April Newsletter 2021

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He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

Signs of resurrection are happening all around! Hope is in the air! It must be close to Easter! More and more people are becoming comfortable coming back to in-person worship. As such, we are planning for a big Easter weekend! Invite your friends! Below is the schedule.

Good Friday, April 2 at 7:00 PM in the Worship Center

This will be a community worship service in the Green Street UMC Worship Center which will include participants from several area churches. This service will feature the passion of Jesus Christ in word and song and will end in the dark and in silence.

Easter "Sonrise", April 4 at 8:30 AM in the Worship Center

Come early and enjoy this eclectic mix of music and message in testimony form in the Worship Center.

Easter Breakfast, April 4 at 9:00 AM in the Gathering Place

Stay after the "Sonrise" service or come early for the 9:30 am service and enjoy some excellent fresh baked goods, juice and coffee and tea. The foods will be served individually wrapped and "baristas" will serve the hot drinks.

Easter Worship, April 4 at 9:30 AM in the Worship Center and Gathering Place

Enjoy your favorite Easter songs and special music including the handbell choir. My message "I AM the Bread of Life" will be followed by Communion. There will be a Communion station where I will serve Communion by intinction in a "touchless" manner. Pre-packaged individual Communion elements will be available in the pews and in the Gathering Place for those not yet comfortable receiving Communion by intinction. The service will be played on the monitors in the Gathering Place for those that want to participate in worship during or after breakfast.

Easter Worship, April 4 On-line

For those not yet comfortable with in-person worship, the 9:30 Easter service will be broadcast live on Facebook. The Facebook worship can also be viewed later. Search Facebook for Green Street United Methodist Church to find it. The audio podcast worship service is first available Sunday evenings. Search Anchor Podcast (<u>https://anchor.fm/</u>) for Green Street United Methodist Church. The direct links to the Facebook and podcast services from the previous Sunday are in the Monday E-mail.

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Recognition by Barry County Chamber of Commerce

Our church is being recognized with the "2020 Community Impact Award" by the Barry County Chamber of Commerce! Be looking for a video on Facebook soon acknowledging the incredible work you all have been doing to help this community. Hundreds of people have been fed physically and spiritually because of your generosity. Thousands of dollars in restaurant gift cards and Barry Bucks were distributed giving Hastings businesses an economic boost in addition to helping folks needing food assistance. Well done! Your gifts help make these ministries possible! Thank you again for your giving to Green Street United Methodist Church!

Easter is an Attitude!

Every Easter Jesus reaches down into the grave, often a grave we have dug for ourselves, and pulls us up to experience new life! Even when Easter Sunday is over, the miracle of Easter should remain our focus throughout the season and throughout the year! Jesus pulled you out of the grave. Now it is your turn to help pull someone out of the grave. Introduce them to Jesus!

May this Easter season draw you closer to God and may you invite others into this *Caring, Sharing, Daring* church family!

Blessings, Bryce

Youth Ministry

Summer will be here before we know it, and camps are swinging back into session!



Have you been to camp before, or are you interested in your first summer? There are plenty of opportunities! Our church has great camps across the state, including Wesley Woods located in our own back yard! See additional enclosed information with \$50 rebate offer.



We are doubly fortunate to also be very close to Camp Michawana, another great summer camp! This is where we have attended winter camp in recent years. Discount code "Greenstreetumc". Register on-line at michawanacamp.org.

There are discounts available through each camp, as well as scholarships through our church. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, or have further questions, please talk with Matt St. Jacques! We want to send you to camp! Thank you for your faithful giving! You can give your offerings any of three ways: 1. Give by mailing donations to the church office at 209 West Green Street, Hastings, MI 49058. We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience.

2. Give a secure electronic donation at any time by clicking the "Give Now" button on our website https://greenstreetumc.faith/giving

3. Give a secure electronic donation via PayPal https://paypal.me/GreenStUMC? locale.x=en_US

Opportunities for Service, Study, Fellowship and Prayer:

Next **Family Promise** Host Week—April 11-18. Contact Jenny NeSmith-Lauer at 269-744-2534 or jenoo9999@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Please Share your Worship Talents! - Calling all singers, musicians, readers, worship leaders, preachers, speakers, sound and video technicians, etc. If you have a gift, a testimonial, or a story to share to enhance our worship services for Easter and beyond, please see Pastor Bryce. **Please note:** Off-site worship at Thornapple Manor begins again Thursday, April 15 at 1:30 pm

UMW Spring Rummage Sale—A rummage sale is being planned at the church for May 5, 6 and 7. So many items of clothing and other things have been donated that we need to clear them out! It would make this more fun if you would donate some time to help us set up on Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4, and also during the sale. So mark your calendars! If you are unable to help, we welcome your prayers! Thank you! For more information please contact Linda Hill at 231-620-9114 or russlinda82@gmail.com.

Men's Study—7:00 am Saturdays in-person in Room 108 and on-line via conference call 563-999-1411; no access code is required.

Can't We All Just Agree to Disagree? - Are you sick and tired of all the divisiveness in our country? Prepare for discussions later this spring by reading the book "Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt" by Arthur C. Brooks. We will learn that we don't have to agree about things to get along. We only have to learn to disagree **better**! For more information, contact Ed Szumowski. <u>ejszumowski@gmail.com</u>, or (616)-706-7767.

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer request, please contact Becky Wright. We will send those prayer requests out via email on Monday morning.

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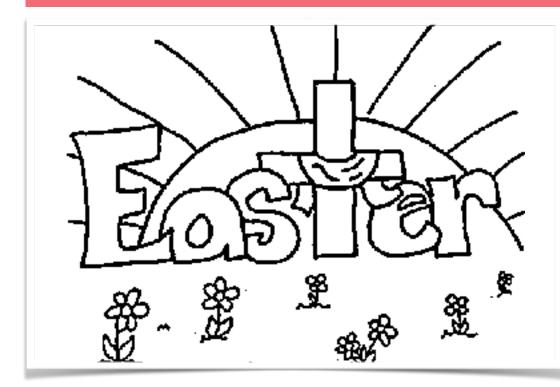
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Sunday Worship In-Person <u>and</u> Facebook LIVE 9:30AM

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KidZone



Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

In KidZone this month we will continue learning from the book of John. We will start with the ultimate miracle of the Resurrection and then look at a couple more of the miracles Jesus performed while on earth. Finally we will be looking at God's perfect timing.



Memory Verse Don't judge according to appearances, judge with right judgment. John 7:24



Missions As a family, decide on a project you can do this month for Earth Day.

