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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM

Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM **10:45 AM**


Gary Etter Frank Taylor

Arlene Uldrich Jerry Archer

Charlene Brown

Passion Week

MaundayThur.- April 17- 7pm

Come Remember 
the Lord's Last Supper

Easter Morning - April 20



7:00 am

7:40 am Easter Breakfast

8:45 am service

9:30 am NO Sunday School

10:45 am service

Our Lord Lives!!



WORSHIP LEADER:

Gary Etter—Apr. 20

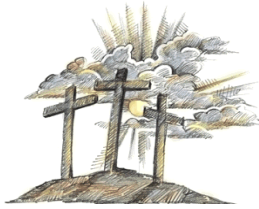
Meg Roalef—Apr. 27

Suzanne Dull—May 4

GREETER:

Andrew Cavin—Apr.

The Romans sent a message; God sent one, too



The rulers of the Roman Empire wanted everyone under their power to understand clearly that it would be very costly to try to overthrow their government. They conceived the idea of crucifixion as a way of sending an unforgettable message to all people under their control. Death on a cross would be a slow, excruciatingly painful death. The cross would be put in a very public place so as many as possible would get the message: Don't even think of defying Roman rule!

That is why Christ was crucified on Golgotha hill close to the busy road. Christ was guilty of nothing. Yet his enemies hated him so much that they told Pilate, Rome's representative in Jerusalem, that Jesus was a danger to Roman rule. Christ's enemies said to Pilate, "if you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar." (John 19:12) Pilate caved in to the clamor of the crowd and allowed Jesus to be crucified.

But those who saw to it that Jesus suffered death on the cross did not know that **God had a message to send as well. God victoriously raised Christ from the dead! God touched the precious body of his Son and infused it with life, glorious, dynamic life, life in all of its fullness.**

God turned the cross, the executioner's tool of death, into a dramatic symbol of victory. The **EMPTY CROSS** and the **EMPTY TOMB**, along with the **RESURRECTED BODY OF CHRIST**, reveal God's victory over the worst deed humans might do—the assassination of the HOLY.

That is why we put crosses everywhere: boldly, proudly, joyously, triumphantly. It is why we glory in the cross always. It stands eternally "towering o'er the wrecks of time" (John Bowring).

After the Resurrection, Jesus' friend, Peter, explained God's message to all of Christ's enemies with these bold and certain words: **"This Jesus, you crucified and killed...But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it ...This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses... Therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified"** (Acts 2:23-24; 32,36). **This is what Easter is all about. All Praise to the Living Lord!**

(- shared from the Newsletter Newsletter publication)

Let us Pray:

Almighty God, help us to remember that we have only one King, Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Keep us faithful to him and bold to proclaim his name even among those who are prone to reject him as Lord and Savior. Amen.

Happy Easter - We know our Redeemer Lives!! Our Lord is Risen!!!

Attendance - April 6 & 13, 2014

8:45 — 30, 26
 10:45 — 64, 86
 Sunday school — 23, 23

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '13	\$38,886	+ 23,928
Jan. '14	\$9,670	- 5,288
Feb. '14	\$12,075	- 2,883
Mar. '14	\$13,731	-1,227

Happy Birthday



- Charlene Brown—Apr. 20
- Kay Rearick—Apr. 20
- Aaron Steinbrunner—Apr. 21
- Tim Keltner—Apr. 23
- Joshua Parrett—Apr. 25
- Judy Amundson—Apr. 26
- Ginny Hambrick—Apr. 28
- Cindy Brodowski—May 3
- Ann Smith—May 5
- Barb Etter—May 6
- Doris Greenwood—May 7



In Our Prayers

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Liz Ancil | Kevin Bader |
| Russell Berk | Glenda Boddie |
| Ginny Breckler | Jim Coleman |
| Michelle Conn | Ceci (Cobb) Cole |
| Margaret Foster | John George |
| Jamie Geswein | Ken Hambrick |
| Bill Hine | Edna Holland |
| Don Keltner | Kristen King |

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| Dustin Knowlton | Onu Kolossova |
| Rosaline Lam | |
| Betty Lingg | Kelly McRonney |
| Mary Jane McBride | Bob McCray |
| Phyllis McCray | Hilda Mobley |
| Amanda Moore | Naysa Morgan |
| Karolina O'Donnell | John Parnell |
| Joyce Pratt | Cindy Romano |
| Pat Reeger | Calire Riccos |
| Deb Richey | Tom Scheit |
| Beverly Smith | Diana Smith |
| Wayne Stolich | Michelle Strom |
| Paul Stutz | Gloria Van Camp |
| Gina Van Camp | Evelyn Wheeler |
| Pat White | Mary Willett |

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know.

Those in Nursing Care

- Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
- Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
- Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
- Doris Greenwood—Grand Court
- Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
- Vern Hine—St. Leonard Center
- Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
- Verdena Mardis—Sterling House
- Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods

Military

- Kirby Brooks— USA (A Brooks son)
- Scott Certain –Afghanistan (Jay's son-in-law)
- Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna's grand-son)
- Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)

**Meijer's Simply Give Fundraiser
Kettering—Wilmington/Stroop Store**
Benefits our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Pantry

March 30 to May 12, 2014

A \$10 donation becomes a \$20 donation
(through Meijer's Corp.)

Donation cards are at church or at the store
This fundraiser really helps us provide food for our Food Pantry—thank you for participating.



Graduation is coming soon

With graduation time just right around the corner—we need to know who our graduates are: third graders, High School and College. Call or e-mail the office with this information by May 18th.
- Christian Education Comm.

Community Prayer Service

Wednesday, May 14 at 7 pm

At Ascension Church

We're panning a community prayer service. You can be a true disciple of Christ! Here's a chance for you to share your faith with others and come together in prayer. Here's your chance to follow in the disciples footsteps. Bring family and friends, or co-workers to join us in this community prayer service.

"Many, Many Thanks"

Thank you Pastor Smitley for your many visits and to you and Sue for your many prayers and cards.

I also thank my many Church friends for their prayers, visits, cards, flowers and calls.

My Family, Church and friends are all blessings from our God and Savior, and I truly give thanks.

- Pat White

Looking nice for Easter!

The Trustees would like to thank those great volunteers who came Saturday to clean the church.

Karen & Phil Brown, Paul & Mary Marcum, Lisa Bleeke, Marilyn Foskuhl, Sheri Parrett, Ron Lyttle & Ray Urbanas.

We are looking nice for Easter.

Gary E

Official Board & Search Committee Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the Pastoral Search Committee has identified a candidate they want the congregation to meet. We can now start the process that will allow us to present the candidate to the congregation for acceptance.

Members from the Search committee and Official Board are currently making plans for the candidating weekend to be held on 3 and 4 May, 2014. On Saturday May 3rd, we will be hosting a carry-in dinner at the Church. We will kick-off the evening at 5:30 pm with the introduction of our candidate followed by a short question and answer session. Dinner will begin at 6 pm with the main course provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. This will give everyone the opportunity to spend time with our candidate in an informal setting at the church. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office to RSVP. We need to know how many to expect to make sure we have enough food.

On Sunday May 4, 2014 there will be **one Church service held at 10:45 AM to hear our candidate's trial sermon.** There will be a special congregational meeting held immediately after the service to vote whether or not we want this candidate to be our seated pastor.

The agenda for the Congregational Meeting will be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order

2. A motion is presented to extend the call
3. Questions
4. Ballots will be distributed and the votes cast
5. Counting of the votes and announcement of the outcome

Per our church's constitution, "the congregation shall have final authority to elect a pastor,...by a 3/4 vote of the congregation present". This is an exciting time for our church but please keep in mind, we are still in the middle of the decision-making process. This is an internal issue that needs to be kept within the congregation. We ask for continued prayers for our church.

A letter with this information and a profile of the Pastoral candidate have been sent out this week, to share more information with the congregation's members. -The Official Board



**May, June,
Late summer
and into fall,
we still need volunteers to sign-up.**

If you like to smile, shake hands, be one of the first people to meet our guests and introduce our guests to us, then you ought to consider being a Greeter. Greeters usually greet for one month, 10:30 to 10:45, before worship.

This is an important job. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign up. thank you.
- Membership/Fellowship Committee

Sunday School Schedule

The schedule :
 9:30 AM—High School/College
 lead by Bob Colvin/Meg Roalef
 9:30 AM—Adult Bible class
 - lead by Frank Taylor
 9:30 AM—Adult Contemporary
 - lead by Laura Von Holle
 10:45 AM—Bible Adventure
 (during worship - continues for
 all 4yr. Olds to 5th graders)
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

Youth Programs

Jr & Sr High Youth - meet every
 SAT. 8 to 11PM (7th to 12th grade)
Crusaders/ Footprints (K to 6th
 grade) - meet the 1st & 3rd Sun-
 days following worship.
Girls of Grace (Jr & Sr High girls)
 - meet 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6 pm

Fitness & Nutrition Group

We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tues-
 days of the month at 7 PM
 Our group is also walking to-
 gether now that the weather is nicer,
 all are welcome to join us.

New Watercolor Exhibit

We are very fortunate to have a display
 of brand new watercolor paintings by
 our own Pasko Evanoff. He has been
 so generous in sharing his talent with
 our church. The paintings are available
 with information in the office or by
 calling Pasko. Please stop into view his
 work you'll be glad you did!

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
 May 5 & 19**

Women of the Bible

Summer Sunday School will be doing
 a series, "The Women in the Bible".
 Ladies if you have a favorite women in
 the Bible and would like to talk about
 her, do your research and let me know
 who you have chosen.

**Computer Instructions for women
 in the Bible.** Go to Google. Write in—
 list of Women in the Bible. Scroll down
 to—Chapter 2—and click on it. Choose
 the person you would like to present.
 Click on her name. Choose the Sunday
 you would like to present this woman
 from the Bible and sign up on the
 church Bulletin board.

- Barbara Richards



**All Church Tent Sale—Apr. 25 & 26
 SAVE YOUR UNWANTED TREAS-
 URERS FOR THE SALE.**

Our tent will be set up on Monday,
 April 21st. We will begin accepting
 your items on Tuesday. If you can
 bring them yourself, you may stop by
 the tent any time that is convenient for
 you, but if you need pickup service for
 your items, please call the church of-
 fice, 252-6705, ext. 0 and we will make
 arrangements for pickup.

**Volunteer help is needed all week in
 the afternoons or evenings, sorting
 and pricing, and receiving items.** If
 possible stop by for a couple hours,
 your help will be very appreciated.

**On Friday & Saturday—Sales volun-
 teers are needed. Talk to Gary Etter,
 Greg Goodner, or Ray Urbanas about
 helping out. - Trustees**

Community Easter Egg Hunt



Our community Easter Egg Hunt will
 be Saturday, April 19 at 10 AM sharp!
 We are planning on 300 children.

The Easter Bunny will be available for
 pictures in the Gathering Place before
 and after the egg hunt. We thank those
 who supported us with the many dona-
 tions of candy, the many people who
 are helping each age group, and the
 Easter Bunny.

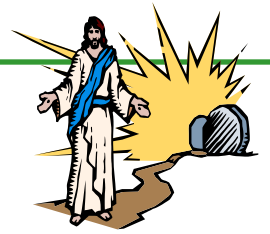
I would like to thank the following 13
 people who helped me pass out over
 300 Easter Egg Hunt fliers and Church
 pens to the Oak Park houses on Sunday,
 April 13: Cole Adkins, Jacob Adkins,
 Iyerlan Alberts, Karen Brown, Alex Ho-
 big, Paula Geswein, Emma Nevin, Livy
 Nevin, Sherri Parrett, Gabby Rayney,
 Gavin Rayney, Maggie Roalef, and Rob-
 bie Von Holle. With all their help we go
 done is about an hour. Thank you all for
 your help.

Cheryl Barnett



Gospel Concert

Due to the Pastoral candidating week-
 end, May 3 & 4th, the concert has been
 canceled and will be rescheduled for a
 later date. - Membership/Fellowship
 Comm.



Easter Offering

Our Special Easter Offering will be
 equally divided between: One Great
 Hour of Sharing, Bread for the World,
 Good Neighbor House and local St. Vin-
 cent DePaul Ministries. We strive to
 assist both global and local ministries
 that serve people in their time of need
 and promote self sustaining training to
 help lift persons up and out of poverty.
 Special Easter Offering envelopes were
 included in your last Chimes issue.
 Please give as God directs you. - Offi-
 cial Board



ALL Pets Welcome—Apr. 27, 2014

Join us for worship in the big tent
 (weather permitting) and bring your
 families furry, or feathery, or any pets
 you have to worship with us at both
 services. Your pets will receive a special
 blessing during the service. - Dr. Bob

"In Sympathy"

Our sympathy and prayers are with
 Ray Urbanas and the extended family of
 Jerry Lou Atherton, Ray's sister, who
 passed onto eternal life on April 6th, at
 Kettering Hospital. May God comfort
 you and the family at this time of loss.

- Your GOPCUC family

