

United Parish of Bowie

News and Notes

February 26, 2026

Pastor's Notes

Rev. Dr. Scott Wilson

Every Wednesday during Lent we will be gathering for Soup and Salad, plus a short devotional time. This year we kicked off yesterday with the first “I am” saying of Jesus in the Gospel of John, and a great turnout with lots of good fellowship and food.

Future topics will be as follows:

March 4	“I am the light of the world”	John 8:12
March 11	“I am the gate for the sheep”	John 10:1-10
March 18	“I am the good shepherd”	John 10:11-21
March 25	“I am the resurrection and the life”	John 11:17-27

These are just some of the sayings attributed to Jesus in John’s gospel. They are all in different contexts, but they all reveal something about who he is, and for us, how our walk of faith is strengthened and encouraged by these scriptures during Lent, a time of introspection and renewal of our faith life.

Once again, we are joining with Village Baptist for Holy Week services. We will host Maundy Thursday, and travel to Village Baptist on Good Friday. Both services will be at 7pm. More details will follow later in the month

Hope you will find time to join us – take advantage of any or all of these opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 1st	Communion Sunday 2 nd Sunday in Lent		
	Matthew 5:13-16 (The Message)		“The God Flavors of the Earth”
March 8	3 rd Sunday in Lent		
	Ephesians 2:4-10		“Off Kilter”
March 15	4 th Sunday in Lent		
	Mark 4:26-29		“Agricultural Grace”
March 22	5 th Sunday in Lent		
	John 11:28-35		“Where Is God When it Hurts?”
March 29	PALM SUNDAY		
	John 8:58		“Before Jesus Was, I am”
April 2	Maundy Thursday	United Parish Bowie	7pm
April 3	Good Friday	Village Baptist (details to follow)	7pm
April 5	EASTER SUNDAY with Communion		
	John 20:1-18		“The Last Word”

SPRING EGG-STRAVAGANZA

UPB and the Children, Youth and Family Committee will be hosting a “Spring Egg-Stravanza” on Saturday, March 28 from 3:00-5:00 pm. The Easter Bunny will be here to hand out goodie bags. Activities include face painting, egg decorating and a variety of fun games. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with different ways you can help. This is a great way to reach out to our community. If you have any questions, please talk to Sue.

LADIES LUNCH: Is now the Second Wednesday at First Watch. First Watch is located at 15471 Excelsior Dr, Bowie, MD 20716. The next lunch will be in April, as the Lenten Dinners now occur on Wednesdays. Please let Sharon Doughty know you are coming, and yes, you can bring a friend.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Our Women's Circle is open to all women. Women of our congregation and women outside our congregation. No commitment. Come join us, we welcome you. Second Saturdays of each month at 10:00 am in the Narthex.

SERVICE & MISSION COMMITTEE

Easter -The Service and Mission Committee is collecting individually wrapped candy, small stuffed animals, books, crayons, puzzles, bubbles, and coloring books to fill 20 Easter baskets for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry.

Please bring donations to church by Sunday, March 15, 2026, or give a cash donation to Judy Farrell or Mary Jo Munnely to shop for you. Baskets are for children ages 2–9.

Bowie Food Pantry: Please bring your non-perishable food donation, paper goods, baby items (diapers/wipes) and toiletries to the basket by the side door. Reminder when selecting items to donate to the Bowie Pantry, UPB also helps stock the rice shelf as part of the Pantry's adopt-a-shelf program. Thanks for your generous giving.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Breakfast: 2nd and 4th Thursday at 9 am at Nautilus Diner Crofton.

Men's Night Out: 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm at Glory Days in Edgewater

BOOK CLUB

1st Friday at 7:00 pm at the Barbato's. Contact Jan Barbato for info