



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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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

If you have a prayer concern, a need, or would like to receive weekly messages in the mail during this time, email us (rlumc.oh@gmail.com) or leave a voice message (937-746-2131).

APRIL



- Every Sunday
 - Sunday worship
 - Adult Sunday School
 - Children's Sunday School
 - Blessing Box restock
- Every Tuesday: AA
- Apr. 2: Franklin Mission Dinner
- Apr. 7: Worship Team
- Apr. 14: Celebration Sunday
- Apr. 21: Leadership Team meeting
- Apr. 23: Franklin Mission Dinner
- Apr. 30: Franklin Mission Dinner

Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped with the various outreaches in March:

- Family Promise dinner: donations, putting the Walking Tacos together, putting the meals and activities for children together
- Franklin Mission Dinner: donations, preparing, serving and cleaning up
- Blessing Box: donations and help to restock

Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35).

After the resurrection of Jesus, the disciples saw themselves as the "evidence" of the resurrection. They began to respond to the people around them as Jesus had responded to them. They began to love as they had been loved.

Eastertide is the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. What if over the next 50 days, we show God's love as proof of God's presence in our lives?

What if over these 50 days we demonstrate Christian love to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, church members and non-church members in intentional and non-threatening ways?

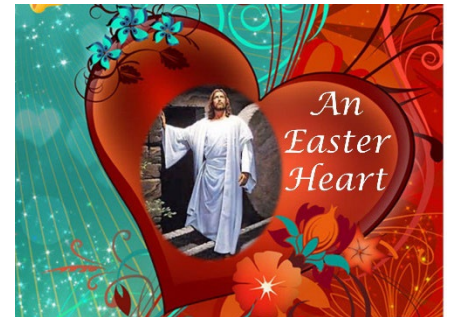
What if over the next 50 days we were to deepen our faith and spiritual commitment through specific acts of love and kindness and promote love and goodwill?

What if we take advantage of the opportunity in response to the resurrection, to be "the proof" of God's love?

Write a list of how and to whom over the next 50 days you will intentionally spread God's love through acts of kindness and compassion.

Shine the light of Christ out on everyone you meet everywhere you go.

Pastor Sandy



AN EASTER HEART

An Easter heart is not a heart that busies oneself with bunnies and baskets. Rather an Easter heart is a heart that believes, a heart that believes in Jesus.

Join us as we discover what lies within an Easter heart during the 50 days of Eastertide leading to Pentecost.

April 7 An Easter heart Believes
John 20:19-31

- April 14 An Easter heart
Follows
John 21:1-19
- April 21 An Easter heart
Comforts
Psalm 23
- April 28 An Easter heart Loves
2 Corinthians 5:18-21
Guest preacher: Rev.
Tim Waugh
- May 5 An Easter heart Trusts
& Obeys
John 14:23-29
- May 12 An Easter heart Prays
John 17:20-26
(Mother's Day)

FELLOWSHIP

Join us after worship for some fellowship, sharing and food. Everyone welcome!.

Apr. 14: Celebration Sunday



Join us as we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for this month.

Birthdays:

- Apr. 8Sue B.
- Apr. 16Jerry B.

Anniversaries:

- Apr. 28John & Brenda G.

If we missed a birthday or anniversary, please let Pastor Sandy know.

AA MEETING

Every Tuesday 7:30-8:30 PM.
Contact Mike Tracy if you have any questions. H: 513-932-0538
C: 513-850-4633

WORSHIP

NOTE WORSHIP IS AT 11:00 AM

Join us us for worship. Everyone welcome!.

During the month of April we will have a sermon series entitled "An Easter Heart." See the article starting on the front page

SAVE OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



We started this project before we had collected all the money we needed trusting in God.

The first three windows cost \$60,000. We have not collected enough to cover that yet.

However, we need to continue and trust in God and replace the other windows before they fall apart. It is also at this point a safety issue

A "Stained Glass Windows" donation box is at the back of the Sanctuary, or you can send a check (indicate in memo line – stained glass windows).

The Leadership Team will meet the 3rd Sunday after worship.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

If you have anything you would like to get into the newsletter, please submit it by email to svogele@fuse.net by April 18.

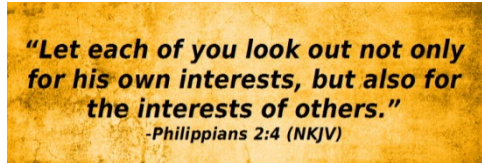
PRAYER CONCERNS

- Lord, we lift up...
- Roberts family
- Holly B.
- Bre B.
- Mary Anne (Marty's sister)
- Grampa Hamilton
- Norma
- Pat
- Gary
- Laurie S.
- Tim S.
- Brenda
- Charlotte
- Guy
- Marty



and those in our hearts to you, you know their needs. We place them in your loving caring arms because you are the great healer, the great comforter, and the great peace maker and through you anything is possible. Amen.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS



FAMILY PROMISE (IHN) DINNER

Our next opportunity is Thursday, March 21 and Saturday, March 23.

Other weeks when we will have an opportunity are:

- Week of week of June 30-July 6 (Independence Day July 4)
- Week of September 29-October 4
- Week of November 24-November 30 (Thanksgiving Day Nov,28)

SUPPORT THE CHURCH



Please continue your tithing, so we can

be servants through worship, service and whatever God puts on our hearts. You can mail it in, or drop off in basket at back of Sanctuary.

MARCH TO MISSION



For the months of March and April the March for Missions donations will go towards **Hope House Mission** (Middletown): Founded in 1989, Hope House Mission is a faith-based ministry, serving homeless men, women and children in Butler, Warren, and surrounding counties in Southwest Ohio. Much more than an emergency shelter, Hope House Mission provides comprehensive programs and services designed to promote long-term, sustainable life transformation.

BLESSING BOX/PRAYER STATION



With cold weather starting, we will need donations of scarves, hats, gloves/mittens, or anything to keep adults, youth and children warm. We continue to need our highest requests - individual snacks, laundry detergent, dish detergent, personal toiletry items. Monetary donations can be made in box at back of Sanctuary.

MISSION DINNER AT FRANKLIN FIRST UMC

We, along with Hope UMC, serve dinners at Franklin UMC. Ways you can serve:

- Food/monetary donations:
Need bottled water anytime. For any other needs ask Terri or watch weekly bulletins.
- On night of dinner(see calendar on front page):
 - Help put dinner together 3:30-4:30 pm. Contact Marty.
 - Help serve inside or pass out dinner bags – 4:30-5:30 pm. Contact Marty.
- Pray.



LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team meets the third Sunday each month. Everyone welcome. The team consists of...
Pastor Sandy
Jennifer Fry (Lay Leader, Treasurer)
John Grier (Trustees)
Brandon Warmoth (PPR)
Brittany Warmoth (Secretary)
Tabby Keeton (Finance Director)

MEDITATION CORNER

The blessings in the New Testament were written to real Christians living in the difficult and fallen world. They are as true for us in today's world.

As you read the blessing below, hear yourself included as a recipient knowing the words are for you personally.

“Be humble in the presence of God’s mighty power, and he will honor you when the time comes. God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to him.

Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack. But you must resist the devil and stay strong in your faith. You know that all over the world the Lord’s followers are suffering just as you are. But God shows undeserved kindness to everyone. That’s why he appointed Christ Jesus to choose you to share in his eternal glory. You will suffer for a while, but God will make you complete, steady, strong, and firm. God will be in control forever! Amen.” 1 Peter 5:6-11

Read the blessing again.

Consider it carefully as a word from God to you this very day.

What is a gift to receive in this blessing?

What news do you get of who God is and what God has done?

What promise for the future do you hear in the words?

Today, into which specific life situation would you like to have this blessing sent?

Take some time to imagine Jesus himself taking your hand, speaking these words to you. Receive the words as gift and promise.