



Special Blessings

I hope that all of you had a blessed Easter and have encountered the Risen Lord once again. Thanks be to God for such a love as this. No longer do we have to live as sin-filled people. Now we live filled with the hope and promise of life everlasting. Thanks be to God!! In this spirit of thanks, I wish to say "Thank You" to many who have helped the church over the last few weeks.

Thanks, Allen Girdner, for always having the right contemporary song I'm looking for, and for your "tech" help when I preach. Thanks for your laughter, too!

Thanks to the Reverends Taylor McConnell and Dick Smith for assisting me in worship while Pastor Scott was on Spring Break with his family. My voice sure appreciated the help!

Thanks, Fran Marvel, for filling in for Mary Ann on the organ and piano when she had to be out of town, and for the free concerts we get when you practice. What great soul food!

I also want to thank the many persons and groups that worked so hard to make this year's Holy Week and Easter worship experiences so meaningful:

Thanks to Art and Rose Marie Tauche, who did extra shopping and food preparation for our Maundy Thursday "Taste of the Seder," and for your help getting the candelabra ready for Good Friday. Thanks to Jo Anna Arnett, Betty Watson, Janet Dennison, Darlene Muniz, and Dorothea Gosling for helping to prepare food and tables. Thanks, Bill Betts, for making arrangements to have a special loaf of bread made for that service. Thanks to all who helped as Communion servers! Many hands sure helped! Thanks to Mary Ann and the Choir, who sang for our Maundy Thursday service. You reminded us through music of what the Lord's Supper is all about.

Thanks to our Banner Ladies, Barbara Vance and Jimmie Schlender, for making sure the right banners were in place for each service. (And thanks in advance for designing and making a banner for our church to display at the Annual Conference at Glorietta next month!)

To all the readers who made the story of Jesus' Passion come alive in our Tenebrae Service: Barbara Fentiman, Ken Harmon, Dawn Jiacoletti, Amber Medina, Darlene Muniz, Ed Rector, Sawyer Reed, and Hunter Riley: Thank you!

Dave Dennison: Thanks for running the sound booth for us on Good Friday and for that great "loud noise!" Perfect

timing! And a great big thank you to Robert and John T. for a perfectly beautiful and clean church.

To Janet Dennison: Thank you for always having the props and costumes. You seem to know ahead of time what we might need!

Thanks to all who helped Janet prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt: Nancy Schultz; Kim Zeilik; Cindy, Bob, and Cathryn Bidal; Ruth and Dustin Ransdell. SO many eggs, each filled with candy!! SO many balloons to inflate! SO many children having a good time doing the "Bunny Hop" and collecting eggs! Thanks to you Sunday School classes, who provided the money and candy to fill those 1200 eggs!

Thanks, Mary Ann Slattery, for arranging the Cantata. You selected Scriptures and anthems that told the Resurrection Story so meaningfully. Thanks to you and the Choir for all the extra rehearsals. The gift of music reaches our spirits in ways mere words sometimes cannot. This we also found out with the lovely UMYF Sunrise Service. Thank you so much, St. John's Youth!

And now a special thanks to Pastor Scott: Thank you for giving the ideas for our special services, and giving me the freedom to "flesh" them out a little differently this year. I appreciate your leadership, and your team spirit.

Last but not least, to you, the people known as St. John's United Methodist Church. Thank you for your faithfulness through your prayers, gifts, service, witness, and support. God thanks you and we thank you!

And if I have forgotten anyone in particular, forgive me. Please know you are appreciated! This old memory bank went without chocolate for Lent!!

*From one walking the path by your side,
Pastor Stephanie*

FRIENDSHIP DAY
St. John's United Methodist Church
"Signs of Growth"
Friday, May 5th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Parlor
Church Women United

*St. John's United Methodist Church
 1200 Old Pecos Trail
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505*

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 SANTA FE, NM
 87505
 PERMIT NO. 143

<p style="text-align: center;">FRIENDSHIP DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 5th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parlor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Signs of Growth"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Women United</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rummage Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday - May 6th 8 a.m. - Noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fellowship Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>- Donated Rummage can be left Thurs. afternoon & Friday -</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">STJUMC BELL CHOIR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UMW Unit Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday - May 6th 11:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Prayer & Self Denial"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY May 21st</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNION SUNDAY ☉ May 7th ☉ &</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LAST WCN DINNER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spring 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday - May 10th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TLC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Final Class - Spring</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday - May 24th TEACHER TRAINING May 25 & 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ANNUAL CONFERENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 31 - June 3 Glorietta Retreat Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bread for the world</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Offering of Letters</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TALENT SHOW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday * * * May 7th * * * 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p> <p>May 1 UMW Exec. 10:00 a.m. May 11 Missions 6:00 p.m. May 11 SPRC 6:30 p.m. May 15 TLC Board 5:00 p.m. May 16 Trustees 6:00 p.m. May 18 Admin 7:00 p.m. May 28 Prayer 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 14th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Circle MEETINGS</p> <p>May 9 Martha Circle. May 11 Esther Circle May 22 Rebekah Circle May 23 Susanna Wesley Circle</p>