the Doorway

Behold, I stand at the door and knock... *(Rev. 3:20)*

A Welcoming Community
Living and Sharing
The Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

March 2018

Easter is Coming!

As I look out my window, the sky is cloudy and gray; the air is crisp and damp. It's February in Ohio. We are barely into the season of Lent and yet I find myself anticipating the spring – flowers, birds, warmer air, and Easter. That's right, Easter. Easter is coming! Like a bulb buried underground that will soon give way to the life inside it, we are just weeks away from the highest and holiest moment in the life of the Church – the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Now granted, we have some things we must do first – like get through March. But Easter is coming! We cannot look past the disciplines and self-denial of Lent. But Easter is coming! Of course, there is the story of Holy Week, both passionate and solemn at the same time. But Easter is coming!

Below is a list of special services/events for Holy Week:

March 25 – Palm Sunday
Traditional Service at 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service at 10:30 a.m.
March 29 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.
March 30 – Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m.
March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m.
April 1 – Easter Services:
Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
Traditional Service at 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service at 10:30 a.m.

Get yourself ready – Easter is coming!

In Christ,

David

David

All Church Study

Small groups are still forming for the **All In** all church study and most will begin meeting the week of March 4. Here is a list of times and locations for each 4-week group. There is still time for you to participate.

Sundays at 4:30 p.m. – March 4, 11, 18, 25
at Riverside UMC – hosted by Jamie & Jean Colner
Sundays at 5:30 p.m. – March 4, 11, 18, 25
at Riverside UMC – hosted by Don & Pat Adams
Mondays at 6:30 p.m. – March 5, 12, 19, 26
at Riverside UMC – hosted by David & Amy Cady
Mondays at 7:00 p.m. – March 5, 12, 19, 26
at Riverside UMC – hosted by Chris & Kelly Hogan
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. March 8, 15, 22, 29
at Riverside UMC – hosted by Herman & Susan Dick and Ben & Abby Bremer

All In Study guides will be provided by your small group leader. A suggested donation of $7 will cover the cost of the book.

Riverside UMC Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m.

We are looking for donations of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and are requesting "*non-chocolate candy/items*" to allow for a broader range treats while still avoiding potential allergens. Here are some suggested items that are needed:

Starbursts
Stickers
Individual packs of gummy treats
Fruit-flavored Tootsie Rolls
Sweet Tarts
Individual packs of Nerds

There are several clearly marked receptacles throughout the church in which you may place your candy donations. Please have our donations to church by Sunday, March 25. Thank you!

Chancel Choir / Agape Choir
We want to make His praise glorious! YOU can help! We invite you to rehearse with the choirs on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM, and sing with us during the Holy season of Lent and Easter.
If you can't make it on Thursday evenings, you can still join us on Easter morning, for the traditional singing of the ever-rousing "Hallelujah Chorus" which is open to the entire congregation. (We will distribute copies of the music to all participants from our congregation at the end of the Easter morning service.)

Bell Choir
We will be ringing on March 11th and also on Palm Sunday! We are looking for new ringers for this fun ministry - for more info contact Vicki Rich at vrich916@gmail.com / 614 330-4357.

Attention Ladies: The RUMC Moms in Prayer group invites you to join us Saturday, March 10th for the Unshaken Ohio event at Cuyahoga Valley Church. You can find out more information and register at https://momsinprayer.org/events/unshaken-ohio/ . The cost is $20.
It includes lunch and four nationally known speakers.
Our group will be meeting in the RUMC parking lot at 6:15 a.m. to ride together.
If interested in joining us, please contact Kathy Stauffer, kathy-stauffer5@gmail.com
or (614)886-3303 (call or text).

Stained Glass Windows
The windows Lois Krull features in our virtual tour this month depict more of the Temple in the life of Jesus.

Nicodemus Comes to Jesus - John 3:1-15 (East Wall) The ministry of Jesus was so intriguing to this old member of the Jewish ruling council that he sought out Jesus under cover of darkness. To a Pharisee of his standing this was a great risk but he had to hear what Jesus meant when he said a person had to be born again. How could an old man be reborn? Even a learned Jew like Nicodemus must accept that Jesus is the Savior foretold in scripture! (This passage is followed by one of the most precious verses we know, John 3:16. Can you find it in a window in the Sanctuary? Hint: The numeral 3 is shown as a Roman numeral.)

Cleansing the Temple - Mark 11:15 -19 On Palm Sunday night, Jesus had observed what was going on in the Temple courts but it was too late to do anything about it. The next day, Jesus again saw the buying and selling going on and he'd had enough! Jesus overturned tables and benches of those selling doves saying "you have made this place a den of robbers! it is written: My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations". This window (on the West wall) clearly shows the authority Jesus had that day! The faces of the men show their fear as they fled.

PROJECT 5000 -During Lent, we will be collecting food for NNEMAP. Project 5000 challenges us to bring enough food to feed a family of 4 for a week. NNEMAP is finding it a challenge to keep up with the needs. Be creative! Get the whole family involved. Show children that they can all be God's hands and feet here on earth by sharing. A shopping list is available in the Welcome Center. Please bring donations to the NNEMAP bin near the office by March 25 if possible.

Spring Forward! Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11.

Celebrate with members of the 80+ Club!

3/1 - Marilyn Smith
3/11 - Elizabeth Scott
3/18 - Bertha Taylor
3/20 - Barbara Byrd

A belated happy birthday to Lil Marquand whose birthday was February 7!

Celebrate with these couples enjoying 50+ years of marriage!

3/16 - Dick and Ruth Ann Bull
3/24 - Jim and Lil Marquand

We extend Christian sympathy to Helen Grim at the death of her sister, Jackie Griffin.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Alyce Thompson at her passing.

Christian sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of Mary Reimer at her passing.

Matt and Jaclyn Warnock praise God for the birth of Leah Kay, born January 20th.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Morn. Worship: -Traditional - 9:00 AM (Sanctuary) -Contemporary - 10:30AM (Fellowship Hall)* Tuesday Eve. Worship: -Traditional - 7:15PM				1 6:30AM Men's Study 6:30PM Bell Choir 7PM NA mtg 7:15PM SH Bible Study 7:30PM A/C Choir	2 12:00 Life Begins Potluck 7PM Big Book Study	3 9AM - 3 PM Kairos Team Mtg. FH/ Kitchen 10AM Prayer Shawls
4 Morning Worship* ASP Giving Wall 9AM JH Bible Study 9AM Sunday school 10AM Blood Pressure 10:30AM Sunday school 5:30PM Moms in Prayer 6:30PM Movie Night 7PM Soul Food	5 9AM Sewing Club 1PM History of Christianity II 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:30PM Boy Scouts 8:30PM - AA	6 10AM Bible Study 3-5PM Coffee with Jenna 5PM Girl Scouts 6:30PM - Women's Bible Study - Micah 7:15 Tuesday Eve. Worship	7 7PM Praise Band 7:30PM Al-Anon	8 6:30AM Men's Study 6:30PM Bell Choir 7PM NA mtg 7:15PM SH Bible Study 7:30PM Chancel Choir	9 7PM Big Book Study	10 6:15AM Moms in Prayer Day Trip 10AM Freedom Bags
11 Morning Worship* *March 11 – Spring Forward Daylight Saving Time Begins* 8:15AM Bell Choir Rehearsal ASP Giving Wall 9AM Sunday school 10:30AM Sunday school 11:45AM Friend to Friend 3:30PM Irish Country Dancing 5:30PM Children's Choir Party 5:30PM Moms in Prayer 7PM Soul Food	12 9AM Sewing Club 1PM History of Christianity II 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:30PM Boy Scouts 8:30PM - AA	13 10AM Bible Study 6:30PM - Women's Bible Study - Micah 7:15 Tuesday Eve. Worship	14 7PM Praise Band 7:30PM Al-Anon	15 DEADLINE for Newsletter 6:30AM Men's Study 10AM LB /Parkinson's 6:15PM Daniel /Dinner 7PM NA mtg 7:30PM A/C Rehearsal	16 7PM Big Book Study	17 10AM Prayer Shawls
18 Morning Worship* 9AM JH Bible Study ASP Giving Wall 9AM Sunday school 10:30AM Sunday school 5:30PM SH YF 5:30PM Children's Choir 5:30PM Moms in Prayer 7PM Soul Food	19 9AM Sewing Club 1PM History of Christianity II 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:30PM Boy Scouts 8:30PM - AA	20 10AM Bible Study 3-5PM Coffee with Jenna 6:30PM - Women's Bible Study - Micah 7:15 Tuesday Eve. Worship 7:30PM Child Care Board	21 7PM Women's Enrichment 7PM Church Council 7PM Praise Band 7:30PM Al-Anon	22 6:30AM Men's Study 10AM Alzheimer's group 6:30PMBell Choir 7PM NA mtg 7:15PM SH Bible Study 7:30 A/C Choir	23 7PM Big Book Study	24 Jr. High Youth Retreat Marmon Valley Farms 10AM Prayer Shawls
25 Morning Worship* **Palm Sunday** 9AM JH Bible Study 9AM Sunday school 10:30AM Sunday school 5:30PM Children's Choir 5:30PM Moms in Prayer 6:30PM Movie Night 7PM Soul Food	26 9AM Sewing Club 1PM History of Christianity II 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:30PM Boy Scouts 8:30PM - AA	27 10AM Bible Study 3-5PM Coffee with Jenna 6:30PM - Women's Bible Study - Micah 7:15 Tuesday Eve. Worship	28 7PM Praise Band 7:30PM Al-Anon	29 6:30AM Men's Study 6:30PM Bell Choir 7PM NA mtg **7:30PM Maundy Thursday**	30 7PM Big Book Study **7:30PM Good Friday Service**	31 10AM Prayer Shawls **11AM Easter Egg Hunt**

Don't "wreck" your summer plans! Mark your calendars NOW and save the dates, July 30 – August 3rd, for the fantastic VBS, "Shipwrecked." Kids and parents both worry. "Is our school safe? Will my family stay together? Will I survive change?" We live in a crazy world! But there is hope… Jesus rescues!

At "Shipwrecked VBS," kids and parents will both learn that Jesus rescues us… when we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, and even when we are powerless! When you call on Jesus, all things are possible!

Children's Choir will enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Party during our 5:30 PM rehearsal time on March 11th. Bring your little leprechauns for a fun time of crafts, musical games, dancing, and snacks with Ms. Vicki and her friends.

Children's Choir

Have your little ones join Ms. Vicki and friends on Sundays at 5:30 PM for a magical time of musical games, instruments, crafts, snacks, singing, and dancing! We are open to all children, 3 ½ years old (potty trained, please!) – 12 years old. Let's make some music!

Children's Choir will not meet on March 4.

Come and see the Children's musical, **"A Technicolor Promise" on April 29 at 5:30PM.** The story of Noah will be presented by the Riverside Children's Choir of 20+ kids. Stay for the cookie fellowship afterwards to meet Noah and all of his animal friends.

Seamstresses are needed for costumes!

RIVERSIDE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Life Begins will meet at noon on Friday, March 2. All those 55 or better are invited to join us. Amy Schlosser, from the UA Commission on Aging, will provide a brief program after the buffet lunch.

Movie Nights at Riverside! Come join us to watch a visual translation of all four Gospels using unabridged scripture (NIV) and wonderful visuals to paint a faithful portrait of the life of Christ.

Sunday, 3/4	6:30-8:30 PM	The Gospel of Matthew Part 1
Sunday, 3/25	6:30-8:30 PM	The Gospel of Matthew Part 2

Riverside Prayer Chain (formerly called the Prayer Warrior List)
To receive prayer concerns and updates via the Riverside Prayer Chain, please subscribe by sending an email to the church office (rumcua@gmail.com). Please put PRAYER CHAIN in the subject line.

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- Children 9:00 & 10:30 AM
- Adults 10:30

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- Traditional - 9:00 AM (Sanctuary)
- Contemporary - 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday Evening Worship:
- Traditional - 7:15—8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

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Help decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Easter by ordering spring flowers. Order forms are available in the office and will be in bulletins on March 4. Deadline for ordering is March 18.

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