

# Ohltown U.M.C.



We believe in making disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

## April 2022

I was reading “The Case for Easter” by Lee Strobel and he tells the story of a young girl that was killed in a 1963 bombing in Birmingham, Alabama. He said that for years the family went to leave flowers at the grave site. Then in 1998 they made the decision to unearth the deceased for reburial at another cemetery. When the workers went to dig up the body, they found the grave empty. Of course, the family was upset. They tried to figure out what happened. But due to poor record keeping they had decided that the tombstone was erected in the wrong place. In all of the conversations, not once was it suggested that a resurrection had taken place. Why? Because by itself an empty grave does not a resurrection make. We have eyewitness accounts to the death and burial of Jesus and we have eyewitness accounts of an empty tomb AND of the appearances of Jesus. We have Mary Magdalene in John 20, other women in Matthew 28, Luke 24 to Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, of course to the apostles in John 20, John 21 and Matthew 28. Then we read Paul’s account in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 NIV:

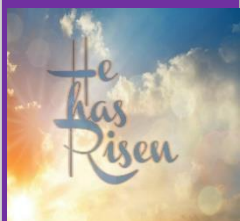
*“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*

We do not have

to speculate or wonder why the Tomb was empty...We KNOW!!! God sent his only Son so that you and I would have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. That is not just something I preach on Easter morning for a good sermon, it is something I believe with all of my heart. Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. He rose from the dead and conquered death. Through His death, we are able to renew our relationship with God and move forward in life through the hope of Jesus Christ. That is the Good News of Easter.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Teresa



The Bride



## *Opportunities for Worship*

### **April 3 ~ Communion Sunday**

Come Share in the sacrament of Holy Communion

### **April 10 ~ Palm Sunday**

Come celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Crosses will be given to all in attendance

### **April 14 ~ Holy Thursday**

Worship with us at 6:00 p.m. for a service of commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest.

### **April 15 ~ Good Friday**

Join us at noon as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

### **April 17 ~ Sunrise Service Online**

A brief message will be offered for Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

### **April 17 ~ Easter Service**

Join us at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate our risen Lord. We will have special music, favorite hymns and a message of hope as we celebrate our Saviors victory over death.

### **April 24 ~ second Sunday of Easter**

The celebration continues!

### **May 1 ~ UMW Sunday**

Join the Ladies of the church as they bring our message.

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*Thank you, Anonymous, for your generous gift.  
May you have many blessings. Nancy G.*

*Thank you to those who showed up to help with the parsonage cleaning; Jeff McCracken, Guy Shively, Bill Hahn, Karen Kozicki, Cheryl Emrich, and Joe, Chrissy, and Joey Baird. Your good works are appreciated more than you know!*

## **FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!!**



Drive-thru Easter Celebration at OUMC  
When: Saturday, April 9  
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Games, Prizes, Crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt!  
*Come and join the fun!!*

### **UMW SPRING DISTRICT MEETING**

It's time to make your reservation for the UMW Spring District Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at Smith Corners UMC, beginning at 9AM. Reservations of \$8.00 are due to Linda Hahn by Sunday, April 10.

### **EASTER GIFT BAGS**

If you would like to contribute to the gift bags for our shut-ins, items are due by Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday). Include items that they might use on a daily basis: small bottles of hand lotion, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, Easter candy, cookies, crackers, etc.

### **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

If you would like to brighten our altar with flowers, there are a few ways you can do this. They can be ordered from Crystal Vase for \$25.00. This price has not changed for many years and it does include the vase. You can also order from Crystal Vase but take them your own vase which means you will get more flowers. Another option is to buy a bouquet from the supermarket, put them in a vase and bring them into the church. For any further information, please contact Kary Shively who will now be taking any payment for the Flower Committee.

**If you wish to purchase** special bulletins in memory of your mother or father for Mother's Day (May 8) and/or Father's Day (June 19), please let Pastor Teresa know as soon as possible.

**Please DO NOT tape** your offering envelope or special offering envelope closed. If you want it sealed, moisten the glue tab. Thank you.

**Old house batteries** can once again be turned into the custodian's office. Nancy will then take them to be disposed of in the proper way.



“He is not here,  
He is  
*Risen.*”  
Matthew 28:6

Dear Friends,

As our journey to the cross takes us into Holy Week; to the foot of the cross; and to the empty tomb; I pray your Lenten journey has found you immersed in God’s word. I hope you have had the opportunity to join us for our daily on-line devotions or you have found a practice that has drawn you closer to God.

Join us during Holy week as we prepare for the conclusion to our journey and make our hearts ready for Easter. The reduction of Covid Cases makes it possible for us to meet in person and together for the first time in 2 years. Please join us.

- April 10: Palm Sunday, each person attending worship will receive an African Palm cross as we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry in Jerusalem.
- April 14: Maundy Thursday, will be a service of Holy Communion and a symbolic Foot Washing. We will also “Nail” our sins to the cross.
- April 15: Good Friday, we will gather on this solemn day at noon, to remember the death of Jesus on the cross as an everlasting example of God’s love for us.
- April 17: Easter Sunday, let the trumpets sound and voices sing “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” We will gather as a church family to celebrate the amazing depths of God’s grace that not even death could contain God’s love for us in Jesus. Our Sunrise Service will be held online at 7:00 a.m., and our traditional in person service at 9:30 a.m.

On behalf of the Finance Committee I thank you for your faithful and generous support that has allowed us to continue our outreach and ministry. You will find a special envelope enclosed with this mailing for your Easter offering. You may also give using our Tithe.ly App.

Praise God, Christ has Risen Indeed!

Happy Easter,

Pastor Teresa Krueger

# APRIL 2022

| Date     | Attendance | Online Views | Gifts  |
|----------|------------|--------------|--------|
| March 6  | 51         | 57           | \$2111 |
| March 13 | 49         | 58           | \$2690 |
| March 20 | 49         | 61           | \$2192 |
| March 27 | 41         | 35           | \$1543 |

| Sunday                                                                                                                  | Monday              | Tuesday                                         | Wednesday             | Thursday                                                           | Friday                                                                                   | Saturday                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27<br>                                 | 28                  | 29                                              | 30                    | 31                                                                 | 1<br> | 2                                                          |
| 3<br>Worship Service<br>9:30 AM<br><i>Communion</i>                                                                     | 4                   | 5<br>11:00 AM<br>Bible Study                    | 6<br>Quilters 10 - 2  | 7                                                                  | 8                                                                                        | 9<br>Drive-Thru Easter<br>Celebration<br>2:00 PM – 3:00 PM |
| 10<br><br>Worship Service<br>9:30 AM  | 11                  | 12                                              | 13<br>Quilters 10 - 2 | 14<br>Worship Service<br>6:00 PM<br><br><i>MAUNDY<br/>THURSDAY</i> | 15<br>Worship Service<br>Noon<br><br><i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>                                  | 16                                                         |
| 17<br><br>Worship Service<br>9:30 AM | 18<br>UMW – 6:30 PM | 19                                              | 20<br>Quilters 10 - 2 | 21                                                                 | 22                                                                                       | 23                                                         |
| 24<br>Worship Service<br>9:30 AM                                                                                        | 25                  | 26<br>UMW Spring<br>District Meeting<br>9:00 AM | 27<br>Quilters 10 - 2 | 28                                                                 | 29                                                                                       | 30                                                         |

*Our deepest sympathies go out to Pat in the passing of her nephew, Barry.*

*Our deepest sympathies go out to Linda's stepchildren in the passing of their mother.*

*Our deepest sympathies go out to Amy & Emily for the passing of their Dad/Grandfather.*

### April Liturgist Schedule

- 3 Christy Sheldon
- 10 Hannah Baird (Palm Sunday)
- 14 Linda Hahn (Maundy Thursday)
- 17 Cheryl Emrich (Easter)
- 24 UMW

### APRIL CELEBRATIONS

#### Happy Birthday!

- 2 Karen Kozicki
- 5 Willow Keller
- 6 Rhonda Harris
- 8 Marion Garrity
- 18 Janet Hood
- 20 Madison Diana
- 24 Linda Hahn
- 25 Joan Gearhart
- 28 Bill Hahn
- 30 Dean Knipp

#### Happy Anniversary!

- 5 Dave & Kathy Mellott
- 29 Scott & Julie Gearhart

### **DISTRICT CAMBERSHIPS**

District Camperships are now available. If you are interested in a \$50 camp scholarship, please email the district office for a Campership application.

([office@mvdistumc.org](mailto:office@mvdistumc.org)) The deadline for applications is Friday, April 29.



Anyone wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute through UMCOR at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) or through the church.

Use Advance #982450

By using UMCOR, 100% of your donation will go to the Ukrainian people.

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