



Monthly Newsletter

March - April 2021

Lent Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:30 and 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday, April 1 -

7 pm

Good Friday, April 2

7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 and 10:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt

We are hosting an Easter egg hunt alternative on Sunday, March 28th during Sunday school time. We will have a bag “hidden” in the yard for the kids to find. We will have a signup genius for people to register their kids, so we have enough for everyone. This will not be a community event this year, but we will include all of our kids! If you would like to donate candy or small items for the bags, please bring them to the church by Monday, March 15th. THANK YOU for your help! Thank you in advance for your help. If you have questions, please talk to Mary Catherine.

Order Your Easter Lily

Please call the church office or mail this form by Sunday, March 21 if you would like to order a Lily in honor or memory of a loved one to beautify the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 4**. All names will be listed in the bulletin insert.

The cost per Lily is \$10.00 each.

_____ Number of Lilies (\$10.00 each)

In Memory of _____

OR

In Honor of _____

From _____

Upper Room Devotionals

March-April Upper Room devotionals are available in the entry and at the Welcome Center.

Mortgage Update

As of February 28, 2021, our Mortgage balance is \$597,144.00! We are doing a great job!

O'Dell and Valentine Scholarships

The **O'Dell Scholarship**, honoring Dick and Emma O'Dell, was started to assist those entering an area of ministry of the United Methodist Church. It was later expanded to give consideration to those in fields of nursing, teaching, social work, and health care. To apply, simply write a few paragraphs stating your college of choice, classes you will be attending, and your future employment goals after graduation.

The **Valentine Scholarship**, honoring Kathyne Valentine, is for graduating Seniors studying in the field of education. Application forms are available in the church office, or call the church office (762-2579) and request one be mailed or e-mailed to you.

Please bring written applications to the church office prior to May 1, 2020.

Awarded annually, funds available will determine the number awarded and amount of each.

Youth Happenings!

It has been WONDERFUL being able to meet in person again for youth group!! We continue to meet as a Middle School Group from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Sundays, with High School from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth and Parents should watch email and Group Me for updates as we have some fun events coming soon!

Also, we are happy to announce the return of the Summer Mission Trip! We are going to serve in Milwaukee July 4-9th!

ISO: Youth Meal Sponsors

If you would like to financially sponsor an upcoming youth meal/DQ treat night or if you would like to help safely prepare and serve a youth meal, PLEASE text or see Natalie. We have found a way to serve and feed our youth in a Covid-era safe manner, but we do need some help! The youth leadership team and kids thank those that have contributed this year. We are extremely grateful to be able to provide a fellowship meal, as our meeting times overlap evening meal times.

Important!

As you remember to change your clocks this weekend, also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Sharing Christ's Love

Our Midwest Mission Distribution team will go on March 16. If you would like to join them, please call the church office or Jean Holmes.

Lenten Food Pantry Offering

Week of March 21: Pasta

Ideas: Chef boyardee, Spaghetti O's, dried pasta and sauce, ramen noodles, canned meat

Week of March 28: Paper Products

Ideas: Toilet Paper, Paper towels, facial tissue, etc.

Week of April 4: Kid Friendly food

Ideas: granola bars, popcorn (regular and microwave), smooth peanut butter, jelly, pop tarts, individual jello or pudding, juice boxes, gold fish

Our Sympathy...

- To Mary Catherine St. John on the death of her mother
- Family of George Leach
- To Travis Kuntz on the death of his father
- To the family of Bill Hayes
- To Karen Czerechowicz on the death of her husband
- To the family of Irene Tindle
- Aaron Johnson on the death of his grandmother
- Ann Kaufmann on the death of her mother
- To Janet Ruckman on the death of her mother, Marilyn DeLand
- Family of Phil Poling
- To Harry Munster on the death of his brother

Welcome!

We welcome Bernie and Linda Myler into membership!

Baptism

We welcome Sadie Jane Reeves into our fellowship through baptism. Sadie is the daughter of Casey and Nathan Reeves.

Just Walking!

We meet Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30 am for devotions, discussion, fellowship, and walking. You are welcome to join us in the Atrium!

Special Offering

March 14 is UMCOR Sunday. Your gifts ensure that UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) can respond quickly to disasters around the world.

Thank you...

I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, phone calls and prayers when Mike passed away. The love and support you have extended to me and my family is greatly appreciated.

Karen Czerechowicz

Thank you church family for all of your love and support during the time when mom was sick, and with her passing.. Thank you for being there with us.

The St. John Family

Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study is resuming in-person on Wednesday, April 7. The afternoon group meets at 1:00 pm and the evening group meets at 5:30 pm. If you'd like more information, please call the Church Office--762-2579.

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Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM

Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live

10:45a in person