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“The Unique Gospel of Mark”

Mark 1:1 “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

This Lenten season we are spending the majority of our time in the Gospel of Mark. In fact, we will come only about three chapters shy of reading the entire thing in service from the end of February through Easter Morning. Because we are going to be so honed in on this one book, I figured it might be helpful to have just a few tidbits of knowledge about what makes Mark so unique. This is a little less deep than my usual newsletter articles, but hopefully it helps!

1. The Gospel of Mark is short. It is written like a newspaper article, in that it highlights the big stuff without focusing too much on nuance throughout. It is also nice in that, since it is only sixteen chapters long, it can be read very quickly. If you have never read a book of the Bible before, start here!
2. This book shares more miracles than any other. Of all the Gospels, Mark’s showcases the most miracles... but it also is similarly deficient in long teachings. Did I mention it was written like a newspaper?
3. The Gospel of Mark was probably the first written Gospel. Depending on scholarly sources, this book was written maybe as early as the 50’s, roughly twenty years after Jesus’s resurrection.
4. It has long been held by the worldwide church that Mark’s Gospel is actually Peter’s account. There is no debate that John Mark (one of Paul’s associates) wrote the Gospel, but as early as the 150’s church leadership believed it to be Peter’s account given to Mark. This makes sense, as Mark’s Gospel seems to know many intimate details about Peter and his thinking that only Peter would know.
5. The book of Mark puts Jesus’s humanity on display. In this Gospel Jesus very clearly has emotions, engages in normal human activities like sleeping and eating, etc.
6. It is a part of the “Synoptic Gospels.” Matthew, Mark, and Luke are all three very similar in their writing and their accounts given. The Gospel of John is its own beast. While there are some differences in perceived

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audiences (Gentile vs. Jewish) or focus (Jesus as teacher, preacher, miracle worker, etc.), these three as so similar as to be given the name "Synoptic Gospels."

- 7. This Gospel was written to non-Jews. Much like many of you, the audience for the Gospel of Mark were Gentiles who hadn't grown up in a Jewish culture. This is shown by the way Mark doesn't quote the Old Testament much, how He gives evidence to Jesus's divinity through miracles, and even just in the language that is used. For new believers, this is handy, because Mark assumes the reader is just being introduced to their Savior.

While this is by no means an extensive list, it should hopefully help give a little insight into the book we are in for the next month and a half. Blessings on your reading!

~Pastor Jake

HUCKLEBERRY FLORAL

- 6 1/2" Tulips 13.50
- 6" Mum Tri-color 22.00
- 6 1/2" Begonia 18.00
- 6" Mum Daisy asstd. Colors 20.00
- 6 1/2" Hydrangea 40.00

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____



Easter Flowers 2023

As a way of beautifying our place of worship for Easter, we invite you to help us decorate the sanctuary. We have arranged with Houston's Greenhouse to secure flowers. You may dedicate a flower "in honor of" or "in memory of" by filling out the form below. All orders must be paid in advance, so please attach your check to this form, **payable to KUMC** and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the secretaries box

Last day to order your flowers is Wednesday, March 15th

Qty	Flower Choice	Price
	White Easter Lilly	\$12.50
	Large Mum	14.00
	Begonia	13.00
	Small Mum	8.00

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please feel free to take your flowers home with you on Easter Sunday, after the service.

Lenten Calendar



<p>1. Think of the person in your life that has “done you wrong” the most... and then pray for them and forgive them! Colossians 3:13 “...bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.”</p>	<p>2. Visit, call, or write a letter to an elderly person. Isaiah 46:4 “I will be your God through all your lifetime, yes when your hair is white with age.</p>	<p>3. Do something nice for someone, and try not to get caught. Colossians 3:17 “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”</p>
<p>4. Make amends with someone that you have hurt in the past, or make amends with someone who has hurt you. 1st Peter 4:8 “Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.”</p>	<p>5. Give some clothes you do not wear to charity. Proverbs 3:9 “Honor the Lord from your wealth and from the first of all your produce.”</p>	<p>6. Be intentionally kind to someone who is unkind to you today. Psalm 86:15 “But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious...”</p>
<p>7. <u>Make an effort</u> to connect with a person in need. James 2:18 “But someone may well say, ‘You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works.’”</p>	<p>8. Stop and appreciate the beauty of God’s creation today. Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”</p>	<p>9. Give a little of your time to a charity that you believe in. Galatians 5:18 “For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”</p>

<p>10. Try to go the entire day without criticizing anyone.</p> <p>Galatians 5:13 “For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”</p>	<p>11. Work to not blame anyone today, and try to hold that same attitude going forward.</p> <p>Proverbs 11:2 “When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.”</p>	<p>12. Listen more than you talk today.</p> <p>Proverbs 11:12 “He who despises his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding keeps silent.”</p>
<p>13. Give a pass to someone in an uncomfortable situation today.</p> <p>Proverbs 19:11 “A man’s discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression.”</p>	<p>14. Dedicate yourself today to patience and kindness.</p> <p>1st Corinthians 13:4-5 “Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered...”</p>	<p>15. Let someone cut ahead of you in line.</p> <p>Matthew 5:5 “Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth.”</p>
<p>16. Strive for excellence, not perfection in your duties today.</p> <p>Isaiah 55:11 “So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.</p>	<p>17. Take time to be alone with the Lord.</p> <p>John 20:30-31 “Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name.”</p>	<p>18. Be humble in a situation where you don’t have to be.</p> <p>Philippians 2:3 “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves...”</p>

<p>19. Be punctual in your duties, making sure no one has to wait for you today. Proverbs 19:15-16 “Laziness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle man will suffer hunger. He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, but he who is careless of conduct will die.”</p>	<p>20. Talk to your children/grandchildren/family about mercy. Talk to them about how to show kindness to others. Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”</p>	<p>21. Invite someone you normally don’t socialize with to a social activity. 1st Peter 3:8 “To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit.”</p>
<p>22. Extend mercy to someone who has wronged you (acted ignorantly in unbelief.) 1st Timothy 1:13 “Even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief.”</p>	<p>23. Recognize today that you have been extended mercy by God’s free gift of salvation through Jesus. Psalm 111:1 “Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the company of the upright in the assembly.”</p>	<p>24. Affirm in prayer today that God is the Father of all mercies and consolations. 2nd Corinthians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.”</p>
<p>25. Be merciful to others today in your judgement, recognizing that we are all judged by our Creator. James 2:13 “For judgement will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.”</p>	<p>26. Show mercy today to those who are miserable because of something beyond their control. Because God is merciful, He expects His children to be merciful. Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”</p>	<p>27. Pray for someone to know God’s mercy today, and find ways to physically show God’s mercy to them through your own actions. Luke 17:13 “And they raised their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’”</p>

<p>28. Greet someone in the same spirit that Paul greeted Timothy in scripture. 2nd Timothy 1:2 "Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."</p>	<p>29. Show love and compassion to everyone you encounter today. Psalm 25:10 "All the paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies."</p>	<p>30. Think about how the Holy Spirit manifests in your life. Joel 2:28 "It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind..."</p>
<p>31. Make amends or reconcile with someone today, show them mercy. 1st John 2:6 "The one who says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same manner as He walked."</p>	<p>32. Be mercifully open to the opinions of others. Read something from an opposing viewpoint today. Proverbs 3:3 "Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart."</p>	<p>33. Share the greatest mercy ever given... talk to someone intentionally about your faith in Christ today! Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."</p>
<p>34. Accept that there are some hurts that you will never understand. Forgive those people who hurt you anyways, in mercy. 2nd Timothy 4:5 "But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."</p>	<p>35. Go out of your way to encourage someone. It doesn't have to be big, but it does have to be intentional. John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."</p>	<p>36. Recognize that you too are a sinner who needs Christ. It changes the way we view others, ourselves, and the glorious mercy given to us by God. John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"</p>



Gladys Rice	March 1
Vera Schuck	March 2
Brandy Newell	March 3
Jon Wordelman	March 5
Peter Swanson	March 8
Brad Germundson	March 9
Rhianna Hanson	March 13
Ava Wiegand	March 13
Grace Gillies	March 14
Matthew Duncan	March 16
Curt Alexander	March 17
Brenda Berghuis	March 18
Rev. Clint Patterson	March 18
Marcus Fischer	March 20
Sally Coleman	March 24
Todd Hoffman	March 24
Charlie Newell	March 25
Mary Gillard	March 27
Abby Root	March 27
Natasha Flynn	March 30
Laura Henslin	March 31

Our You Tube Channel

Another option to view the service at a later date is our You Tube channel.

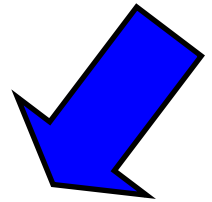
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBI->

Naomi Circle will meet March 2nd at 9:30 am. Remember to bring your Salvation Army items.

NOTE: The church window drawings on page 1 were drawn by Randy Wilbur.

New Address

Mary Mortensen
Field Crest Care Center
318 2nds St DE
Room 16
Hayfield, MN 55940



Bulletin board

KUMC do you read the bulletin boards?
The bulletin board outside the kitchen will have a question each month.
Plus there is other information on the board that you may want to read.

College Addresses

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Ava Weigand
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Eau Claire, WI 54701

Thinking of you

Pleasant Corners

Marlys Delzer
Wilma Jensen
Elaine Marquardt
Vera Schuck
Mae Miller
Marie Henslin

Just for Fun

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Which verse is at the exact center of the Bible?

Where was Solomon's temple located?

What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust
in man. Psalm 118:8
On the side of his head
Ruthless

Thinking of You

Kasson

Rodney Beckman
Cecil Brannon
Phil DuBois
Mary Gillard
Ron and Bonnie Herrick
Joyce Redfern
Gladys Rice
Karen Sprenger
Lorraine Spading
Virginia Thayer
Marlene Wordelman
Mary Mortensen
Connie Hendrickson

CHRIST

On My Daily Round

I pray each morn that I may not be blind To Christ,
Who moves that day among my kind.

I dare not turn a hungry man away, Lest I be leaving
Him unfed today.

I dare not slight some tattered, unclothed one,
Lest I should fail to warm and clothe God's Son.

I cannot pass one languishing in bed,
Lest it be Jesus lying there instead.

Each weary burden-bearer on the road
Shall have my help, for it might be His load.

And every lonely stranger that I see
I must greet kindly for it might be He.

I shall walk softly on the road today,
I could meet Christ down any traveled way.



Our annual meeting will be held
March 5th after worship at each
church. Annual reports will be ready
for pick up that day as well.



March Anniversaries

Dale & Chris Schroeder	March 27
Steve & Sandi DuBois	March 28
Mark & Rhonda Larsen	March 31

Choir News

“Get your voices warmed up!” Choir practice will start March 1st at 6:45 pm, at Pleasant Corners. Location will follow the Lenten schedule.

No choir practice March 29th nor April 5th.



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“I guess this means that March is gonna go out like a lamb.”

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are a great way to get to know other Christians and share our faith walk with each other. We currently have 4 Small Groups that meet. Each have a coach that helps to lead the group: Monday evenings-Marina Castner, Tuesday day-Ruth Schomburg, Wednesday evening-Chuck Coleman, and a group for those who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis or has in the past-Dawn Bowe. If you are interested in joining one of these groups or would like to know more about them. please let Pastor Jake or one of the coaches know.

40
days
of Lent

Prayer Chain

KUMC offers a way to ask for prayers at any time. The prayer chain is a group of people whom will left up prayers to God when notified of a request. The prayer requests are sent out through an email or phone call. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain group, to pray for others contact Dawn Bowe at mail@bowehome.com to get on the email list or contact Ruth Schomburg to get on the phone list 507-634-7502.

To send a prayer request you can contact the church office, Dawn or Ruth.

There is POWER IN PRAYER



Ushers for KUMC

March 5	Brad, Chloe and Olivia Germundson
March 12	Lawren and Marina Castner
March 19	Grace Gillies and Polly Lewis
March 26	Dan and Lori Root



Bishop Lanette Plambeck has been assigned as the resident bishop for the Dakotas-Minnesota Area effective Jan. 1, 2023. She was elected to the episcopacy at the 2022 North Central Jurisdictional Conference. Before her election, she served as the assistant to the bishop and director of clergy and leadership excellence in the Iowa Annual Conference.

Ordained an elder in the Iowa Conference in 2005, Bishop Plambeck earned a B.A. in religious studies and political science from Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa. After serving as an intelligence analyst in the United States Army, she worked as an executive and therapist for person-centered agencies. In 2001, she completed her master of divinity with an emphasis on evangelism at Saint Paul School of Theology in Leawood, Kansas, then received a doctor of ministry in church leadership excellence in 2013 from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Before joining the staff of the Iowa Annual Conference, Bishop Plambeck was the lead pastor for Broadway United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa; First United Methodist in Atlantic, Iowa; Manning United Methodist Church in Manning, Iowa; and Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Granger, Iowa. She also served as the chaplain at Morningside University.

She says the measure of her leadership is three questions she asks herself at the end of each day: Did I glorify God? Did I point people to Christ? Did I love? She describes herself as “unapologetically Wesleyan and so in love with Jesus and his ministry marked by compassion, grace, and justice.” A gift she brings as a leader is “to inspire others to live lives of significance as we work for ‘kingdom on earth as it is in heaven’ through active discipleship as we respond to the suffering in the world. I am committed to developing leaders (clergy and laity) to grow into the very best versions of themselves so that they can be at their very best for God.”

Bishop Plambeck has one adult daughter who lives in the Washington, D.C. area.



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After more than 30 years in ministry, Rev. Michelle Hargrave stepped into a new role as River Valley District superintendent on Jan. 1. She succeeds Rev. Cynthia Williams, who recently transitioned to superintendent of the Twin Cities District.

Hargrave has spent the past 10 years as lead pastor at Centenary UMC in Mankato, which worships about 140 each week and welcomed 20 new members last year. Under her leadership, Centenary has developed two vibrant signature ministries: Holy Grounds, which serves breakfast to food-insecure neighbors, and Social Justice Theatre, which engages church and community members in theater productions to illuminate social justice, explore spiritual values, and build community.

Hargrave has served in a variety of appointments across four districts—from Winona to Minneapolis/St. Paul to Duluth. Bishop David Bard, who announced her new appointment last month, noted her diverse experience and said she's well-positioned for the superintendent role.

"She has been deeply engaged in the communities to which she has been appointed," he said. "Rev. Hargrave loves Jesus Christ, loves the church, and is committed to its flourishing in these complex times. She is also deeply committed to the mission, vision, and values of the Minnesota Conference."

Serving the River Valley District is somewhat of a return to Hargrave's roots. She grew up attending Albert Lea UMC, which borders the district. "I have a heart for the region," she said.


Her call to ministry came when she was 15 and shared a message on Laity Sunday. A woman told her afterward: "You should be a pastor." At that point, Hargrave had never seen a woman pastor, but that comment got her thinking and helped her discern that she was in fact called to pastoral ministry. Upon earning her undergraduate degree, she attended and later dropped out of Iliff School of Theology in Denver. But she was inspired to re-enroll in seminary after hearing Minnesota's first female bishop, Sharon Brown Christopher, preach; Hargrave finished her master of divinity at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

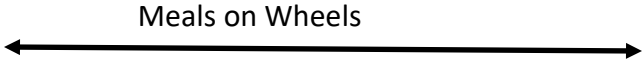
"I have never been more clear about an appointment and felt really deep inside me this is what I'm supposed to do," she said. "I have had such beautiful mentors who paved the way for me. I've been feeling pulled the last few years to figure out how I can offer that same gift to clergy coming after me...It's my turn to support the system."



MARCH 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Service Group 2 Chris & Renee			1 Ministries Grp.	2 Naomi Circle meets 9:30 am	3 World Day of Prayer	4
			Lenten service 6 pm @PCUMC			
5 Annual meeting both churches after worship	6 Support Grp meets 6:30 pm	7	8 Lenten Service 6 pm @KUMC	9	10	11
12 Daylight saving time begins	13	14 SPRC meets @6:30 pm	15 Lenten Service 6 pm @PCUMC	16	17 	18
19 UW Faith meets	20 Newsletter items due Ad Council meets 6:30 pm	21	22 Lenten Service 6 PM at KUMC	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Lenten Service 6 pm @PCUMC	30	31	



Meals on Wheels

Just for Kix M, T & Thurs

Scouts Sun. eve

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**Submissions for the newsletter are due
March 20th.**

Pleasant Corners UMC Mission Statement

Our church has an open door for all to enter, and they shall find within, a congregation with this mission (taken from the fourth chapter of Ephesians). "The work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God.....speaking the truth in love."

Kasson UMC Mission Statement

Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.