

Sunday
April 1, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Easter Resurrection Sunday

Pastor Greg

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.
Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

Rejoice, rejoice! The tomb is empty, what was dead is alive!
With Mary Magdalene we come creeping into the light, tears of sadness turned to tears of joy, for Jesus is alive!
Is this a giant divine joke? Is God having the last laugh?
Yes and yes and so much more! We come to worship with laughter and hope, for life is here!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of laughter, You fooled us all. We thought You had given up on Jesus when He died on the cross; we thought death was the end of everything, but You raised Jesus from the dead! How, we do not know, but we are so happy that You did —

Thank You!

Jesus lives, today and every day, Jesus is here among us, within us, right here, right now; how, we do not know, but we are happy that He is —

Thank You!

God, You fooled us all! You fooled those who thought they had the power over life and death. You fooled those who thought that death would bring an end to Jesus and His good news.

You fooled them and us — we confess we doubted — but today we laugh with You!

Today as we celebrate the risen Christ, help us to be filled with joy and laughter, glad to worship the God of life.

Let our laughter spread beyond our building, let it be heard in every home, let it travel abroad, far and wide until all the earth is filled with laughter.

Love has conquered death —

Love wins!

So be it!

Amen!

***Hymn:** #308 Thine Be the Glory

***Scripture Lesson:** John 20:1-18

Children's Time: *Beth Griner*

Choir Anthem: Antiphonal Praise

Sermon: "Jesus, Resurrected!"

***Hymn:** #314 In the Garden

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: He's Alive ~ *performed by Ken Franklin*

***Doxology:** #94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, Your giving is never ending, You constantly pour out Your gifts upon us.

Lord, we want to be more like You, help us to pour out our gifts for others.

Receive these gifts of money today, may they be used to spread the good news of Your love in places where we cannot be.

Accept our gifts, freely given, for You and for the work of the church at home and abroad.

Amen!

Holy Communion - *The Great Thanksgiving for Easter*

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a joyful thing to praise You, O God, Who through Your Holy Spirit anointed Jesus of Nazareth to tell Your good news of grace and love through His life, death, and resurrection.

Alleluia!

Break open the tombs of our lives by Your power, that we may know Your power and take courage from Christ's resurrection to live new lives.

Alleluia!

Grant us the curiosity and awe of Mary Magdalene as she heard the angel's voice:

"Why are you crying?"

Give us the joy of Mary after she heard the "gardener" call her by name.

Today He calls each one of us by name.

Aspire in us the urgency to tell others the good news:

"I have seen the Lord!"

Pour out Your Spirit of Resurrection on us and on this bread and wine, that we may experience newness in our own lives and carry Your good news to the world.

Alleluia!

Thanks be to You, God of creative newness! Thanks be to You, Christ, reborn among us!

Thanks be to You, comforting and challenging Holy Spirit! Thanks be to You, Holy God, Three-in-One — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Amen!

***Closing Song:** Hallelujah Chorus

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

*Coming up next Sunday, March 8: Eastertide Celebration with 4One Quartet.
A love offering will be taken to support this traveling ministry of music.*

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates

Rex Bragg does not have gout. He has an infection and will be on antibiotics. Prayers have been appreciated.

Larry Kohler's back is on the mend. Just therapy only. Thanks for all prayers!

New Requests This Week

Diane (Vera Walker's sister) needs prayers for one more transition to more healthcare.

Sue Epley has back issues and needs healing.

Lauren Frantz has been ill with pneumonia and some other health issues.

Carol Lohman is recovering from back surgery.

Pray for safe travels for Ryan Miller as he comes back home.

Riley (4th grader at Tobey) was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer.

Felicia Taylor is having some medical issues.

Martha (Betty Thomas's sister-in-law) fell and broke her back in 2 places. She is 92 and can't have surgery.

Previous Requests

Caryn Bladt is traveling to Nepal to build another school.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Tim Melvin is recovering from surgery and should begin radiation in a week.

James (Sue Moberly Hayes' brother) was in a car accident.

Summer Munn (11-year-old girl) has been having pain since October, and doctors don't know what is wrong.

Carmen Moreno-Parsons is in rehab due to a blood poisoning emergency from an earlier fall.

Char Rice is recovering from a broken hip.

Al Thomas is in Hospice.

Michael Way (Julie Taylor's friend) has been hospitalized for more than a month and needs healing.

Lord, please heal the United Methodist Church and our country so that all can recognize YOU did it.

Today's acolytes are
Mac Read and Vaughan Read

March 25 attendance:
Worship 121 Sunday School 34

Give Your Family the Precious Gift of your Choices

What if a sudden medical event happened to you and you could not make medical decisions?

Have you made an advance care plan for your healthcare?

Attend an informative kitchen table small group discussion where we will discuss the steps involved to share the precious gift of your wishes for healthcare. You will learn how to create a free advance directive document that identifies who you would want to make medical decisions and how to initiate the critical conversation with your loved ones. Hilary and Kris from Bronson will present ways to share your personal vision of quality of life so your family has guidance as to the types of treatments you would or would not want. Methods to distribute the legal document will be highlighted as well. An 8-page Medical Preferences Care Planning Workbook will be provided as a resource. Please come join us for an informal kitchen table discussion on planning for your future healthcare.



**Wed., April 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
in the church library**

Please call Polly to RSVP at (269) 649-2343.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due tomorrow

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Apr 1: Laverne Swinehart

Apr 8:

No Sunday School April 8

There will be no Sunday School, children's or adults, next Sunday, April 8. So many families are on vacation for Spring Break that we decided to cancel. We pray for safe travels for all who are blessed to take a trip! Happy Easter to our church family! ~ *Darcy Osborn, Sunday School Superintendent*

United Methodist Women Meeting

Our first UMW meeting of 2018 will be this Thursday, April 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the Taylor Room. We would love to see you there!



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler
Major Jeff Kudary
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Ryan Miller
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For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Robert & Carmen Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Al Thomas
Iris McGahan	Mina Willett
Beverly Nimmo	

This Week's Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	
4/1 Beth Griner	4/5 Hanna Ouvry
Jerry Root	Stephen Phillips
4/2 Michael Beams	Georgia Rolfe
Anne Howard	4/7 Matt Barton
Mike Oswald	John Jukes
4/3 Isabell Deppe	Izzy Pauli
4/4 Anna Lynn Pauli	Karla Stubblefield
4/5 John Paul Culver	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Paul French	4/5 Brad & Heather
	Fenwick



Talent Show
 mission trip fundraiser
 Sunday, April 15

Entry Form

Name _____

Contact Information _____

Please fill this out and put in Hank's mailbox
 in the work room. Hank will contact you.
 This is open to everyone.

This Week's Calendar

Today - Easter Sunday
 7:30 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Service, Sanctuary*
 8:15 a.m. *Easter Breakfast, FLC*
 10:30 a.m. *Worship in the Sanctuary*
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, April 2
 6:30 p.m. *Family volleyball in the FLC*
 6:30 p.m. *Scout troop meeting, Taylor Room*
 7:00 p.m. *Worship Planning Team in the Library*

Tuesday, April 3
 2:00 p.m. *Sew What Now God, Taylor Room*
 7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

Wednesday, April 4
 10:30 a.m. *Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room*
 6:30 p.m. *Pickleball in the FLC*
 NO SHED, HELIX, BELL CHOIR PRACTICE, OR
 CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday, April 5
 11:00 a.m. *UMW Executive Committee, Library*
 12:30 p.m. *UMW General meeting in the Taylor Rm.*
 NO PLAY GYM, ROUTE 56, OR RAW

Friday, April 6 - Pastor's Day Off
no activities are scheduled

Saturday, April 7
no activities are scheduled

NO PRESCHOOL APRIL 2-6

Coming Events
Sunday, April 8
 10:30 a.m. *Worship in the Sanctuary with 4 One Quartet*
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 10
 10:00 a.m. *Staff meeting in the Library*
 6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting in the FLC*

Wednesday, April 11
 6:30 p.m. *Scout meeting in Room 125*

Thursday, April 12
 5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board meeting in the Library*
 6:30 p.m. *Scouts District Round Table, Taylor Rm.*
 7:00 p.m. *Safety meeting in the Library*

Saturday, April 14
 7:00 p.m. *Euchre Tournament in the FLC*

The General Rule of Discipleship



To witness to Jesus Christ
 in the world, and to follow
 his teachings through acts
 of compassion, justice,
 worship and devotion
 under the guidance of the
 Holy Spirit.



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Sunday, April 8

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