

# The Journey....

**DRAWING OTHERS TO GOD THROUGH FAITH,  
HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE**

**APRIL 2026**



**Bushnell Methodist Church**  
**Bushnell, Florida**  
Joyce Dunne, Pastor



**GLOBAL**  
METHODIST CHURCH

## From Palms to Resurrection

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are the bookends of Holy Week; the most significant week in the Christian calendar. Holy Week tells the story of sacrifice, hope and renewal. It follows Jesus' journey from celebration to crucifixion, to resurrection. His journey helps us to understand how this one week deepens the true meaning of Easter and helps us to fully embrace the Christ's message of hope.

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is recorded in all four Gospels. Instead of entering the city riding on a stallion, which would represent his kingship, Jesus came riding on a donkey, a symbol of peace. Jesus' choice to ride a donkey is not by accident, it fulfilled the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." This would have resonated with the Jewish crowd who would have been familiar with the scripture. He was greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting, "*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*" (John 12:13). The crowd jubilate as they welcomed Jesus as their king and Messiah. The word Hosanna means "save us" demonstrating their hope that Jesus was the promised Messiah. They understood His coming as political to redeem them from Roman oppression.

The crowd was unaware of the events that would unfold in the days ahead. However, Jesus knew this journey into Jerusalem would lead to his arrest, suffering, and death. Palm Sunday, therefore, is both a joyful and solemn occasion, because it sets the stage for the Passion of Christ.

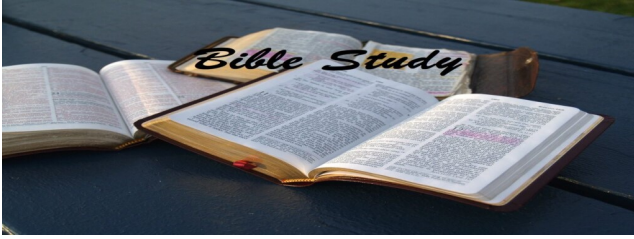
In a short time the joyful mood of Palm Sunday makes a dramatic shift when Jesus confronts the religious leaders. After celebrating Passover with His disciples, He is betrayed by one of his own, Judas for 30 pieces of silver. By Good Friday, the cries of "*Hosanna!*" turned to the cry to "*Crucify Him!*" The suffering and crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday reminds us of the cost of redemption. A stark reminder of the brokenness in the world and the lengths God would go to redeem us.

We celebrate Easter with joy because Jesus' resurrection is the fulfillment of the hope that began on Palm Sunday with the cries of Hosanna! Save us. The empty tomb demonstrates Jesus' authority over death which gives us the hope and confidence we have in eternal life. Easter transforms the cross, a symbol of suffering, into a symbol of victory and salvation. Easter is the culmination of the story that began with a baby in manger in Bethlehem.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday invites us to reflect on our own spiritual journeys. The palms represent the joy of our faith, while the events of Holy Week challenge us to confront the trials and sacrifices we may encounter to live as a disciple of Christ. This Holy Week, may we carry the palms branches with celebration that Christ is with us as we hold fast to the promises of the resurrection and eternal life.

Pastor Joyce





**BIBLE STUDY**  
April 1st, 8th and 15th  
Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Deborah and The Book of Judges  
By author, Sandra Richter



**NO COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**  
Saturday, April 4th  
Due to the Easter Holiday there  
will be no breakfast served.  
Thank you!



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Tuesday, April 21st, 9:00 a.m.  
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



## **LADIES LUNCHEON**

**April 21st, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Breakfast Station, 31180 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Please contact Celeste Hayes to confirm your reservation at 352-346-1304. Hope to see you there!**



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**Maundy Thursday Service  
April 2nd, Thursday - 5:00 p.m.**



## **CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE**

**Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to become involved with the new musical program please see Jo Jefferson.**

# choir practice



Choir practice every Sunday  
morning at 9:30 a.m.



**APRIL 5th**

Please make sure to bring the wild  
flowers to place on the cross  
outside in front of the church.



Happy Birthday to:

04/01 Felix Adams  
04/03 Kim Adams  
04/09 Tyler Montgomery



Happy Anniversary to:

April 19 Craig & Theresa Vokey  
April 27 Don & Jeanette Hoyt  
April 28 Tyler & Linda Montgomery

Angie Bartel  
116 Shawnee Trail  
Ringgold, GA 30736

Bert Park  
110 Creekside Dr. Apt 204  
Painted Post, NY 14870  
607-689-6019

Betty King  
2020 Harbourside Dr. # 422  
Longboat Key, FL 34228



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**5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 2**  
**Maundy Thursday Service**

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 5** **Easter Sunday**  
**Scripture: John 20:1-18 (NIV)**  
**Sermon: "He Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!"**

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 12**  
**Scripture: John 20:19-31(NIV)**  
**Sermon: "Witnesses"**

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 19**  
**Scripture: Luke 24:13-25 (NIV)**  
**Sermon: "Footsteps with the Savior"**

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 26**  
**Scripture: John 10:1-10 (NIV)**  
**Sermon: "Voice of the Shepherd"**

**Praying with you and for you,**  
**Pastor Joyce**



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**COMING  
SOON**

**EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY MAY 2026**  
**TBA**



**FARM SHARE**  
**April 8th, Wednesday**

**Beginning in April, Farm Share will be held the second Wednesday of each month instead of the fourth Wednesday. Please make sure to mark your calendar!**

# APRIL 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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**NO Breakfast**

1 Chime 10a  
Bible Study  
4:30p  
Food Pantry 11a

2 Maundy Ser.  
5:00 p.m.

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8 Chime 10a  
Bible study  
4:30p Food  
pantry 11a-1  
Farm Share

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Chime 10a  
food pantry 11a-  
Bible Study 4:30

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Food pantry 11a  
Chime 10a

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21 Men's B-fast  
9:00 a.m.  
Ladies Lunch  
1:00 p.m.

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**You're INVITED!**

**Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM**

**See you then!**

