

The Bridge

Ohltown United Methodist Church

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*The Mission of Ohltown United Methodist Church is to make
and mature disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

I like to watch Wheel of Fortune with my husband... BUT he doesn't like it when I solve the puzzles too early. I guess if we are honest, we all like time to figure things out. The same holds true when we are trying to figure out "who done it" while watching a movie. In some stories, hope is wrapped up in the obvious and concrete elements of the plot, but other times hope is revealed through a surprise ending or a twist... giving new life to the story.

The Easter story is a vivid example of things that aren't always as they seem. In a way, Easter is a celebration of the greatest story twist in history, one that's so revolutionary it changes everything for all time.

It's easy to gloss over the Easter story, we've heard it so many times and forget the surprise and shock of the resurrection. It's easy to read through the Gospels without that "aha" moment it really delivers.

We have the privilege of reading the resurrection into the teachings of Jesus, we know how the story ends. But for the disciples, the moments before the resurrection were steeped in fear, darkness, and confusion. For the disciples, the resurrection provided an incredible plot twist that made the story come alive in a new way ... past experiences began to make sense.

This Easter, relive the surprise ending; relive the story with a fresh passion for the genuine hope that we embrace. Relive the reality of a risen Lord and new life.

Come, join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord.

"You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead."
Acts 3:15

Blessings,
Pastor Teresa

Opportunities for Worship

April 2

Final Lenten Study

April 6 ~ Spring District Conference & Worship

Church Hill UMC

9 am – noon

April 7 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent Communion Sunday

Come prepare your heart for the Lord.

April 14 ~ Palm Sunday

*"If you tell them to be silent
the stones would shout"*

April 16

Humility House Worship

April 18 ~ Holy Thursday

Join us at 7 pm as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We will celebrate foot washing (optional), baptism renewal, and Holy Communion.

Pastor Brad Bloomster
will deliver the message.

April 19 ~ Good Friday

Join us at West Austintown at noon.

Pastor Teresa has been asked to deliver the message. A free luncheon will be provided following the service.

April 21 ~ Resurrection Day!

7:00 a.m. ~ Sunrise Service

8:00 ~ Pancake Breakfast

9:30 ~ Traditional Service

11:15 ~ New Hope UMC service

April 28

2nd Sunday of Easter



Spring District Conference

Leadership in the church are invited and encouraged to attend the Spring District Conference taking place on Saturday, **April 6** from 9 am – noon at Church Hill UMC.

Mineral Ridge Food Pantry

Donations needed for the Mineral Ridge Food Pantry due April 7 include egg coloring kits and monetary gifts for ham vouchers (which can be given to Joan). Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

United Methodist Women

The annual UMW Spring District meeting will take place on Thursday, **April 11** at 9 am at Lockwood UMC.

Trash and Treasure Sale

Look ahead to Saturday **May 4** for our Trash and Treasure Sale. You may begin bringing in your treasures on Tuesday, April 23. Please be sure items are clean and ready to be priced.

Holy Thursday Service

On Thursday, **April 18**, we will host the Community Maundy or Holy Thursday service at 7:00 pm. This service will have many elements. We will have foot or hand washing, baptism renewal, and communion. Normally we do not do a hand washing because some feel it is reminiscent of Pontius Pilate washing his hands of the situation, however this is not the case. If you have your hands washed by another it is an act of humility. Foot washing is a powerful act of humility and reminds us of the servant heart that Christ had when he washed their feet. These are optional but we hope that you will participate in one or the other.

Our special offering will go to the Farmer to Farmer ministry.

Easter Flower Orders

You may pick up your Easter Flowers following the traditional service on April 21. Please be sure to speak with Debbie Fisher before you take your flowers. Thank you.

Portraits for Easter



Did you ever think: “Hey, we are all dressed up; it would be great to have a family portrait, but who can find a photographer on Easter?”

This year Ohltown will be offering the opportunity for a family portrait between the Sunrise and Traditional service. We will have photographer Sandi Rich taking pictures. The decorated altar will be the back drop for the portraits. Each family will receive a free 5x7 from the picture taken on Easter Sunday (available on May 12). It is your responsibility to come to the church to pick up the picture, we will not mail them.

Additional prints will be available through Sandi Rich.

Pastor Teresa Away

Pastor Teresa will be traveling after worship on April 21 and will be returning May 1. Pastor Shane Russo will be covering any pastoral emergency in her absence. If you are in need of a pastor please call Beverly at church Mon.-Thurs. 9 am-1 pm: 652-6614 or after hours at 330-206-6517. Pastor Teresa will not have access to a phone so please do not try to call her.

Brick Remembrance

Have you noticed how beautiful our commemorative brick walkway has started? We are taking orders through April 30 to make sure you can be included as this project continues. You may purchase yours in honor or memory of loved ones, include your family name, or business. There are order forms available in the back of the sanctuary and through the Church Office. The cost is only \$40 per brick and proceeds benefit the Church Improvement Fund. Be a permanent part of Ohltown UMC with your personalized brick.

Jr. Church

The junior church class has been working on learning the Lord's Prayer. They have been memorizing the words as we study what the words mean each week leading up to Easter. If you see someone of this age group, feel free to ask them how they're doing on the Lord's Prayer! (And, if you see a member of the youth-age Sunday School class, ask them too! They are breaking the Lord's Prayer into sections and studying what each means when applied to their own lives.)



The youth would like to thank everyone for supporting them by purchasing chocolate covered pretzels and potato soup. We are focusing more and more on raising funds to go on a mission trip next summer, and we are always appreciative of your support, both financially and through your prayers.

Thank you, Jeff McCracken, for replacing a broken electrical outlet in the pastor's office. And a special thank you to Bill Hahn for his contribution to the decorations for the Easter Worship Service. And a great big thank you to Linda Hahn for keeping the palm trees alive for our Palm Sunday Service.



Please do NOT throw away your mascara wands. Instead, clean JUST THE WAND with Dawn soap, place them in a Ziploc bag, and mail them to a wildlife refuge accepting donations. These little wands are able to be upcycled to clean away oil, larvae, fly eggs, mites, infections, mud and other contaminants from wildlife. These work great for medical care and wound treatment. Pick your refuge to mail to:

Appalachian Wild		Wildlife Wands
P.O. Box 1211	OR	P.O. Box 1586
Skyland, NC 28776		Southwick, MA 01077



Today, dear Lord, I am 80,
and there's much I haven't done.
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.
But, if I haven't finished all I want to do,
Would you please let me stay awhile, until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go, so much I want to see
Do you think you could manage to make it 83?
Many things I may have done,
but there's so much left in store,
I'd like it very much to live to 84.
And if by then, I'm still alive,
Then, I'd like to stay to 85.
The world is changing very fast,
so I'd really like to stick
And see what happens to the world when I am 86.
I know, dear Lord, it's a lot to ask,
And it will be nice in heaven,
But I'd really like to stay around until I'm 87.
I know by then I won't be fast,
and sometimes, I'll be late,
but it would be oh-so-pleasant
to be around at 88.
I will have seen so many things
And had a wonderful time,
So, I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89.
(Well - - maybe.)

New or Slightly Used

As you know Ohltown Mission committee has adopted the 4th grade class at Seaborne Elementary. What you may not know is that the students will be completing testing mid-April. They will NOW be able to have recess. The teachers are asking for some assistance to restock recess supplies that promote activity and working together. Any type of balls: basketball, baseball, nerf ball, soccer. Or other outdoor activities like: sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, hula hoops etc. We need to remember that sometimes it rains during recess and they are forced to be indoors. So with that in mind we are also collecting board-games, coloring books, crayons, puzzles and such. These can be new or slightly used (just make sure all the pieces are there). We have a limited time to collect these items and would like to get them to the classes around the time they return from Spring break, April 29. We will be collecting them beginning April 1. Look for a bin outside of Pastor Teresa's office.

Mother's Day Gifts

This year we will be purchasing special bulletins and gifts for women attending our Mother's Day worship service. If you would like to contribute to these items in memory or in honor of your mom or a person who has been like a mother to you, please see Pastor Teresa.

Facts and Figures

	Attendance	Given to the Lord
March 3	75	\$3,277
March 10	74	\$1,602
Reuben Sale		\$ 851
March 17	82	\$1,382
March 24	70	\$1,865

Opportunities to Pray for One Another



Prayer Concerns

Al Darby	David Mellott	Mary Ann (lifted by Frank)
Ashly (lifted by Jane Bell)	Glenn (lifted by Becky)	Mary Beth (lifted by Sarah Plant)
Bill (lifted by Daryle)	Harold Baringer	Robert (lifted by Daryle)
Blake Hood	Iris (lifted by Robin Bowers)	Sophia (lifted by Sarah)
Bud Simkins	Jim (lifted by Carolyn Lorent)	Wanda Armstrong
Chick Giovanni	LuAnn Allen	Yvonne Hornberger
Daryle Hornberger	Marcella (lifted by Linda Whittlesey)	Zack (lifted by Lorna)
David Hill		

Joys

*Congratulations to Linda Reichard as she will be a grandma again
Congratulations to Lois Ann upon the arrival of her 10th great grandchild,
Ellianna Grace born March 20 weighing 8 lbs, 8 oz.*

Condolences

*Condolences to the Postlewaith family following the passing of Angel
Condolences to the Mellott family following the passing of Glen
Condolences to the Solinger family following the passing of Gina
Condolences to the Hahn family following the passing of a friend
Condolences to the Hoxworth family following the passing of Charlotte
Condolences to the Wolfcale family following the passing of Art*

Keep these folks in your prayers as they celebrate special days this month:

Birthdays

2	Karen Kozicki
5	Willow Keller
6	Rhonda Harris
8	Marion Garrity, Christian Hood, Darren Hood
11	Peyton Kasbee
13	Harrison Rhinehart
15	Howard Divelbiss, Chick Giovanni
18	Janet Hood
20	Madison Diana, Mary Jean Swauger
21	Gavin Van Kleeck
24	Linda Hahn
25	Joan Gearhart, Gene Mellott
28	Bill Hahn
29	Sarah Bowers, Preston Walker
30	Dean Knipp

Anniversaries

5	Dave & Cathy Mellott
28	Scott & Julie Gearhart

**Milestone birthdays!
Consider sending a card.
Let's help make this year
extra special for:**

Harold Baringer
Howard Divelbiss (90th birthday)
Chick Giovanni

Keep our April worship leaders in your prayers:

Worship Leaders

	<i>Liturgists</i>	<i>Greeters</i>
7	Christy Sheldon	Linda Paulsey
14	Cheryl Emrich	Marcy Sabol
21 (7am)	Lois Ann Phillips	Joe Smolka
21 (9:30)	Randy Emrich	Dean & Tammy Knipp
28	UMW Sunday	Lorna Ramsey

April 2019

Sunday Worship 9:30 am / Sunday School 10:45 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bible Study 11 am / 6 pm Administrative Council 7 pm	3 Quilters 10 am  Choir Rehearsal 6	4	5	6 Spring District Conference 9 am – 12 pm Church Hill UMC
7 Egg Hunt 2 – 3 pm 	8	9 SPRC Meeting 6 pm	10 Quilters 10 am Choir Rehearsal 6 Girl Scouts	11 UMW Spring District meeting Lockwood UMC 9 am	12	13
14  Palm Sunday	15 UMW 7 pm	16 Humility House Worship 10 am	17 Quilters 10 am Newsletter deadline Choir Rehearsal 6	18 Maundy Thursday Here at Ohltown UMC 7 pm	19 Good Friday at West Austintown UMC noon	20
21 Sunrise Service 7 am Traditional Service 9:30 am	22 Church Office closed Pastor Teresa out of town	23 Start to bring in Trash and Treasure Sale donations	24 Quilters 10 am Choir Rehearsal 6 Girl Scouts	25	26	27
28 UMW Sunday	29 Pastor Teresa out of town through May 1	30	<i>Join us for our Resurrection Sunday services at 7 am and 9:30 am on April 21 with breakfast served between. Let us celebrate the risen Lord!</i>			

Geraniums for Memorial Day Service

Pre-paid Orders are due by April 28
To the church office
Red or White geraniums are available
6-inch pot for \$8.00 each



_____ Red x \$ 8.00 = \$ _____

_____ White x 8.00 = \$ _____



In Honor of:

In Memory of:

_____ For the Glory of God

Given by: _____

You will be able to pick up your Geraniums following the May 26th
Worship Service

_____ Please use my Geraniums to plant at the church

*Geraniums are provided by Rhonda
Thank you, Rhonda, for this opportunity.*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
Teresa C. Smolka, Pastor
Nancy Goddard, Custodian
Beverly Kalasky, Secretary