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*“Working, playing, and praying together
in our faith journeys to share Jesus Christ
with one another, our community, and the world.”*

Palm Sunday - April 17

9:30 Worship Service - Children's Procession with Palms



Maundy Thursday - April 21

6:00 Covered-Dish Dinner (bring covered dish and table service)

7:00 Worship Service with Communion

Good Friday - April 22

7:00 4C's Good Friday Service
at New Waterford United Methodist Church (in their new sanctuary)



Easter Sunday - April 24

7:00 Easter Sunrise Service
8:00 Breakfast by the Pairs & Spares Class
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Coffee Fellowship Time
10:45 Sunday School for all ages

J. ELLSWORTH KALAS WILL SPEAK AT OUR CHURCH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011


Mr. Kalas has been a presenter of *Disciple Bible Study* videos and is author of several books, including *Parables from the Back Side*, *Christmas from the Back Side*, *The Thirteen Apostles*, and several other books.

Save the date, and mark your calendars now!

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FUN 'N GAMES

On each page of this April newsletter, there is an Easter bunny, the same size and shape as this:  (This one doesn't count)
There is one bunny per page. See if you can find all 8.



SEEING AND BELIEVING

Very early, long ago on the first day of the week, a grieving woman went to the tomb of her teacher. She saw something that was surprising. The stone sealing the tomb had been rolled away. She concluded that Jesus' body must have been stolen. SEEING IS NOT ALWAYS BELIEVING.

A couple of other followers--Peter and John--went to the tomb to check things out. They actually went inside. They saw some linens lying there. They went home. John's gospel says that "For as yet they did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead." SEEING IS NOT ALWAYS BELIEVING.

As Peter and John were on their way home, Mary was still outside of the tomb weeping. She looked inside of the tomb and saw two angels. Still thinking that Jesus' body was stolen, she turned around and saw her Lord. But she thought that He was the gardener. SEEING IS NOT ALWAYS BELIEVING.

We live in a society where the sights of the risen Christ, at work through a community of faithful people who are called Christians, are all around us. There are those inside and outside of the walls of the church who have seen the evidence of God's Spirit at work. My prayer is that God will not only grant us the vision to see. But that God will grant us the faith to believe.

Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

Their were twelve members present for the Joy Circle meeting on February 28. Sue Kariher gave a devotional and prayer before a wonderful lunch served by Sue and Karen Namy.

Vice President Joanie Ready presided in the absence of Pr4sident Joyce Ward, who is recovering from surgery. Joanie authorized Betty Beight as secretary in the absence of Zelda Cook.

Meryl Esenwein conveyed a thank you from her sister Dorothy for the card we sent to her last month. Karen namy is planning the choir dinner on March 20. Adele Zeitler reported on several articles from the *Response* magazine.

The Joy Circle will meet again on Monday, March 28 at 12:00 noon with Evalyn Morris and Kay Crook as our hostesses.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 PM. Please mark your calendar. We will be working on plans for the Mother-Daughter Banquet which is scheduled for Monday, May 9 at 6:00 PM.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The annual audit of East Fairfield United Methodist Church and church-related funds has been completed for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

The Audit Committee believes that the records of treasurers of the Church, UMW, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Element 79 accurately reflect receipts, disbursements, investments, and balances of these funds as presented.

The Committee thanks and commends each treasurer for their timely submission of neat and accurately kept records. Also, thank you to the randomly selected (by envelope number) congregation members who responded when asked to confirm their offerings during 2010.

2010 Audit Committee
Betty Beight, Joyce Ward, Zelda Cook

PACKING COLLEGE BOXES

APRIL 10

We will be packing 15 boxes for our college students and we need your help with food items and postage. Donations may be left in the box in the foyer at the church.



Gum	Chex Mix	Lollipops	Puppy Chow
Candy	Crackers	Cookies	Microwave Popcorn
Easy Mac	Hot Chocolate	Apples	Granola Bars
Snacks	Microwave Oatmeal	Ramen Noodles	Money for Postage

Easter Flower Order Form

Deadline: April 10, 2011

EASTER LILIES

Single Stem (6" pot) @ 8.00 = \$ _____
 Double Stem (8" pot) @ 16.00 = \$ _____
 Triple Stem (10" pot) @ 25.00 = \$ _____

DAFFODILS (Yellow)

Five Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____
 Twelve Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____

TULIPS

White 5 Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____
 Red 5 Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____
 Pink 5 Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____
 Orange 5 Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____

TULIPS

White 12 Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____
 Red 12 Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____
 Pink 12 Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____
 Orange 12 Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____

HYACINTHS

White 3 Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____
 Purple 3 Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____
 Pink 3 Bulbs (6" pot) @ 7.00 = \$ _____

HYACINTHS

White 6 Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____
 Purple 6 Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____
 Pink 6 Bulbs (8" pot) @ 13.00 = \$ _____

HYDRANGEAS (Hardy)

Three Blooms (6" pot) @ 14.00 = \$ _____
 Five Blooms (6" pot) @ 16.00 = \$ _____

AZALEAS (Not Guaranteed Hardy)

White (6" pot) @ 16.00 = \$ _____
 Pink (6" pot) @ 16.00 = \$ _____
 Hot Pink (6" pot) @ 16.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____ ENV # _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS

Name of Mission	Need	Received	Still Need
4C's	125	260	0
Way Station	150	146	4
Scouts	300	300	0
Warren Com. Center	150	42	108

HELP NEEDED

Sound System We are looking for volunteers to help run the sound on Sunday mornings during the worship service. 🐼 If you can help out once in a while, see Dick Sell or Wayne Cope.

PowerPoint We need people to operate the computer for the PowerPoint slides, which we project onto the screen each Sunday. See Vicki Freeman or Denise Webber.

Camerman Substitutes are also needed to run the camera once in a while during worship. If you can volunteer to help out, please see Nicholas Holsinger or Denise Webber.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

One Great Hour
of Sharing



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the six special offering Sundays of The United Methodist Church.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid of food, shelter, peace and hope.

Current relief efforts in Japan are examples of this kind of ministry assistance. The offering is crucial to the support of the administrative work of UMCOR and enables UMCOR to keep the promise of 100% of designated gifts going to specific causes.

**Mark your offering envelope:
Fund #13**

*We'd like to thank everyone
for your continued support
of all of our missions.*



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ **Kathleen Smith** Her wrist is worse after having surgery. Has a consultation scheduled.
- ◆ **Japan** Prayers for everyone affected by the earthquake, tsunami, and radiation threat.
- ◆ **Joyce Ward** Still recovering after shoulder surgery.
- ◆ **Debbie** (Deann Davis's co-worker) Only 56. Stage 4 liver and pancreatic cancer. On chemo.
- ◆ **Greg S.** (Karen Namy's brother) Health concerns.
- ◆ **Abigail** (Brenda Myer's grand-daughter born Aug 22) – coming home, but still has a long way to go.

Struggling with Cancer

- ◆ **Jim Freeman** Still on chemo and radiation.
- ◆ **Becky Garrod** Cancer
- ◆ **Jessica Garrod** Cancer

Sympathy

- ◆ **Rev. Enzie Wade**, pastor at New Garden and Franklin Square, passed away March 11, 2011.
- ◆ **Grace Burton**, the mother of Rev. Dan Bryant (our DS) passed away February 24, 2011.
- ◆ **Carl Dettmer** passed away. His funeral is Sunday, March 27 at the Leetonia Sportsman's Club.

Thank you

- ✎ Once again the choir was served a delicious meal at the Choir Appreciation Dinner. Many thanks to Karen Namy and her crew for preparing it. We are very grateful, as always, for the time spent in planning and preparation on our behalf. I really enjoyed it. - George Schmidt
- ◆ Thanks to all of you who prayed, sent beautiful cards, baked goodies, and gave me encouraging words when I had gall bladder surgery. I appreciate all the loving kindness and support from my church family at East Fairfield UMC. Thanks again and God Bless you! - Love, Karen Namy

Serving in the Military

Kyle Crook ~ Sam Frost ~ James Frost ~ Kyle Gotch ~ Rob Ray

Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Albright ~ Ramon and Sarah Berger ~ Virginia Crook ~ Susan Case
Allan and Carol Chamberlin ~ Virginia Crook ~ Kathryn Firestone ~ Harry and Ruth Hawkins
Dorothy McQuiston ~ Evalyn Morris ~ Helen Radler ~ Betty Vollnogle ~ John and Dorothy Ward

APRIL 2011 ~ EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 1:00-4:00 Bridal Shower In fellowship hall - Neiheisel
3 COMMUNION 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45 - CONFIRMATION CLASS in the Library 2:00 - 4:00 Eagle Ceremony 6:30 - 8:00 Element 79 Youth at Crestview High School 7:00 Pastor's Lenten Study	4 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	5 8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry	6 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice	7 6:30 HOPE CIRCLE	8 Guardian Angels meeting <i>(Set up and decorate for Shower)</i>	9 9:30-12:30 at Westbrook Park UMC in Canton – Conference-wide Celebration of Laity 2:00 – 4:00 Bridal Shower in the Chapel - Ridzon 5:30 4-H Meeting
10 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time - Pack COLLEGE BOXES 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45 - CONFIRMATION CLASS in the Library 7:00 Pastor's Lenten Study	11 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	12 8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry	13 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15	16 Wedding of Rachel Storm & Keith Baker (in sanctuary) and Reception (in fellowship hall)
17 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Pray for Missions 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45 - CONFIRMATION CLASS in the Library 6:30- 8:00 Element 79 Youth at Crestview High School 7:00 Pastor's Lenten Study	18 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 – 9:00 4H- Fairfield Farmhands (Fieldhouse) 8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry	20 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice	21 9:00 Newsletter Mailing Committee MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Worship Service and Communion	22 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 Service at New Waterford UMC (in their new sanctuary)	23
24 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:00 Breakfast 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School (NO Confirmation Class)	25 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 12:00 Joy Circle Meeting 7:00-9:00 GriefShare	26 8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry	27 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice	28	29 6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party	30

[Rev. Mike on vacation 🐾 April 28 – May 4]



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kermit Chamberlin
- 2 Cindy Schmidt
- 4 Shawn Magill, Matt Whitten
- 6 Richelle Kyle
- 7 Caleb Hill, Joanie Ready
- 8 Ray Chamberlin
- 9 Bethany Fristik, Jim Jones
- 10 Shanea Beiling, Dale O. Cusick
- 11 Joe DePillo, Marge Sponcil
- 12 Clara Evrard, Donald Groubert, Dylan Hart
- 13 Donny Adams, Linda Cook
- 14 Mark Chamberlain, Kenne Peterson,
Mark Wolfgang
- 15 Keith Chamberlin, Bria Donovan
- 17 Tracey Hively, Andrew Magill, Katie Wilson
- 18 Lucy Baer, Denise Fieldhouse
- 19 Sue Olmstead
- 20 Adam Roberts, Tim Strobel, April Turvey,
John Whitten
- 21 Jim Eppley
- 22 James Pike, Chuck Wellman
- 23 Karen Namy
- 25 Linda Burkey
- 26 Zachary Henderson, Tim Smith, Lois Zarnosky
- 27 Harry Hawkins, Tyler Morris, Courtney Waters
- 28 Ron Kyser
- 29 Brianna Baker, Adalyn Sell, Jeffrey Smith
- 30 Brianne Henderson, Preston Straney



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 4 Kermit & Sue Chamberlin
- 11 Mitch & Carol Hennessey
- 13 Scott & Pam Veiock
- 17 Dale & Betty Cusick
- 22 Dave & Verna Jo Jones
- 29 Mark & Cindy Graffius



CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME

- April - Pairs and Spares
- May - Helping Hands
- June - New Beginnings
- July - Loyal Workers



9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
Mar. 27	Miranda Barnett	Chris Baker		Ian MacGillivray	
Apr. 3	Alisha Auer	Anita Cusick		Deann Davis	COMMUNION
Apr. 10	Anita Cusick	Pam Boyarko	Larry & Maralyn Porter	Jon Straney	
Apr. 17	Kim Burkey	Cyndi Straney	Charles & Joanie Ready	Jon Vollnogle	PALM SUNDAY
Apr. 24	(no nursery)	Chris Baker		Grant Roberts	EASTER SUNDAY
May 1	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick			UMW SUNDAY (FLOWER CROSS SUNDAY)
May 8	Alisha Auer	Pam Boyarko			MOTHER'S DAY (Deann gives 5 min. meditation)
May 15	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney			GUEST SPEAKER: RON GOUGE - WGM
May 22	Kim Burkey	Chris Baker			COMMUNION
May 29	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick			MEMORIAL SUNDAY (Kelli gives 5 min. meditation)

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Pleasant People

What does it take to make you smile? Is it a movie? Something your child does? Something that happened in the past? Something you read? Chances are, one or all of these situations at some time or another has led you to smile. But the question here is deeper than that. What I mean is this: Does it take a special situation to make you smile, or are you seen as one who *smiles all the time*. Are you a *pleasant person to be around*?

Now notice, I didn't ask if you were popular. I asked if you were pleasant! There's a huge difference. One plays to the crowd looking for attention. The other is someone who displays grace and shares kindness. I have known people in my life who are pleasant to be around. Unfortunately, I have also known those who are not. They are the people we try to ignore or avoid.

Which type of person do you think you are?

I think Jesus was very pleasant to be around. Little children flocked to him. I bet he wrestled with them, and tickled them, and just loved being with them. But the same was true of those who had leprosy, those who had gone blind, those who had demons, those who had sick children, those who were forgotten, those who were sinners, and... well, just about everybody ... except those who were unpleasant to everybody!

Galatians 5:22, 23 tells about the fruit of the Spirit. Take a good look at that list! What you find is a pleasant, godly person. Let's be holy, pleasant people. Not to be popular, but to display the grace and share the kindness of the Savior!

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