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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

The Latch - April 2019

FELLOWSHIP HALL DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE

Finishing touches are being made on the Fellowship Hall / Kitchen renovation projects. Thanks to all for your grace and patience as the timeframe has extended beyond what was originally expected.

Mark your calendars for a special Hall Dedication on **Sunday, April 28 @ 12:00 PM**. Lunch will be served.

We will also recognize and honor two special members of our congregation as we gather to dedicate our refreshed fellowship space.

MISSIONS UPDATE **April Mission Bank**

Mission Bank monies collected in April will be used to purchase household and cleaning items for the Lodi Community Center. We will also be collecting the following:

- ◆ toilet bowl cleaner
- ◆ dish soap
- ◆ dishwasher detergent
- ◆ dryer sheets
- ◆ 1-gallon and 2-gallon zip top food storage bags

2019 LENTEN FISH FRY DATES

“Fry-Day” night fish fries continue at EUCC this Lenten season.

\$10 for Fish Dinner — baked or fried

\$12 for Shrimp Dinner

Kids 8 and Under Eat for Half Price

Meals include: rolls, beverage & dessert, plus choice of sides (fries, mac n’ cheese, pierogis, and coleslaw)



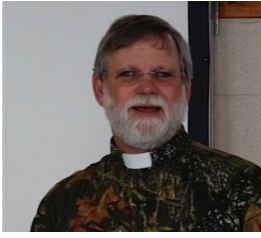
Dates include:

March 29 and April 12

Palm Cross Class

We’re making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Join us on Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Don’t know how? Come out and learn something new!

See Sally Hunter with questions, or call her at 330-225-3954.



FROM PASTOR BERT'S DESK

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SPRING INTO LOVING

Spring is . . . well . . . trying to push its way to the head of the line here in “The Valley” these last days of March. The only remnants of our snowy winter are a few small dirty piles of gravel and cinders that were once pushed up in the mountains of the white stuff. The angle of the sun is increasing, slowly warming the ground once covered with its winter blanket. Today, as I write, I see a cloudless, blue sky through the window – a sight that will become less rare as the season progresses.

Over in Squirrel Run, Miss Angela has come out of hibernation. Her color-filled art and pottery are back on the front porch. She’s down on her knees cleaning last year’s annuals and leaves out of her beds as the snowdrops, crocus, and daffodils push up as hard to feel the sun.

Around the corner, Rusty is finally washing all of the winter off his faded orange pickup, though most folk won’t be able to tell the difference. He’s even pulled the old fishin’ boat out of storage, getting everything ready to be the first one on the water.

At Tattler’s Diner, Ella is hosing down the sidewalk and making the front windows shine for the first time since November. She’s probably wondering if she just ought to take the hose right on inside.

On the edge of town, Alpheus Klinefelter is out with a leaf rake and a corn broom. It’s his third day at getting every last tiny piece of limestone, deposited in the grass by snow removal, back into his two-track driveway. Of course, everyone knows that also means the grass in the middle, too. On the back porch, Mrs. Klinefelter is beating rugs with something that resembles a large wooden tennis racket, not noticing the wind is blowing all that winter dirt toward the bleached white winter bedding on the clothesline.

Everywhere you look, the green of new life is slowly overtaking the brown and gray. Trees are budding, birds are singing, squirrels are getting a bit frisky. Ahh, the blessings of living in a region where experiencing God’s re-creation happens each year. And, in our hemisphere new life bursts forth at the same time we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection – New Life!

As we move to and through Easter, may we stop and feel Creation around us. As the warm, southern breezes return, may we feel them as the breath of God. As the sun reaches higher and the time of daylight is longer, may it remind us of the Light of Christ that drives out the darkness.

With this warming light and precious breath surrounding us, may we seek, hear and live Jesus’ command to us:

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

John 13:34-35 CEB

And, may we heed the Apostle Paul’s reminder:

“Love is patient, love is kind, it isn’t jealous, it doesn’t brag, it isn’t arrogant, it isn’t rude, it doesn’t seek its own advantage, it isn’t irritable, it doesn’t keep a record of complaints, it isn’t happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 CEB

May your Easter and Spring be blessed with love and loving.

Pastor Bert



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Office Hours
 Monday 8:30-12:30
 Tuesday 7:30-11:30
 Wednesday 8:30-12:30
 Thursday 8:30-3:00

Special Occasions & Dates - April 2019

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Terri Burcher 4/1
 Laura (Ambrose) Caplinger 4/1
 Peggy McMullen 4/2
 Emma Paulocsak 4/4
 Nathan Paulocsak 4/4
 Levi Maringer 4/6
 Noah Seeley 4/8
 Richard Kusak 4/10
 Elizabeth Ambrose 4/10
 Victoria Amburgey 4/13
 Paige Toth 4/15
 Matthew McMullen 4/19
 Benjamin Schneider 4/19
 Linda Polansky 4/21
 Lola Kugel 4/22
 April Schneider 4/22
 Emily Schneider 4/24
 Rev. Bert Ambrose, Jr. 4/26
 Tonia Mason 4/26
 Heather Pasku 4/26
 Alan Jackson 4/27
 Terry Hammon 4/28
 Amy Paulocsak 4/29

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 Palm Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
 April 17 Third Thursday Luncheon
 (but on a Wednesday): Noon
 April 18 Maundy Thursday Worship &
 Food Fellowship around the
 Table: 6:00 PM
 April 21 Easter Early Service: 7:30 AM
 Choir Breakfast: 8-9:45 AM
 Easter Late Service: 10:00 AM

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesdays @ 5:45 PM
 April 3 and April 10



GIVING REPORT

2019 Weekly Budget (Need)	\$3,200
March Giving (as of 3/28)	\$9,463
YTD Giving	\$30,035
YTD Shortage	(-\$8,365)

Please remember the church in your financial planning and will.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Karen King 4/4
 Scott & JoAnn Campbell 4/23

April 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 BHWF 2:00	2	3 Bible Study 9:30 AM Soup Supper 5:45	4 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM	5	6
7 Last day to order Easter Flowers	8 BHWF 2:00	9 Palm Cross Class 6:30 PM	10 Bible Study 9:30 AM Soup Supper 5:45	11 VC Garden Club 7:00 PM	12 Fish Fry 4:30- 7:00 	13
14 Palm Sunday	15 BHWF 2:00	16	17 Bible Study 9:30 AM 3rd Thursday Luncheon 12:00	18 Maundy Thursday Worship & Meal 6:00 PM	19	20
21 Easter Services 7:30 & 10:00 Breakfast 8:00 -9:45	22 BHWF 2:00	23	24 Bible Study 9:30 AM	25 VC Historical Society Program 7:00 PM	26	27
28 Fellowship Hall Dedication & Special Recognition 12:00	29 BHWF 2:00 Property Meeting 7:00	30 Church Council 7:00	The deadline to contribute articles/info for the May Latch is April 24.			

Schedule Changes

- There will NOT be a Martha Circle meeting in April.
- Being Healthy With Friends' chair yoga classes will meet on **Mondays only** beginning April 1. The time remains the same, 2:00 PM.

The April Third Thursday Luncheon

Is on a Wednesday

April 17 @ Noon

Menu: Meatloaf, Baked Potato and Salad

VC Garden Club

The April 11 Valley City Garden Club activity will be held @ EUCC in Fellowship Hall.

