

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Today's altar flowers are sponsored
IN HONOR & GLORY OF GOD



Passing

The white carnation on the altar is in memory of Linda Fleming, who went home to the Lord on March 5th, 2026. Linda is the mother of Ryan Fleming and Lisa Brock.

PRAYER LIST

Donna & Randy S., Grover F., George, Beverly, Debbie, Brian, Dean, Scheree, Rich, Sabrina, Walt & Peg, Bob E., Bob H., Ron & Ella S., the Schultz family, Madison, Jaxson, Carly, Michael, Luciana, Gene, Heather, Sue, Steve, Brian & Teresa, Mama Roz, Carolyn, Martha, Tom & family, Colin & family, Francesca, Baptiste, Jeff S. & family, Dolly, Debbie, Gail, Debra, Terry B., Joan, Kathy, Helen, Chrisie, Linda, Melissa, Jeff, Kirk family, Joan Meritt, Jim & Sarah, Jon, Kukon family, John, Sofia, Aimee, Lila, Sue, Nicole, the Dare family, Toby, Pastor Christina Keller, Megan's Mother, Baby Isaiah, Smith Family, John, Darlene, Jeff, Nick Mengert, Audrey Serfass, Don Serfass, Della Meekins, Dawn Kerr, Bob Cusano, Jeannine VanBuren. Those in recovery, the homeless and the food insecure.



LENTEN LUNCHEON

MARCH 22ND

Following Worship

Sponsored by the Wednesday Bible Study



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

"Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" by Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays at 2 - 3:30 p.m. and
concluding on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026.

Location: Front Conference Room.

THIS WEEK AT EMILIE

Sunday—God Squad, 6-7:30 p.m.
Chaos Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday—Lenten Bible Study, 2 p.m.
Scouts Troop, 7 p.m.

Wednesday—Prayer Team, 10:30 –11 a.m.
Thrift Store, 6-7 p.m.

EUMC Disciple 2 Class, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday—Girl Scout Troop, 6 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Saturday—Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Lenten Luncheon—**March 22nd**

Palm Sunday—**March 29th**

Maundy Communion Service—**April 2nd**

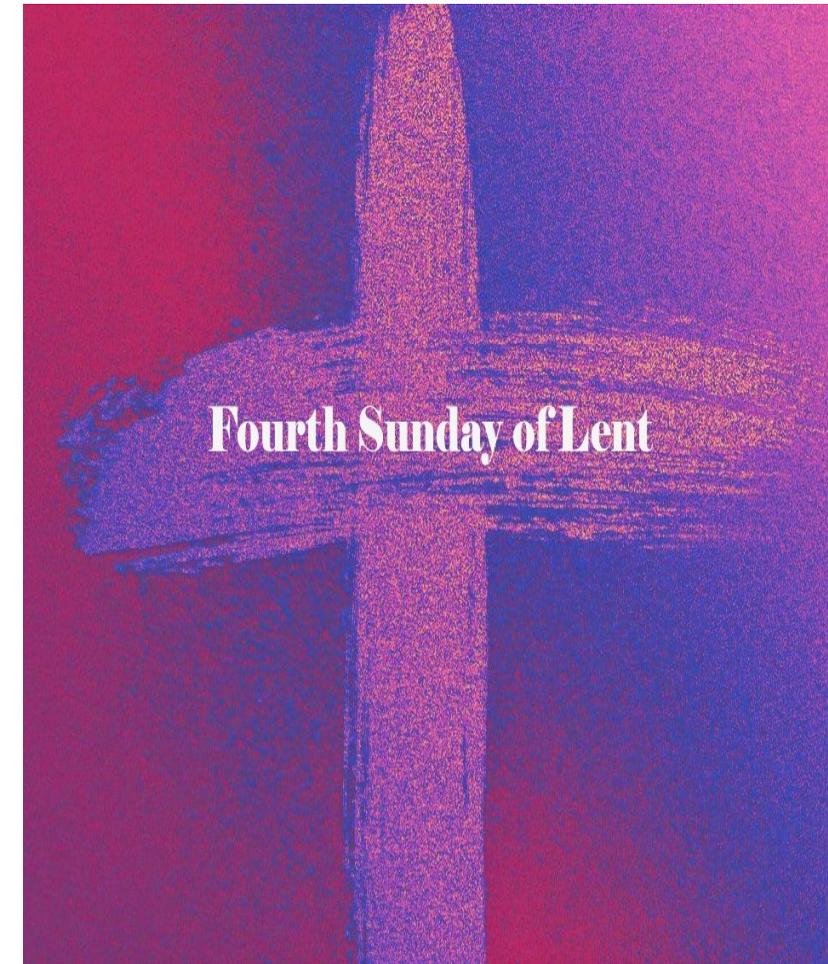
Good Friday Easter Cantata—**April 3rd**

Easter Sunday—**April 5th**

Church Office Hours - Tues. thru Thurs. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

EMILIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING 162 YEARS OF WORSHIP,
PRAYER, & SERVICE
1863 - 2026



March 15th, 2026

10 a.m.



BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST,
GROWING PEOPLE IN CHRIST,
SERVING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 15th, 2026
The Rev. Stacey Jones Anderson

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Pre-Service Music *Lamb of God* arr. John Carter
(Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people).

Greeting

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

***Call to Worship** Liturgist, Gwen Breault
Liturgist: Wait for the Lord. Be strong; take heart.
People: We will see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Liturgist: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

People: Whom shall we fear?

Liturgist: Though adversaries plot against us,

People: God protects us from harm.

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord with songs of joy.

People: Make melody to the Lord, our God.

All: Come, let us worship. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* UMH#529

***Unison Opening Prayer** Liturgist, Gwen Breault
God of embracing love, gather us under the wings of your love, even as Jesus longed to gather Jerusalem into the arms of his love. Send your Holy Spirit into our worship this day, that we may be strengthened for the time ahead, as we seek to walk faithfully with Christ all the way to the cross. Be our light and our salvation, that we may live in your presence and walk in your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.

Passing of the Peace Liturgist, Gwen Breault

Community Connections

Day School Presentations Ann Ermer & Pastor Stacey

Children's Message

Receiving God's Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Music *God So Loved the World*
arr. Benjamin Harlan

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

***Unison Offertory Dedication and Prayer**
Liturgist, Gwen Breault

God of light, your blessings are as numerous as the stars; your mercy is as deep as the sea. When we had no future, you gifted us with a heritage that endures. For gathering us into your embrace like a mother hen gathers her chicks, and for your many blessings, we offer you our tithes and offerings. May these gifts be a source of blessing for others, that all might know the promise of your goodness in the mean places of the world.

Hymn of Reflection *Open my Eyes* TFWS#2086

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading *Philippians 3:17 – 4:1*
Liturgist, Gwen Breault

Sermonic Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

Sermon *An Imitating Heart* Pastor Stacey

***The Social Creed** (See Insert)

***Closing Hymn** *Be Still My Soul* UMH #534

***Mission Statement** (screen) Liturgist, Gwen Breault
Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by
People: Bringing People to Christ, Growing People in Christ, And Serving People for Christ.
Leader: This is our mission.
All: Thanks be to God!

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

***Postlude** *My Savior's Love* arr. Albin C. Whitworth

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Pastor-On-Call: Please call 215-945-5503

The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.

My Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Speaker: _____

Sermon Title:

Key Scriptures:

Sermon Notes:

This Week I Will Focus On:

(Insert)

THE SOCIAL CREED

“We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God’s gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts in idolatrous ends. We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family. We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons. We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world. We believe in the present and final triumph of God’s Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.”



WOMEN’S CRAFTING CIRCLE

First Monday each month at 7:00 p.m.
Common Ground

You are invited to join this group of women (high school – adult) to share a time of devotion, crafting, & fellowship. No previous craft skill needed, crafts selected are for crafters of all skill/ability and instructions and guidance is provided. A donation of \$3-5 is suggested to help cover the cost of supplies.

NEEDED!



Communion Stewards—Contact Sharon Bordak,
267-236-4792



Grass Cutters—Contact Jim Schultz, 267-312-1358



EASTER LILIES

ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Each year our congregation has helped to beautify the Sanctuary during our Easter Sunday service, by purchasing lilies in honor or memory of a loved one. The names of donors & loved ones will be printed in a special insert included in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin.

Deadline is March 15th; Cost is \$10.



EASTER SHARE-A-MEAL

Share-a-Meal donations give the opportunity to dedicate the special gift in honor or memory of a designated person(s). The donations collected are used to help to provide financial gifts to members of our church community this Easter.

Deadline is April 5th; Suggested donation \$10.



DONATIONS NEEDED

Slightly used adult and children winter clothes, coats, & shoes.



COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 2nd
7 p.m.**

Good Friday

TENEBRAE SERVICE

EMILIE UMC

APRIL 3, 2026 | 7PM



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**Philippians 3:17-4:1
New International Version**

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity

⁴Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!



DONATIONS NEEDED

If you would like to help provide items to be distributed through the Blessing Box please see the list below. Individually packaged oatmeal, granola bars, fruit bars, canned meat (with pull tabs), canned ravioli & pasta (with pull tabs), Pop tarts, small boxes of dry cereal, easy Mac, cup of soup and hotel toiletries.

*Items can be left in the box marked "Blessing Box" in the Narthex.