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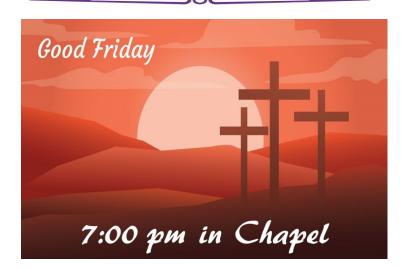
MARCH 23, 2023

UMW Bake Sale

Sunday April 2

Fellowship Hall







Candy donations are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave them on the table in the Narthex by Sunday, April 2.



March 26 — Fifth Sunday of Lent "Encountering Death" John 11:1-45

Over the years of reading and studying Scripture readings, I have always enjoyed being "surprised" by something in a reading that I have never noticed before. Our reading for Sunday has one of these "surprises" from one of my early years of ministry. Of course, if you read John 11:1-45, you may find several "surprises" that you have never seen before. But there is one "surprise" that I don't want you to miss.

In verse 11, Jesus told the disciples that their friend, Lazarus, had fallen asleep and that he needed to go there and wake him up. After some confusion by the disciples, Jesus then told them that Lazarus had died and that he was going there to help the disciples to believe.

And the disciples would not be the only ones in our reading who would come to believe in Jesus. Everyone there that day who witnessed Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead would have the chance to believe that Jesus was the Son of God. Many would believe, some were not sure, and some others would be yelling "Crucify him!" as a condemned Jesus headed to the Golgotha to die on a cross some days later.

Where are you at? What do you believe? Every Lenten season gives us the opportunity to find and to know who to put our faith in. Some of you know without a shadow of a doubt. My prayer is for the one who may be doubting for the umpteenth time or looking for the very first time.





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