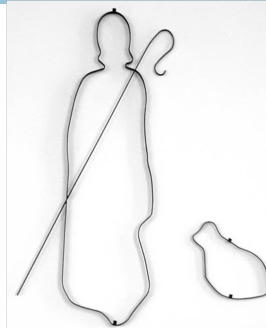


Uhrichsville First Methodist Church

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The Visitor



April 2025

During the 1st Century AD, shortly after Jesus's death, something strange happened in Jerusalem. "On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper. Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight" (Acts 20:7, New Living Translation). This verse speaks to the profound change I am discussing. I'm not referring to the sermon that lasted until midnight. Instead, I'm highlighting that many Jewish people began to worship God and celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday (the first day of the week) rather than Saturday. This change is significant because the Sabbath was always observed on Saturday for about 2,000 years of Jewish history—since God gave the fourth commandment: "honor the Sabbath" (Exodus 20:8, New Living Translation).

What happened to spur this change? To answer that question, we must look at what happened on a different Sunday morning. "But very early on Sunday morning, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So, they went in but didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared, clothed in dazzling robes" (Luke 24:1-4, New Living Translation). These women saw Jesus' tomb and anointed His body with spices. They were not expecting that He would be alive; on the contrary, they were preparing His body for death. Yet, instead of seeing the body of the Lord, they saw two angels. These angels had the incredible honor of sharing the most significant news ever. "The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, 'Why are you looking among the dead for someone alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day'" (Luke 24: 5-7, New Living Translation).

HE IS RISEN!! This news is the essence of the Gospel. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and three days later, he rose from the dead, defeating death and grave! Jesus' Resurrection changed everything!

To mark this incredible moment, the early Church held worship on Sunday. This decision was significant for two main reasons:

First, the early Christians wanted to begin each week by honoring and celebrating Christ, reflecting their faith and commitment to Him. By setting aside Sunday as a day of worship, they sought to create a rhythm in their lives that acknowledged the central role of Christ in their beliefs. They wanted to put Christ first.

Second, the Resurrection of Christ is regarded as the most crucial event in human history. It represents the triumph over death and sin, offering hope and salvation to believers. By dedicating Sundays to worship, the early Church highlighted the significance of this event and its transformative impact on their lives, worship, and the world.

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Worship 11am
Sunday School 10am

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Our Mission: To KNOW Christ, GROW in Christ, & GO share Christ's love with the World!



April Birthdays

- 1 - Tiffany Myers, Rodney Baumberger
- 2 - Jim McDevitt, Paisley Misko
- 4 - Ashley Misko
- 6 - Allesandra Barrett
- 11 - Bobby Wilsterman
- 15 - Nic Tedesco, Jennifer Stoneman
- 16 - Brett Hillyer
- 18 - Joyce Evans, Leah L'Ecuyer
- 19 - Karen Hill
- 20 - Skye Brindley
- 21 - Brock Baumberger
- 22 - Marissa Tarulli
- 24 - Linda Davis
- 28 - Sharon Clark

April Anniversaries

- 13 Luke & Natalie West
- 14—Russ & Cathy Cottis
- 16—Raymond & Kate King
- 22—Warne & Teri Edwards
- 28—Stephanie Smith & Patrick Custer



Announcing the birth of
Odin Matthew Phillips
03.05.2025
8lbs. 7oz., 20in.

Parents: Reanna Grant & John Phillips, Grandparents: Michele & Matt Grant, Great-Grandmother: Rose Marie Arn.

Congratulations to all!



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Free Community Meals are offered every third Saturday of the month from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Please reach out to Sallie Jones to volunteer. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Thank You!

—Thank you to Mark Kress for purchasing and spreading the gravel in the back turn-around and in the alley pot holes! Thank you also for cutting down the trees at the corner of the alley! It's nice now to see on-coming cars!

Memorials

Memorials have been given in loving memory of **Frank Cleveland**

by John & Peggy Bonvechio, Jennifer Bittner, Blair & Jodi Hillyer, Mark & Sharon Dooley, Maria Noussias, Kathryn Costi, Chris Skoumbri, Jennifer Kalaitides, Sherrie Moscaello, Parthena Stametelopoulos

Compassionate Card Ministry!



If you know of someone in our church who needs a card, please contact our Coordinator, Sheila Jackson @ 330-407-5947. Donations of cards and stamps are appreciated.

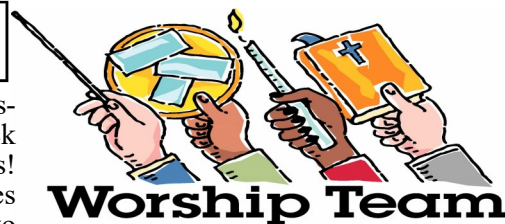


Clothes Closet & Personal Care Bags

Sheila Jackson is heading up a new outreach project called "Journey." Journey will start in June here at the church with clothes and personal care bags free to all in need.

You can contact Shelia at 330-407-5947 for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

Suggestions for the care bags include sample size lotions, shampoo, body wash/soap, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes/paste, etc. Clean, gently worn clothing will also be needed.



Apr 6—Liturgist: Sandy
Sound: Beth
Projection/Streaming: Sally

Apr 13—Liturgist: Rob
Sound: Beth
Projection/Streaming: Kale

Apr 20— Liturgist: Avy
Sound: Beth
Projection/Streaming: Sally

Apr 27— Liturgist: Brad
Sound: Sally
Projection/Streaming: Claire/Cathy

If you would like to serve as a Liturgist, on Sound board and/or as Projectionist, please contact Sally in the church office 740-922-3881.

Sunday Buzz

Stay after each Worship Service for coffee, fellowship and yummy snacks!

You are invited to sponsor the snacks one Sunday—pick a date! Sign up sheet is on the table.. See Deana Kress .



March 12, 2025

First Church Women met at Big Bend Golf Course. Pres. Lois welcomed the group.

Grace was offered before the meal. Cards were sent to several in our church.

Secretary & Treasurer's Report were given. Thank you's were received from the Rainbow Connection & CMS God's Gang.

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New business:

- Women were encouraged to attend the Lenten Services on Wednesdays.
- A motion to donate \$150 to the FoodPantry was moved & approved.

Devotion:

*After receiving a hand towel with the words "Life is Better in the Coop" from a very dear friend, Colette presented 11 Bible verses, sharing 4 that refer to being in or part of a CO-OP, CO-OP or COMMUNITY:

Colossians 3:13 "...even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." (...forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.)

James 5:16 "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of the righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (Prayer is our most powerful resource because we can share it with others anytime/anyplace.)

Proverbs 27:17 "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in times of need." (We live in a society that greatly promotes individualism, and unfortunately, this can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness...we were not created to go through life alone. God created us to be in relationship or community with one another...)

John 15: 12-13 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (...We are not created to do life or ministry alone. Community was God's plan to change the world...Jesus lived this out by taking along 12 friends...It is only by giving up our life that we each more fully become the person God intends.)

Next meeting is May 14th, Cathy will have the devotion.

BUZZ coverage: Mar. 30th Lois & Linda; Apr. 27th Cathy & Polly; May 25th Jane &

◇◇ God's blessings, Cathy, secretary

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What about you? Do you remember when the Resurrection of Christ became real for you? When did it transform from being a nice story you heard at Church into something more meaningful? Paul tells us that the Resurrection is the most significant event in history. "And if there is no resurrection of the dead, Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died" (1st Corinthians 15:16-20, New Living Translation).

As Resurrection Sunday approaches, I pray that each of you has been deeply affected by the Resurrection of Christ. Just as Christ was raised from the dead long ago, there will come a time when He will return and call His church home to be with Him forever. Just as Christ was resurrected, His Church will one day be resurrected to live with Him eternally. The Resurrection of Christ changes everything—not just the day we set aside to worship the Lord, but every aspect of our lives.

Maranatha,
Pastor Kory

Prayer LIST

Larry & Donna Roth, RuthAnn Martinelli, Kaytee Meek, Keri Hite, Carol Weaver, Cathy England, Abbie Barrett, Jennifer Love, Janet, Ginger Conrad, Lydia, Janet Hamlin, Amy, Julie Glassner, Ruthann Pittis, Brett Hillyer, Brad Hillyer, Mary, Debbie, Katie Hilliker, Sandy Brown, Shirley Harrell, Chris, Mike, Dick, David, Child with leukemia, Deana Pulley, family of Tana Edwards, family of Jerry Hill, Kathy O'Donnell, Polly Beckley, Debra Reichert, Roberta Wilson, Cindy Shinaberry, Karen Hill, Teri Lloyd, Matthew Wheeler, Matt Grant, Mistie McGuire, Dan Powell, Family Relationships, Troy, Unspoken Requests, Health Care Workers, First Responders, Those fighting Cancer, Mental Illnesses, Our church family & friends who are Homebound, in Assisted Care, or Nursing Homes, those in Hospice, the Global Methodist Church, Our Government, Our World, Our Military, Revival, and for the peace of Jerusalem.



HOLY WEEK

13th Palm Sunday Worship 11am—Palm branches and Palm Processional

15th Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10a

17th Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and Covered Dish 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall

18th Community Good Friday Worship 7:00p at Dennison Foursquare Church (7325 US 250) with Dave Bryan preaching

19th Free Community Meal 11:30a-1:00p in the Fellowship Hall

20th Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30a hosted by Newport Methodist Church with breakfast to follow. Weather permitting, it will be held outside—you may want to bring a chair. All are welcome!

20th Easter Worship here at First Church 11am.

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next.

Amen.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10a Tuesday Morning Bible Study	2 7p Lenten Service @ Newport Methodist	3 6:30p Pastor's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall	4 11a Men's Bible Study	5
6 Lent V Communion 6:30p Zoom Bible Study	7 9a Chapel Prayer	8 10a Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9 7p Lenten Service @ Uhrich. Presbyterian	10 6:30p Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall	11 11a Men's Bible Study	12
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20 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Service @ Newport—Breakfast	21 Church Office Closed 5:30p Finance & Ad. Council mtg	22 10a Tuesday Morning Bible Study	23	24 6:30p Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall	25 11a Men's Bible Study	26
27	28 9a Chapel Prayer	29 10a Tuesday Morning Bible Study	30	