

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • APRIL 2023

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.





FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Recently, I discovered how lazy I really am. The entire family was suffering from varying degrees of the plague and we had the ambition of zero. My wife, determined to torture me even further, decided that an HGTV marathon of the program "Fixer Upper" was in order for the day. In full disclosure, I must inform you that we have three other television sets in our house and various computers so I could have relocated myself to another room or put on a set of headphones, but did I point out how lazy I am?

The premise of the show is a married couple, who are sugary sweet to each other, have clients who want nice homes on limited budgets. The couple will locate several properties and present them to the future home owners. Many of these properties are in various states of disarray and many appear to need 5 gallons of gas and a match. As the couples walk around the homes, the hosts paint elaborate images of what the home can be restored.

This sent me to thinking are we a lot like these discarded homes. We all are in various states of disarray in our lives. Some may be in shambles with broken frame work that has been haphazardly repaired by some makeshift carpenter. Some have a beautiful exterior that is just a façade covering up toxic mold. Perhaps you could be suffering from leaky plumbing that has started to corrode and discolor the ceiling and the walls in a feeble attempt to hide the issue from guest.

We are a blessed people that in our varying states of disrepair there is someone who can identify with the beauty in which we once celebrated. In the show, the hosts realize that hidden beauty can be re-obtained with a little elbow grease and sweat on the brow. Jesus identifies with our prior beauty and wants to restore us so that we can shine bright for all who may stop by for a visit.

As spring has approached and the busyness of the season begins or you finally muster enough energy to leave the couch, take the time to realize that the carpenter is ready to restore your home to the glory in which it was created however, you are going to have to put in some sweat equity along the way.

See you in Church!

Pastor Terry



HOLY WEEK

Holy week is an amazing time of spiritual renewal, remembrances, and rejoicing. We invite you to connect with opportunities to remember Christ's sacrifice and renew your spiritual journey.

Palm Sunday

Sunday April 2 @ 9:00 AM. Our worship will celebrate the Triumphant entry into the city. Our celebration will be marked with the waving of palms and Holy Communion. We will place our focus on Matthew 21:1-11 NRSV and Pastor Terry's manna message in entitled; "Save Us."

Holy Thursday

Thursday April 6 @ 7:00 PM. Holy Thursday is the night that Jesus and the twelve disciples celebrated the Last Supper before Jesus was arrested and taken before Pontius Pilate. Our service will be a time of remembrance and specialized Holy Communion. Pastor Terry will be focused upon John 13:1-17, 31b – 35 NRSV the manna message; "Love is not a Suggestion."

Good Friday

Friday April 7 @ 7:00 PM we will humbly gather in remembering how Christ willingly picked up the cross and carried it to Calvary for each of us. Our service will be a Tenebrae remembrance. We invite you to join us in this powerful opportunity to connect with Christ.

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 9 we will be offering two amazing opportunities to celebrate Easter. Our first worship service will be a Sunrise service at 7:00 AM in the Sanctuary. The service will celebrate the Risen Savior with flowers, music, and word. Pastor Terry will be focused on John 20:1-18 NRSV and the Manna Message is "The Race is on..."

Immediately Following the Sunrise Service our Nurture Team will be providing an amazing breakfast in Asbury Hall and an Easter Egg hunt for the children.

Our traditional service will be held at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary. The service will be in our traditional format with beautiful flowers, amazing music, Holy Communion, and word. Pastor Terry will be utilizing Mark 16:1-8 and the Manna message is "The Easter Miracle that Isn't Found in the Tomb."



News from the Nurture Team

The Nurture Team will be hosting a Biscuits and Gravy breakfast for the congregation and an Easter egg hunt for the children on Easter Sunday! Please keep an eye out for more information in the Narthex on sign-ups, scheduling, and ways to help. We are excited to serve you and pray you will all join us!

Lunch Buddy

The Lunch Buddy Program is going to host its inaugural pizza party on April 6th, 11:15 am - 1:15 pm. Lincoln Grade School student buddies will be busing over that Thursday to make their own pizza and spend some quality time with their adult buddies! We are so very excited about this event but we could use some help!

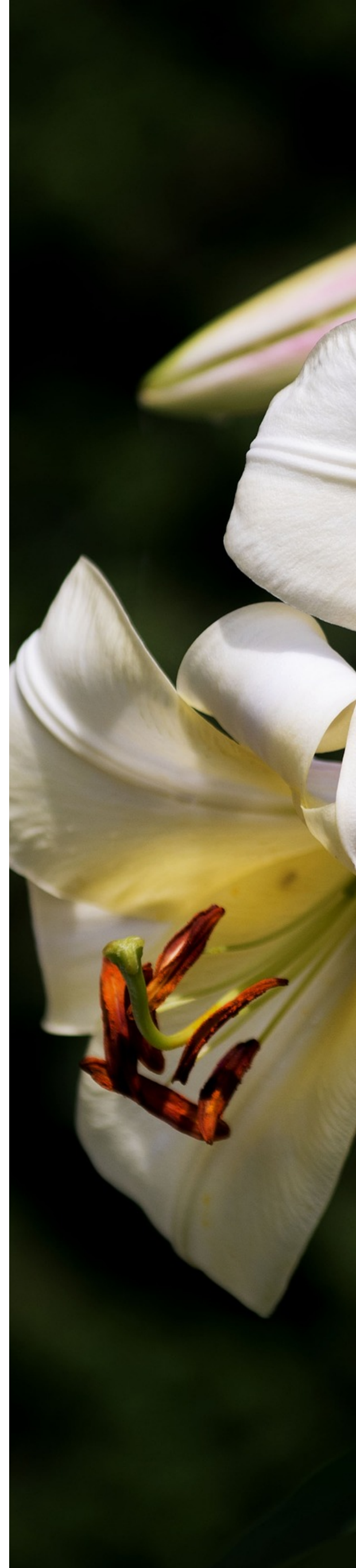
There is a sign up on the welcome center for various items that we will need to make this party a success! If you would like to donate anything for our party or you'd like to help at the event please sign up at the welcome center or call Kirbie, 618-544-8016.

Earth Day Planting

After a brief break, Happy Hour is back! We will be meeting on April 22nd at 8:00 am in our new community garden for our planting! We've been working hard growing our plants and it will finally be time to put them in their new home! We have 6 raised beds to plant and we'd love to see you there!

Movie Night

Movie night will be Friday, April 28th at 6:00 pm! Popcorn and drinks will be provided! Come wearing your comfy clothes, bring your blankets, and anything you need to make this movie night great for you! Join us for a fun and easy night where we will see "An Epic of Miniature Proportions"! See you at the movies,
Kirbie & Wryn



NOW

The Just One Item for March will be 10 pack of markers! Donations can be made to the box outside my office!

Second Wednesday Dinner

2nd Wednesday dinner will be on April 12th at 5:30 PM. This month we will have a full carry-in. Wow us with your favorite recipes, and join us for some fellowship!

Care News from Stephen Ministry

As a Stephen Minister we are taught how to deal with our Care Receivers during periods of grief. What most people automatically think about is the grief we feel when death is part of the problem. But there are so many other kinds of grief that cause just as much pain. Divorce, loss of a job, financial issues, problems with aging etc. What I want to focus on is knowing when someone you love has an extended illness and you live miles away. How can you support them and take care of yourself, too? The answer to that question for me has been to let that person know how much I love them...NOW! Don't leave words unspoken and love withheld. I have written this poem for my brother and would like to share it with you. Maybe in reading my words, it can help someone else in a similar situation.

- Kay Albin

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NAVY BLUE

By Kay Albin

1.

"Join the Navy and see the world"
The recruiter tells young men
And my dear brother heard that call
And so his story begins.
It's Boot Camp in the Great Lakes
Where he learns the Navy way
To wear the uniform with pride
Follow orders and obey
He's pledged to serve his country
And so he goes to sea
Long periods of time were spent
Away from you and me.
He's sailed the waters of this world
In ports both near and far
Took active hits from the enemy
In the VietNam War.
Five ships have been his home

During his career
He advanced in ranks and with each stripe
His pride was always there.

2.

He married, had a family
They also joined the fleet
They moved and moved from shore to shore

And even lived in Greece.
Twenty nine years of service
And it was time to leave
Chief Petty Officer was his rank
With five stripes on his sleeve.
His Navy training in sonar tech
Helped him secure a life
That provided enough money
To support his kids and wife.
But being an ambitious man
A hard worker to the core
He launched his own cleaning business
Cleaning offices, homes and more.
And if that was not enough
He had this burning desire

To prove he could earn a college degree
That ember caught on fire.

3.

Online classes at times he could spare
Research and papers to write

At age sixty four he crossed that stage floor
With at BA degree...What a sight!
I made him a quilt out of red, white and blue
With the names of his ships inscribed
To show him with what talent I have

The pride I felt inside
I didn't think he'd ever retire
But his company didn't agree
He struggled with how to fill up his life
And what it meant to be free.
With a background of Navy exploring
A motor home seemed the way
To fill that need and see the sights
Of our beautiful U S of A.

A proud American Veteran
He wears his cap ...It's true
To show he chose the Navy
And his blood runs Navy Blue.
As the circle of life begins to slow
Priorities change. And they should.
We focus on the life we've lived
And cherish the times that were good.
He sits on a pier in a plain old chair
To watch the sea ebb and flow
The water has been his friend for life
And that's where he wants to go.
And when it's time for him to leave

He can no longer stay
I'll salute my sailor brother
And say....ANCHORS AWAY!!!!

- Jan 6, 2023

April Birthdays

- 4/4 Doug Finkbiner,
Ben Midgett, Sam Midgett
- 4/13 Valerie Wright
- 4/15 George Hays
- 4/17 Janet Miller
- 4/18 Fiona Knight
- 4/19 Alisa Lowry
- 4/20 Nathaniel Lornes
- 4/22 Lucas Bell, Connie Calvert;
Michele Elliott
- 4/23 Melinda Harmon
- 4/24 Hayden Treadway
- 4/26, Amy McGahey, Becky Veenstra
- 4/27 Dennis Inboden,
Jennifer Emken, Annetta Evans
- 4/30 Elizabeth Nolan

April Anniversaries

- 4/4 Steve & Rita Diel
- 4/9 Ken & Nancy Mattsey
- 4/29 Floyd & Sabra Adams



Prayer Requests

Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Lisa Schaefer; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Thelma Gifford; Jennifer Newlin; Bernie Limper; Melinda Wehrle; Mandy Harris; Cindy Weger; Blain Loll; Miranda Waddell; Dave Freeland; Ruth Fiscus; Rhea Hayden; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Margaret Beaman; Alexander Forrey; Ninetta Faith; Lou Bonnell; Larry Quick; Claudette Mejean; Laurie Vaugh; Susan Rodgers; Adrian Hays; Rachel Tracy; Paula Aydt, Connie Calvert; Randy Butcher; Marnie Inboden; Louis Youngs; Kids Club; Stephen Ministers; Care Receivers; The Family of Lisa Weidner; Dorothy Fasig; Doug Finkbiner; Clem Aydt; Annette Leighty; Spencer Meagher; Margerie Pfeiffer; Craig Waggoner; Tom Price; Ira Bowman; Brenda Graham; Allen Stucker; KJ Reid, Tricia Anderson; The Goodwin and Elliott Families; Jon Anderson; James McGahey; Alex Townsend; Brad Harris; The McGahey and Schmidlin Families

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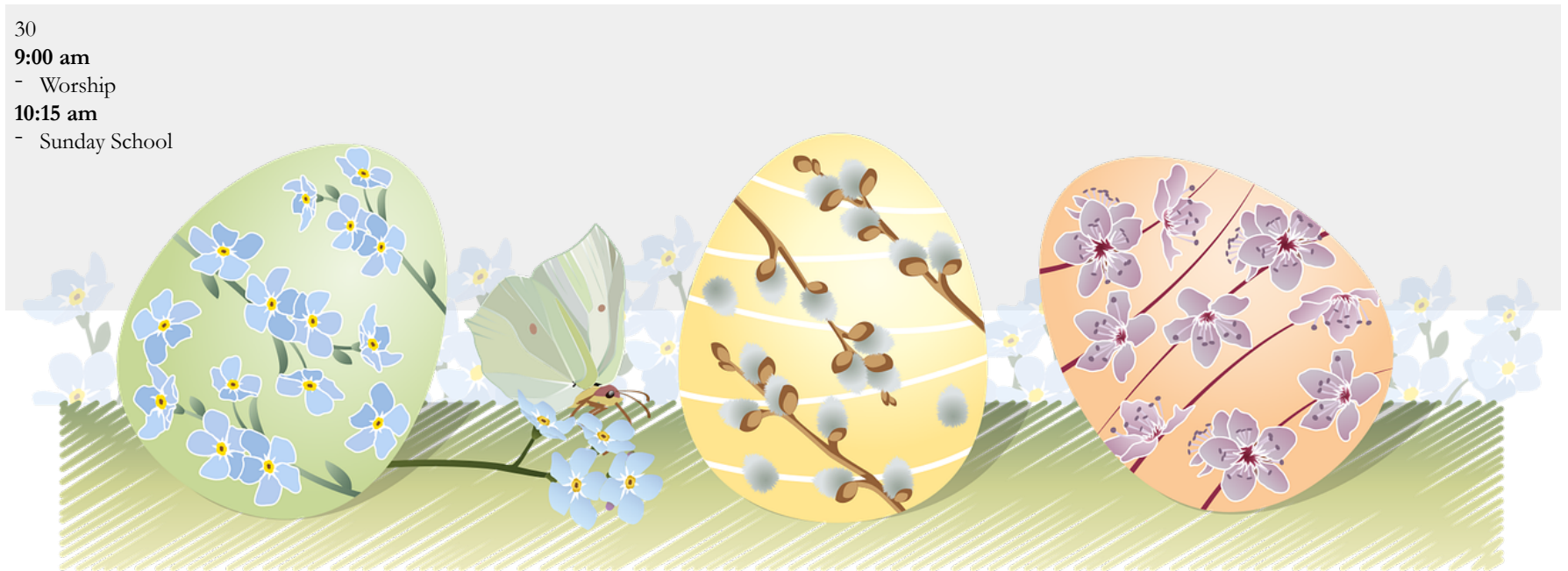
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

2 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School 3:00 pm - Game Night	3	4 6:30 pm - CHEW Bible Study	5 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging	6 9:30 am - CHEW Bible Study 11:15 am - Lunch Buddy Pizza Party 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service	7 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service	8
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9 Easter Sunday 7:00 am - Sunrise Easter Service 8:00 am - Easter Brunch - Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am - Worship	10	11 6:30 pm - CHEW Bible Study	12 5:30 pm - - Second Wednesday Dinner 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry	13 9:30 am - CHEW Bible Study 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging	14	15 9:00 am - Daffodil Festival
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16 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School	17	18 6:30 pm - CHEW Bible Study	19 6:00 pm - Committee Meetings 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting	20 9:30 am - CHEW Bible Study 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging 6:00 pm - SPY Youth Group	21 6:00 pm - Movie Night	22 8:00 am - Happy Hour's Earth Day
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23 Native American Sunday 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School	24	25 6:30 pm - CHEW Bible Study	26 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry	27 9:30 am - CHEW Bible Study 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging 5:00 pm - Staff Meeting	28 6:00 pm - Movie Night	29
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