

Grace United Methodist Church

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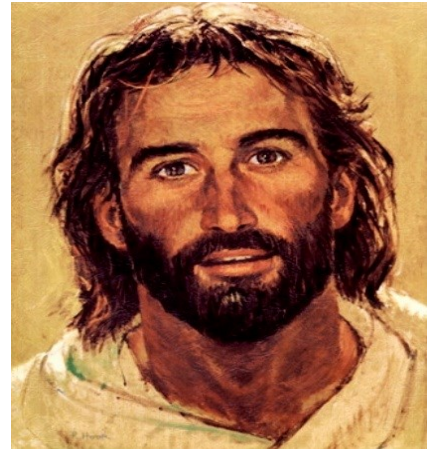
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2022

OUR JESUS ...



During this Season of Lent have we thought a lot about Our Jesus? In particular how much physical and emotional pain He suffered for our sins? No greater Love has ever been shown to mankind. And all God asks of us is to believe He is our God who loves us so very much that He gave us His ultimate sacrifice, He sent His only Son, JESUS CHRIST to earth to die an atrocious death for our sins. Why would God create such a horrible, unendurable situation? Because He had tried many ways to get our attention before but they never worked.

Jesus came to earth to experience what it was like for us to be tempted, tired, sad, happy, have both friends and enemies, and to love. What does He ask of us? All Jesus asks of us is to turn away from sin while we trust in and live our lives for Him. So easy—so simple.

BUT WAIT A MINUTE ...God thought of a better way to strengthen our belief—He arose Jesus from the dead ! In Matthew 28: 5-8 it says, *The Angel answered and said to the women....I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said.*

It was God's plan to once again show us His grace and mercy. Jesus is ALIVE! Physically raised, bodily resurrected. He sits eternally at the right hand of God the Father and walks among us with the Holy Spirit!! He has kept His WORD active and alive throughout all generations.

This is how God showed His love among us; He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:3-10

Our prayer: ***Loving Father, your Son came into our broken world to redeem us from our sin and make a way for us to be adopted into your family. Thank you Jesus for paying the price, for I was helpless to pay it myself. Help me to live today as your child. In Jesus' name, Amen.*** By: Max Lacado

In Christ's love, Your Sister

Scripture Readings for APRIL 2022

April 1 Romans 1:16
April 2 1 Corinthians 4:1
April 3 Romans 1:1
April 4 1 Peter 1:16
April 5 Colossians 2:9
April 6 Colossians 1:17
April 7 2 Peter 1:21
April 8 Matthew 5:48
April 9 Romans 1:2
April 10 1 John 4:9
April 11 Romans 1:4
April 12 Ephesians 1:3
April 13 John 3:34-35
April 14 Philippians 2:7
April 15 Romans 3:24
April 16 Romans 5:20
April 17 1 Corinthians 9:24
April 18 Ephesians 4:1
April 19 Romans 16:26
April 20 2 Corinthians 4:15
April 21 Romans 1:9
April 22 Romans 12:1
April 23 Romans 1:8
April 24 Philippians 1:3
April 25 1 Corinthians 9:16-17
April 26 Romans 1:11
April 27 1 Thessalonians 2:8
April 28 2 Peter 3:18
April 29 2 Corinthians 3:18
April 30 John 15:8

PRAYERS NEEDED

LARRY GARBER

MARY AHLBORN DEB EGLOFF

CHARYL RYMAN FAMILY

PHYLLIS GARBER



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS FOR JANUARY

BILL POOLE

2615 DERR RD.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45503



HOMEBOUND APRIL BIRTHDAY

95 YEARS YOUNG!!!!

LOIS GRAM

3017 BRIXTON DR E.

SPRINGFIELD, OH 45503

APRIL 11, 1927

PLEASE SHOWER HER WITH CARDS!!

ALL CHURCH MEETING

3-10-2022

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Robert Keeton.

The secretary report from the October meeting was reviewed.

The April calendar was reviewed adding Easter basket assembly from ten to twelve on the seventh and trustees at six on the seventh.

Church information: Pastor Vicki reported that the following things have been done since our last meeting: new heat and air conditioning at the parsonage, total new roof on the youth room, patching on the roof over the handicapped door, television monitors installed in the sanctuary, new exit signs upstairs, new thermostats installed. The fire department will give us until April 7, 2022 to complete other things found during their inspection including replacing some ceiling tiles in the Wesley room.

Discipleship: Dave discussed changing the time for Sunday School because of no attendance. It was decided to place a signup sheet in the hallway to ask if people would be interested in meeting from 10:50 until 11:35.

Eagle and Dove: Dave announced that they lost one of their faithful servants. They are fully staffed and things are going well. Things that are concerning are low reading levels, poor attendance, and poor social skills. He has applied for a grant to run a summer program based on non-fiction that would run from July 11 until the start of school.

Pennies Plus: Dave is sending 24 cards to church people and 15 of his own outreach.

Finance: Donna and Barb reported that we have our heads above water after having to borrow from the Edward Jones account. We are at a good point where we are able to pay bills early. It is still to be determined where the Easter collection will go.

Youth: Pastor Vicki reported that we have no youth right now, but we have the leader and the facility.

SPPRC: Pastor Vicki reported that there is nothing happening right now.

Trustee: Pastor Vicki reported that we still do not have a head trustee. She is acting in that position as of now.

Next meeting: April 14, 2022

Respectfully submitted.

Becky Frantz, Recording secretary

In attendance: Robert Keeton, Pastor Vicki Downing, Betty Prosser, Mike and Barb McCoy, Donna Layne, Greg Hosier, Dan Downing, Dave Speas, Becky Frantz



APRIL 2022 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9:30 am SERVICE

POSITION	DATES	NAME
ACROLYTE	APRIL 3 & 10	LARRY CAMPBELL
	APRIL 17 & 24	LARRY CAMPBELL

COMMUNION SET UP	APRIL 3	BETTY PROSSER

COMMUNION SERVERS	APRIL 3	MIKE AMOS & KIM STEHLE
		BRUCE & GAIL ECKLER

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	APRIL 3	BETTY PROSSER

GREETER (FRONT DOOR)	APRIL 3 & 10	BOB KEETON
	APRIL 17 & 24	JOHN GILMARTIN

GREETER (SANCTUARY DOOR)	APRIL 3 & 10	DONNA MYERS
	APRIL 17 & 24	TOM & MARILYN MARTIN

LITURGIST	APRIL 3 & 10	BARB MCCOY
	APRIL 17 & 24	BRUCE ECKLER

USHERS	APRIL 3 & 10	LARRY CAMPBELL & MIKE MCCOY
	APRIL 17 & 24	LARRY CAMPBELL & BILL PINKERTON

<u>COUNTERS</u>		<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>
APRIL 4 MARY AHLBORN & DEB COOKE		APRIL 3 PATTIE MUMMA
APRIL 11 KIM STEHLE & CONNIE MITCHELL		APRIL 10 JAMES MAYHUGH &
APRIL 18 CINDY YEAGER & BARB SHEEHAN		EASTER CANTATA CHURCH CHOIR
APRIL 25 MARILYN MARTIN & JACKIE GREGORY		APRIL 17 JAYME TATRO
		APRIL 24 DAN DOWNING

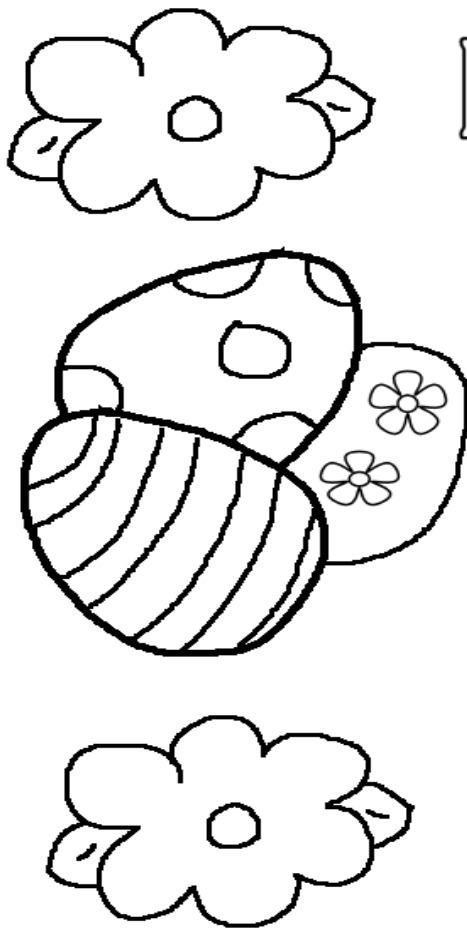


May God bless you at Easter,
 And keep you all year through.
 May God give you all the faith it takes,
 To make your dreams come true.
 May His love and wisdom always help,
 To guide you on your way.
 May His light shine down upon you now,
 To bless your Easter Day.



Easter Blessings

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.



HIP HOP HOORAY FOR EASTER!

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BASKETS
 CANDY
 EASTER
 FLOWERS
 HUNT
 SPRING

BABY
 BUNNY
 CHOCOLATE
 EGGS
 GOLDEN
 RABBITS

BEANS
 CHICKS
 EGG
 GAMES
 JELLY
 SUNDAY

April 2022

Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

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3 7 PM NA	4 7 PM MEN BS	5 11 AM SOAP MAKING	6 6:30 WEST END MT 6:30 CHOIR	7 10-12 ASSEM- BLE BASKETS 6:00 TRUSTEE MT	8 CLOSED	9
10 EASTER CANTATA 7 PM NA	11 7 PM MEN BS	12	13 DELIVER BASKETS 6:30 CHOIR	14 12 & 7 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES	15 12 -& 7 PM GOOD FRI- DAY SER- VICES	16
17 7 PM NA	18 7 PM MEN BS	19 12 PM UMW	20 6:30 CHOIR	21	22 CLOSED	23
24 LAY SPEAKER PAULETTE P 7 PM NA	25 7 PM MEN BS	26	27 6:30 CHOIR	28	29 CLOSED	30

GRACE NOTES

If anyone is interested in a Sunday School class, there is a sign—up sheet in the hallway across from the church office. The hours would be 10:50 AM– 11:35 AM (directly after church worship service on Sunday). Dave Speas is the leader.

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Please check the bulletin board outside the church office. The monthly church calendar as well as Worship participants will be posted there. Please let Pattie Mumma know if you would like to participate in any positions for the month. It would be helpful to have more greeters, ushers, and liturgists.

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EAGLE & DOVE BASKETS

On April 7, 10:00 am—12:00 pm, we will be putting together Easter Baskets for the Eagle & Dove school. Donations of plastic eggs, wrapped candy, easter grass are still being accepted and can be brought to the church before April 3. All are welcomed to come on April 7 to help put the baskets together. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Frantz at

937-323-7390 or 937-206-5932

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NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Grace Family, We are very grateful to you for your loving kindness during John's illness. Your prayers sustained us, and we felt them mightily. After he went home to the Lord, you once again stepped forward and supported us with prayers, love, food, visits, and soothing comfort. A very loving thank you to our Grace Men's Group for coming to our home to share Bible study with John. You will be forever blessed.

At the Memorial Service for John, Pastor Vicki and Pattie made sure everything was in place and all were pleased. They gave a beautiful witness of friendship and love.

I am especially proud of our UMW ladies for the well prepared and beautifully served meal after John's memorial service. I heard so many wonderful compliments about their sweet service. I know John was in Heaven bragging about all of you. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

In His Name, Mary Ahlborn and Family

