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Holy Week and Easter Sunday Worship



Our observance of Holy Week, the final days of Jesus' earthly life, begins on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25. We will begin our worship at 11:00 a.m. with the excitement of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, accompanied by crowds of onlookers shouting "Hosanna." The service continues the story, remembering the meal in the upper room, praying in Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What begins in joy ends in the agony of the cross.

Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the Parish Hall for Maundy Thursday, Jesus' final time to share table fellowship with his closest followers. We refer to this occasion as Maundy from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "commandment." Jesus announces a new commandment to his followers, "Love

one another. Even as I have loved you, love one another." Our observance will include hand and foot washing, simple food, and the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will be joined by our brothers and sisters from Grace United Methodist Church. The chancel choir will also lead us in worship through music.

Good Friday, March 30, we will remember Jesus' death on the cross with services at 12:00 noon in the narthex at Fairview, and at 7:00 p.m. at Grace UMC. We will hear the story of Jesus' final hours through scripture and music as we gather around the cross.

The Easter Triduum, the three day observance of Jesus sacrifice, ends with the joyful recognition of Resurrection on Sunday, April 1. We will begin our celebration with a continental breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, hosted by the Open Door Class. Festival worship will begin in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m., and will include the sacrament of holy communion. As is our custom, worship will conclude with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*. We look forward to worshipping in a sanctuary blooming with new life and filled with joyful sound. Invite friends and family members to join us as we announce, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

Choral Concert

The Fairview United Methodist Church Chancel Choir has been invited to join the Christ United Methodist Church Choir in presenting *Missa Gaia*, a choral mass in celebration of Mother Earth composed by Paul Winter, jazz saxophonist. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 22, at the Kettering campus (3440 Shroyer Road) at 3:00 p.m.



Missa Gaia was inspired by animal sounds (whales, wolves, and harp seal pups) captured by Winter on various expeditions, as well as folk melodies and the music of *Missa Luba* from Africa and *Missa Criola* from Argentina. Recordings of some of the animal sounds complement the instrumental musicians and choir. In addition, the screens will be filled with glorious photos of earth and earth's creatures. The jazzy nature of Winter's musical style blends the music and words into a composition that reminds us of the glory, power, and holiness of creation. Please plan to join us for this outstanding musical event, followed by a reception.

Welcome New Staff

The Staff Parish Relations Committee announces that Alice Kay (“AK”) Lovelace has been hired as our Administrative Assistant. AK began volunteering in the church office in mid-January. A native Daytonian, she and her husband, David, live in the College Hill neighborhood and are already part of the Fairview congregation. A graduate of Bluffton University and United Theological Seminary (M.Div. 2000; D.Min. 2010), AK is a retired clergy Elder in the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. Please remember that office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For access to the building at other times, please contact a trustee. For pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Barbara on her cell phone, (937) 765-0200.

Nicole Pritchett joined our ministry staff in February in the new position of Community Ministries Coordinator. This part time position was created to support our existing community ministries, and to expand our work with our neighbors.

Trustees' Updates



The Trustees are sponsoring a Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 12 for outside and inside projects. Please mark your calendars now!!

Advance Special: The Buckeye Clinic of South Sudan

Most of us receive numerous “opportunities” to give to charities. The problem is determining which of these charities are honestly returning our donations to missions. *Advance* giving is an accountable, designated giving arm of the United Methodist Church that ensures that 100% of our gifts reach the intended mission or ministry. *Advances* support missions that feed, provide clinics, house the homeless, educate, advocate, or place missionaries in vital locations. Annual Conferences, congregations and individuals can give to *Advance* ministries directly, or through the church offering by directing the Treasurer to submit our gifts to the specific *Advance* mission. The United Methodist Church maintains a current list of all Advance Specials; each is assigned a number that directs giving to the proper location.

For many years Fairview used *Advance* giving to support our missionary in Palestine. Since her retirement, Fairview has not identified a new *Advance* to support beyond our local community. While Wesley Center and St Paul's Outreach Center are both *Advances*, Christ challenges us to look beyond our homes for the hurting people of the world. *Advance* giving helps us go that second mile to give beyond what is called for in support of our Fairview Church.

Fairview UMW Leadership Team has nominated the “Buckeye Clinic of South Sudan” to be our *Advance Special* for the coming year. Many of us remember meeting two of the lost boys of Sudan who came to Ohio, studied at Ohio State University, and were supported by local congregations in our state. They brought their story and their hope to Fairview. These “boys” have now returned to South Sudan, and through their work with local leaders and their connections in Ohio and with the United Methodist Church have built the “Buckeye Clinic.” They have a substantial building with electricity and refrigeration that is providing inoculations, child health care, maternal health and care for the population for miles around. They have now outgrown their facility, but have decided to build traditional mud huts for their staff and use the original clinic for in-patient treatment. You can learn more by searching buckeyeclinic.org. Let's walk that second mile with Christ by supporting this *Advance* and others that fulfill your charitable values. You may give using your regular offering envelopes and designating “Buckeye Clinic” as the recipient.



Children's Book Giveaway

The annual book giveaway for children at Fairview School has been set for Monday, May 14, 2018. Please start thinking about books, and what they can mean to a child who may be growing up with limited resources. We have a number of books already--but not nearly enough--thanks to a group of Scholastic sale shoppers this fall. Search attics, basements, library sales, garage sales, anywhere, OR bring in your unwanted books, movies, CDs for us to sell for cash to put toward this project. If you have not dispensed books to the students, come join the fun on Giveaway Day, and watch their faces. Thanks for your participation.

Neighborhood Youth Leadership Academy

The Neighborhood Youth Leadership Academy is a program for 12-15 year old youth to encourage and equip future leaders. NYLA applications for Summer 2018 are available in the church office. The application deadline is Friday, April 20.



Rebecca Naomi Circle

Have you ever wondered where the money raised by United Methodist Women goes? Here is your chance to find out from Joan Johnson, immediate past president of the West Ohio Conference UMW, who will be the guest speaker at the April 11 meeting of Fairview's **Rebecca-Naomi Circle**. Please join us for light refreshments, fellowship and information about our four mission priorities **from 1:30—3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 11** in the Church Library. Ms. Johnson will also be able to tell us more about our National Assembly, which is happening in Columbus, Ohio this year. If you have not yet turned in your "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" envelope, please bring it to this meeting. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Scholarship to UMW Assembly on May 18-20, 2018

Every four years United Methodist Women holds Assembly, an international gathering. Assembly offers a variety of social justice workshops and exhibits; deep spiritual experiences, including worship; cutting-edge keynote speakers who are nationally and internationally known; opportunities to learn how to mobilize for action around issues that affect women and children; and commissioning of women to become Deaconess in The United Methodist Church. This year's Assembly is being held at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio, with the theme *The Power of BOLD*. More than 8,000 persons are expected to attend.

Advance registration is available online at www.umassembly.org for persons to sign up NOW for the two-and-a-half day Assembly. Some persons may decide to attend for one day only. One-day registrations will be available on-site, Friday, May 18 or Saturday, May 19 at Assembly beginning at 8:00 a.m. The one day registration fee is \$125.00. Rides to Columbus are being coordinated for anyone who wants to share a ride.

Anyone who wants to attend, but needs help with the registration fees, please contact Cecelia Long, Fairview UMW President, at 937-972-7045 to inquire about scholarship assistance. **Be bold and attend this year's assembly. You will be richly blessed!!!**

UMW Spring Fair/Mission Dinner Sunday, April 29th Following Worship Service

The Annual United Methodist Women's Spring Fair/Mission Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 29th following worship. In addition to the creative and special handmade crafts, lots of baked goods, a wonderful Silent Auction, and an Adorable Pet Contest, a dinner will be served with a free will offering being received for Outreach Missions. This year's dinner will feature a choice of meats, cheesy potatoes and sweet potatoes, green beans, and tossed salad. The meal includes sherbert and Ritter's Custard. Baked goods can be purchased to eat with the cold desserts. Everyone is in for a wonderful dinner!!

Anyone who has crafts or plants to contribute for the Spring Fair is asked to contact Cecelia Long at 937-972-7045. You may be downsizing or have some special household items that **MUST** be included in the Silent Auction. Remember—there may be some special desserts offered in the Silent Auction, too!!! Please contact Pam Hounshell at 937-219-5377 to contribute special items for the Silent Auction. UMW members will be hearing about the ways they can be helpful at the Spring Fair/Mission Dinner when they go to their Circle meetings.

All proceeds will benefit missions of United Methodist Women locally, nationally, and internationally. **GET READY** as April 29th will be here before we know it! Bring friends and family to this annual event.

Adorable Pet Contest April 29th

United Methodist Women are once again having an *Adorable Pet* contest as part of our Spring Fair and Mission Dinner on April 29th after worship. Submit your photographs to Kathy Schaefer before April 22nd. Your pet's picture will be posted on a jar to collect "votes." Each vote is \$0.25 deposited in the jar. You may vote more than once. Give Kathy a photo or email kdschaefer@hotmail.com.



\$5 on the 5th Sunday for UMCH Family Services

On Sunday, April 29th, offering envelopes will be in the worship bulletin for the United Methodist Children's Home Family Services (UMCH Family Services) **\$5 on the 5th Sunday**. United Methodist Women urge you to give as you are able.

A Word from Pastor Barbara Wiechel

When Lent begins on Valentine's Day, and Easter coincides with April Fool's Day, and when the last day of winter is balmy and the first day of spring brings ice and snow, our lives seem totally confused! The weather doesn't match our expectations of the seasons, and secular holidays coincide with Christian observances in unusual ways. We might wonder whether we should ignore one and celebrate the other, or try to do justice to both. In a conversation recounted to me recently, a woman was adamant that "someone should do something" about Easter coinciding with April Fool's Day. She insisted that whoever decided that should happen should be ashamed. She did not understand that Easter falls on a particular date because of an agreement set up hundreds of years ago, and was not subject to change. It remains to be seen whether or not she intends to celebrate Easter or April Fool's Day on April 1!

In "Lord of the Dance," hymnist Sydney Carter writes "they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on." Sounds like a good April Fool's joke, doesn't it? But April Fool's jokes or pranks are known to be untrue to those who are playing them, and at least half the fun is shouting "April Fool!" at the person who has been taken in. Jesus' death was not faked, nor was his resurrection from the dead a joke being played upon unsuspecting people. Although not everyone believed, and perhaps very few believed at first, Jesus continues to appear to his followers, and to reaffirm his teachings.

As we make our way through times that often seem confusing and discouraging, as we are confronted with issues that affect life and death in our world, one way that we as believers in Jesus Christ can sort things out is to remember that Jesus "is the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you and you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he." ("Lord of the Dance," *United Methodist Hymnal* No. 261). When we learn that the lead level in Flint, Michigan's water is still life threatening, when we hear yet another story of massive gun violence or bombings perpetrated by individuals, when we see families being torn apart by ICE agents, it's hard not to be discouraged. When legislation in our own denomination leads to church trials of LGBTQ persons, it's hard not to lose hope that we will learn how to love one another as we have been loved. It is only by remembering that we are post-Resurrection people, who live in Christ, and in whom Christ lives, that we can remain hopeful.

I am always delighted, but a bit confused, when people announce, "I gave my life to Jesus Christ." I pray that means that they are allowing Christ to live in them, shining a light on the messes we've made so that we know what needs to be cleaned up or thrown away. I also pray that they are living in Christ, embodying his love, grace, and humble service to others. When Christ accepts our life, we are put to work to clean up our act, to clean up the messes we've created collectively, to restore relationships and creation, so that all might live abundantly. The life that never dies invites us to join the dance, to celebrate Resurrection every day. And that's no April Fool's joke, but the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Pastor Barbara

Get Pumped Up About Heart Health!!

Sponsored by Church Women United in Greater Dayton

Saturday, April 28th 9:45 A.M. – Noon

New Hope Church 512 Xenia Avenue, Dayton

Cost: \$10 (Cash Or Check)

Discover stress relievers as presented by a Licensed Massage Therapist. Learn about healthy lifestyles by the Heart and Stroke Foundation representative and get tips for things that YOU can easily incorporate into your daily life.

Reserve your space by contacting Deborah Vance at 937-469-3298.

If you have questions, contact Cecelia Long at 937-972-7045, Fairview Key Woman to Church Women United.

April Birthdays

April 1 Daniel Yoder

April 3 Gerry Nelson

April 4 Barbara Rowlands

April 10 Brianna Gracey

April 11 Becki Schwab

April 12 Danita Arnold, Ciara Crane

April 14 James Washington

April 15 Judith Mathes

April 19 Samantha Frische

April 20 Dawn Noe

April 21 David Puderbaugh, Bob Larsen

April 24 Brooklynn Messer

April 28 Marie Messer



Worship Leaders

April 1 Ed Rapp
April 8 Amber Yeary
April 15 Pam Hounshell
April 22 Bertha Messer
April 29 Art Mehaffey

Hospitality Schedule

April 1 Cecelia Long
April 8 Barbara Rowlands
April 15 Cecelia Long
April 22 Bertha Messer
April 29 Deb Arnold

Ushers

April: Sheila Crane, Dick Schaefer, Ed Farmer
Head Usher: Sam Kurtz

Van Ministry

April 1 John Larsen
April 8 Jerry Gribler
April 15 Bertha Messer
April 22 Traci McGuire
April 29 Art Mehaffey

Welcome Team

April 1 Debbie Arnold &
Bertha Messer
April 8 Florence Carwell
April 15 Gerry & Marlys Nelson
April 22 Kathy & Dick Schaefer
April 29 Jane & Dave Puderbaugh

Pantry Schedule

April 2 Pat White & Vicky Wentling
April 6 Linda Payne & Pam Hounshell
April 9 Barbara Rowlands & Vicky Wentling
April 13 Barbara Rowlands & Bonnie Maloney
April 16 Shirley McBride & Janet Michael
April 20 Pat White & Susie Kurtz
April 23 Pat White & Vicky Wentling
April 27 Ingrid Tartaglia, Ginger Agee & Vicky Wentling
April 30 Kathy Farmer & Debbie Arnold



Legal Clinic

Legal Clinic will be available to those in need of services on Saturday, April 14 at Fairview UMC from 10:00 am-Noon.

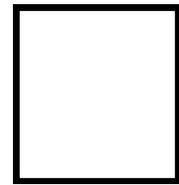


SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Hospitality (Parish Hall)	9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School Classes	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Worship (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.

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