on March 24, 2024 and mark your calendars as we will share our experience with you @ 9:15 am April 21, 2024.

***Thanks to all who supported our Nacho Dip & Chip Fundraiser!**

Huge Shout Out To: Jen Huff for providing intercultural education and to Kathy Shively for providing CPR and AED education to the Open Hands Mission Trip team. CUMC is so blessed by your gifts!

*** Mission Trip Meeting March 26, 2024 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom.**



**Please come and join us for:
"OPEN DOORS" FELLOWSHIP MEAL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 @ 5:30-6:30 P.M.**

**Children's activities will be 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome, so invite family, friends,
and neighbors to join you for food & fellowship.**

Upcoming Dates: April 17, May 15, June 19,



United Women in Faith

KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH—YOUNG, SENIORS AND THOSE IN BETWEEN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT MEETINGS—FRIENDS

Reflection

During my stay in Cambodia, I observed that the Holy Communion practices of the churches were very different from each other. Some celebrate it monthly, while others celebrate it weekly. Every month, I pray that my travel for work will not make me absent for Communion. Living in this Buddhist nation made me more excited to partake in Holy Communion. When I see the situation of Christians outside of my home country, it made me grow deeper in my appreciation of the true essence of Communion. When I see a cross symbol here, my heart is full of joy. It gives hope to me that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ will be known to all Cambodians and other nations.

Jay Hezeil Abayon, Global Mission Fellows-International from the Philippines serving in Cambodia, GBGM-UMC Agricultural Development Program, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Churubusco UWF will be hosting a Fall Market outdoor event on September 28, 2024, from 9 am – 2pm. This is during the town-wide garage sale. We welcome all (including hand crafted items, antiques, bargain finds and treasures and food trucks). We are excited to offer booth spaces for Rent for \$25/each. Registration forms are available on the CUMC Bulletin boards, they contain additional information on the back of the form. Also feel free to contact Denise Geller at 260-625-4786 for more details.

United Women in Faith News

UMF will be gathering in the lounge, 9:00 a.m., Mar 13th. Our Program will be: Dee Krause about the background and life of St Francis of Assisi.

Devotions: Gloria Parish, Refreshments Fran Adams

From our February Meeting:

We sent 23 Valentines to 23 shut-ins prepared by Jera Kessler. Janis Lockwood had numerous cards prepared for us to sign & send.

From social concerns, Fran Adams shared info from an article in the Journal Gazette about Indian residential schools that were in operation for more than 150 years. Indigenous children were taken from their communities and forced into boarding schools, which systematically abused students to assimilate them into white society. Their Native American names were changed to English names, organized into military drills, and compelled them to do manual labor of many different kinds. At least 500 children died at the schools. Victims and survivors have told stories of being punished for speaking their native language, being locked in basements, withholding food and their hair being cut.

Montana had 16 of these schools funded by our Government. Other states were also involved. Most shut down early last century. Others were around recently enough that their former students are still alive.

Marna Morris gave highlights from book Call to Prayer & Self Denial focus on Climate Justice/Environment Responsibility.

Heart pillows are available in the hallway, office and the back of our sanctuary. Please enter the person's name receiving a pillow in the book by the basket.

Thank you ladies for your paper donations to Mission 25 in Columbia City.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith has for decades led several environmental and climate justice efforts.

Today, we highlight the work for our Just Energy for All campaign, which mobilizes members to tackle the climate crisis by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting 100 percent clean, renewable energy, and a just energy transition. This entails seeking sustainable solutions, equitable investments, and participation from frontline communities in decision-making processes. The urgency of the climate crisis is calling us for unprecedented change and action. As bold women in faith, we will strive constantly for self-renewal and the material and spiritual transformation of the world in Jesus' name.

"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that¹ the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."

Romans 8:19-21 (NIV)

"We find ourselves in an unfettered slide toward catastrophic climate change, a predicament that is rooted in our commoditization of labor and natural resources that amasses wealth for a powerful few. Colonization had the central aim of acquiring natural resources (spices, minerals, gold, etc.)"

-Jacqueline Patterson,
From Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action



Kid's Activity Page

Good news flags

Use batik, a unique fabric-dyeing method, to create flags celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection.



What you need:

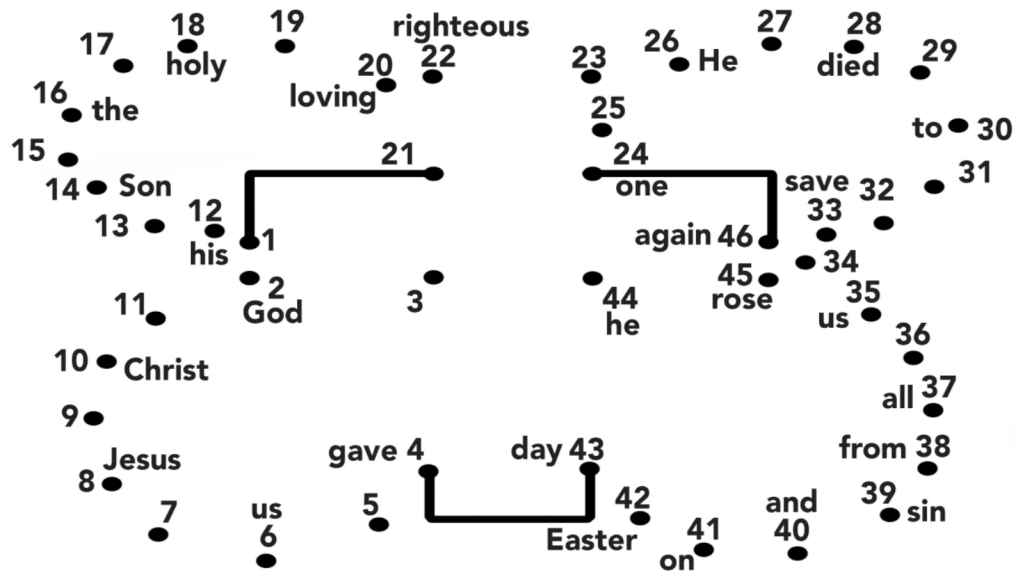
- Colored chalk
- White linen fabric
- Washable gel glue
- Acrylic craft paint
- Textile medium
- Paintbrushes

What you do:

1. Cut fabric to the desired size and shape. Set it on a flat, protected surface. With chalk, lightly sketch an Easter design or message.
2. Completely cover the chalk lines with gel glue. Let dry.
3. Mix equal parts paint and textile medium. Paint the flag with that mixture, which makes paint permanent. Let dry.
4. Soak the dried fabric in warm water a few minutes. Then gently peel away the glue to reveal the unpainted areas. Lay flat to dry.
5. Hang the flags and celebrate!

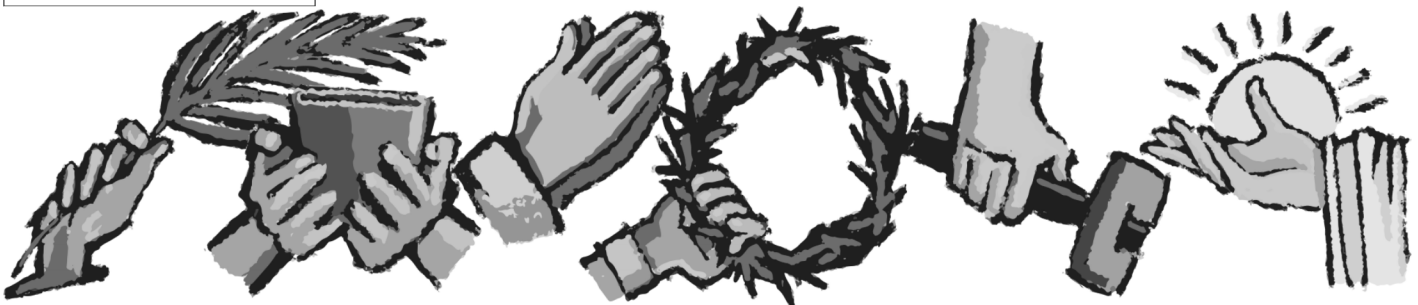
Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



2	4	6	8	10	12	14
16	18	20	22	24		
26	28	30	33	35	37	38
40	41	42	43	44	45	46

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.



Children And Family Ministries 2024

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Nursery School Notes March 2024

March is mud.

March is blowing winds and birds on wing.
March don't you know it should be Spring!

Special Units:

St. Patrick's Day, Science and Space, Weather and Spring projects.
We will be wearing green on Friday March 15th for St. Patrick's Day!

Registration

We are taking registrations for the 2024-2025 school year.

If your child is returning, please pay your \$55.00 registration fee.

If your information (address, phone#'s etc.) have changed please let us know.

Practice, Practice, Practice!

Continue to work on Names, Numbers, Shapes and Letter Recognition.

Conferences

A.M. Conferences will be held on March 20th

P.M. Conferences will be held on March 27th



SPRING BREAK March 29th THRU APRIL 5th

THINK GREEN, SPRING IS COMING!

NURSERY SCHOOL STAFF



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP TODAY!

Visit www.impact2818.org to sign up for camp.

**CAMP INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE NEAR THE
BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Please email Wendi at cumc99@aol.com or call the church office for an I-Cash code that will cover 100% of the registration cost prior to registering your child. *There is a non-refundable \$50 fee (paid to CUMC) this year when requesting an I-Cash Code as there is a non-refundable fee that the church will be assessed if you have to cancel.*

**IF YOU FEEL LED TO DONATE TOWARDS CHILDREN/
YOUTH GOING TO CAMP PLEASE NOTE CAMP SCHOLAR-
SHIPS ON YOUR GIVING.**



**SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024
DON'T FORGET TO MOVE
YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
1 HOUR!**

**1st Day of
Spring is
Tuesday March
19th!**



BUTTERFLY — The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.



BOOMERANG BACKPACKS

Our turn for Boomerang Backpacks starts **Friday March 1st**. They are doing it a little earlier this year at the school request. We will meet at **1:15 p.m.** at the Nazarene church. We will do this every Friday in March. They are doing this for 75 students this year. Hope you can help! Thanks so much!





Check out our
homepage at
www.churubuscoumc.org

WITH DEEPEST
sympathy

*Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy
to you and your family*

Buford Ebert

Shirley Claxton

David Waterman

Frances Huff

Terry Hull

*The above names were listed in the
January prayer*



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that others may be included into our
awesome community!

Pastoral Care

**If you would like a visit from Pastor John please let the
church office know at cumc99@aol.com or You can
also email**

Pastor John at john.huff@inumc.org.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Please take time to wish
those with March birthdays
a "Happy Birthday!"

Noah Yoder	03/01
Cheryl Stucker	03/02
Kynlee Shively	03/05
Jonah Stucker	03/05
Megan Cooper	03/06
Gayle Doehrman	03/06
Mark Herendeen	03/06
Roger Allman	03/09
Marilyn Helgesen	03/09
Steve Rich	03/09
Jennifer Shultz	03/09
Courtney Simonis	03/09
Melissa Sarrazin	03/11
Kathy Shively	03/12
Janet Shroyer-Plunkett	03/13
Kelsea King	03/15
April Christlieb	03/16
Dalton Hirschy	03/17
Michael Howk	03/19
Karen Kreiger	03/19
Heather Ostrowski	03/19
Delores Blessing	03/21
Shelly Davis	03/22
Travis Knapp	03/22
Mark Tomlinson	03/22
Samantha Griggs	03/26
Joel Childs	03/27
Perry Childs	03/27
Jerilyn Ransom	03/27
Chris Greve	03/28
Debbie Corey	03/29
Charlotte Cook	03/30
Sara Yoder	03/30
James Geller	03/31

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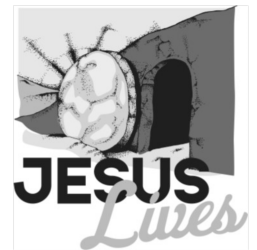
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Worship Opportunities

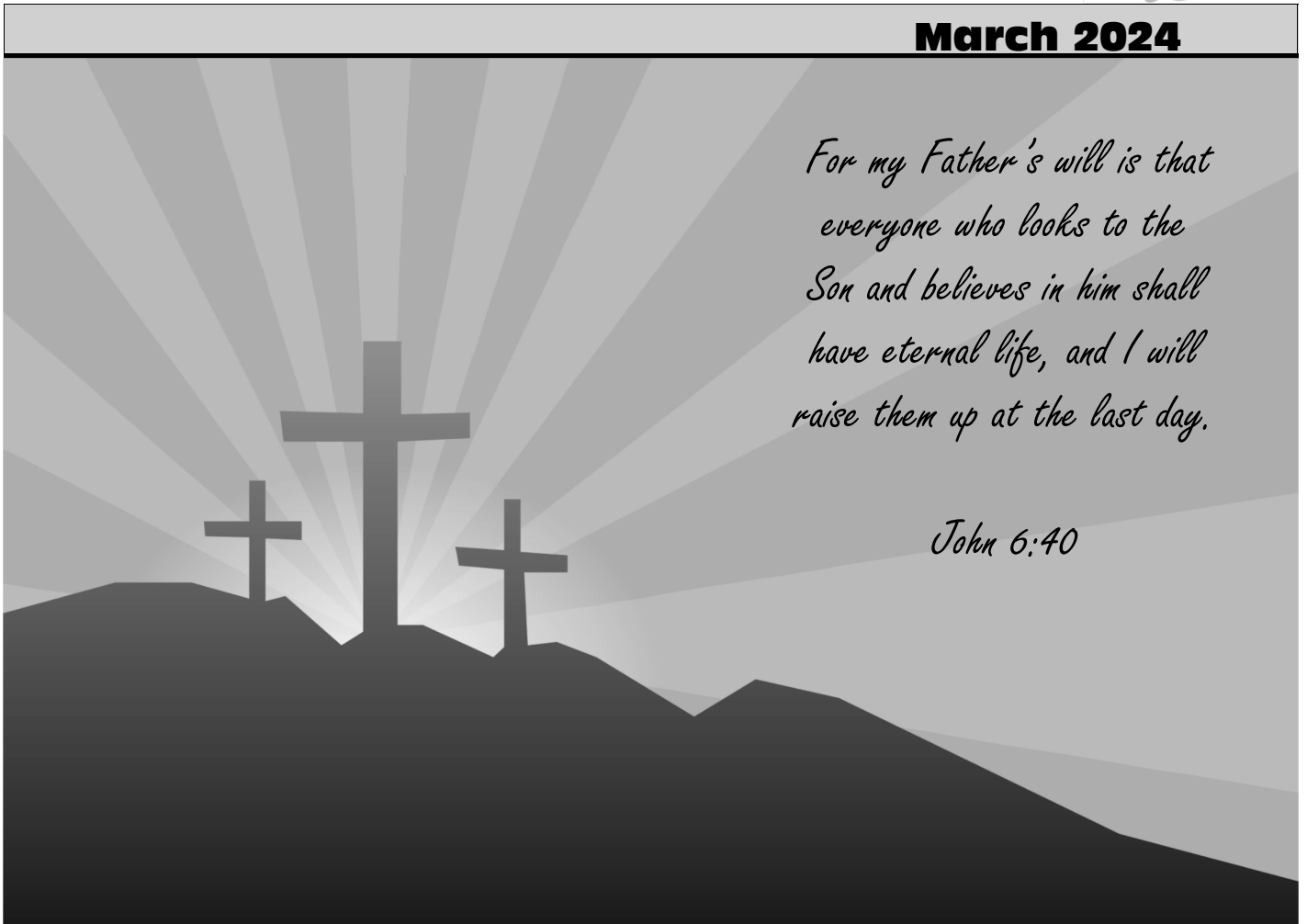
8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship (Hymnal/Organ)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Praise Band)



March 2024

*For my Father's will is that
everyone who looks to the
Son and believes in him shall
have eternal life, and I will
raise them up at the last day.*

John 6:40





If you would like to provide a LILY to adorn our altar on Easter morning, Sunday, March 31st in memory or in honor of a loved one, forms will be available starting Sunday March 3rd., in the pews, hallway, and the church office. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Church Office by Sunday, March 17 and it will be included in the Easter Bulletin.