



Open Hearts
Open Minds
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Red Lion United Methodist Newsletter

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To Serve God, Christ's Church and the Community: Proclaiming Salvation To All.
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YOU ARE INVITED TO WALK WITH JESUS



As Jesus walked towards Jerusalem teaching and healing, he knew that at the end he would be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Day-to-day he worked towards leaving a legacy of footsteps we could follow. He showed us how to live our lives trusting in God and loving others.

The period of Lent continues through April. We invite you to continue your Lenten journey and walk with Jesus.

Don't forget the 40 items for 40 days. Any of the three below or a combination

40 Days

40 Items

1. Clothing, blankets, etc. for Over-the-Rhine ministry that the Gregg family goes down to serve.
2. Cans or non-perishable food for the Franklin Food Pantry.
3. Coins for our homeless mission dinners.

Get ready to celebrate by sharing your gifts given for the love of Jesus and in service for others on Easter morning when we will bless and send

WALK WITH JESUS DURING HOLY WEEK

Come join us as we walk with Jesus and experience—the Hosannas, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the grieving.

Palm Sunday

April 14, 11:00 am.



“they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” John 12:13

Like the people who waived palms and shouted “Hosannas” as Jesus entered Jerusalem, we walk into the service waiving palms and shouting “Hosannas.”

Mauddy Thursday

April 18, 7:00 pm
(at Red Lion UMC)

“When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer” Luke 22:14-15



What was it like that last night? Joy – celebrating and sharing the bread and wine with his

disciples? Sorrow – knowing he will soon be betrayed and die? Humility – washing his disciples feet as a servant? A mixture of all of those and more. Join us for a meditative service as we walk with Jesus on the night before his death.

Good Friday

April 19, 7:00 pm



“Jesus shouted, “Father, I put myself in your hands!” Then he died.”

Join us at Hope UMC (3642 Shaker Rd., Hunter, OH).

Join us for a “service of nails.” We will walk with Jesus through his capture, trial, crucifixion and burial.

Holy Saturday

April 20, 9:00 am-noon
Come when you can, leave when you need to.

“Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching and saw where the body was placed.” Mark 15:47

Join us sit with Jesus. Jesus is in the tomb and people are grieving. Walk the “stations of the cross” into the tomb. Spend time in prayer in the tomb.



There will be other meditative activities that center on this time between Jesus' death and his resurrection.

JOYFULLY WALK WITH THE RESURRECTED JESUS

CELEBRATE EASTER

Sunday, April 21

Jesus is risen! Join us for a day of celebration. We have a number of celebrations planned for the day.

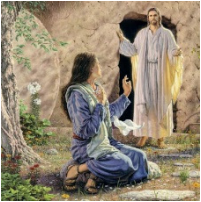
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunrise Service

8:00 am

“And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.”

Mark 16:2



Join us as we greet the day with the news that Jesus has risen through scripture and song.

Easter Breakfast

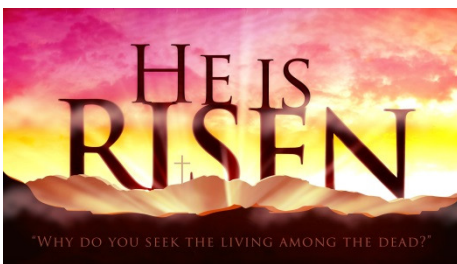
9:30 am

Join us for a celebration breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage and more.



Easter Worship

11:00 am



“Jesus isn’t here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, ‘The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.’ “
Luke 24:6-7

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today. Alleluia!” Join us for praise and thanksgiving for Jesus, Christ, our Savior is risen!

Easter Egg Hunt

12:45 pm

We end our celebration time this day with a celebration for the children.

The egg hunt will be held either outdoors or indoors depending on the weather. What surprises will they find in the eggs? Children of all ages are welcome to join in the fun.



AND THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...



The late Dr. Peter J. Gomes, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals at Harvard, wrote, "...the resurrection is a continuing event which involves everyone who dares be involved in it. Easter is not just about Jesus, it's about you. Jesus has already claimed his new life. What about you? Easter is not just about the past, it's about the future. Your best days are ahead of you. The proof of the resurrection is in your hands and in your life."

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Every Sunday

11:00 AM

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL!

Lent/Easter Sermon Series Continues...

Embracing the Uncertain

Join us as we explore dealing with uncertainty.

- ◆ April 7 - Zacchaeus and the Uncertainty of Surrender – Luke 19:1-10
- ◆ April 14 (Palm Sunday) - Jesus and the Uncertainty of Obedience – Matthew 26:36-46
- ◆ April 20 (Easter Sunday) - The Empty Tomb and the Proof of the Resurrection (Matthew 28:1-7; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18)

New Sermon Series Starts April 28



As we move from Easter towards Pentecost, we will explore the book of Galatians.

- April 28 – Grace That Transforms - Galatians Chapter 1
- May 5 - Grace that Embraces- Galatians Chapter 2
- May 12 - Grace that Clothes- Galatians Chapter 3
- May 19-Grace that Forms- Galatians Chapter 4
- May 26-Grace that Bears Fruit- Galatians Chapter 5
- June 2 - Grace that Sustains- Galatians Chapter 6

Growing
Closer to
Christ

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 10:00 AM

Everyone welcome!

Come and join our lively, spirited discussions which are based on scripture.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Date: Every Sunday

Time: After Children's Moments in Worship

Children's Church (ages 5-10) includes a bible lesson and fun activities (these may include crafts, singing, games).

YOUTH GATHERING

Date: 1st Sunday of each month

Time: 12:30 pm

**All Youth Welcome
(Grade 6 and up)**

Lunch provided.

Bible study, fun and fellowship.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Date: 3rd Monday of each month

Time: 11:00 a.m.

You are invited to join the UMW for an morning of bible study, prayer and service.

If you know someone who could benefit from receiving an encouraging word via a card, please let Norma know.

SANTUARY ACCESS PROJECT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

You definitely can see the work in progress.

Although we will receive some help through a grant from the district. It will not cover the full cost.



Please prayerfully consider what your donation/pledge can be to make our Sanctuary accessible to all.

AA MEETING

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 7:30-8:30 PM

Contact Information:

Mike Tracy
Home: 513-932-0538
Cell: 513-850-4633

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, and apolitical. There are no age or education requirements. Open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

WORK AROUND THE CHURCH



There are various maintenance projects, including Sanctuary Access Project, that need to be done in the church and around the church grounds. If you are interested in helping, check with Jamie or Rick

COMMUNITY SUNDAY DINNER

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Date: Sun., April 14

Time: 5:30 PM

In celebration of the beginning of baseball season, our dinner will be ballpark food.

Come, taste and see the surprises awaiting you.

Invite your neighbors, friends, family or anyone that would enjoy a meal, some fun and some fellowship.



ORV TEACHING TUESDAYS

12:30 am OR 6:00 PM

ORV District Office, Blue Ash

April 9: Tips and Tools for Leading in the Church Today (Adaptive Leadership)



April 30: Financial ABCs: Best Practices for Audits, Budgets, Compensation and Beyond

See Pastor Sandy if you are interested.



**Share the word to family,
friends, coworkers,
EVERYONE!**

April 27, 9am – 4 pm.

If you can help set up we will be setting up Monday through Friday before the sale.

MISSIONS - SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS

MISSION BINS:

We have bins that you can help various missions by dropping off donations any time. Some of these bins change depending upon the time of the year. Please check calendar for this month's collection.



MARCH TO MISSION

For March, we collected for Jesus Kids and Disaster Relief Fund through UMCOR. Thank you for your generosity.



For April, **United Methodist Children's Home:** "Every child deserves a chance to thrive." UMCH Family Services provides help to families in need, whether it's putting families together through their Adoption and Treatment Foster Care Services or keeping families together through their Family Mental Health and Post Adoption Services. They are a team of highly qualified and caring professionals dedicated to providing every child they serve with the best possible opportunity to reach his or her full potential

COOKBOOK FUND RAISER



We are putting together a cookbook to sell as a fundraiser. If you have any recipes that we can include, please send them to svogele@fuse.net.

We are looking for all types of recipes including gluten-free and those for diabetics.

MISSION DINNER

Date: 2nd, 4th & 5th Tues. each month

Time: 2:30 OR 4:30 PM

Place: Franklin UMC

Serving hot dinners to anyone in the community...you can help by...



1. **Praying!** (names in the bulletin)
2. **Helping set up:** between 2:30-4:30 pm
3. **Helping serve:** 4:30-6:00 pm
4. **Bring supplies for the dinner or donate and we will do the shopping.** Check the monthly calendar or Fellowship Hall Mission board for what is needed.

IHN DINNER

Ending homelessness one family at time.

Interfaith Hospitality Network mission is to provide meals, hospitality, and support for homeless families.



Thank you to all our volunteers for our March 31st dinner and fellowship time.

Mark your calendars for the next opportunity to serve – SATURDAY, JULY 6.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER QUIZ

1. Jesus prophesized that Peter would deny him how many times?
a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4
2. What was not said by Jesus the night before he died?
a. "All those who use the sword will die by the sword."
b. "The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."
c. "Physician, heal thyself."
d. "Friend, do what you came to do."
3. What does INRI mean on a crucifix?
a. Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome
b. Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem
c. Sign of the Cross
d. Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews
4. Which of these Easter hymns did Charles Wesley write?
a. "Because He Lives"
b. "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
c. "Lift High the Cross"
d. "Sing with All the Saints of Glory"
5. Why are eggs associated with Easter?
a. The symbolize new life
b. They have a shell around the body inside, like the tomb of Jesus
c. They can be dyed pretty colors to represent the joy of Easter
d. All of the above
6. What is the name of the man who asked for the body of Jesus after his death?
a. Joseph
b. Andrew
c. Simon
d. Nicodemus

Answers
to the
Quiz: 1-c;
2-c; 3-d;
4-b; 5-d;
6-a