



Balloons disguise eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022

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From the Pastor...

Easter is almost here! It is the day that changed everything! Jesus overcame death and led the way to eternal life. It is certainly worth our time and attention.

As Easter approaches, I'm asking you to do two things. The first is to prepare yourself to celebrate Easter Sunday. I'm not just talking about showing up. I'm talking about paying attention to Holy Week.

If we do not observe Holy Week, we can't truly understand Easter. By following Jesus from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, we get a deeper appreciation of the cost of our salvation.

This year we will have five opportunities to observe the events of Holy Week. I hope you will plan on attending most of these important opportunities. The more you participate, the greater our Easter Celebration will be.

My second request is that you bring someone with you Easter Sunday. Easter and Christmas are the two times a year that folks are most likely to visit a church.

Perhaps you know an inactive member that could use a call, a new family that has moved in close to you, or a friend or family member who needs encouragement? I would be thrilled if each of our member introduced me to someone new Easter Sunday!

A Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday - April 2

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



Holy Wednesday - April 5

6:00 p.m. Study
We will discuss stewardship and how to use God's resources wisely.



Maundy Thursday - April 6

7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Commemorates the Last Supper.



Good Friday - April 7

12:00 p.m. Community Service
The most solemn day of the church year observes the day Jesus was crucified.



Easter Sunday - April 9

9:00 a.m. Brunch
10:00 a.m. Service
Hallelujah! Christ has risen! We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Schedule

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
 11:00 a.m. Kentucky Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Monday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After-School Program
 5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Preschool Choir, Children's Choir,
 & Missions
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 30

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
 5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Preschool Choir, Children's Choir,
 & Missions
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 6

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Community Service

Saturday, April 8

Happy Birthday

April 2

Betty Dyckes
 Taylor Osborne
 Gavin Williams

April 4

Lydian Green

April 5

Amanda Church

April 6

Kevin Beale

April 7

Jack Devine
 Darbee Lewis

April 8

Shirley Deal

April 11

Art Fincannon

April 12

Charles Guy
 Marc Poole

April 14

Jane French
 Rebecca Robbins

April 16

Anna Gordon
 Lois Hawkins
 Chris Hedrick
 Todd Price

April 17

Will Kyles
 Jeff Templeton
 Susan Webb

April 18

Susan Plyler
 Jim Van Zee

April 21

Brock Lowrance
 Bob Turnipseed

April 23

David McDaniel

April 25

Melissa Tompkins

April 26

Sylvia Jolly

Leah Johnson

Mary Jane Rash

April 27

Peggy Yeckley

April 28

Sandra Henderson

Max James

April 29

Lucy Rash

April 30

Allen Lippard
 Julie Wellman

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of March 12 & 19, 2023

	3/12	3/19
Live Stream Views.	18	16
In-Person.	105	167
Sunday School.	83	87

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Financial Statistics

	March	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	75,343.00	511,394.00
Budget Receipts	55,554.00	462,394.00
Goals Not Yet Met	(19,789.00)	(48,748.00)
Eddie Steele Fund	3,176.00	3,196.00
Designated	6,053.00	38,355.00

A Message From Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Operation Inasmuch and Yard Sale - Saturday, April 22

You may bring the donations for the yard sale Saturday, April 15 - Friday, April 21. We would like to have all donations in by noon on April 21.

We are in need of various supplies to help our partners in the community.

We are collecting supplies for hygiene bags, birthday party bags, and some snacks for our after school partners. Supplies needed include:

- Full Size Shampoo
- Full Size Conditioner
- Full size Body Soap
- Toothpaste
- Box Cake Mix
- Cake Icing
- Pack of 8 birthday cups
- Pack of birthday napkins
- Pack of birthday plates
- Pack of birthday plates
- Individual snacks
- Granola bars
- Protein bars,
- Individual chips

Please bring supplies to the church by Wednesday, April 17. There is a collection bin outside of the Welcome Center.

Kentucky Mission Trip Interest Meeting.

We will have the Mission Interest Meeting, Sunday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m. after the worship service in Adams Hall. This trip will be July 7-14 with the possibility for a weekend option (July 7-10) if you can't do the full week. There are various tasks that we will tackle as the rebuilding continues from the aftermath of the floods. There are many different projects that we may have the opportunity to do. These range from painting, mudding, installing insulation, putting up sheet rock, cleaning, picking up items, organizing clothing closet/thrift store, and more. As the projects are completed new lists are created for the next families and homes that are in need. Please let Elizabeth Kilby know if you are interested in the Kentucky Trip if you cannot attend the meeting.



They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

John 12:13



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Announcements

Wednesday Evening Menus

March 29
chicken pie

April 5
baked potato and salad bar

No reservation is needed.
Cost is \$5.00/adult and \$4.00/child.

A Note of Appreciation from Ginny Stikeleather

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your expressions of love and sympathy at the recent passing of Danny. Your love means so much to me and the family. May God bless you all!

Ginny Stikeleather

The Living Cross

Please bring flowers for the Living Cross on Easter Sunday, April 9. Be sure to bring them to the Sanctuary before attending the brunch. This will give us plenty of time to assemble the cross.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8
10:00 a.m.

rain location: gym

All children are invited to the egg hunt!

Please take a bag of eggs (outside the Sanctuary) and fill them with individually wrapped candy or other treats and return to them church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Palm Sunday
April 2

Maundy Thursday Service
April 6
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service
April 7
12:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8
10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday
Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.
Service - 10:00 a.m.

Operation Inasmuch
Saturday, April 22

Mission Trip Yard Sale
Saturday, April 22

Church Directory Photos
April 25-29

Vacation Bible School
July 24-28

