

**Order of Worship  
February 21, 2010**

**Gathering** Doris Seames

**Announcements** Pastor Maddox

**Prelude** Doris Seames  
*Please take this time to prepare for worship.*

**Call to Worship** Sue Haas  
Leader: God of rainbow and promise,  
**People: God of the swirling waters of baptism,**  
Leader: God of the dark night of doubt,  
**People: God of comfort and love,**  
Leader: Dwell with us this holy season of Lent  
**People: And lead us from temptation to trust,  
from fear to love, from despair to hope,  
from sadness to joy.**

\* **Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" #98

\* **Passing of the Peace** Pastor Maddox  
*A sign of peace can be a simple handshake, a hug, a wave, or even a smile! Welcoming others is a traditional way to pass the peace of Christ.*

**Children's Message**

**Response** "Sanctuary" Screen

**Scripture** Genesis 25:19-26 Sue Haas  
The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer** Doris Seames  
*A few moments for silent reflection.*

**Sharing Our Joys**

*If you have prayer requests, please complete a prayer request card and pass it to the center of the aisle.*

**The Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Maddox

**Lord's Prayer**  
*Words are on screen if needed.*

**Hymn** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #298

**Offertory** Doris Seames  
*If this is your first time visiting us, please do not feel obligated to give to the offering.*

\* **The Doxology**  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

\* **The Prayer of Dedication** Sue Haas  
*- A prayer of thanks for what we have, and asking for blessings upon that which we give back to God.*

**Scripture** Genesis 25:27-34 Sue Haas

The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "A Journey Through Genesis – "  
"What's a Birthright Worth?" Pastor Maddox

\* **Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526

\* **The Benediction** Pastor Maddox

\* **The Postlude** Doris Seames

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Our appreciation goes to Donna Dunn and Pat Connolly for being our greeters, and to Sue Haas for being our Liturgist. Special thanks to Doris Seames for playing the piano, and to you for joining us today.

**Please sign the registration pads to let us know you were worshipping with us today.**

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**We will be loyal to Sanctuary Church and uphold it with:**

**Our Prayers:**

Laverne Lawrence, Leslie Robinson, Ed Reyes, Del Luse, Mary Fortenberry, Ava Mendoza, Alicia Hieb, Nigel Winchester, Lou Seames, Anna Vee Wells, Pam Haas, Diane Drayna, Nancy Swenberger, those recovering from addiction, those in financial difficulty, and our friends and loved ones in the military.

**Our Presence:**

Coming to church can be good for us, but it can also be good for others. You never know when God is going to use you to touch the life of someone else!

**Our Gifts:**

Gifts are more than financial – they are also sharing your gifts of service, of prayer, of leading, of teaching, and the list goes on. What gifts do you have and are you sharing those gifts?

**Our Service:**

Serving others is a great way to draw close to Christ. Do you volunteer for anything at church or some other organization? If not, why not begin praying about it?

**Our Witness:**

Do you share the excitement here at Sanctuary with others? Do you share the joy God brings to your life with those you love?

# Announcements

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### Potluck - Sunday, Feb. 28

We will have an all-church potluck next Sunday at 11:30. Bring a dish to share, and invite a friend!

### A Word From your Church

Do you receive the weekly e-mail from Pastor Mark? If not, go to our website: [www.MaranaChurch.com](http://www.MaranaChurch.com) and click on the link that reads, "Get E-mail Newsletter."

### Sign up for Treats

We need people to sign up to bring refreshments at both services. See Laurie Dunn for 1st service and Barb Strahorn for 2nd service. Thank you!

### Sanctuary on Facebook

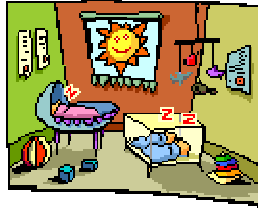
Did you know that over 70% of US households are using Facebook? Well now you can find Sanctuary UMC there as well! A great place to view photos, catch up on events, join in discussions and more! There is a link to our Facebook page on our website.

### United Methodist Women

The next meeting for UMW will be Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in Bette Sumner's home: 9511 N Twinkling Shadows Way, 572-2094.

### Have You Been Touched By Sanctuary?

We are looking for very short testimonials from people in our congregation who have been touched by God through Sanctuary. If you would be willing to help us on this, please see Shirley Maddox.



### Nursery and Sunday School

We have both a nursery and children's Sunday School available. The nursery is open from 8:45 – 11:30. Sunday School starts after Children's Message.

### Giving is easier than ever at Sanctuary!

You can make your weekly, monthly or quarterly offerings automatically! If you would like to switch to electronic transfer, all that is needed is a cancelled check or deposit slip. See Al Seames, the Financial Secretary, who has forms that make the process quick and simple.

### Support the Diamond Children's Medical Center

There is a walk to support the Diamond Children's Medical Center at UMC on March 6th. This walk is sponsored by all the elementary schools in our area and they are asking for our help! They need volunteers to help with refreshments or to walk in the event. Please see Mary Jane Flenard for more information.

### This week at Sanctuary

**Wednesday** – UMW 10 a.m. Sumner Home

**Thursday** - Men's breakfast - 8 a.m. at Grumpy's Jr.

### Further Reading

Pastor Maddox would like to lift up the following scriptures for you to read this week:  
*Jeremiah 49:7-22 Malachi 1:1-5, Hebrews 12:16*

***Our mission is to be a vibrant and welcoming church that grows in faith, serves Christ, and shares His love.***



Welcome to Sanctuary United Methodist Church!

**If this is your first time visiting, we would like to let you know that we are happy you decided to worship with us today.**

What would you do for a bowl of lentil stew? Personally I would have to say, "Not much!" Would you give up your entire inheritance and all the blessings you should receive in life?

Today we continue our sermon series, taking a Journey Through Genesis, and we will look at how the "least favored" brother will become someone great.

As we look at these stories, it is amazing how God uses the "least favored" of people to do some of the greatest things. God still has a use for all of us – no matter how old or young, rich or poor. We all have a place in His kingdom!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Mark

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Missed a sermon? Hear it online!