



Where To Be and When

Missions Ministry

Sunday, April 6, 11:45a.m.

Trustees

Wednesday, April 9, 7:00p.m.

Christian Education Ministry

To Be Announced

Sanctuary Remodel Meeting

Sunday, April 13, 11:45a.m.

Music and Worship Ministry

Sunday, April 13, 12:15p.m.

Fellowship Ministry

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30p.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 7:30p.m.

Care Ministry

Sunday, April 27, 11:45a.m.

Membership & Outreach Ministry

Sunday, April 27, 11:45a.m.

...**Have some loose change?**

Remember our "Change for a Change jar".

*Pick up a bulletin
Drop in your change.*

The money will go to pay for the postage for our Operation Adam project.



Choir Practice Schedule

Tuesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 3rd, after serving the two banquets!

Bible Studies

"Monday" noon on Thursdays

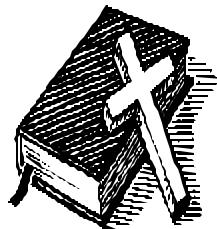
Monday Evenings at 6:45p.m.

4/07 Claggett's 7659 Lundy's Ln

4/14 Smetts's 8994 Northridge Rd

4/21 Grace's 10481 Reynolds Rd

4/28 Front's 8186 Liberty Church Rd



April Lectionary Texts

First Week - Luke 24:13-35; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Psalms 116:1-4,12-19; Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Week - John 10:1-10; 1 Peter 2:19-25; Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47

Third Week - John 14:1-14; 1 Peter 2:2-10; Psalm 31:15-, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60

Fourth Week - John 14:15-21; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:22-31

April Worship Schedule

April 6 - Invitation Sunday and Family Worship in the Legg Center. Please remember to invite a friend neighbor, or family member that may be looking for a church to call home. A special fellowship time will follow both services.

Also, there will be a special send-off litany for two groups within the church - the Women's Retreat Group, departing Friday, April 11, and the High School Youth Group, departing Thursday, April 10.

April 13 - Guest preacher - Dr. Robin Knowles Wallace, Professor of Worship and Music at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio and an In-Care person with the Central Southeast Association of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Knowles-Wallace will stick around after the 10:30a service to give some expert advice on our **sanctuary remodel plans**.

April 20 - There will be a baptism this Sunday!

April 27 - The cohort from Torie's Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) experience at Riverside Methodist Hospital will be leading worship at 10:30a this Sunday. Worship leaders include Rabbi Sharon Mars, Chaplain Collette Smith, Chaplain Stacy Spencer, CPE Instructor Rev. Mike Oskin, and Chaplain Jill Rasmussen-Baker. The subject for this day's sermon is Psalm 66, and each of these individuals will be sharing how this particular psalm speaks to them as individuals or in their ministry setting. **Join us for a potluck immediately following the 10:30a service.**

The Power of
PRAYER



May 1 - National Day of Prayer. Highwater will be open all day for prayer. Suggested prayers will be available and Pastor Torie will be available as well if you'd like to pray with someone. We will also be taking prayer requests the Sunday before and have those available for use. Let's not underestimate the power of prayer! And, if you are not currently part of the Prayer Chain and would like to be, please see or call Carolyn Claggett (967-5056) to get your name added.



Congratulations Graduates

It's almost graduation season! If you have a graduating senior in your family (high school, college, or post-college), please let Susan Hatch or Janet Goodman know so that your graduate can be recognized at the May 11th Graduation Sunday event. Please use the form printed below and return to the church office, Susie, or Janet.

Thanks for your help!

Name: _____ Graduating From: _____

What's Next: _____

Operation Adam - This Month's Mission Ministry Project



In a partnership with the Marne United Methodist Church, Highwater is collecting needed items for military personnel through the month of April. Please pick up a list of needed items (on the green 'bookmark' next to the bulletins) and drop them off in the Highwater Hope Chest anytime this month. Please put money to help cover the cost of postage in the 'Change for Change' jar. Thank you!

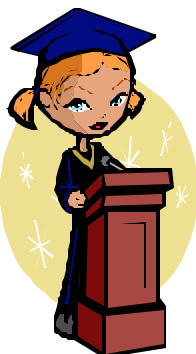


-The Missions Ministry

Pastor Torie is Graduating May 17, 2008

I'll be graduating on May 17th! It's been my limited experience that most graduation ceremonies are rather lengthy...and I don't expect anyone to attend this particular ceremony at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio. However, I also recognize that I could not have made it to this point without all the support that this family of faith has shown me, and there have been many people who have gone out of their way to be encouraging and supportive over these last six years. If you'd like to come to the graduation, please let me know by April 24th. There is no cost. And again, there is no expectation or pressure on anyone!! Thanks!

- Pastor Torie



High School Youth Happenings

There will be ten people attending the Passion Retreat in Atlanta. They will depart on Thursday, April 10, and return on Sunday, April 13. Please remember to pray for them on this journey in faith.

Friday, April 4 from 6-8:00p.m. please plan to attend a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the youth activity fund.

June - In June our youth along with the youth from the Lighthouse Church in Utica will be attending the "Alive" concert. The two group are planning a fall retreat together as well.

Reflections on Holy Week 2008

Maundy Thursday:

Thanks for an inspiring Maundy Thursday. service! After enduring so many paraphrased ceremonies. It is a real joy for this old soldier to hear the scriptures read. We were taught to read the Book and if God said it, we believe it! You are a blessing to our whole family!

In Christian Love, *Fred and Judy Grace*

Good Friday:

Especially after seeing the movie "The Passion of The Christ," the Good Friday service was very moving for me this year. During the service the energy in the sanctuary was so calm with our sorrow of Christ's death and just the candles being lit, it actually made me tremble after seeing and discussing what Jesus had to go through that day just for us. Before I never really looked at the crucifixion of Jesus and it was just a thing he did. Don't get me wrong I always thought it was amazing but this year I finally understood all the heartbreaking things he had to go through just for us.

The Good Friday service has been one of the biggest impacts on my Christian life so far, I truly think everyone should experience the power of it.

-*Evan Rowe*

Good Friday:

The "Passion of the Christ" movie is a profound story of courage and great sacrifice depicting the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus Christ. We were disappointed that so few of our congregation attended this powerful story.

We were then blessed by a wonderful Tennebrae service after the movie. Pastor Torie not only shared a wonderful service, but incorporated readings done by members of the congregation from various books of the Bible. As each reading was completed a candle was extinguished until it was "Finished". This service combined with the movie and some additional moving music offered by Jeff French made those last hours of Christ real. It was an extremely powerful evening.

Thank you Torie.

- *David and Betty Nash, and Debbie Smetts*

Easter Sunday

Dear Torie,

I wanted to send you a note to thank you for a great service on Easter. You continue to get better and better or perhaps God is just giving me better attention abilities.....either way, I'm happy.

I also want to commend you for saying a welcome to our visitors. We had quite a few visitors on Sunday and need to concentrate on getting them to return every Sunday, not just on major holidays.

Peace, -*Tom Siegel*

March Giving and Attendance		
March 2	\$2,612.00	127
March 9	\$ 666.00	48
March 16	\$7,626.00	77
March 23	N/A	235
March 30	N/A	

A Quick Financial Update

Thank you Kroger's Shoppers for continuing to load your cards. Total contribution for January - March was \$1,258.00. Anyone needing information on how to receive this card, please call Nancy Schmidt at 740-587-2890.

Although our giving is up from last year at this time, we are still \$1,405.00 short on our budgeted amount through March 16.

Please respond to this message in any way possible.

- Your Treasurer, Debbie Smetts

An Opportunity for Self-Defense Classes Offered at Trinity UCC Church in Thornville

Impact Safety Program will deliver a 6 hour Mother/Daughter Self-Defense and Boundary Training Course on April 25 and April 26 from 6-9 PM each evening. The class will cost \$115 per person and is open to the community. The class is limited to 16 people and is open to women and girls who are at least 12 years old. The participants need not be related. This class is designed to help prepare women to protect themselves against physical and sexual attacks, bullying and other ways people attempt to violate our physical and emotional boundaries. To register, please call Pastor Leslie Taylor at 740-246-5644 no later than April 15. If there is enough interest, we will also have a Father/Son program in the near future.