

Children & Family Ministries

Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on **Saturday, April 15th from 10:00-12:00!** We will have a devotion from Pastor JF, a visit from a special friend, a fantastic egg hunt and then we will end the morning with free hot dogs!!! Please spread the word around the community! I will have flyers available in the church office that you are more than welcome to post at businesses or hand out to families. I have one last date scheduled to stuff eggs. It will be April 12th from 10-12. We have 300 - 400 more eggs to stuff and we will be done! Thank you for giving of your time, talents and resources to send the message of love to our children and to our community!



YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Middle School Class is meeting in the (old Youth Room) which is now the Kindergarten Classroom, and our High School Class is meeting in the former College Classroom for our Sunday School time while our Youth area is getting a face lift.

YOUTH REP MEETING: We will meet this Sunday at 5:00 pm to look at some upcoming items. Bring your calendars and any schedules to help us with our planning.

MYF: Come enjoy a light dinner followed by games, worship and more beginning this Sunday at 6:00 pm! Don't miss out!!

TBC (Prayer Breakfast): Chick-fil-A, 6:54 AM! Makes for a great start to a new day!!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Join us this Wednesday night at Wesley Williams' home! Start time is 7:03! End time is 8:33 pm. Stick around afterwards for some refreshments! Bring your Bible!

HOLY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: Join us Thursday, April 13th, for dinner beginning at 5:30 followed by a Special Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

WEEK OF HOPE TEAM: Check your email! All Team Members should have registered on-line by now!



Lillie Pearl Wood Nursing Scholarship

If you live in Randolph County and have been accepted in an accredited school of nursing, you may be eligible to apply for the Lillie Pearl Wood Nursing Scholarship (\$1000.00/year for full time students) Contact the Church Office for an application. Deadline is June 20.

Good Times Wisdom Keepers

On Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 the Good Times Club is in for a treat with a great luncheon and entertainment by "FISH THE MAGISH". 11:30 luncheon in Family Life Conference room. Cost is \$5.00. Come and bring a friend.

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The Family Foundations Class has begun a new marriage series during the Sunday School hour entitled *Marriage Built to Last*

by Chip Ingram who is a Pastor, Author and Nationally Syndicated Radio Host, *Living on the Edge*.

All are welcome to join for this series, *Living Intentionally & Loving Biblically*



There will be postcards available in the narthex for you to hand out to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to invite them to the events we will be having during this Easter season. This is a great opportunity to reach your community for Christ!



Also, there are sign-up cards available for you to fill out so we can give a head-count of those attending the Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning that will be held at West Bend United Methodist Church.



An Easter Victory Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 16th to support our outreach for Mission Adonai Church. Special Easter Offering envelopes will be available on that day.

CUOC Items

Any item

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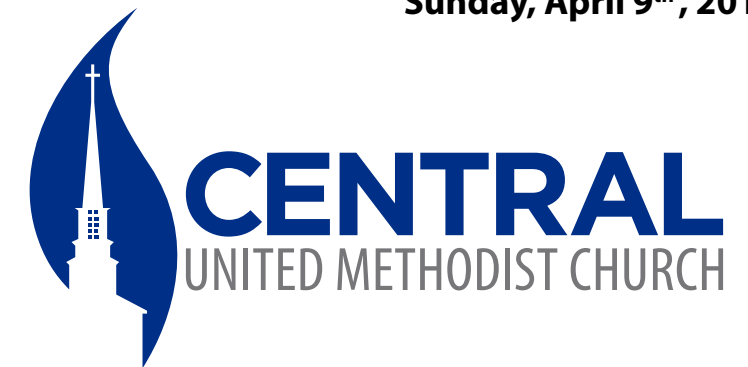
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Sunday, April 9th, 2017



Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

Why Easter Matters

I saw where a poll by the Barna organization discovered that less than half of the adult population in our country sees a connection between Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. Increasingly, Easter means merely a break from school, the first trip to the beach of the vacation season, the start of Spring, or a holiday featuring candy and brightly colored plastic eggs.

Theologian Michael Green states: **"Without faith in the resurrection there would be no Christianity at all."** The Apostle Paul wrote just years after the resurrection of Jesus:

¹³ **If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised;**
¹⁴ **and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith.** ¹⁶ **For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.**
¹⁷ **And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.** {1 Corinthians 15:13-14, 16-17}

Here are a few reasons why Easter matters:

1) Easter is the proof that what Jesus promised is true.

When asked how He would verify His teachings and authenticate His ministry, Jesus declared it would rest on His resurrection:

¹⁸ **So the Jews replied to him, "What sign will you show us for doing these things?"**

¹⁹ **Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up in three days."**

²⁰ **Therefore the Jews said, "This temple took forty-six years to build, and will you raise it up in three days?"**

²¹ **But he was speaking about the temple of his body.** ²² **So when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the statement Jesus had made.**

{John 2:18-22}

2) Easter is the proof that we have been restored to right relationship with God.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Rome:

²⁵ **He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**

{Romans 4:25}

According to Paul, the death of Jesus freed us from our sins. The resurrection of Jesus restores us to a relationship with God.

3) Easter makes the hope of eternal life a present reality.

In Ephesians 2:4-5 the Bible declares this message of new life:

⁴ **But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,**
⁵ **made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!**

We don't have to wait for eternal life to start. We can have the resurrection life of Jesus at work in us now.

4) Easter gives us hope that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available for believers today.

The Apostle Peter boldly proclaims:

³ **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.** {1 Peter 1:3}

The resurrection of Jesus gives us "living hope" that Jesus is working in our lives and in our situations even now. Our hope in all situations is alive, because Jesus is alive.

Join us for worship this Easter on April 16, at 8:45 am and 11:00 am. We will sing and celebrate what Jesus Christ has done for us!

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday April 9 th 2017	Palm Sunday	8:45AM
Welcome		Betsy Koslow
Prayer	* "Here I am to Worship"	Joanne Moffitt Praise Team
Scripture Reading	Psalm 30:11-12 "Ever Be"	Praise Team
Time of Greeting Prayer		Fred Huffstetler
Stewardship Moment Giving of Tithes and Offerings		
Medley	*"The Old Rugged Cross/He is Lord/Because He Lives"	Praise Team
*A Hosanna Litany	"Were You There"	Soloist Betsy Koslow
Scripture Reading	Romans 6:6 "The Cross Has the Final Word"	Praise Team
Testimony		Jacob Blum
Scripture Reading	Philippians 2:9-11 "Beautiful Name"	Praise Team
	"Thief"	Ralph Davis
*Holy Week Litany	* "The Wonderful Cross"	Praise Team
Benediction		Vicki Moss

*Congregation please stand if you are able.

Special "Thanks" to Mike Lee for accompanying the Praise Team on the keyboard for this Service & to Jacob Blum for sharing his testimony.

USHERS 8:45 AM

Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn, Ross & Debbie Reaves

GREETERS 8:45 AM -

Holly & Jack Embree

USHERS 11:00 AM

CHAIRMAN - Michael Smith

Captain - Charles Swiers, Alice Hammond, Mike King, Roland Cox, Dick Renigar, Jack Mitchell, Bo Davidson, Steve Morgan, Wayne Hartley

GREETERS 11:00 AM -

Jerry Tugwell, Wanda Tatum, Peter Brisley, Mary Lynn Brisley, Norma Connell, Kaye Rich



CUMC Attendance

March 26th

Contemporary Worship 119

Traditional Worship 170

Total Worship 289

Sunday School 172



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday April 9 th 2017	Palm Sunday	11:00 AM
PRELUDE	"Brethren We Have Met To Worship/O Worship The King"	STRING QUARTET
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP	"Without His Cross"	Joseph Martin
WELCOME		Pastor J. F.
HYMN OF PRAISE	"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"	UMH #277
* Children leave for Children's Church		
SEVEN VICTORIES IN THE BLOOD		
First Victory: Strength in Prayer	"In The Garden"	Mark Hayes
Second Victory: Healing	"And With His Stripes", "Since by Man Came Death"	Handel
Third Victory: Authority	"Only God"	Mary McDonald
Fourth Victory: Comfort	"He Touched Me"	soloist, Sharon Morgan
	"Lean On Me"	Pepper Choplin
Fifth Victory: Dominion		
Offertory	"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"	arr. Ed Lojeski
Sixth Victory: Joy	"Joy In The Morning"	Natalie Sleeth
Seventh Victory: Forgiveness	"The Love of God"	Tom Fettke
*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION. PASTOR J. F.		
*POSTLUDE	"Toccata"	Widor

*Congregation please stand if you are able.

Narrator: Chris Osteen

The idea for our program was inspired by the book "Seven Places Jesus Shed His Blood" by Larry Huch

Instrumentalists

Violins: Gregorio Midero, and Sandra Rathbone, Viola: Maureen Michels, Cello: Worth Williams, Organ/Piano: Joy Menius

Chancel Choir

Soprano: Ann Asbill, Jaci Betts, Linda Dunn, Paula Keeter, Bev Lawrence, Sharon Morgan, Chris Osteen, Doris Pennington

Alto: Kathryn Chrismon, Lynne Finison, Joyce Harrington, Mary Lee Hartley, Linda Thomas,

Tenor: Tom Osteen, Larry Pennington, Tom White

Bass: Sidney Craven, Jim Finison, Rusty Hammond, Eddie Harrington

Memorials & Gifts

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Barbara Barnette

By Boyce & Betty Asbill

In Memory of Lela "Denny" Harris

By Charles & Jaci Betts

CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND

In Memory of Lela "Denny" Harris

By Mike & Jackie Chewning



April

- 09** Michael Chewning
Paula Keeter
Jane Redding
- 10** Barbara Beck
- 11** Linda Lingle
Kerbi Clauser
Anna Croom
Vickie Witaaker
- 12** Ross Reaves
Melissa Durham
- 13** Bill McAnulty
Kim Stutts
Stacy Griffin
Kelly Westoff
- 14** Judy Oliver
Derrick Atwell
Todd York
- 15** Charles Swiers
Beth Johnson
Barbara Black
Matthew Morgan

Office Closed
Friday, April 14th
& Monday, April 17th
for the Easter Holiday.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, April 9th

8:45 AM - Contemporary Worship

11:00 AM - Traditional Worship

6:00 PM - MYF

MONDAY, April 10th

1:00 PM - Chair Chicks

5:30 PM - Volleyball

5:30 PM - TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, April 11th

11:00 AM - GOOD TIMES CLUB

5:45 PM - Pilates

6:00 PM - Networx

7:00 PM - Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, April 12th

10:00 AM - Morning Prayer Group

1:00 PM - Chair Chicks

6:30 PM - Hand Bells

7:30 PM - Chancel Choir/Sanctuary

THURSDAY, April 13th

7:00 AM - "Walk and Worship"

10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study

5:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Service

SATURDAY, April 15th

10:00 AM - 12:00 - Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, April 16th

7:00 AM - Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast / West Bend

8:45 AM - Contemporary Worship

11:00 AM - Traditional Worship



Maundy Thursday Meal

When: Thursday, April 13th, 2017

Where: Family Life Center

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Joy Circle (**Proceeds go to the Summer Reading Program**)

Baked Potato Bar with fixin's

Dessert & Beverage

Cost: \$5 per person, \$15 per family

Tear this off or drop in the offering plate,

or call the church office by 12:00 noon on Monday.

NAME: _____

Attending: _____