

The PRESbyterian

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Prayer Concerns

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Maundy Thursday Service

April 2, 2026 @ 7pm

Uhrichsville Presbyterian Church
633 N Main St, Uhrichsville, OH

Come join us in an evening worship
experience as we remember and imitate
the Last Supper, and reflect on the final
teachings of Jesus Christ.

Good Friday Service

April 3 @ 12pm

New Philadelphia Presbyterian
Church
217 E High Ave, New Philadelphia, OH

Join us for a noontime prayer service
commemorating the Passion of Christ
through scripture and hymn-singing.

Easter Worship Service

April 5 @ 10:30am

New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church
217 E High Ave, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

He is Risen!

Join us as we gather together to celebrate the
greatest miracle in history, and signal the
birth of a new age for humanity: the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ!



Graduates Wanted!

Graduation season is just around the corner, and we wish to honor any high school or college graduates in our midst. If you have a family member, or anyone you know who is graduating, let the church office know so we might honor them in service!

Tables of Eight

April 25th in the fellowship hall—RSVP required, \$10 per person, all are welcome! Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, scalloped corn, rolls, dessert. RSVP to Carolyn or in the office!

Pastor's Corner

Easter is the season of resurrection and new life, when Jesus purchased and demonstrated the salvation of the LORD to all of humanity. To live out by example what it means to trust the LORD with all of one's heart and understand one's purpose in the face of obstacle and opposition. But resurrection means more than just physical new life, because death is still a biological reality we all will experience and cannot be avoided or put off. Eventually physical existence comes to an end and sometimes is a release for some after battle with deadly illness or injury. So what does it mean to have eternal life with that in mind?

The Passion week of Jesus presents this life and purpose under the shadow of the cross, under the shadow of corrupted and ignorant leadership, and the fickle nature of humans who cheer one minute and boo the next. Throughout it all Jesus remained steadfast in his pursuit of what was right, to demonstrate the divine kingdom, and make the way of the LORD open for all people to enter. In an episode after the Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday, Jesus goes to the temple and clears out all the money changers and merchants who were selling. Not because money and profit were evil, but because their pursuit of it presented an obstacle to others. This "bazaar" was set up in a portion of the temple called the "Courtyard of the Nations", where Gentile believers could come and offer worship before the LORD. But with all the noises of animals, of merchants selling, and the currency exchanges these ones could not worship and were almost told they did not belong there. The leadership of the temple allowed this to happen, no one stopped it, so Jesus challenged this practice and reopened this part of the temple to true worship again- representing how the LORD's covenant would go into the nations and pull the peoples into the one kingdom.

This challenge to leadership is what caused those in power to illegally put Jesus on trial, condemn him to death, and turn the people against him. But even in enduring all of that he demonstrated what it meant to follow the will of the LORD, live a life not under the control of human endeavors, and experience holy love and mercy. In what Jesus experienced in the Passion and in Resurrection there is the calling for us to open the way of the LORD to all people, even at personal cost, to truly understand what love means and can form us into. A life that cannot be stopped, cannot be overwritten, or taken away because it is secured by the one creator of us all. **-Rev. Joe**

Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign Project

Our church will be accepting donations toward the "Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign"- the county homeless shelter renovation. We have already raised \$3585.00 toward their effort! Any who wish to contribute may mail their donations to the church office, give them during the Sunday offering, or visit the Friends of the Homeless website to donate online (<https://fohtusc.org/hoh/>).



Construction Parking

As the construction of Jack's House of Hope takes place, we thank you for your patience in terms of parking at the church. Parking is available on the gravel lot along the fence and side alley, and on the street along East High Ave. The inner section closest to the door is reserved for handicap/limited mobility parking and drop off. Thank you for keeping the entrance to this clear (marked by cones)!

Anticipated repaving and expansion of the parking lot is estimated to begin this coming spring.

Sunday Study Group

Join us **Sunday Mornings at 9:15am** for our study group! Anyone, and everyone, is welcome to join! Details are available through Rev. Joe!



“First Celebration” Sunday

Join us on **April 5** we celebrate Holy Communion during service. There will be NO church brunch following service this month due to Easter.

Cookies for Sundays!

What’s your favorite cookie? Do you have a recipe you just love to make? Every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) we have cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. Would you like to bring cookies to share? They can be home baked, purchased from a bakery, store bought—it doesn’t matter! Sign up in the church office!



Friends of the Homeless Meal

Our monthly Friends of the Homeless dinner will be held on **April 12th** at 6pm. While we are fully funded for the monthly meals, please consider donating toward the FOTH General Operations or the Jack’s House of Hope Project.

Greeters and Ushers

We need volunteers for liturgists, worship stewards, greeters/ushers, and cookies each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the office to volunteer, or you may call the church office to sign up.

ONLINE MINISTRY

All online worship content (including pastor’s messages, bulletins, and newsletters) are available on the church website (www.newphilapc.org). Mailings of weekly services are available upon request to the church office.

Session Members:

Class of 2026: Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

Class of 2027: Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

Class of 2028: Pat Laporte, Craig Stewart

Deacon Members:

Class of 2026: Jackie Stutz

Class of 2027: Bonnie Majewski

Class of 2028: Ruth Joyce Zimmerly

Office Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday
Closed: Friday

Church Email and Phone:

office@newphilapc.org
330-343-7114

Our Church:

Sunday School: 9:15am

Worship Service: 10:30am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am in the pastor's office

Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Please call or email the church office by the 20th of the month for placement in the following newsletter.

Join Us!

As a valued friend of Jack's
House of Hope,
You're Invited!



Thursday, April 23rd , 3:30-6:30 PM

**Open House &
Ribbon Cutting**

214 Ashwood Lane, New Philadelphia, OH
Special Commemoration at 5:15 Ribbon
Cutting, and light refreshments Please RSVP
to 330-204-7657
constanceclark66@gmail.com

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	2 7pm- Maundy Thursday Service at Uhrichsville Presbyterian	3 Office Closed 12pm- Good Friday Service	4
5 Happy Easter! Communion No Sunday Brunch	6	7	8 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	9	10 Office Closed	11
12 6pm- FoH Meal	13	14 6pm-Jack's House of Hope Committee Mtg	15 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	16	17 Office Closed	18
18	19	20 7pm- Session Mtg	21 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	22	23 3:30-6:30- Ribbon Cutting at Jack's House of Hope Office Closed	24
25	26 6pm- Friends of the Homeless Board Mtg	27 7pm Finance Mtg	28 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	29	30 Office Closed	

April Birthdays: 3rd: Tyke Bichsel; 17th: Jackie Stutz; 20th: Mike Smith

No April Anniversaries.

We'd like to announce your birthday and wedding anniversary in the newsletter! Please help us to make sure we have your special day by calling the church office to let us know!