

Sunday
April 22, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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Believe

in the Lord Jesus,
and you will be saved,
you and your household.

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

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

In many and various ways at different times and places the all powerful God calls us to pray and sing.

With joy in our hearts to pray and praise together, for nothing is impossible for God. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord of the stillness and of song, You are present in all the experiences of life: the mundane and typical, the exciting and bizarre. You exist in the contained spaces of our experiences: challenges that are personal; demands that are made of us; conditions that we bear; and You exist as One Who is free to go where You will.

Across the fabric of creation, into every sphere of life, into the varying circumstances of the whole of humanity, You are present.

You are faithful to us.

We see You in those parts of life when it is easy to celebrate. And You are present in the parts of life that are difficult to tolerate.

We praise You today, in the songs we sing, in the moments of quiet, and as we listen and reflect on Your word.

Today we consider the elements of our living that cause pain to others.

We are sorry for the constrictions we place on others through our words, actions or lack of attention which leave others vulnerable or held captive in a life which is not as full of opportunity as it should be.

We are sorry when we judge others as acting strangely or for being annoying, when perhaps the problem instead lies in our own failure to be tolerant or our lack of understanding.

We are sorry too for the times when we underestimate Your influence in the world, when we ignore the transformative power of Your Holy Spirit, working in and through others, and directly across the world.

Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayers. Drive out all that is wrong and ill-judged in our lives. Cultivate within us a sense of awe and appreciation: both in You as Creator, and for all that You create.

Let our hearts sing, for we have been rescued and set free by Your merciful actions. Release us into the world to serve you in all things. Amen.

*Hymn: #363 And Can It Be that I Should Gain

Scripture Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

Children's Time: *Pastor Greg*

Choir Anthem: Be Still And Know

Sermon: "Get Busy Living"

*Hymn: #496: Sweet Hour of Prayer

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: I Worship You, Almighty God

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, for the gifts that we so value in our life, we thank You. For family, friendship, freedom and fun are not to be taken for granted.

With all that we have been given, acknowledged today, we present our offering to You, that it may be used wisely for the ongoing work of the Church in the world. Amen.

*Hymn: #710: Faith of Our Fathers (verse 1)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, April 29: "Appointed Times" — Acts 17:16-31.

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

Birthdays

4/22 Julie Taylor	4/26 Glory Bragg
June Taylor	4/28 Bonnie Oswalt
4/23 Todd Griffin	<u>Anniversaries</u>
4/24 Laura Asher	4/28 Daniel & Tamara
4/25 Bill Oswalt	Janer



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.

Today's acolytes are
John Paul Culver and Benjamin Culver

April 15 attendance:
Worship 121 Sunday School 39

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates

Mary (friend of Diana and Andrea) passed away. Please remember the family and friends in prayer.

Ryan Miller is back in the States and will be in Michigan this week.

New Requests This Week

Barbara and Bill Adams as they remember their son who passed away last year

A friend, Penny, age 53, is in a Lansing hospital with heart problems.

Prayers for Georgia Rolfe's grandson and his military unit in Poland

Pray for peace in Syria.

Previous Requests

Phyllis Barrett's daughter has pneumonia.

Felicia Taylor Bassler needs healing.

Glory Bragg and family at the loss of her husband, Rex.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Diane (Vera Walker's sister) is struggling. Prayers are needed for her children to make hard decisions.

Sue Epley has back issues and needs healing.

Del and Myrna Forsythe's son is recovering from serious injury to his fingers.

Lauren Frantz is getting stronger every day but still needs prayer.

Julie (Vera Walker's niece) is 25 weeks pregnant but the baby is not getting enough nourishment.

Carol Lohman is recovering well. However, her house was damaged by lightning.

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

Tim Melvin

Tammy Quich (Abbigale Murray's coworker) needs healing after surgery for fluid around the heart.

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

Prayers for Upjohn residents and staff in the midst of public drama

Scott Weaver (Julie Taylor's son) is in need of emotional healing.

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 23

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale drop-off till 6:00p*

7:00 p.m. *Church Council meeting, Taylor Room*
NO VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale drop-off till noon*

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting*

Wednesday, April 25

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale till 6:00p*

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room

2:30 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. *Advance Care Workshop in the Library*

6:30 p.m. *Troop Committee meeting, Room 125*

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 26

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale till 3:00p*

NO PLAY GYM

5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

Friday, April 27 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities scheduled

Saturday, April 28

no activities scheduled

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Sunday, April 29

1:00 p.m. *Crop Walk*

Tuesday, May 1

7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

Wednesday, May 2

1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries meeting in the Library*

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Apr 22: Marshall Linebaugh

Apr 29: Joe and Betty Gruber



Family Camp will be Thursday, June 14 through Tuesday, June 19. Invite all your friends! Contact Holly Bland at 598-6755 or hbland15@gmail.com by April 30.

Buttons
& Bows

All Daughter Dinner

sponsored by the Susanna Wesley Circle

May 9 6:00 p.m.

\$6 adults
\$3 children 10 yrs. or younger

Get your tickets after Worship



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CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sunday, April 29

1:00 Registration in the Family Life Center
2:00 Walk

See Brad Addis for information.

PLEASE JOIN US
— for a —

PIG ROAST

hosted by

SUNDAY **May 6** AT **11:30 AM**
THE SCOUTS

church parking lot (or FLC) as a thank you to the church

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE



April 25 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.)
April 26 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

SPRING HAS SPRUNG.....Robins, daffodils and OUR SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

Needed: Clean, gently-used clothing, electronics, jewelry, tools, toys, decorations, books, magazines, music, movies, small appliances and furniture, household items, crafts, treasures, etc. Large paper grocery bags and food for the workers are also appreciated! Fill a box while tackling your Spring cleaning!

Also Need: Men and women volunteers! We need lots of help! YOU choose which days and hours- it will be so appreciated! Just show up - **No Experience Necessary!**

Drop off dates: Monday, April 23 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Tuesday, April 24 (9 a.m.-noon).

On Thursday, unless noted otherwise, clothing is \$1/bag, 6th bag free!

WE ALSO NEED SHOPPERS! We have lots of good stuff (no junk!) and many bargains! Come, shop and save! Monies earned will benefit local and area mission programs such as South County Community Services, Generous Hands, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, VUMC Youth Mission Trip, and many others.

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.



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

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

Bible Study

Coming soon! Do you want to investigate what's inside that book we use as the foundation of our faith? We are looking for you!

Do you think you will look bad in front of others because you don't really know or understand everything in the Bible? FEAR NOT!! You will be among friends and family who want the same thing as you, and are probably on the same level you are. Class leaders will readily admit to being learners themselves.

We are looking to form study groups to dig in to what God has to say. Be assured, this will be a "direct from the Bible" study! Whether you are a beginner, a long-time student of the Bible, or somewhere in between – there will be a place for you.

Please note on the attendance slip if you are interested – including phone and email and best time for classes. We will contact you shortly.

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items are due tomorrow
- ScripCents orders are due Tuesday, May 1

We Need Buttons

The program for the All Daughter Banquet on May 9 is entitled, "Buttons & Bows," so we are looking for individuals who have their grandma's, mother's, or aunt's old button boxes and would like to put them on display for the Banquet. Please contact Betsy Myers.