

Making Space for Others

All throughout Lent, we've been reading through the Gospel of Luke or the Gospel of the Nobodies as we're calling it. We're learning that Jesus had a heart for those who felt out of place, overlooked, forgotten — the sick, the widow, the downtrodden. Lent is a time where we take a moment to assess and see not only our own dependence and need for God's love and grace individually, but collectively as a church, too.

Lent isn't only about reflection, but I think also about action — about making space in our life to see God's presence, God's will for us, our growth plan to become all God's created us to be. We learn in Luke that to live fully as followers of Jesus Christ we must make it a practice to welcome those who feel like nobodies, and remind them in God's eyes that we are all somebodies.

So, here are a few ideas for us all to practice at COGS:

- **Circle of 10:** greet anyone, member or guest — from any congregation — within 10 feet of you. Be intentional to greet the people you don't know within your circle of 10.
- **Rule of 3:** For the first 3 minutes after worship, only talk to those people you don't know — especially any guests but also those you see weekly, but don't yet know.

Let's welcome all God's children with enthusiasm here at COGS. Let's make space to see how the gift of others brings new life come Easter so we all might experience the Resurrection!

- Pastor Molly

This Issue

- Youth Mission Trip
- Holy Week Worship
- Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Lilies

If you'd like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please place your lily order ASAP! The **deadline is April 7** (due to supplier issues) and you may call Jane in the church office due to the short notice.

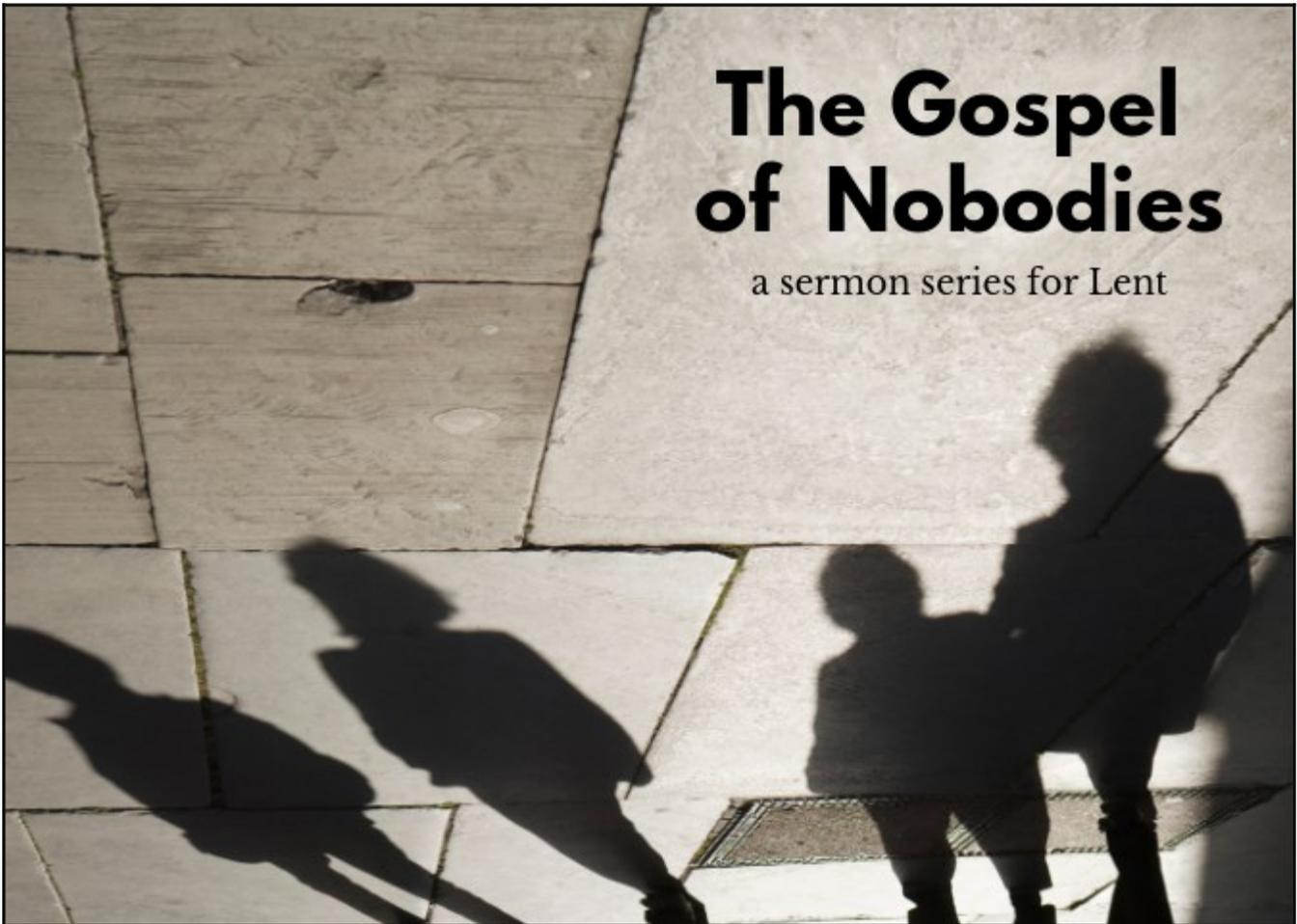
Lilies are \$10 each

Arlington UMM Fish Fry & Auction Sunday, April 14 at Noon—Fellowship Hall

Admission is free, but donations are accepted. An auction will be held following lunch benefiting the AUMM's charitable giving fund. Items include desserts, arts & crafts, etc.

The Gospel of Nobodies

a sermon series for Lent



9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Most of us have at some point felt like a nobody – insignificant, invisible, worthless. The Gospel of Luke is a first century portrait of Jesus with a particular focus on his ministry with those who were considered nobodies. For Lent, join us as we read through the Gospel of Luke together. Each week, we'll turn our attention to specific stories that illustrate Jesus' concern for those who were marginalized by society, and as we do, we'll hear his word for our lives today.

April 7: Homeless Beggars | Luke 18:35-43

April 14: The Thief on the Cross | Luke 23: 32-47

April 21: The Worst Thing is Never Last | Luke 24: 1-11

Surprise! The unlikely, ironic, and surprising stories in Acts

April 28: A Surprising Turnaround | Acts 5:27-32

**Average Presence in
Worship for March:**

56

**Total Offerings
in March:**

\$20,310.21

**YTD Receipts vs.
Expenses:**

\$2,305.98

Upcoming Events

- 1st: **Grief Support**
1 PM
- 5th: **Girls United!**
5 PM— Sat. 4/6 at 12 PM
- 8th: **Threadbenders**
7 PM
- 9th: **UMW Meeting**
10 AM
- 13th: **UMM Meeting**
9 AM
- Easter Egg Hunt**
10 AM—12 PM
- 14th: **UMM Fish Fry**
12:00 PM
- 18th: **Maundy Thursday**
2 PM & 7 PM
- 19th: **Good Friday**
Prayer Stations
11 AM—2 PM
Worship
7 PM

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1 PM
no Bible Study 4/24

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday at 11:30 AM

- 4/3: **Connie's Cafe**
4/10: **Angelo's**
4/17: **UMW Luncheon**
4/24: **Spring Creek BBQ**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

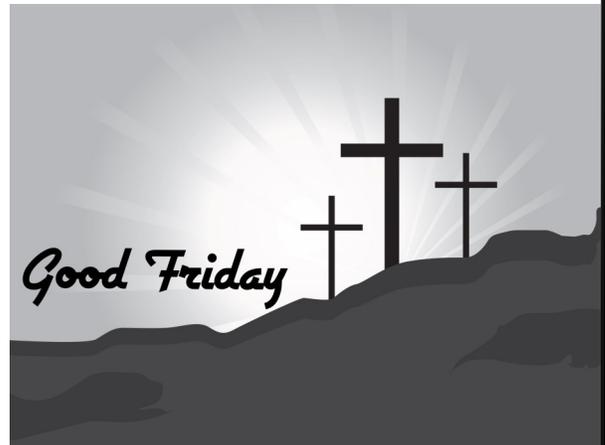
Join us on **Thursday, April 18th**, at **2 PM** or **7 PM** for worship around tables in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

Good Friday Worship Opportunities

There are **two opportunities** on **Friday, April 19th**, to worship and center ourselves around what the crucifixion means for us as we conclude our Lenten journey at the cross and await Easter.

The sanctuary will be open for you to worship through various **prayer stations** from **11 AM—2 PM**.

A
**Good Friday
Production**
will be in the
Sanctuary at **7 PM**
directed by
Pam Pinkerton
of
Grace UMC



Jack and Beryl Wolfe Scholarship Fund

This fund was created through a generous donation aimed to support students who are furthering their studies. If you know of a student who is interested in applying, please have them contact the church office to obtain an application. The deadline to apply is May 6th and we hope to present the award in worship on May 19th. Thank you to all who made this opportunity possible!

CTCYM Youth Mission Trip 2019

We will be sending a group of 14 people on a youth mission trip to Corpus Christi, TX from June 16-22. We will be doing relief work after Hurricane Harvey. Our next fundraiser will begin Easter (April 21) in a Letters of Love Campaign.

Letters of Love (Fundraiser)

Sunday, April 21—Sunday, May 14

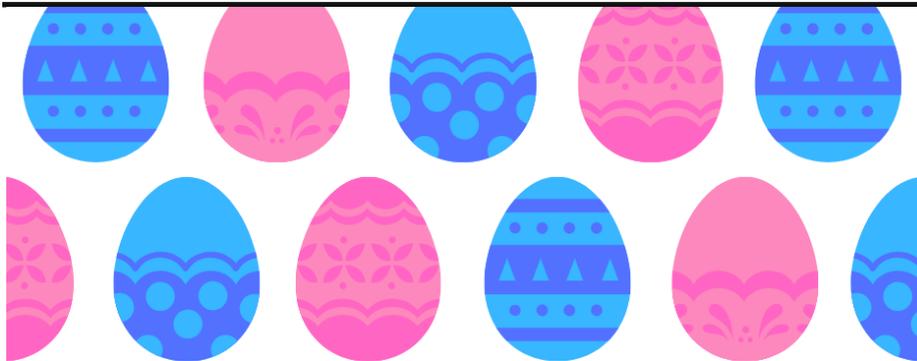
We are hoping that each trip participant will have a letter of love and support from their church family or friends daily while on the trip. Letters will be sold in the Narthex as a fundraiser and collected until the trip to be distributed while we are on the mission trip. You don't have to know the person you write, simply offer them prayers and well wishes. Or if you'd like to buy letters for others to write, let Pastor Molly know!

Suggested donation is \$25/letter.

THANK YOU

to all who attended the
**Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser**

**We raised \$742
bringing the total
raised to \$2,939 of
our \$5,900 goal!**



EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 13 10 AM

We need volunteers to help with crafts and the egg hunt, as well as eggs and candy! Contact Pastor Molly or Debbie Spoons with questions or sign up in the Narthex to help!

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Arlington Charities
Item of the Month:

Cooking Oils