

... our mission ...

To know, love, and serve God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

... our values ...

To know God...*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior. Psalm 25:5*

To love God...*to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him... Joshua 22:5*

To serve God...*You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

...and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19

With all our heart, soul, mind and strength...*Let us not love with just words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

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welcome from Pastor Stan

On this fifth Sunday of Lent we consider the words of George Eliot, "Where love is real it's extravagance considers no sacrifice too great to be borne." This week we continue our walk with Jesus to the cross, reflecting on his extravagant and sacrificial love for us, ". . . God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Coming together in worship this morning is our way of proclaiming to God, to one another and to the world that our love for Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is real and not just real but truly extravagant.

Pastor's study: John 12:1-6

Whatever the other members of this Bethany household may have felt about Jesus, one word describes Mary's feelings . . . love.

- 1.) In v. 2 we read that "Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor." If you were to give a dinner for Jesus, in what ways would you prepare? Whom would you invite?
- 2.) At this dinner Martha served Jesus while Lazarus visited with him. At the same time Mary was demonstrating her extravagant love for Jesus. Each member of the family seemed to play a different role with Jesus. What would your role have been at such a dinner? Of those you would invite, what do you think their roles might have been?
- 3.) The perfume poured on Jesus' feet "was worth a year's wages (v. 5)." If you had one year of your wages to use for Jesus, how would you use it?
- 4.) Judas responded to Mary's actions, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor (v. 5)?" Yet in the next verse we learn that Judas was actually a thief and cared nothing for the poor. As a disciple who followed Jesus, Judas had given his life. It was his heart that Judas had not given to Jesus. Describe your life and heart relationship with Jesus. Do you want it to be different? If so, in what ways?

today:

Matt and Dawn Stidham are serving in the nursery, for children newborn through age 3.

Kara Miller is leading Children's Church today, and Marie Zupancic will teach a missions lesson.

"Ten Men of the Bible" book study in the library, 4:00pm.

Pick up a bag or two of plastic eggs to fill for the egg hunt!

this week:

Monday: Alpha Brown County in the fellowship hall, 5:50-8pm.

Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm: Supper. Chicken nuggets, mac 'n cheese.

6:30-7:30: Children's program, teen group, and adult prayer/discussion group.

Thursday: Women's Prayer Group, 10am in the sanctuary.

Thursday: Mug 'n Muffin, 5:30pm. Ladies, bring a mug in a paper bag and a large muffin. Put your name on a slip of paper in the mug and whoever takes your bag will pray for you all year!

upcoming:

Sunday, March 25: Crisis Care Kit collection.

Holy Week: March 25: Palm Sunday

March 29: Maundy Thursday service, 6:30pm.

March 30: Good Friday Tennebrae service, 7:30pm.

Easter Sunday, April 1: 8:30am, First Light service

9:00am, breakfast and egg hunt

10:30am, worship service.

April 20-21: Christian Motorcycle Association gathering.

prayer needs:

Alpha guests and team • Melissa Clark • Carol Farlee • Our schools • Ruby Pruitt • Mark Sisson • Josiah Green • Naomi Pruitt • Teresa Harden • Our church's ministry