



Newsletter for April 2023



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What's Happening

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



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Pastor Words of Wisdom

I always find Christian holidays to be interesting, because most people assume them to be the end points of certain seasons or times of the year, and then we move on to the next thing. Christmas marks the end of Advent and the “Happy Holidays” season. Easter marks the end of Lent and (hopefully) an end to winter.

Once they are done, we often ask ourselves, “what’s next?”

But I always tend to view them as beginnings instead; as the days of the year when I am reminded of all of the things that I as a follower of Christ need to start (or restart) doing.

Let’s take Easter for example, since it is the holiday we are about to celebrate. Easter does, officially, mark the end of Lent. But it also is the day that we are reminded that Jesus’ time on earth has ended, and it is now up to us to spread the Gospel in his place.

Easter is our invitation to start spreading the Good News to the world. It is the beginning of our Great Commission!

Jesus has ascended to heaven, which leaves us as his followers to take over the work that he was doing. We are now the ones who have to offer hospitality, who have to welcome the stranger, who have to eat with the poor and pray with the sinner and love our neighbor.

The tomb is empty. Jesus is no longer here. It’s up to us now!

Easter should not just be another waypoint throughout our year. It is not something that should happen and then be forgotten about until next year. It should be our reminder that we are called to do so much more. It should be the day that we fully embrace the idea that we are the hands and feet of God.

Easter is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and then understand what that resurrection means for us in our daily lives.

Jesus defeated death so that we could truly live. What will we make of this newfound life? What will we do to help others more fully live their lives?

What new beginnings can we embrace this Easter Sunday so that we can bring even more Good News to even more people?



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Trecy Bates Webb

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| Erma Amrein | Nola & Jan Apro |
| Tracy & William Bates | Katie Blackburn |
| Vicki Celenza | Carol & Mike Chalfin |
| Ellie Davis | Carol Egbert |
| Sonya & Mark Heitman | Deanna & Henry Huber |
| Trudy Jester | Dot Kahle |
| Nancy King | Nancy Klusmeier |
| Mary Matthews | James Mueller |
| Carolyn & Roy Push | Steve & Bonnie Rogers |
| Pam & Don Sierra | Roslyn & Charles Swigert |
| Bob & Linda Vail & Extended Family | Linda Woods |
| Anne & Skip Zimmer | |

In Memory of Ray Bates, Jr.

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| Carol & Mike Chalfin | Ellie Davis |
| Linda Woods | |

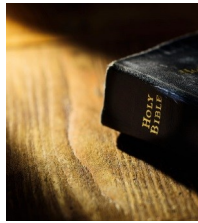
In Memory of Stanley & Eleanor Schaefer

Jessica & Grant Tagestad

In Honor of Deb Schaefer

Jessica & Grant Tagestad

Worship Leaders
in April



Communion Servers
in April



4/2/2023 Trudy Jester
 4/9/2023 Ben Sauer
 4/16/2023 Jim Hutchison
 4/23/2023 Vicki Celenza
 4/30/2023 Bobbie Compton

4/2/2023 Trudy Jester Ben Sauer
 4/9/2023 Ben Sauer Louise Pitcher
 4/16/2023 Dee Iverson Roxanne Reed
 4/23/2023 Vicki Celenza Kathy Terrell
 4/30/23 Bobbie Compton Lois Bates

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, April 23rd, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

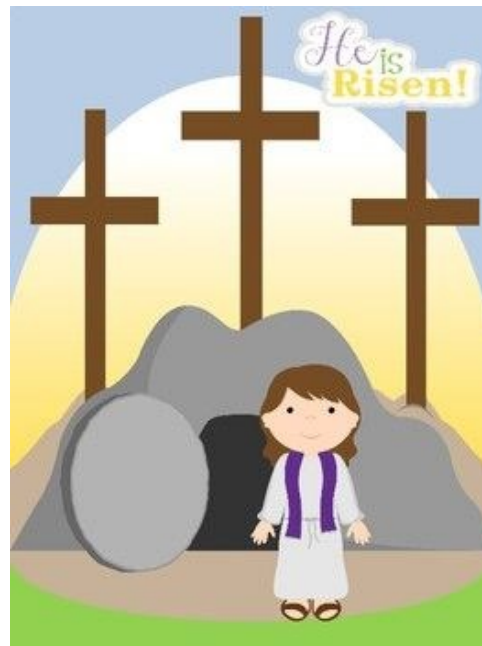


ST. PAUL EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Happy Easter from all of us at St. Paul Early Learning Center. This past week, our weekly Chapel Chat was about Jesus’ death and resurrection. The children learned that his is the more important story in the Bible. The children listened attentively and asked some great questions! We ended Chapel Chat talking about how the easter Bunny, eggs, and candy are so much fun, but Jesus is the best part of the celebration of easter. As we finished the lesson, one child gave a huge smile and said, “You are right! That was a good story!” Children have a way of teaching us many things.

May you have a blessed Easter and remember that it is truly a good story!

Judy Staudigel
St. Paul Early Learning Center & Staff



Scouting News

We are in danger of the Scout Troop folding. If you have or know of someone Ages 11—18, male or female, please consider passing along that we do indeed have a scout troop here. Please pass along contact info - Skip Zimmer 513-578-5211. We are having an open house, May 1st with lots of scouting activities and fun!



The members of the Venture Crew that are headed to Sea Base in June thank everyone who attended and or donated to the Pancake Breakfast. They are greatly appreciative for your support to help them get to Sea Base. Many, many thanks!

A few members and a couple of our adults were approached at the end of the pancake breakfast, from members of the church. They passed along that they really enjoyed breakfast and thought it would be a great idea for us to hold a breakfast once a month. The crew has made the decision to do this once a quarter. Our next breakfast will be on June 4th after worship!

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Charles Brown Wm & Eileen Church Doris Dunn
 Alice Graber Sharon Frazier Ruth Hoeweler Emmett Izer
 Nancy Lanza Melitta & John Marx Hilda Meier Bob Runk
 Dave Schleutker Elmer Seesing Elaine Sloan Gay Steinhauer
 Anne Timme Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

Special Prayer Request

Our Service Men and Women

The Country of Ukraine

Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers

Cities affected by any and all Violence

Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence

Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake

Jerry Allen Etzel Andrews Nola Apro Ray Bates Bob Bechtold
 Pat Bonaccorso Barb Bugg Andy Campbell Bill Carter Kim Caudell
 Emmalynn Colins Rob Condo Verna Cowan Wm. Church
 Cathy Criswell Debbie Brian Drinnen Carolyn Dykes
 Kim Ferry Diane Griswold Theo Gruber Gael Gruenwald
 Nick Helton Michelle Henn Jim Kobb
 Jackie Petrocelli Kim Manifold Harper Manning
 Carol Boyce-Martinez Barb Nuckols Bill Richards, Jr.
 Ed Ross Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer Kari Shell Colleen Smith
 Gloria Stagman Karen Street Ann VanderMolen
 Chad Wilcocks Kyle Williams Mike Woeste
 Family of Bonnie Paulson Family of Treacy Bates Webb
 Family of Mary Jane Burgess Family of Ray Bates
 Nelson and Marie - Tree Fell on Home

*Please keep the office informed when
 Names can be removed or need to be added*



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| 4/3 Don Fischer | 4/11 Matt Tietsort | 4/19 Quaid Hauer |
| Ann Roberts | 4/14 Carolyn Dykes | 4/20 Trudy Jester |
| Elmer Seesing | 4/15 Sue Erickson | 4/28 Elizabeth Cain |
| 4/7 Matthew Chalfin | 4/17 Carol Chalfin | Samantha Wiesman |
| 4/8 Marlene Sheward | 4/18 Sandy Blevins | 4/30 Dorothy Dumford |
| 4/9 Owen Chalfin | | Steve Lighthall |



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| 5/1 Karen Schroer | 5/8 Alice Graber | 5/18 Megan Jungkunz |
| John Turner | Romone Johnson | 5/19 Alexis Mittler |
| 5/3 Betty Klug | Ben Turner | 5/21 Jackie Lamott |
| 5/5 Pam Leist | 5/9 Emmett Izer | 5/23 Tyler Mittler |
| Derek Street | 5/11 Dee Iverson | 5/29 Sue Marshall |
| 5/6 Jenny Birdsong | Steven Johnson | 5/31 Judith McIlhaney |
| Linda Stegman | 5/16 Greg Turner | Angie Tietsort |
| 5/7 Judy Staudigel | 5/17 Linda Woods | |
| Anne Marie Timme | | |

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Dishwashing Liquid
Non-Perishable Foods

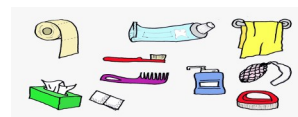
Shampoo
Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes

Spring Cleaning Supplies



**MAY
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline for the April edition is Wednesday, April 19th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners have resumed with inside seating.
Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for St. Paul. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Finance Team

ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

As our churches have combined, the Merging Committee began to look at all items that both churches offered to their Congregations. The Zwoster Scholarship was established in 2002 by two retired teachers who were members of St. Paul UCC. We are pleased to announce that this Scholarship will continue to assist our young adults who are members or who are directly related to members of Journey Community Church. Those who fit the criteria written in the Procedures and General Information may apply for the Zwoster Scholarship. Copies of the new Procedures and General Information and the Application are now available in the church office, the kiosk table in the Narthex, or they can be requested to be sent by email, by contacting the church office at 513-931-2205 or office@journeyccc.com. All applications are due in the church office no later than Friday, May 5th, 2023 by the end of church business hours.

If you have questions, you may contact the Scholarship Committee.
Sandy Blevins 513-520-2772 or sblevins50@yahoo.com
Margaret Maybury 513-522-9606 or maybury@xavier.edu



New Board and Team Leaders

Board Chair - Steve Lighthall 513.276.2697 lighthall.sh@gmail.com

Building Team Leader - Skip Zimmer 513.578.5211 skipzimmer83@gmail.com
Mike Bartholomew
Mike Hornback

Finance Team Leader - Mike Iverson 513.460.9080 miverson0@gmail.com
Judith Lewis-Combs
Deb Schaefer
Anne Zimmer - Treasurer

Personnel Team Leader - Ben Sauer 513.310.4482 bentonsauer@gmail.com
Lois Bates
Dee Iverson


Spiritual Team Leader - Robin Lighthall 513.lighthallr76@gmail.com
Vicki Celenza
Trudy Jester
Louise Pitcher
Missy Sauer

The Board will be meeting on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Each individual team will create their own meeting schedule.



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Start Program 8 AM - 3 PM Monday - Thursday						1 Lunch with Easter Bunny
2 Palm Sunday	3 AARP Tax Prep Financial Team Meeting 6 PM	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM	7 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	8 AA - 8 PM
9 Easter Sunday 9:30 Donuts/Coffee 	10 AARP Tax Prep SPELC - No School Board Meeting 6 PM	11	12	13	14 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	15 AA - 8 PM
16	17 Spiritual Team Meeting 6:00 PM	18	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	22 AA - 8 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28 HS - No School AA - 8 PM	29 AA - 8 PM
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