

THUSE NEWS

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**SOUTH PARKERSBURG TRADITIONAL
METHODIST CHURCH**

TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

EDGELAWN UMC

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

He said to them, "Do not be frightened. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But, go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, as He told you" (Mark 16:6-7, MEV).

I like this portion of the ending of Mark's version of Jesus' Good News! Some of the women who followed Jesus arrived at Jesus' tomb early on the first Easter morning, and they were wondering who would roll away the stone so that they could complete the burial ritual. When they arrive, the stone door is already rolled away, and an angelic messenger brings good news. Jesus isn't there! He is risen! See for yourselves! The women are told to tell the others that Jesus is going ahead of them to Galilee; they will encounter Jesus very soon.

When the going gets tough, Jesus goes before us! Jesus prepares the way. Easter isn't the end of the story; the disciples will still have ministry to accomplish. We, too, will still have ministry to accomplish with Jesus going before us, with us, and all around us! Let's not allow ourselves to grow weary; let's not lose our focus. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus who lives and reigns forever!

Have a blessed Easter journey!

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Mark

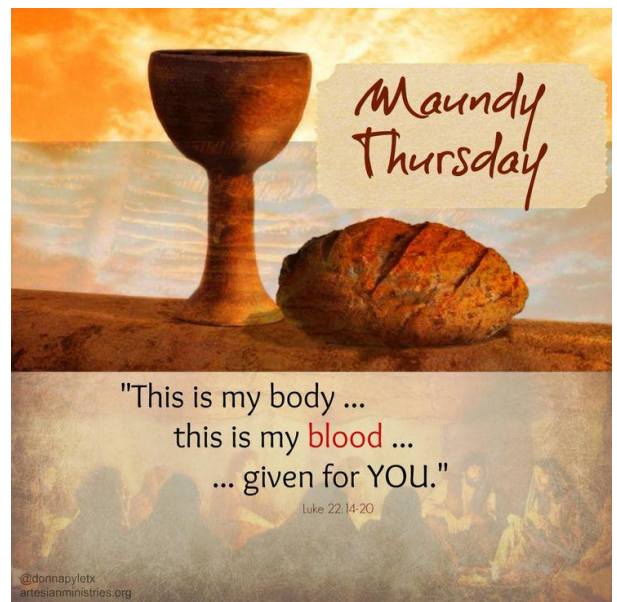
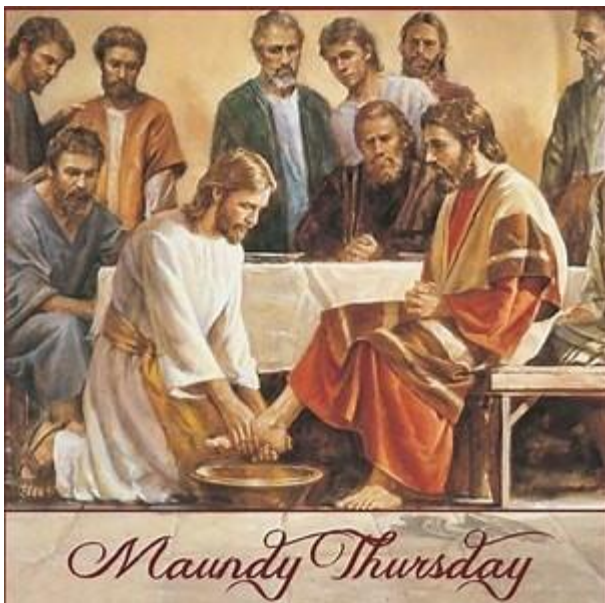
MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND COMMUNION SERVICE

You are invited to join us on **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2025, at 6:00PM in the CFC**, as we celebrate Christ's Last Supper with a meal and re-enactment in the CFC. A light meal of vegetable soup or mac 'n' cheese will be served. There are Sign-Up sheets in the Sanctuary and downstairs at the Information desk where you choose the meal you want to enjoy. Then we will share in communion as men of our church portray Christ and His disciples commemorating the Last Supper.

As we share the Lord's Supper on this holy night, may we be mindful of Christ's sacrifice, His wondrous, unfailing love, giving us His indescribable gift of eternal life!

This meal is sponsored by the SPTMC Women's Ministry under the leadership of Dani Reed, which is open to all women. If you miss the reservation sheet at SPTMC or Edgelawn, please call the church office at 304-428-1195 or text Jan Kinder at 740-502-6741.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet (Maundy) and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the canonical gospels.

It is the fifth day of Holy Week, preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, or commandment, reflecting Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment."



NOTES FROM THE CHOIR



“When they had sung a hymn, they went out...” (Matthew 26:30)

The Chancel Choir has the privilege of singing at our Maundy Thursday service April 2 at 6:00. Tim Evans, who is portraying Jesus that night, will be offering the solo in the poignant “Remember Me”.

"Gathered in the upper room, Jesus meets with His disciples."

After Good Friday and Silent Saturday, we welcome Easter morning as the Junior Choir joins us singing, “Resurrection Day Medley” and “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Christ, the Lord, is risen today! Alleluia!”

Because He Lives, a contemporary cantata by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith, describes the observance of Holy Week. “My Life, My Death, My Love” (soloist, Jan Barnes) commemorates the Last Supper.

*“Like the bread, I offer My body.
Like the cup, I pour out My blood.”*

It is Friday. The Way of Suffering. Borop's and Sprague's “Via Dolorosa” (soloist, Nick Reed) portrays the route from the Antonia Fortress, believed to be the site of Jesus’s trial, to Golgotha, Calvary.

“*Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends*”, spoken by Christ to His disciples just hours before His death. “Love Grew Where the Blood Fell” by John Stallings illustrates this profound teaching by our Savior, Jesus.

“*It Is Finished.*” Redemption is accomplished. The Gaither’s recount a battle on the cross for “*the gain of man’s soul or his loss...It is finished, and Jesus is Lord!*”

“Finished. And yet not the end.”

“Beautiful Empty Grave” (soloists, Michaela Hupp King and Valma Adams) tells us, “*Death was destroyed. Sorrow turned to joy!*” by Mauldin and Smith.

*“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O grave, is your sting?”
“Let your voices ring. Christ is our risen Lord!”*

Resurrection Song by the Gaithers and Michael W. Smith

“Because I know He lives! He Lives! He Lives!”

The Gaithers

CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



On Sunday, March 8th, a Church wide Birthday Celebration was held in the CFC following Worship Service!!!

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY



We were small in number but we had a new girl and older girl that started 11 years ago at the very beginning. We have around 50 girls total this year that go from K to 12th grade. We are so happy you host our troops in your CFC building for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Ruth Bradley

NEW “ALL CALL” CHURCH PHONE NUMBER

FYI – When we implement the new “All Call” Church Phone number it will be an **OUT OF STATE** number...

EASTER CARDS FOR FAITHFUL FRIENDS

There is a basket downstairs on the Information Desk for Easter cards for our Faithful Friends. Cards need to be dropped into the basket by **Sunday, March 29th**. **ONLY the name of the Faithful Friend needs to be on the envelope of the card – NO ADDRESSES OR POSTAGE IS REQUIRED**. A list of the names of our Faithful Friends is also located next to the basket so feel free to take one. The cards will be delivered to our Faithful Friends during the week of March 30th along with Easter gift bags for each of our Friends...

Care Team

FINANCE



Important Finance Committee Meeting

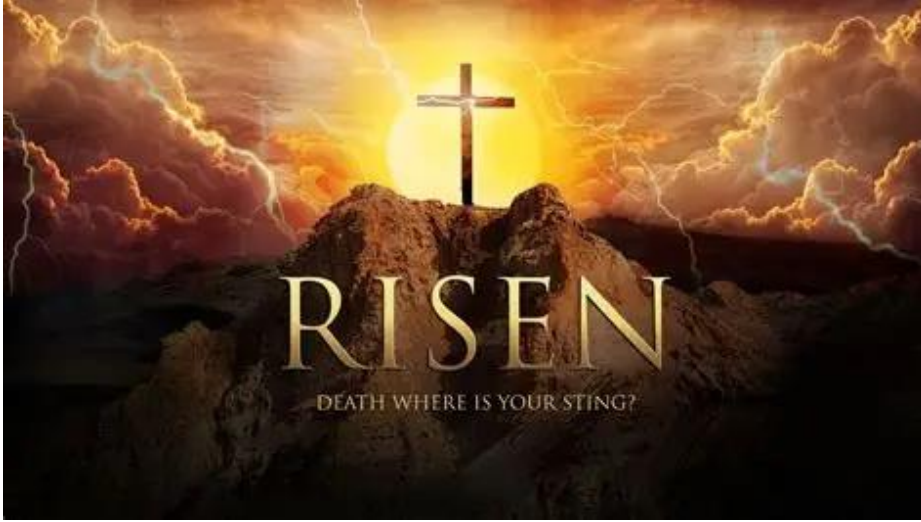
Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 6:30PM

Please see Finance Chair Melissa Kuhl-Hupp with questions!

Melissa

EASTER WEEK EVENTS!!!

- Sunday, March 29th – Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt at SPTMC following Worship Service
- Thursday, April 2nd – 6:00PM Maundy Thursday Service in the CFC
- Friday, April 3rd – 6:00PM Good Friday Service at Washington UMC
- Sunday, April 5 – 7:30AM Easter Sunrise Service at Edgelawn UMC with a light breakfast after the Service
- Sunday, April 5 – 10:45AM Easter Cantata Service at South Parkersburg Traditional Methodist Church



AN EASTER PRAYER

Loving Lord, today we remember the veil of darkness transforming to the brightest light. The most dreadful end becoming the most beautiful beginning. We remember with trembling hearts the depths of despair fading to reveal hope everlasting. The curse of death defeated by eternal life. Today we remember with thankfulness your willingness to be pierced for our sins. We sing with abounding joy of your miraculous rise, from death's tomb to resplendent life. Thank you for the promise of heaven and your generous invitation of eternal life for all. Amen.

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CATHOLIC EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book Children's Easter Prayers

AN EASTER PRAYER FOR TEENAGERS

Jesus, you have overcome death And conquered every fear I could imagine. Help me to live each day remembering that You are alive, that You are bigger than anything or any situation, and that Your power is real. Jesus, you're my hero and I'm walking with you. Amen.

Read more at: https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/easter_prayers.html

**Latrobe Mission** · Follow

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Did you know? Latrobe Mission is passionate about NO ONE ever going hungry! We not only serve our guest at the Mission, but we ARE open to the public. Anyone that wants or needs a hot meal is welcome!

7 days a week we serve dinner around 5-6. Mon-Friday we also serve Breakfast (8) and Lunch (11:30) Weekend Brunch around 11am.

Again all meals open to the PUBLIC! Believe me when I tell you we have restaurant quality food!! Prepared by our amazing partners and trained Kitchen Staff.

We are blessed with partners from many churches, businesses, Jon Six Food Ministries, and individuals, which enables us to do this! Thank you is never enough to express our gratitude for our partners!!!



Please let others know! Our hearts and Kitchen are open to show love to all!! God Bless and Thank you!

LEAST EXPECTED

*“If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria!
He would cure him of his leprosy.”*

2 Kings 5:3

I love this Bible story for many reasons. Naaman was a guy who had everything. As an army commander, he could tell people what to do and where to go. He also had a family and was very wealthy. His army carried out raids on other countries, and one day they carried off a young Israelite girl who became a servant for Naaman’s wife.

But Naaman learned that having everything wasn’t enough. He discovered that he had leprosy, which in those days often led to banishment, disfigurement, and a lonely death.

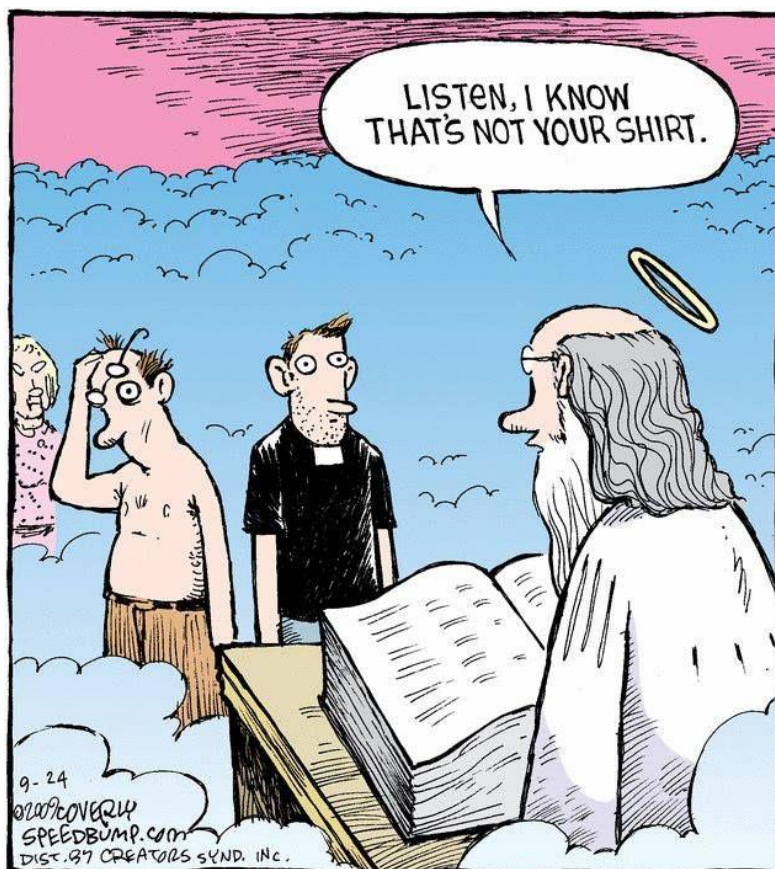
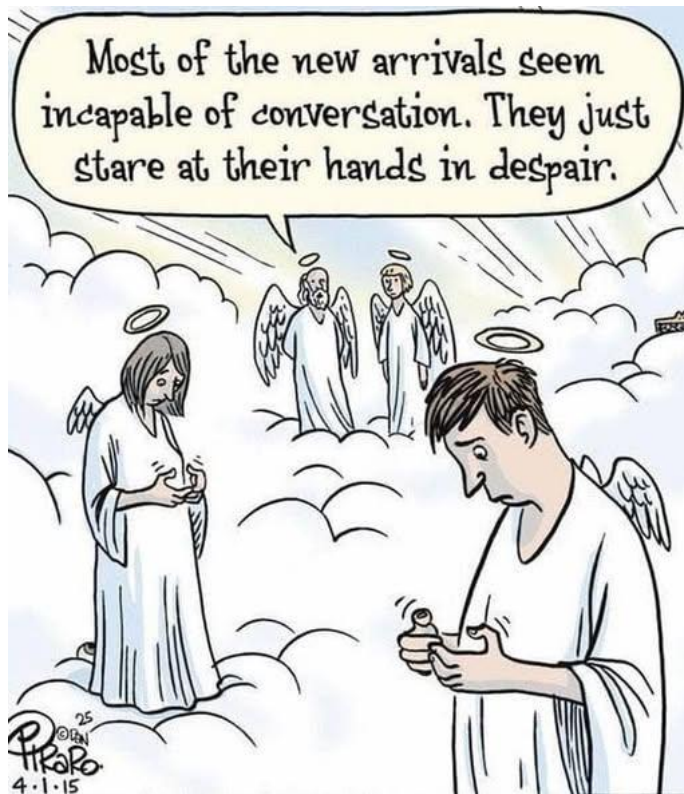
The young slave girl could have said nothing, but she loved God and others and had good news to share. She told Naaman’s wife that he should go to Elisha the prophet and be healed. Naaman was humbled by that, but he eventually did what he was told and was healed. Naaman’s life turned around, and he became a follower of God in a foreign land.

This story could easily have turned out differently. But a young girl chose to share the love of God, and she opened a door for healing and restoration to happen. Naaman was in a tough situation, but Elisha blessed him with peace.

We too have choices to make. We can hold back and justify our reasons for not sharing our faith, or we can choose to be gracious and giving even to people who may have offended or harmed us.

What can you do to share God’s love and bring peace?

A LITTLE CHRISTIAN HUMOR



PRAYER LIST



- *Dora Jean Gumm-Kim
- *Douglas Dudrow
- *Roger Thorne
- *Logan
- *Betty Kerr
- *Josh Dermont
- *Jeanie Wade
- *Rick DeQuasie
- *Cheryl Galland
- *Charlie Elliott
- *Ralph McNemar
- *John Hayton
- *Gary Shears
- *Carol Sears
- *Donnie Bartlett
- *Holbert McEndree
- *Carlene Frederick
- *Vicky Shuman
- *Dale McMahan
- *Sue Campbell
- *Cathy Smith

- *Gene Williams
- *Tammy Kerns
- *Megan Kesterson
- *Tony Evans
- *Helen Hance
- *Amy & Pat Hazelette
- *Larissa Horner
- *Mary Anne Daggett
- *Doug Prince
- *Roger Bennett
- *Susan Aufdenkampe
- *Jennifer Hupp
- *Edna June Barnes
- *Janet Brookover
- *Jennifer Spencer
- *Shirley Mae Blosser
- *Junior Tennant

- Helen Lamm
- Crystal Boggs
- Stanley Hunt
- Terry Carter
- Kinsley Wagner
- Carl McNeely
- Ron Pearson
- Roger Ohse
- Robert McIntire
- Chase "Larry" Gordon
- Frank Kesterson
- Jack Sinnett
- June Eakins
- Mary Evans
- Evelyn Duckworth
- Pam Roberts
- Tina Goontz
- Sandra Sidwell
- Katie Patton
- Sandy Sinnett
- Marcia McCCase
- Shellie Leeson
- Rebecca Barnett
- Georgia Ratliff
- Jennifer Metz
- Joe Sinnett
- Sequoyah Milhoan
- Melanie Cutright
- Tia Ohse
- Joe Sinnett
- Rick Fleming
- Braden McCumbers
- Gene White
- Isabella
- Christina Huffman
- Tammie Moser
- Lori Lemasters
- Isabella
- Brent & Kay Wilhelm
- Kathryn Miller
- Jan Houghton
- Sheila Reed
- Xavier
- Linda Harris
- Doris Dean
- Ingrid Isklea

Remember the Family of:

- Robert Miller
- Jim Shackett
- Terry Carter
- Rick Beaty
- Dale Vincent
- Patsy Flensburg
- Joe Brookover

- Donna Galland
- Phyllis Bunner
- Anita Hughes
- Marie Williamson
- Sarah Giffel
- Pam Hardman
- Evie Epler

LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE COUNTLESS BLESSINGS YOU POUR INTO OUR LIVES EACH DAY. WE LIFT UP THE SICK, THE SUFFERING, AND THE BROKENHEARTED--MAY YOUR HEALING HAND AND SOMFORTING PRESENCE BE UPON THEM. AMEN.





BIBLE QUIZ

The questions in this month's newsletter are more about Jesus. After each question in parenthesis is where you can find, or check, your answers. Good Luck!!!

1. Who told Mary she would give birth to Jesus?
(Luke 1:26-31)
2. Where did Joseph and Mary take Jesus to escape Herod?
(Matthew 2:13)
3. Who were the first men Jesus called to follow Him?
(Matthew 4:18-22)
4. What did Jesus feed the five thousand?
(Matthew 14:17-21)
5. What is the greatest commandment?
(Matthew 22:36-40)
6. What was Jesus doing when His parents found Him in the temple at 12? (Luke 2:46-47)
7. Which 2 sisters lived in Bethany? (Luke 10:38-42)
8. Who carried Jesus' cross part of the way to Golgotha?
(Luke 23:26)
9. What was Jesus' first miracle? (John 2:1-11)
10. What did Jesus say we must be to enter the kingdom of heaven? (John 3:5)