

# The Outlook

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## Worship on Facebook and In-Person

April 12: Psalm 16, John 20:19-31, "Unless I see...."

April 19: Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19, Luke 24:13-35, "Astound Us"

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching



An asphalt company will apply a slurry asphalt sealing coat to the Gathering Place Parking Lot **Monday, April 13**. They will begin work at 6:00 AM. All parking lots will be lined that day so park at the street curb if you need to enter the church buildings. The lots relined only will dry in one day and open on **Tuesday, 14th**.

The Gathering Place lot will be left closed for 2 days to allow the seal to set properly.

The lot will show tire marks for approximately 1-2 weeks. Please do not stop in the lot and steer (turn) your wheels during this time. It is critical that drivers do not turn their wheels after they have stopped. Please steer before the car comes to a stop. Please do not steer (turn) your wheel after the car comes to a stop. We are planning for a well bonded seal coat and lining on the Gathering place parking lot.

Trustees,  
Marv Davisson and Nick Strobel Co-chairs

## Thank You!

A Huge Thank You to all who helped make Easter so meaningful! To all the readers and our soloist from Good Friday, I have heard from many that the service was meaningful and you are the ones who made it so. To all the musicians, as well as Doug and Patrick, Easter is just not Easter without the alleluias ringing. To all the others who set up the food, and made the sanctuary so beautiful, Thank you also. Last but by no means least, to the tech team, Bill and Linda and crew, Thank You for doing all that you do!

With Joy and Thanks, Pastor Cindy

Easter was amazing! I felt the Joy of the children, and the smiles and love as we ate. It was a day to celebrate not only the Risen Lord but to be with our risen Lord, For wherever two or three are gathered, There he is also! Wouldn't it be great if it could go on for a bit longer? There is no reason to stop the party yet, Easter actually lasts for 50 days.

The empty tomb reminds us that death no longer has the final word. **Easter 50 Days** begins with the Resurrection, the cornerstone of our faith.

### **Jesus Appearing to His Followers**

Jesus spent time with His disciples after rising, showing His presence, teaching them, and offering peace.

### **The Ascension of Christ**

Forty days after Easter, Jesus ascended to heaven, leaving His followers with hope and purpose.

### **Pentecost and the Coming of the Holy Spirit**

Ten days after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit came, completing the Easter story and empowering the Church

So let us celebrate! Let us spread the Good News, and let us act like Jesus is still walking beside us here on Earth, because he is, Just in Spirit not in body. May you feel his presence and love,

Happy Easter, Pastor Cindy.

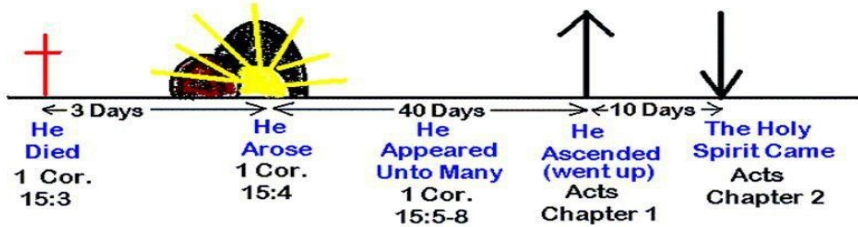


# Pentecost

Pentecost means the 50<sup>th</sup> day

It was on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday that the Church as we know it began.

The risen Jesus had been with his disciples for 40 days before the ascension.



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## Native American Ministries

**April 19**

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering develops and strengthens annual conference Native American ministries, equips Native American rural and urban congregations, ministries, and communities and educates Native American seminarians. Offering envelopes will be available in the bulletins. Checks may be made payable to Wesley Church, designated *Native American Ministries* or give online. Thank you.

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## Coffee Bar

Thank you to the volunteers who host the coffee bar on Sunday mornings. There is a volunteer sheet on the coffee bar if you would like to host an upcoming Sunday from May to August.

## Deadline

Deadline to submit articles to the next *Outlook* is Monday, April 20. Thank you.

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## Administrative Council

The monthly Administrative Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m., Zoom.

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## UMCOR Giving

\$341.07 was collected for the United Committee on Relief on March 15 as part of our Special Sunday offering for the United Methodist Conference.

## Prayer

Linda T. will move into a group home  
and that they will get their license soon.

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First UMC's

### *Spring Gathering*

Saturday, April 25,

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4600 Stockdale Hwy.

Guest speakers are Erin Rogers,  
Executive Director of the Bakersfield  
Pregnancy Center and Heidi Shubin,  
Dress for Success Worldwide.

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