

Upper River Ministries

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Greetings to one and all,

As the virus days drag on, we want to do some planning to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. That's right, celebrate! Despite the angst of this time, we need to celebrate Holy Week and Easter as the high holy days that they truly are. It can be said that Holy Week and Easter are the spiritual center of the Christian experience. At this season we worship, learn, celebrate and feast. Holy Week and Easter are the most sacred of occasions. This year is no exception...

Our Governor and Bishop have asked that we not gather until April 6th. So, we will live stream our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. These services will be available on Facebook and our website. Our Palm Sunday service on April 5th will be the same as the two previous Sundays. It will be live streamed on Sunday morning at 8 am and available for viewing later. It is our hope you will join us at these occasions. Please see the following schedule scenarios:

Option A (we get to have Easter Service)

Sunrise at 8 am at the Old Mission
Breakfast at 9 am our Youth are providing.
Easter Worship @ 10:20 am

Option B (we are still on social distancing)

LIVE Facebook streaming at 6:30 am from the Old Mission & 7:30 am Salem UMC.
Worship from your car in the parking lot of the Forest Park at 9 am & 11 at Marseilles UMC.

In order to provide some personal contact, a pastor will contact you to schedule a time to meet for prayer. These times will be scheduled during Holy Week and will be including communion time. The communion is prepacked for safety. We look forward to our time with you!

All God's best to you and yours!

Pastors Johnny, Betsy and Doug

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