

Bethany

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

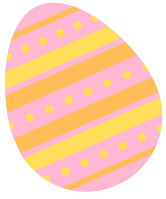


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He is risen! April 17 is Easter, when we remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a day of joy and celebrating expectations of the new life that comes with his resurrection and the beginning of spring. In all of his teachings, Jesus has promised new life and new possibilities, and his resurrection is another one of these lessons. Easter is a time of rebirth for all of us, not just Jesus. As we come out of Lent and come together to celebrate Easter, we find new opportunities through our own resurrections. Opportunities for self growth after a long period of self reflection, as well as aiding others. The Holy Spirit flows through each and every one of us and connects our community through her love and grace, and we should continue to spread that love and grace. During the Easter season, we can play our part in our community and offer a helping hand in order to spread God's love. Easter is a time for our community to come together and celebrate, strengthening bonds and spreading joy. It is a day to come together with your church and your family to share in each other's excitement. We participate in traditions such as cooking good food and dying Easter eggs-- which are also a symbol of rebirth. So, let's celebrate. Let us celebrate the warm weather, the lengthening days, the sprouting flowers, the warm sun, the singing birds, our families, our community, our church, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Love, Pastor Denise





EXTREME COMMUNITY MAKEOVER



Extreme Community Makeover

On April 9, we are hosting Extreme Community Makeover. We have been partnering with them for years and it is always nice to be able to offer them our yard and bathrooms as we all help to improve our Barnum neighborhood.



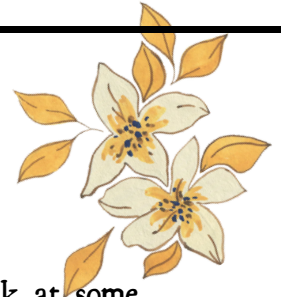
United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith

We've taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today. It's an exhilarating time, as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact. We remain women of passion and power, united by God's love in our mission to support women, children, and youth.

April Needs:
Cereal, Tomato
Sauce, Jelly, Diapers
size 4 and 5



**Vacation Bible School at Community
Ministry, June 26 - 30. The need
volunteers to help with VBS AND
the need snack donations.**



Easter Traditions

Like any other holiday, Easter has its fair share of traditions. Let's take a look at some popular traditions and festivities!

Planting an Easter garden: As Easter is only a few weeks after the Spring Equinox, it is the ideal time to get outside and start planting a garden. From flowers to veggies, you can fill your garden with your favorite plants to celebrate the beginning of spring.

Hot cross buns: A widely loved dish to serve during Easter, these pastries were originally eaten only on Good Friday. However, they soon became a treat eaten throughout Lent and the Easter season.

Dressing up: Easter Sunday is the perfect day to wear your prettiest pastels and nicest outfits, and is also when you can finally take off your winter jacket and enjoy the warm spring weather.

Gifting Easter lilies: these white flowers symbolize purity and innocence, and are a popular flower to gift during the Easter season.

Eating candy: jelly beans, Peeps, chocolate bunnies, and many other sweets are a widely loved treat during Easter, all of which are enjoyed both by children and their parents.



The History of the Easter Egg

The Easter egg originates from the early christians of Mesopotamia, who dyed eggs during the period after Easter. This tradition was adopted by Orthodox Churches, and eventually spread to Western Europe. Additionally, long ago, eggs used to be one of the items which christians would give up for Lent, so they would celebrate the end of Lent and Easter Sunday by eating eggs. The tradition of painting and dying eggs became a part of another tradition in the 1700's when German immigrants brought their tradition to Pennsylvania, and their children created colorful nests for the Easter Bunny to lay the colorful eggs in.

April 2022

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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11AM Worship

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Bishop Karen Oliveto
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship
Palm Sunday

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Ernie Morales
BIRTHDAY

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Mary Johnson
BIRTHDAY

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Good Friday Worship
at 1:00 p.m.

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11AM Worship
Easter Sunday

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Leroy Shook
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship
Food Raiser at Black-
eyed Pea at 1st and
Wadsworth, 4 pm - close

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Gwen Schipper
BIRTHDAY

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Lectionary Readings

April 17, 2021

- Acts 10:34-43
- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
- Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18
- Luke 24:1-12

April 24, 2021

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29
- Psalm 150
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31

April 3, 2021

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

April 10, 2021

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Luke 19:28-40
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56
- Luke 23:1-49

Acolytes and Ushers

Carson Kaiser
Tristan Steelman

Liturgists

April 3, 2021

Eva Staley

April 10, 2021

Lataine Shaw

April 17, 2021

Mary Johnson

April 24, 2021

Eva Staley