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**EAST FAIRFIELD
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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.”*

Mother-Daughter Banquet

Monday, May 9, 2011

6:00 PM

Program:



Menu

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans, Salad, Roll, Pie, Beverage

Tickets

\$ 7.00 for Adult (ages 12 +)
\$ 4.00 for Child (ages 3-11)



Easter Sunday - April 24

7:00 Easter Sunrise Service
8:00 Breakfast by the Pairs & Spares Class
9:30 Worship Service

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NEW WATERFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Free Meal at 5:30 PM
Dress casual. Everyone welcome.

Cantata at 6:30 PM
“The Power of Christ in Me”

FUN 'N GAMES

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



THE AFTERMATH

By the time that this newsletter reaches you, Easter will be over. We will be nearing the end of Spring and on the verge of the lazy days of Summer. I cannot help but wonder how this is in such contrast to the first Easter. The Disciples had a life-changing encounter. The Jesus who they knew and who was crucified, greeted them as a risen Lord. But, rather than marking the end of their journey together, the first Easter marked the beginning of a new journey.

What was this new journey? The disciples were to take this experience and share it with those around them. This is one of the many common strands of the Resurrection narratives. Matthew 28 ends with the Great Commission. ✠ Mark 16 (the later ending), concludes with the words, *"Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it."* In Luke 24:46-47, Jesus says that, *"This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations."* In the Gospel of John, the Risen Christ says to His disciples, *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

Perhaps the mission of the first followers of Jesus to share their experience had a ready and willing audience. After all, in the pre-Christian setting of first century Rome, people were hungering for what the disciples offered. And yet, perhaps in the post-Christian culture of the twenty first century, people hunger for what today's disciples of Jesus offer.

"Christ has risen. Alleluia." This proclamation was not intended to remain contained within the walls of church buildings. Just as was the case in the pre-Christian first century, it is meant to be shared in the post-Christian twenty-first century.

Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle met on Monday, March 28th with twelve members present. Norma Nulf gave a devotional reading and prayer before a delicious lunch served by Norma and Joanie Ready.

We sent cards to Kathleen Smith, Carol Wilhelm, Evelyn Morris and Kay Crook. Adele Zeitler handed out three books for the reading program. Thelma Adams and Zelda Cook bought new salt and pepper shakers with money from the Lois Peppel Memorial Fund.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 25th at 12:00 noon with Evelyn Morris and Kay Crook as hostess.

- May 1** - **UMW Sunday**
- May 9** - **Mother Daughter Banquet**
- May 19** - **Special Evening Program** (Judge Carol Robb, guest speaker)

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle met on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 PM to make plans for the Mother Daughter Banquet. We set the menu and made a decision on the program. Practice for the skit is Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30. Our next meeting will be ✝ Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 PM to review any final details for the Banquet.

UMW Sunday May 1

Sunday May 1st is our annual UMW Sunday. This year the theme is "Faith, Hope and Love in Action." Our speaker will be Judy Kidder from the East Liverpool United Methodist Church. We will have a bake sale downstairs at coffee time with the proceeds going to the Youth with a Purpose Boys Home in Salineville. This is a non-denominational Christian Ministry for troubled youth. They accept no public funding to run their home and rely only on public donations for its operation.

We need your donations of baked goods for this worthy cause.

"Women's Special Evening Meeting" **Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM**

The Joy Circle of the UMW is having a "Special Evening Meeting" on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm with Municipal Court Judge Carol Robb as our guest speaker. We have asked her to speak on poverty and the way it affects the lives of women and children.

Women who work in the daytime and cannot be here for our regular meetings, have requested an evening event that they can attend. We feel that this program will have something of value in it for everyone.

We plan a relaxed evening of Judge Robb's message followed by light refreshments and fellowship. There will be no games or singing, no prizes or frills, just a message that will give us all something to think about.

We have invited women's groups from eleven churches to join us for this meeting and we hope to get a good response. We need your registration in order to plan for this night. Please sign up at the church, or call the church office at 330-457-2465 to register. **Deadline to register is Friday, May 13.**

WE STILL NEED HELP !!!

Sound System

So far, no one has come forward to help out! Wayne and Dick have been very faithful for many years in giving their time for this. They need YOUR help to take some well-deserved time off.

What we'd like is four or five people to take one Sunday a month to run the sound during the worship service. If you'd be willing to try it, see Dick Sell, Wayne Cope, Vicki Freeman, or Denise Webber. They can give you a quick overview of what's involved, then you can decide.

This really isn't a difficult task. Please don't be intimidated by it ... hey, if Denise can do it, you can too ☺!!!

Come on, step up and take the challenge.
We are waiting for you.

Computer PowerPoint

We would like to thank Richard Saphore and JoAnne Peppel for volunteering to help with PowerPoint. If you are interested, we could always use a few more.

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH **Blanket+ Sunday**



From something as simple as a blanket, amazing things can happen. By giving to Blanket+ Sunday you can provide:

- Blankets, tents, food** and other emergency supplies in a disaster
- Tools and seeds** for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for drought prone areas** for safe water to drink and irrigate crops
- Literacy training** for women struggling to realize their potential.

Mark your offering: "Fund # 14 Blankets"

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS			
Name of Mission	Need	Received	Still Need
Warren Com. Center	150	74	76
4C's	125	320	0
Way Station	150	256	0
Scouts	300	300	0
One Great Hour of Sharing	any donation	89	?
Japan Relief	any donation	110	?
Blankets+	any donation		

We'd like to thank you for your continued support of our missions.

Boy Scout Troop 40 **Flag Retirement Ceremony**

Monday, June 20 at 7:30 pm
at the Pavilion



If anyone has a Flag that is in need of an honorary disposal, starting in May we will have a box in the foyer of the church where you can leave them.

Then on June 20, the Boy Scouts will perform a Flag Retirement Ceremony by the pavilion.

Troop 40 is also selling U.S.A. Flags as a fundraiser. An order form is located at the church.

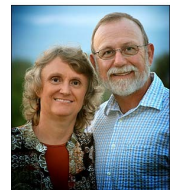
Guest Missionary Speakers **Sunday, May 15**

(A Love Offering will be taken)

Ron and Bonnie Gouge, career missionaries to Argentina, with World Gospel Mission, will speak in the 9:30 AM Worship Service.

They will also speak at an **8:00 AM BREAKFAST** that day and during the 10:45 AM Sunday School. **The congregation is invited.**

After serving God for 24 years in Bolivia, the Gouges find themselves in a uniquely different place, trusting God to do a new work in them and in the ministries in Argentina.



They are giving leadership to a small, dedicated group of missionaries who have a deep love for the Argentine people. They are proclaiming the life-changing message of Christ to this unique, strong, and proud group of people called Argentines.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 UMW SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service - Judy Kidder, speaker</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School (NO Confirmation Class)</p> <p>2:00 – 5:00 Shower (Baker)</p> <p>6:30- 8:00 Element 79 Youth at Crestview High School</p>	<p>2 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Finance 7:30 Council</p> <p>8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30-7:30 Kids Club</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM National Day of Prayer at Crestview High School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Guardian Angels meeting</p> <p>4:30 Leave for Acquire the Fire</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 – 4:00 Men's Rally in The Valley at Covelli Center</p> <p>5:30 Carpool to Kent Community Chorus in Salem (starts at 7:00)</p> <p>5:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Jeffrey Sickle</p>
<p>8 MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45-11:45 CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>	<p>9 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10-11:30 Bible Study 6:00 Mother-Daughter Banquet (NO SCOUTS) 7:00-9:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 Trustees</p> <p>8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 Education Team</p> <p>6:30-7:30 Kids Club</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30 4H Youth Group Lock-In</p>
<p>15 WGM: RON GOUGE</p> <p>8:00 AM Breakfast (All welcome) 9:00 Pray for Missions</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45-11:45 CONFIRMATION CLASS</p> <p>6:30- 8:00 Element 79 Youth at Crestview High School</p>	<p>16 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts 7:00-9:00 GriefShare</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 4H- Fairfield Farmhands (Fieldhouse)</p> <p>8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30-7:30 Kids Club</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 UMW Cluster Meeting HERE (w/refreshments) Six churches. Guest speaker: Judge Carol Robb</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party</p> <p>6:00-8:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8 AM - 1:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p> <p>12:00-4:00 Graduation Open House for Ian MacGillivray in Pavilion</p>
<p>22 COMMUNION</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45-11:45 CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>	<p>23 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i></p> <p>10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30-7:30 Kids Club</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Newsletter Mailing Committee</p> <p>8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 MEMORIAL SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30-10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45-11:45 CONFIRMATION CLASS</p> <p>12:00 Memorial Service at the Cemetery</p> <p>6:30- 8:00 Element 79 Youth at Crestview High School</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:00-10:30 Stephen Ministry Training</p>				



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dustin Knight
- 2 Kim Barlow, Joe Raschilla
- 3 Jerry Adams, Doug Faulk, Cheryl Fisher, Craig Schmidt
- 4 Betty Beight, Vivian Gorby, Evan Smith, Cyndi Straney
- 5 Dan Hawkins, Tawny Templin
- 6 Joel Hays
- 7 Scott Cross, Laurel Sabota
- 8 Ben Palmer
- 9 Gavyn Gamble
- 10 John Adams, Stacey Jo Brown, Sue Lissi
- 11 Linda Chaplow
- 12 Kevin Brubaker, Landon Reynolds, Andrea Wilson
- 13 Kaleb Baker, Carol Vollnogle
- 14 Debbie Baker, Harold Baker, Maren Rankin, Jillian Schmidt, Seth Spooner
- 16 Michael Harroff
- 17 Kristen Harroff, TJ Setinsek, Katie Smith, Jennifer Westover
- 18 Andrew Lawlor, Ian MacGillivray, Jim Peppel, Larry Webber
- 19 Olyvia Barnett, Michael Boyarko, Charles Strobel
- 20 Brooke Ann Brown
- 21 Jill Matulja, Melissa Roberts, Betty Stoffer
- 22 Heather Mrugala
- 23 Barb DePillo, Sam Miller, Erika Schmidt, Brittany Wilson
- 24 Zelda Cook, Dan Shingleton
- 25 Wayne Cope, Jared Wolfgang
- 27 Dottie Garrod, Gerald Leonard, Sean MacGillivray, Ross Porter, Allen Rogers
- 28 Melissa Namy, Alice Peppel, Kim Rankin, Dale Webber
- 29 Brooke Rozeski



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Gary & Denise Fieldhouse
- 6 Joel & Tracey Hays
- 6 Joel & Amanda Webber
- 12 Andrew & Debbie Lawlor
- 18 Shaun & Becky Donovan
- 19 Dan & Debbi Shingleton
- 20 Ed & Mary Feezle
- 26 Matt & Tiffany Sell
- 28 Barry & Chris Crook



CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME

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

One of the beauties of being polite is that you are showing respect for the other person. You can never go wrong by being polite.

9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
May 1	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick	United Methodist Women	Missy Roberts	UMW SUNDAY (FLOWER CROSS SUNDAY)
May 8	Alisha Auer	Pam Boyarko	Denny & Georgia Farmer	Dick Sell	MOTHER'S DAY (Jim gives 5 min. meditation)
May 15	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney	Grant & Missy Roberts	Rev. Mike	GUEST SPEAKER: RON GOUGE - WGM
May 22	Kim Burkey	Chris Baker	Jim & JoAnne Peppel	Edie Boles	COMMUNION
May 29	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick	Dolly Knight & Cindy Graffius	Leo Hicks	MEMORIAL SUNDAY (Kelli gives 5 min. meditation)
June 5		Pam Boyarko			GRADUATE SUNDAY (Cindy gives 5 min. meditation)
June 12		Cyndi Straney	Ernie & Adele Zeitler		PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION (Deann gives meditation)
June 19		Chris Baker	Zelda Cook		Father's Day (Edie gives meditation)
June 26		Anita Cusick	Deann Davis		

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What about the practice of boiled eggs in a basket of grass ?

Modern egg producers stimulate the hen's laying cycle by extending the perceived day length with artificial light. People living in the First Century didn't have this luxury; they had to depend upon the natural cycle of solstices and equinoxes. Consequently, as the days grew longer with the coming of Spring, their hens were stimulated to begin laying. Also, during the 40-day period of fasting preceding Easter, the Early Christians did without meats, fats and eggs.

What could be more opportune? Just as we move into Spring and the celebration of the Resurrection, the hens begin to produce eggs again. Eggs, of course, are ideal representations of a resurrection when they hatch, and of the new life the Christians found in Christ.

Interestingly, the Early Christians dyed boiled eggs red —for the saving blood of Jesus Christ. They presented them to their children on Easter morning as a reminder of the Paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Easter morning, of course, was also the first day that eggs could be eaten again.

Each year when you boil and color eggs with your children or grandchildren, tell them the story of the Early Christians. Remind them that, like those children in the early centuries, they are participating in a holy tradition.