



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Please join us on Maundy Thursday for this Holy Worship experience.

The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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Good Friday Prayer in the Sanctuary

44-46 By now it was noon. The whole earth became dark, the darkness lasting three hours—a total blackout. The Temple curtain split right down the middle. Jesus called loudly, "Father, I place my life in your hands!" Then he breathed his last.

Luke 23:44-46, *The Message*

The Sanctuary will be open from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. for prayer on Good Friday. A *Good Friday Guide to Prayer* will be provided.

The Good Friday service will be led by our youth at 7:00 pm in the FLC. This service will focus on the seven last words or seven last sentences of Jesus from the cross.

The Easter Sunrise Service, lead by our Haiti Mission Team, will begin at 6:45am, outside the front of the Sanctuary. This will be followed by a youth-prepared breakfast at 7:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring flowers from your yard to decorate the cross on the front lawn of the church on Easter Sunday!!

APRIL 20, 2011

The Messenger

On Campus Events

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
APRIL 17, 2011

Sunday School—261 Worship— 505

Sunday, April 24 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:15 Sunrise Service
- 8:30 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 Contemporary Service (FLC)
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FH)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Contemporary Service (FLC)

MONDAY, April 25

- 6:00 STEPS Class (Room 23)
- 6:30 Visioning Team Meeting (LCR)
- 7:00 FISH Board Meeting (Room 40)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (Old Bldg.)

TUESDAY, April 26

- 7:30 OPEN GYM
- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 9:30 CEP
- 10:30 Prayer Around the Altar
- 6:00 Disciple I Class (LCR)
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting (Room 52)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels Class (Room 40)
- 6:30 Cub Scouts (Old Building)
- 7:00 OPEN GYM

WEDNESDAY, April 27

- 4:00 MEDIC Blood Drive
- 5:15 Youth Handbells
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Gathering
- 6:00 Beth Moore Bible Study (LCR)
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir
- 6:15 Angel Choir
- 6:15 Cherub Choir
- 6:15 Friendship Choir (Room 30)
- 6:30 NOOMA Video (Room 23)
- 6:30 The Good and Beautiful God
- 6:45 Youth Group
- 7:00 Children's Handbell Choir (Room 31)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 21 and 30)

THURSDAY, April 28

- 7:30 OPEN GYM
- 9:00 CEP
- 9:30 Beth Moore Bible Study (Room 30)
- 5:00 Praise Team
- 6:30 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 21 and 31)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- 9:00 STEPS Class (Old bldg.)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

APRIL 17, 2011

BUDGET	\$20,382.50
PAVING THE WAY	\$310.00
MEMORIALS HONORARIUM	Jen Webb & Bill Cooper Heidi Hunt Herring
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
FISH	\$1,175.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$8,880.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30,748.21

Happy Birthday!

April 30	Nail Hartwig, Katherine Haun, Shauna Bradley
May 1	Amy Thompson, Janet McGinn, Erica Davis
May 2	Heather Gray, Marty Bradley, Bernard Grubbs
May 3	Guy Anderson, Virginia Chipman
May 4	Katelyn Holly, Larry McGinn
May 5	David Obonna, Erika Baker

(If we missed your birthday, we are sorry. Please notify the church office so your birthday can be added to our records.)

Join
Us
For
Breakfast



SUNDAY,
April 24
served by the
Youth Group



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Upcoming MPUMC Youth Events & Activities

Good Friday, April 22

Our youth group will lead the Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the MPUMC Family Life Center. Here's the rehearsal schedule for that day:

3:00 – Sound, video, & lights; 4:00 – Youth choir and handbells;
4:30 – All participants; 6:00 – Dinner break (drinks provided);
7:00 – Service

Easter Sunday, April 24

**Easter Sunrise Service led by members of our
2011 Haiti Mission Trip Team – 6:45 a.m.**

Youth prepare the church-wide breakfast...meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m.
7:00, 8:30, & 11:00 – Worship
9:45 – Youth Sunday School

No evening youth activities due to Easter holiday!

Wednesday, April 27

Youth Handbells – 5:15
Youth Group – 6:45 to 8:30
Confirmation Make-up #1 – 7:00 to 8:30

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries
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Sunday, May 1

8:30 & 11:00 – Worship 9:45 – Youth Sunday School
5:30 - Youth Choir – Rm. #30
6:30 – Youth Snack Supper - \$3.00
7:00 – Youth Group Time – “BUCKET-O-CHICKEN BALL
SUPERBOWL I”
Teams will compete for the chance to have their team's name engraved on the “Rubber Chicken Trophy” that will be displayed in the youth hallway for years to come! Come represent your grade!
8:00 – Youth Free Time

Wednesday, May 4

Youth Handbells – 5:15
Youth Group – 6:45 to 8:30
Confirmation Make-up #2 – 7:00 to 8:30

SIGN UP SOON FOR OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO...NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

JUNE 11TH THROUGH JUNE 18TH

Current 6th through 12th graders may participate.

Senior High & Junior High Youth will be separated for nightly devotional time and at other times per their request (work teams, sleeping quarters, etc.) The total cost is \$425 – financial assistance is available – only a few spots remain!

Your fee includes...

Round-trip transportation, all living expenses during our week of mission work (Sunday night through Friday morning), two nights of hotel lodging (Saturday the 11th, and Friday the 17th), nightly activities, and participation in major tourist attractions on Friday the 17th. Participants will need additional money for seven meals, souvenirs, and other incidental tourist expenses.

See Eric for more details!

Blood Drive

Our Spring blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, from 3:00 - 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All who donate will be eligible for free blood services for one year at any hospital served by Medic Regional Blood Center. Or, you can designate your donation for Jennifer McDonald. If our church supplies 50 or more units at all of our blood drives, all members of MPUMC will qualify continuously for free blood services at area hospitals.

Come to Wednesday Night Gathering on April 27 and please donate blood before or after dinner. You'll be glad you did!

The Project Crossroads Mission Team is still looking for additional members. We plan to be involved in several different projects during our stay.

Please check your calendars and join us June 5 - 10 for a blessed and fun trip.

Contact Nancy Saylor @ 980-2864 or NDSaylor@msn.com for registration and more information.

Absolute deadline is May 15.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTING MAY 1st!

On Sunday, May 1 we will be starting a **YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** aimed at **ages 18-mid twenties**. The class will be meeting during the Sunday School hour in **Room 5 in the historic (old) building** (the Scout Room upstairs). **John Harrison** will be lead teacher in the class and along with others. We will be using Adam Hamilton's new study, "When Christians Get it Wrong." In this study, Hamilton, the pastor of Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, tackles problems many young adults have with the church and with Christians and then addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world."



Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 15. Then bring your family to our **Wondrous Outdoor Family Fun Event** at the city picnic pavilion near the YMCA on Winston Road starting at 3:30, for fellowship, walking, running, picnicking, and fun.

You can follow marked trails with water stations, direct your children to age group walk/runs, and top it all off with a free picnic dinner of hot dogs, chips, cole slaw, drinks and dessert.

There will be plenty of fun, plenty of laughter, and plenty to be thankful for. Join your church family on May 15. It will be wondrous!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Sunday May 1, we will be participating in the United Methodist special offering **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** through our communion offering that day. One Great Hour of Sharing benefits the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) so that when there is a need, UMCOR can begin relief work immediately. The offering along with money from the denomination pays all the overhead cost for UMCOR that 100% of money given to projects/relief efforts benefit the specific projects and the people of the affected areas. This has been the case related to UMCOR's relief work in Japan due to the earthquake in March. Please support our United Methodist Committee on Relief by giving on May 1!

EASTER EGG HUNT



Children's Corner

Thanks ~~

Thanks to all who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt. Although there was a chill in the air, we had so much fun. The children hunted for eggs, had their faces painted, played games, went through the inflatable maze, jumped in the inflatable castle, and had a delicious lunch. There was a lot of fellowship! It was a special time to see friends and make new friends. We had families from the community join us in the festivities.

Dates to Remember:

April 17 and April 24 – Rotation Children with Ann

May 1 – May 29 – John Wesley

May 16 – Eric Bronkala meets with 5th graders during Sunday school.

June 5 – Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6th graders.

June 5 – August 29 – Summer Sunday School

June 6 – June 10– Vacation Bible School (Shake it Up ~ Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe)

Ann Cover -
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³⁻⁹The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God's church right out of existence.

¹²⁻¹⁵Now, let me ask you something profound yet troubling. If you became believers because you trusted the proclamation that Christ is alive, risen from the dead, how can you let people say that there is no such thing as a resurrection? If there's no resurrection, there's no living Christ. And face it—if there's no resurrection for Christ, everything we've told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you've staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. Not only that, but we would be guilty of telling a string of barefaced lies about God, all these affidavits we passed on to you verifying that God raised up Christ—sheer fabrications, if there's no resurrection.

I Corinthians 15: 3-9, 12-15, *The Message*

As we approach Easter, may we all be open to newness of life and thought. Are Dallas Willard's troubling words true of us? I share his provocative thoughts below:

My hope is to gain a fresh hearing for Jesus, especially among those who believe they already understand him.

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Hope McGee, Buchheit family, Jennifer McDonald

DEATH: George Sliger (Fred Sliger's father)

In his case, quite frankly, presumed familiarity has led to unfamiliarity, unfamiliarity has led to contempt, and contempt has led to profound ignorance.

Very few people today find Jesus interesting as a person or of vital relevance to the course of their actual lives. He is not generally regarded as a real-life personality who deals with real-life issues but is thought to be concerned with some feathery realm other than the one we must deal with, and must deal with now. And frankly, he is not taken to be a person of much ability.

He is automatically seen as a more or less magical figure—a pawn, or possibly a knight or a bishop, in some religious game—who fits only within the categories of dogma and law. Dogma is what you have to believe, whether you believe it or not. And law is what you must do, whether it is good for you or not. What we have to believe or do now, by contrast is real life, bursting with interesting, frightening and relevant things and people.

Now, in fact, Jesus and his words have never belonged to the categories of dogma or law, and to read them as if they did is simply to miss them. They are actually subversive of established arrangements and ways of thinking. That is clear from the way they entered the world, their initial effects, and how they are preserved in the New Testament writings and live on in his people. He himself described his words as "spirit and life" (John 6:63). They invade our "real" world with a reality even more real than it is, which explains why human beings then and now have to protect themselves against them. (from The Divine Conspiracy, Introduction)

May we not "protect ourselves" against the reality of Jesus and his words. May we be open, really open to the living Christ and the new life He brings. He has nothing but good will toward us (Good Friday verifies this), and may we be open to the truth that He has so much more to show us and teach us.

Have a blessed Resurrection Day!

~~~Pastor Eric

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY:** Luke 24, Acts 1:1-9, I Corinthians 15, Hebrews 11:39-12:2

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