

The Circuit Rider

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From The Desk Of Pastor P.

by Pastor Pamela J. Sayre



Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

It feels a little strange typing that, especially since I just finished a meeting about our Holy Week worship

celebrations... Seven to go! Along with a cross walk, an all-night Easter prayer vigil, Easter breakfast, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Things just keep moving ahead! Thank goodness!

For those of you who may have thought the previous paragraph was a complaint or your pastor moaning... IT

WAS NOT! Holy Week is my favorite week of the entire liturgical year! Seriously! It is tiring but it is so incredibly meaningful! Journeying with Jesus is not always easy. We learn that – are reminded of that – experience that reality during Lent and Holy Week. But! The rewards of following Jesus are incredible! Experiencing – celebrating – his Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning... are there any words to truly express the joy and the thankfulness we feel?! Is there any better example of HOPE?!

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The journey continues! We are Huron United Methodist Church! (WooHoo!) We are disciples of Jesus, the Christ, followers of the living God, and sharers of the WORD! May God continue to encourage, empower, and equip us as we strive “to make [and mature] disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!” WELCOME – WORSHIP – WITNESS!

Grace and peace,
blessings and health,

Pastor P.
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Lunch Bunch

Food, Fun & Fellowship



Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of each month. The next Lunch Bunch is

April 11th at 11:30 a.m. in the HUMC Fellowship Hall. Program: TBA. Menu: chicken salad on croissant, pasta salad, and lemon dessert, catered by Janet Majoy. Cost is \$9.00. Please pay in cash the day of the luncheon. Extra funds will be used for future programs.

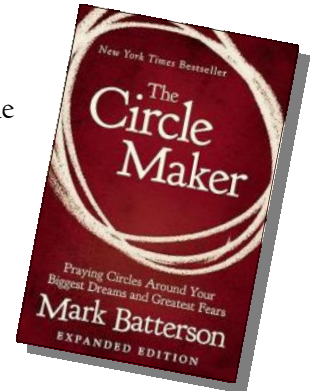
A signup sheet is in the Welcome Center. Questions or to sign up by phone, contact Dee Hartley at 419-357-8825. Please sign up by Monday, April 8th.

Saturday @ 5!
 Relaxed Worship
 (songs, prayers, message)
 & Conversation!
 Come as you are!
 3rd Sunday Potluck
 Huron United Methodist Church

The Circle Maker – June Sermon Series

With all the new and creative ways we are approaching mission and ministry here at Huron UMC (WooHoo!), it was suggested that it might be a good time to take another look at *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson. (If you have been here a while, you may remember reading/hearing about this book the first year Pastor P. was here... A LOT has happened since then!)

As we did last time, books will be available for purchase (\$15.00 approx.) so that you can read along. (This may also be a good weekday/evening study for us.)

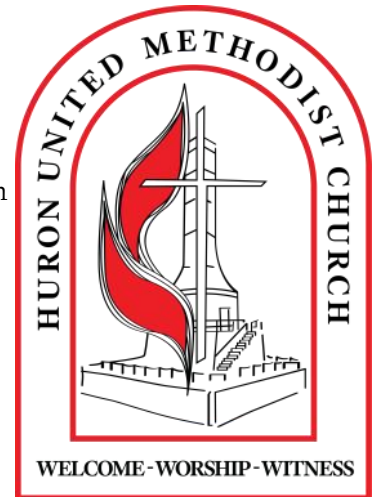


Lighthouse Church/Strategic Planning Team

As Pastor P. mentioned in worship recently, we have hit a milestone in that it has been four years now since COVID first became part of our vocabulary... along with terms like shut-down, virtual only, ZOOM in, and “You’re muted...” We – Huron UMC – did a lot of work during COVID to move into what would become our “post-COVID” world. Now that we have settled into that new reality, it is time to keep looking ahead!

Our Lighthouse Church Team spent a great deal of time meeting and learning about hospitality and helping us be a more welcoming place, especially for those “left behind” through the disaffiliation process. We are now, with the addition of Kristin Erney, also working as the Strategic Planning Team. We have been through several online training sessions and the team recently spent the day in Cleveland with our coach, Rev. Bruce Emmert.

The team has come up with several long-term and short-term goals and is beginning the implementation process. If you would like to know more about our work, please contact any of us: Jenessa Faller, Dave Wilber, Judy Wilber, Scott Whitehurst, Kristin Erney, or Pastor P.



Sunday Morning Worship



We livestream both of our 8:00 and 10:00 worship celebrations to the church’s Facebook page and to YouTube. Find archived versions on both sites any time. No account is needed to watch! If attending online, please be sure to let us know!

Sunday Bulletin/Order Of Worship are emailed at the end of each week; copies of the sermon at the beginning. If you are not receiving them and would like to, let us know.

Food Pantry Sunday

A reminder: Pantry Sunday is always the third Sunday of each month (April 21st), but items can be dropped off anytime the church is open. All donations help those in need in Huron and the surrounding area.

The pantry is NOT accepting egg cartons at this time. Please recycle.



LIFT... And Introducing LIFT Lite

LIFT (Living In Faith Together) continues to grow our fellowship! This multigenerational night of fun has classes, conversation, food, puzzles, foosball and games. Doors open at 4:45 p.m.



All are invited, all are welcome, and All means ALL! This is a perfect time to grow your faith, get reacquainted with old friends as well as meet new ones. At 6:30 p.m. we gather together in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, and at 7:00 p.m. there is Chancel Choir rehearsal and continued fellowship. Come for any or all of the evening!

The Adult LIFT Class recently finished a Lenten study based on the book *The Third Sunday* by Tom Berlin. On Wednesday of Holy Week, the adult class discussed ideas for the future LIFT Lite program while they stuffed candy into Easter Eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Beginning April 3rd, they will start season 2 of The Chosen series. Each Wednesday we watch a portion of a show and then leave room for discussion. The participants have really appreciated how this series has brought them a deeper understanding of the Bible stories we have all heard.

The children's class has moved onto a video series called "The Story Keepers." This animated series tells the story of a family who are being persecuted because of their faith in Jesus. It is centered around a baker, his wife and children set in the Roman times and the beginning foundations of the Christian faith.

Announcing the debut of LIFT Lite!

Because LIFT has been such a huge success, we have decided to start LIFT Lite, a pared down version of LIFT, to span the summer break when LIFT is usually on hiatus.

We are still in the process of hashing out the details. If you have any ideas, questions or suggestions on how to continue this multigenerational night of fellowship through the summer, please contact Dave Wilber.

Please Update Us!!!

Many of our records only have a house phone listed. If you have dropped your landline in favor of your cell phone, please be sure to let the Church Office know your cell number, so we can stay in touch. Your email, too!

We are requesting addresses for our college students. Please submit student's name, birthdate, address, email, and phone number to Beth Anne in the church office.



Confirmation & Youth Fellowship

Looking Ahead! The members of the current Confirmation Class (in three separate sections) are closing in on the end of this particular part of their Christian journey! We will celebrate these students and their accomplishments on Sunday, June 2nd, during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration! There will be a reception immediately following.

Our UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 during LIFT in room 6/7!! WooHoo! Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. If you are in grades 5-12 (and have, hopefully, gone through confirmation), this is the place for you! Youth are also encouraged to invite/bring a friend!



Scholarship Deadline This Month

Huron United Methodist Church Scholarships are available this Spring for the 2025-2025 school year.

The criteria for the HUMC Scholarship are:

- 1) Huron UM Church attendance;
 - 2) enrollment in any college; and
 - 3) good academic record.
- In addition, an essay is required which is described on the application.

Applications are being sent out to all HUMC high school seniors during the first week of March. Other applicants may pick up their copies in the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office to have one sent to them via mail or email.

Scholarships are contingent on funds available and may be split depending on the number of qualified applicants and the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. In the past, the HUMC Scholarship has been \$500 to \$1000.

Please note that the application deadline is Sunday, April 28, 2024.



Donations For Scholarships

Funds for scholarship awards are accepted year round, but particularly during scholarship season. If you would like to give toward supporting our young men and women on their educational journey, please make your check out to HUMC and specify "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line.

Huron Community Churches Presents

VBS 2024

BIBLE CHAMPIONS

June 18-20, 9:30 am-11:30 am
at Huron United Methodist Church



Mark your calendars – the Huron Community Vacation Bible School is June 18th - 20th. This year Huron UMC will be hosting an OLYMPIC themed VBS, Bible Champions! Registration will be opening mid April, so keep an eye on our Facebook Page and The Welcome Center for sign-up information!

We are always looking for volunteers to make sure the kids in our community feel the love of Jesus. If you are interested in sharing your talents to make 2024 VBS a success, please contact a member of the Education Team. Volunteers do need to have a background check on file in the office. This can be done free of charge to you, please see Beth Anne to get the process started.

Bettering Your Health

Chair Yoga is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, led by Linda Wilson. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Donations go to the Roof Fund!

There is also a Total Body Conditioning Class on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. Cardio plus strength training. All levels of fitness welcome. Participants will need to bring a mat and a set of dumbbells. Instructor: Loretta Majoy, A.C.E. Certified.

You may join either of these groups at any time.




Ways To Help Fill The Virtual Plate

If you are not worshipping with us in person on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings, there are options available to give while worshipping online.

- Mail your offering to HUMC directly or use your bank's bill pay service.
- Drop off your offering at the church.
- Sign up and give online with e-giving through Realm. This QR code will take you to the Realm giving page.



The United Methodist Church General Conference

The postponed 2020 General Conference will take place between April 23rd and May 3rd! The host city is Charlotte, NC.

Photo Gallery Easter Egg Hunt For Children With Special Needs



Palm Sunday, March 24th, was the date for The HUMC Easter Egg Hunt for Children with Special Needs. This is the fourth year for this event, after having to take a break during the pandemic.

The children collected as many eggs as they pleased and then turned them in for a bucket of Easter items including stuffed animals, sunglasses, and stickers. A therapy dog was also in attendance for any child to pet if they wished.

We are getting so good at this, that the East Ohio Conference sent Brett Hetherington, EOCUMC Communications Specialist, to take photos and post an article on the conference website. (Thank you, Brett, for sharing these photos with us to use here.) More photos and the article can be found at eocumcnews.com.

And thank you to our many volunteers who make this run so smoothly and successfully each year.

The Divots FUNdraiser

On March 3rd, The Divots headlined a dinner and a concert event to help raise money for the air conditioning project for the Fellowship Hall. The festivities began with a picnic themed dinner that included hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad, chips and SO MANY desserts! A very special thank you goes out to Judy Haas and Kathy Faller, who prepared the hot dogs.

After dinner, a crowd of roughly 75, were entertained by The Divots! Those who attended clapped and danced to a variety of classic rock songs, including "Moon Shadow", "Come Monday", and "Here Comes the Sun". The fan favorite was "The Devil Went Down to Georgia", featuring "Ronnie" on violin! The Divots, who are touted as veterans of the Northern Ohio music scene, include Tad Swan, Bill Gerken, and HUMC's own Ron Brooker and Scott "Drummer" Whitehurst.

Thank you to The Divots, all those who attended, those who donated and everyone who had a part in making this night a success!



Roof/Boiler Project

We are still collecting change for the roof/boiler project! The collection jug is in the sanctuary each Sunday! Let's see how quickly we can reach the "top" again! When it is filled, we will see who can come closest to guessing the amount in the jug!

And don't forget about our Square By Square fundraiser! See the display in the front hallway. Fill out your Pledge Card and drop in the box at the display to claim your square. Be sure to add your sticker to the poster.



Communion Elements

We have pre-packaged Communion elements available in the office for pick-up! Regular and gluten-free!

2024 Altar Flowers

The 2024 Flower calendar is in the Welcome Center and ready for you to select your Sunday(s).

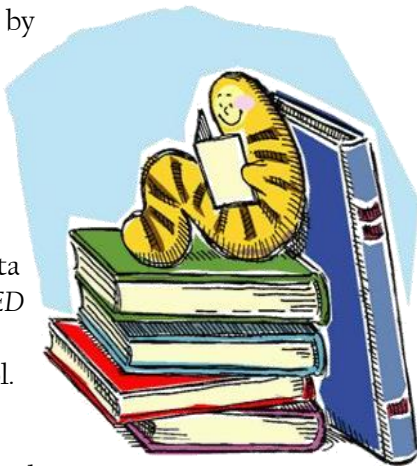
Arrangements are \$30 each. Indicate "Flower Fund" on your check's memo line. Thank you for continuing to beautify our altar during worship.

You may pick up your flowers following 10:00 a.m. worship or on Monday following, after 9:30 a.m. *If you return the vase to Church, it will be reused.*



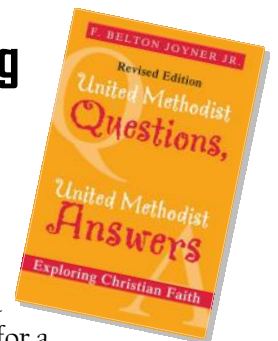
Pastor's Current Reading List

- MY NAME IS BARBRA by Barbra Streisand (Audio Book)
- FUSION by Nelson Searcy
- THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY by Tim Alberta
- KEEP YOUR AIRSPEED UP: The Story Of A Tuskegee Airman by Col. Harold Brown & Dr. Martha Bordner
- IT IS FINISHED by Charles Martin
- HOLY HELL: A Case Against Eternal Damnation by Derek Ryan Kubilus



Interested In Becoming A Member Of Huron UMC?

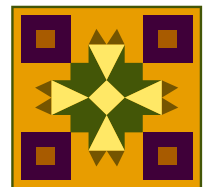
If so, please see Pastor P. If you have never been part of the UMC and would like to know more, please ask for a copy of the easy-to-read book *UNITED METHODIST QUESTIONS, UNITED METHODIST ANSWERS: Exploring Christian Faith* by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.



HUMC Quilt Connection

Our next sew days are Fridays, April 5th & 19th (some plan to go to the Quilt Expo in Cleveland on the 19th, but the Quilt Room will be open), 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the basement. BYO projects and lunch. Contact Cathi Dix Houghton at 419-433-5645 or quintquilt@aol.com to receive meeting email reminders.

Our primary mission is making prayer quilts. If you have an interest in sewing quilts, you are welcome to join us. (We have fabric you can use.)

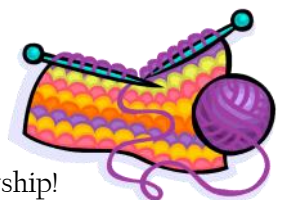


Huron Prayer Path

The Prayer Path Work Days will be Saturday, April 13th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join us as we work to maintain our beautiful Prayer Path. Dress for the weather. BYO garden gloves.

U-Knitted Nations

The Knitters meet in Rooms 1 & 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays. Bring your project, join the fun and fellowship!



10:00 Greeters/Ushers

April 7:
Bob Hastings
April 14:
Bonnie & Ben Lindsley
April 21:
Becky & Tank Rogers
April 28:
Wanda & Mike Lyons

Liturgists

April 7:
8:00 Loretta Majoy
10:00 Dave Wilber
April 14:
8:00 Cathi Houghton
10:00 Derek Callin
April 21:
8:00 Carole Dreffer
10:00 Carol Schell
April 28:
8:00 Rob Hoffner
10:00 Jack Hubbard

Money Counters

April 7:
Alyson Wilson,
Norma Cook
April 14:
Judy Wilber,
Dave Wilber & Chip Houghton
April 21:
Jane Meyer,
Ted Meyer & Carole Dreffer
April 28:
Bob Hastings,
Mark Claubaugh



March Worship Plans

April 7: Second Sunday Of Easter/Communion
(Sunday Only – NO Saturdays @ 5!)
Scriptures: I John 1:1-2:2; Psalm 133; *John 20:19-31
Sermon: “Believe!”

April 13/14: Third Sunday Of Easter/Native
American Ministries/Communion (Saturdays @
5! Only)
Scriptures: Psalm 4; Acts 3:12-19; *Luke 24:36b-48
Sermon: “Why Are Your Hearts Filled With Doubt?”

April 20/21: Fourth Sunday Of Easter
Scriptures: Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; *John 10:11-18
Sermon: “The Good Shepherd”

April 27/28: Fifth Sunday Of Easter
Scriptures: I John 4:7-21; Psalm 22:25-31; *John 15:1-8
Sermon: “When You Produce Much Fruit”
*denotes scripture used for basis of sermon

April Team Meetings & Church Events

Stephen Ministry Training: Tuesdays, April 2nd,
9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.
Staff Parish Relations Committee : Tuesday, April
2nd, 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.
Trustees: Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.
Strategic Planning Team: Tuesday, April 16th,
Noon-1:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.
Potluck Dinner: Saturday, April 20th, immediately
following Saturdays @ 5!, Fellowship Hall.

Other April Events

- Firelands Symphony Orchestra Chorale Rehearsals: Monday, April 1st, Thursday, April 4th, and Friday, April 5th, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary.
- Eclipse Day: Monday, April 8th. Church building closed. No staff working on site.

April Birthdays

Barbara Ringle	1
Sunni Johnson	1
Carter Soisson	1
Rebecca Fortune	2
Brooke Diffenbacher	3
McKena Muratori	3
Pat Dahlke	3
Charles Hardy	4
Hannah Smith	4
Tyler Graham	5
James Kaatz	5
Sarah Bauman	5
Wayne Orndorff	8
Judy Haas	9
Jennifer Klinger	10
Juniper Beebe	11
Brian Butler	15
Julie Spitzley	16
Timothy Bott	16
Dale Dahlke	16
Caroline Valentin	16
Donna Green	17
Jason Cobleigh	17
Tonya Sayre	18
Stacey Oakley-Swartz	18
Kailee Wennes	19
Alexandra See	20
Evelyn Horvatic	21
Connie Montgomery	23
Linda Ziegler	24
Teresa Brooker	25
Kristin Clayman	25
Theodor Meyer	27
Cooper McFarland	27
Emily Cook	28
Zachery Cobleigh	29
Esther Hess	30
Tamara Robinson	30

Happy Birthday!



**BUILDING
FOR THE
FUTURE**

Huron United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

“A ‘Gift of the Future’ given in stocks, bonds, real estate, or other property can provide substantial tax benefits to the giver.”




For Endowment Fund information, please contact any Fund Committee member: Chip Houghton, Carole Dreffer, or Mike Prosser.

You are invited to worship with us in person: "Saturdays @ 5" (5:00 p.m.) in our Fellowship Hall, and Sundays 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary (Sundays are livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube)

Pastor: Rev. Pamela J. Sayre; Director of Discipleship Ministries: Jenessa Faller; Director of Music Ministry: Ron Brooker; Organist: Tom Curry; Housekeeper: Kathy Faller; Treasurer: Joe Beebe; Administrative Secretary: Beth Anne McFarland; Financial Secretary: Linda Ziegler; Website: Derek Callin; AV: Derek Callin & Chris Harlan; Lay Leader: Dave Wilber. Current Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. (Building open 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. M-Th.) Closed Fridays.

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Activities Capsules

HUMC QUILT CONNECTION

Friday Sew Days: April 5th & 19th
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Basement

Saturdays @ 5

Relaxed Worship every Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (includes a Potluck Dinner on the 3rd Saturday each month)

communion

Sunday, April 7th and Saturday, April 13th

Cloggers' Practice

Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

FSO Chorale Rehearsal

Monday, April 1st
6:30-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

U-Knitted Nations

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 1 & 2

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts

Alternate Tuesdays, 4:30-6:15 p.m. Rooms 1 & 2

Ballroom Dancing

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

LIFT

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Every Wednesday,
Door open at 4:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Class

Each Wednesday during LIFT
5:30-6:00 p.m., Room 10

Choir Practice

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Praise Band Practice

Wednesdays 8:10 p.m.

Christ's Community Meals

Every Monday at Noon and
Wednesdays, April 10th & 24th

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Thursdays 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, April 11th
11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Path Work Day

Saturday, April 13th
9:00 a.m.-Noon at Zion Lutheran Church

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

April 14th

Pantry Sunday

April 21st

Circuit Rider Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, April 21st for May issue

INK & TONER CARTRIDGES



Collection of empty cartridges continues. Place in the box by the Fellowship Hall doors. Thanks for all your donations.

#BeUMC

See previous page for April Team Meetings and other events.