# The Evangel March 2023

#### **Revised Common Lectionary Scriptures this month**

March  $5 - 2^{nd}$  Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:11-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March  $12 - 3^{rd}$  Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 26 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

April 2 – Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Matthew 26:14-27:66

### **New Short-term Study**

A new short-term study series begins on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be studying "This Holy Mystery" which is the official United Methodist statement on what we believe about communion. The title comes from the closing prayer after we take communion, in which we thank God for giving Christ to us through "this holy mystery". Join us for the next five weeks in which we study God's gift to us through these simple elements of bread and juice.

### Missionary Speaker at Bell UMC

UMC Missionary Belinda Forbes will be speaking at Bell UMC in April. She will share about her work as a dentist in Nicaragua. She is an inspiring speaker. Date and time to be announced soon.

## **Website Update:**

Please share with your friends our updated website:

www.bigsandyumc.org

If there is something you think would be helpful for us to add to the website, please let us know. We are still making changes so that it is a helpful resource for people.