

Prayer/Concerns Requests

Wayne Allen	Richard Angel	Jim Avery
John Castner	Joanne Hatchor	Joe Perez
Eileen Smith	Family of Drew Tyson	



Participants in this morning's Worship Service

Pastor Rev Bruce McDaniel
 Organist..... Linda Allen
 Pianist..... Kathy Bame
 Liturgist

Greeters: East Jay and Anne Deutschman
 North Katie Boltz
 Ushers.....

Stewardship of Time and Talents, March 29, 2015

General..... \$1,367.36	Benevolences..... \$65.00
Coffee/Outreach \$8.50	Hospitalization..... \$110.00
Building \$20.00	One Great Hour of Sharing..... \$20.00
Parsonage..... \$75.00	Attendance 43

Schedule of Events

Today, April 5, 2015 9:00 AM..... Worship
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 Monday, April 6, 2015..... 9:00 AM Sermon Shaping
 Wednesday, April 8, 2015 7:00 PM..... UMW Meeting
 Thursday, April 9, 2015 12 - 5:00 PM..... REACH
 Friday, April 10, 2015 8:00 AM..... REACH
 Saturday, April 11, 2015 10:00 AM Food Pantry

GREEN THUMB GARDENING PROJECT

United Methodist Women (UMW) are collecting SEEDS for Jackson Area Ministries. Bring in vegetable seeds or cash donation. There is a collection box located in the narthex. Last day to donate is TODAY.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING – SCHOOL KITS The United Methodist Women (UMW) are collecting: (1) pair of metal scissors with rounded tips; (3) 70 count spiral notebooks; (1) 12 inch ruler; (1) hand held pencil sharpener (1) large eraser (6) new pencils with erasers and (1) box of 24 crayons. Kits will be packed in September. THANK YOU.

UMW Meeting Has been set for Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7PM. Devotions- Kathy Bame, Responsive Reading - Katie Boltz, Program - Anne Deutschman, Hostess - Linda Allen.

Christ United Methodist Church
301 West Main Street
Portage, Ohio 43451-0218



Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Christ Church Vision Statement:
CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD
[HTTP://HOME.DACOR.NET/CHRISTUMC/](http://home.dacor.net/christumc/)

Christ United Methodist Church

April 5th, 2015
Easter Day

*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

Sharing of Events and Ministries Invitation to Encounter the Holy Prelude

Call to Worship

This is the day:

When tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

This is the day the Lord:

Rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

This is the day the Lord has made:

Death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

This is the day - Easter Day!

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

Hymn #303

"The Day of Resurrection"

Prayer of the Day

Very early on that first day you caught chaos unawares, Astounding God: planting grace in a garden, setting love loose on creation, flinging joy into the air.

Very early on that first day Jesus, Son of Justice: you staggered sin, throwing its weight off the world; you confounded death, leaving it alone in the grave; you opened the gates of the kingdom, so all could follow you into life.

Very early on this first day of the week, while we were washing sleep from our eyes and trying to make sense of our lives, you sang glad songs to us, Scarred Spirit: rolling away fears from our hearts so we can see the Risen Lord.

God in Community, Holy in One, very early on this first day of the week, as we do on every day of our lives, we lift our voices to you as one voice praying: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Reading the Sacred Text

Mark 16:1-8

Easter Litany

Eternal, empowering, Holy One, we praise you for the promise and fresh energy the Easter story brings into our lives. We are thankful that Jesus continues to show himself to us in new ways and that we can experience his love, presence and vision for the world in our own lives and times.

Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the witness of the women who went to the tomb. The scripture describes the fears as well as the joys and relief they experienced. We too are caught between the fears and doubts of our faith and the joy and affirmation of what we have seen and known.

It is good to recognize ourselves as part of the history of your people struggling between fear of what is and has been and a desire to affirm an open and unknown future.

Unexpected, moving, evolving spirit of God, you bring about powerful reversals in the world and in our lives. The mystery of your created universe is a constant reminder of the ways you create and re-create through cycles of death and new life, through change and fresh beginnings.

As your Easter people, we want this new life to be offered and experienced by people and situations all over our world, for hope to be known and embraced.

— from **Sonya Dyer's Prayerbook**,

Interpreting the Sacred Text

"So now What?"

Prayer of Dedication

May we not keep our gifts hidden behind the stones rolled across our hearts, but let them burst forth to bring life, to bring hope, to bring the good news of Jesus alive and among us!

Hymn# 383

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

Sending

This is the day! Go and share what God has done!

We will go to tell the good news to all!

This is the day! Go and show that Jesus is alive and among us!

We will go to live the good news in our world!

This is the day! Go to join the Spirit in rolling away the stones of fear!

We will go to be the good news to everyone we meet!

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