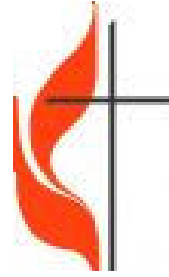


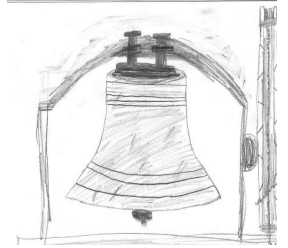
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Prayers Concerns

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Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Shirley Treadway at gwtsea@hotmail.com, so that request can be shared with the prayer chain.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

We will be at Otterbein UMC on April 2 for Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm. Pastor Jay will be preaching, and there will be a joint choir. Rehearsal for that choir is at 6:15 pm that evening. We will also have a representative footwashing service and communion together.

CELEBRATE WITH US!

It's Easter Sunday April 5! What a great time for us to gather in our new building to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We know that, for several months, we will be testing out equipment, lights, sound, and more, but we will worship well that day at 9:00 am. You may want to come early to get a seat!

Also that day, there will not be any Sunday school classes, but a brunch will be served after worship in Asbury Hall. Reservations are needed by April 2, so please make sure to contact the office with the number who plan to attend. Cost is \$5 per person.

Save the date: We will formally dedicate our new building on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 pm. Janice Griffith, assistant to the bishop, and Scott Grulke, district superintendent, will be on hand and participate in morning worship and the dedication worship service.

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

A beautiful and blessed Easter to you, friends! We're in the midst of Holy Week as you receive this newsletter. I can't help but think that this particular year as we celebrate the resurrection, it will be so much sweeter. We here at First UMC understand death. Two and a half years ago, we were devastated as fire destroyed our facility. In the past twenty-eight months, we have learned that the church is not a building; the church is a living, breathing body of people.

Even in the midst of death, new life was springing up. Think of all that we have accomplished together over the past twenty-eight months, particularly in education and outreach. All the while, we have been praying and taking steps to rebuild a facility that meets the needs of people in Crawford County. Now, together, we are celebrating not just the new life found in a building, but the new life we've found in the body of Christ. God is resurrecting First UMC!

So let's sit back and enjoy this moment, and moments of celebration in the coming months as we continue to see organ pipes and stained glass windows installed. Even as we celebrate, let's not sit back, but continue the work that God has been doing in us. Where will we experience the power of the resurrection next?

I will see you in worship!



Grace and peace,



Thanks to everyone who continues to support our "Just One" drives for the NOW Kids' Shopping Day.

April's item will be scissors, small size. They can be blunt-tip or regular, as we have students who can use either kind.

You can place your donations in the "Just One" container outside the education wing coat rack. Thanks!

2nd Wednesday Dinner

Our second Wednesday dinner is April 8 at 5:30 pm.

With all of the excitement of Easter and being in the new building, we'll be having a carry-in this month. Bring your best dishes for everyone to try. There's always enough for everyone!

A Word about Hospitality

Here's a challenge for everyone. Think of the church as a high end restaurant. Or how about a spa? Or maybe even a Las Vegas casino. Because I would argue that there's a similarity. The church, like these businesses, is in the service industry. And like any good business, we want to grow, bring more jobs to the area, and increase the size of our staff. So here is the challenge, as we are all church members, I mean, staff members working for "The Man" (God, not the government), how do we treat our customers? When a stranger, excuse me, customer walks through the doors, do we greet them with a smile and handshake? Do we make every attempt to make them feel welcome? Do we see to it that their needs are taken care of? Do we help them find their way if they are lost or have questions? Do they leave looking for some place else or looking forward to returning? And like any good service business, do we simply wait for customers to come to us, or do we seek them out? As we start a new chapter, where we'll undoubtedly have many new customers coming to check us out, the challenge for me and for all of us will be to treat everyone who walks through the door like they're a platinum member of the diamond grand jubilee club who's just won the door prize. Because a relationship with God is the greatest gift of all, and "The Man" says to give one to everybody.

-Robert Quick

Outreach Opportunities

One of the outcomes of some of our recent Bible studies is the desire to go out and serve in the community. We have two new opportunities for people who might feel called to serve.

First UMC is leading worship at Heritage Health on the second Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm. There are many ways that you can serve, from leading music to sharing a prayer or reading a devotion, to simply sitting with and assisting a resident. Contact Dennis Inboden if you are interested in helping.

We also have a group of people who are interested in starting some jail/prison ministry, which may include visiting inmates and leading Bible study. Please contact Janelle Oxford if you have an interest in serving in this way.

Outreach Opportunity

First UMC will be hosting the RHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting on Wednesday, April 22. We will have a sign-up available for volunteers to help set up and tear down, as well as for food and beverages. We appreciate your support of our athletes as they grow in their faith together!



Nursery Volunteers

Nursery Help

4/5 – Susan Inboden
4/12 – Antje Pippin
4/19 – Rita Diel
4/26 – Gloria
Devonshire

Children's Church

4/5 – Sheri McGahey
4/12 – Michele Elliott
4/19 – VOLUNTEER
NEEDED
4/26 – Susan Inboden

Thank you for your service!

UMYF

Due to Easter Day celebrations, we will be postponing the progressive dinner until the fall.

Our next UMYF meeting is on Sunday, April 19. We'll leave the church at 2:00 pm to travel to SkyZone. We'll arrive by 4:30 and jump until 6:30. Cost to jump is \$21, and you will need additional money for a dinner stop on the way home.

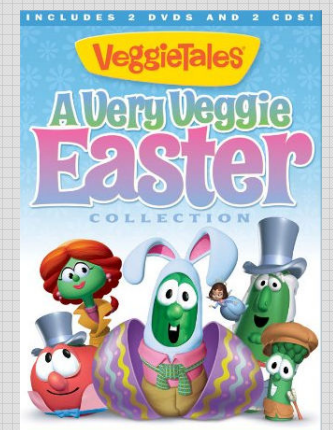
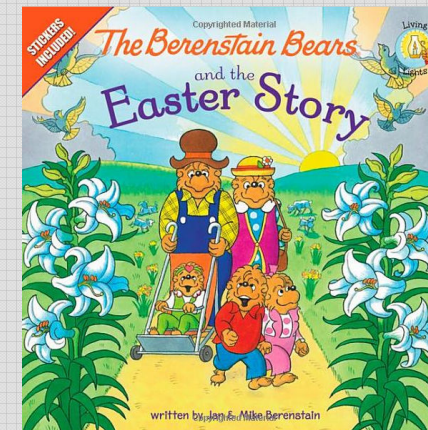
Please let Pastor Jay know by April 13 if you are going, so that we can get parental permission forms signed and get pre-paid (your fee for SkyZone will be paid to the church).

FUMC Library

The Church Library would like to highlight its April additions.

VeggieTales: A Very Veggie Easter Collection. Help your kids learn more about the meaning of Easter. This collection contains "Twas the Night Before Easter" and "An Easter Carol."

The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story. The Bear cubs and Papa are candy-crazy this Easter! But Mama, with help from Papa, tells the cubs about Jesus' resurrection and shows them that salvation is much sweeter than candy.



The Library is also excited to invite you to check out the new Crucifixion/Easter Exhibit, where you can learn about some of the items associated with the Passion.

April Birthdays

4/2 Ken Martin
 4/3 Karen Stram
 4/4 Doug Mefford
 4/7 Doug Finkbiner
 4/13 Joel Wise, Valerie Wright
 4/17 Janet Miller, Kent Thomas,
 Tim Veenstra
 4/19 Alisa Lowry
 4/20 Lori Crozier
 4/22 D J Kelly, Lucas Bell, Connie Calvert
 4/23 Melinda Harmon
 4/24 Hayden Treadway
 4/26 Ann Foote, Amy McGahey,
 Becky Veenstra
 4/27 Dennis Inboden
 4/29 Tancy Finkbiner



April Anniversaries

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

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Patty Lycan on the death of her husband.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tammy Spour on the death of her father.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Barb Ross on the death of her husband.

Thank you

The family of Don A Bailey would like to sincerely thank you for the countless acts of expression of sympathy during this difficult time, the visits, phone calls, food, flowers, cards, memorial donations and most of all your prayers.

Thanks Again & God Bless.
 Gina & Lawrence Colliflower
 Donnie & Joanie Bailey
 Doug & Dianna Bailey

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| | | | 1 3:00pm Kids' Club 4:00pm Butter Braid orders arrive | 2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship at OUMC | 3 | 4 9:00am worship rehearsal |
| 5 – Easter Sunday 8:00am choir 9:00am service 10:15am brunch | 6 9:30am Chrismon Ladies | 7 | 8 3:00pm Kids' Club 5:30pm 2 nd Wed. Dinner 6:30pm Worship Committee | 9 7:00pm Handbells | 10 | 11 9:00am Spiritual gifts workshop |
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