



Preparing for worship



Palm Sunday

- **Worship** on April 2 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. includes palm processional, new members, and communion.
- An **Easter Egg** hunt will be provided for the Nursery Children during the services (see visual) and at 6 p.m. for all elementary through high school youth.

Maundy Thursday

- **Worship** at 6:30 at the First Christian Church for a traditional joint service with communion.
- At 5 p.m. children will be making **Resurrection Eggs** (see visual) in UMCburg's Rainbow Rooms.

Good Friday

- **Worship** service at 6:30 p.m. with the Praise Team

Easter Sunday

- Worship begins with **Sunrise Service** at 6:30 a.m. in the North Lot unless rain when it will move into the Sanctuary.
- **UMM Breakfast** will be served in the FLC between the Sunrise Service until 9 a.m.
- **Worship services** begin at 9:30 with the Praise Team, and then the Traditional service 11 a.m.

Special additions

- **The "Before I Die" Wall**—located behind the buses on the north field is a wall for all to add their wishes of what to do before they die.

- **Photo Opportunities**—on Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday there are going to be some sets around that you may wish to have family photos taken. In the sanctuary watch for the cross and observe how it changes during the various worship services.
- **Resurrection Garden**—Easter is always filled with flowers, so this year if you want to donate to the budget line for additions to the garden, please send in a check with the memo filled in as "Resurrection Garden"

Scriptures for the coming week:

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| • Monday, April 3 | Luke 19:32-36 |
| • Tuesday, April 4 | Luke 19:38-44 |
| • Wednesday, April 5 | Luke 21:34-37 |
| • Thursday, April 6 | Luke 22:14-19 |
| • Friday, April 7 | John 18:4-11 |

Small group updates

The Rock Talk—game night is Thursday, March 30

Dining Dimensions: Friday, March 31, at The Rusty Duck in Appleton City. Contact Wilma Bushmeyer or Steve Mills for additional information.

Dining Dimensions is also hosting a church-wide potluck dinner on April 30. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish and their favorite board game. Coffee, tea & water will be provided.

Youth & Shine updates

Children's Church meets each worship service after the children's time in the sanctuary. Parents can pick up the kids from the Rainbow Rooms.

Youth Group meets at 6 p.m. on Sundays

Vacation Bible School will be May 30-June 3, 2023

Classes will be from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday, then 10 - 12 noon on Saturday morning for the celebration.

- **Children's Minister:** Vada Postlethwait
- **Nursery Director:** Jill Pedersen

March Disciple Gift

Coming soon! April 29, 2023

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Check Warrensburg's CROP walk at this link:

[CROP 2023](#)

Learning about CROP Hunger Walks

Several members of our church family are involved in the ministry CROP Hunger Walk. This month's disciple gift is this ministry and on Saturday, April 29, walkers will join together to walk in an effort to raise money for the hungry in our community.

The link provided above will make it possible for you to locate a team that is walking and you can join them along the walk or by supporting them with a pledge.

CROP Hunger walk began in 1969 when a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. Think what that total would mean to a community over 50 years ago!

The name CROP is an acronym which means Christian Rural Overseas Program. In 1947, the mission for this was to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today's CROP walks are interfaith groups in communities who work to educate others about hunger and to raise funds to the needs of hungry. From the web site, it states, "... each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25% of the funds it raises to hunger fighting programs in its own community.

As April is the month the disciple gift team identified for CROP, please make your donation either through the church's website, or you can provide a donation of cash or check by mailing it to the church or dropping off in the offering plates on Sundays. Remember, too, Kids Can Do will collect that loose change on the 4th Sunday of April, which will be the day after the local hunger walk.

Giving to God's Work

Recently Dale Carder spoke during worship concerning 'gift annuities.' This may be an unfamiliar term for you, so he has shared some frequently asked questions and answers from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. Over the next few newsletters, some of those questions and answers will be included:

Q. What is a gift annuity?

A. It is a simple agreement that combines a charitable gift with a fixed income annuity payment.

Q. How do I create a gift annuity for my church?

- 1) Contact Missouri UM Foundation for information and materials. Discuss this information with your own trusted advisors.
- 2) Complete the application and send it in with you gift (cash or appreciated stock are most common).

Q. Is there a minimum gift amount?

A. Yes. To create a first gift annuity, requires at least \$10,000. Subsequent gift annuities can be created with at least \$5,000.

Q. How is the payment amount determined?

A. The payments are determined by the age of the annuitant(s) at the time of the gift. The payments remain fixed for the life of the annuitant(s). The rates are determined by the American Council on Gifts.

More Q&A will be shared in the next few newsletters. If you have additional questions on the process, please contact Dale Carder or Robyn Criswell-Bloom. They have gone through training with the Missouri United Methodist Foundation in order to help the church members understand how to implement gift annuities.

Nominating Season Now Open

Each member of the body of Christ is given gifts and a mission. Some are called to feed the hungry, to preach, to visit people in the hospital.

There are many different ways that Christians can serve. In the United Methodist Church, some mature Christians are called to the ministry of strategically leading the church through service in the areas of finance, trustees, pastor parish relations, and nominating new leaders.

Each year new leaders are nominated to these areas of leadership to serve a three-year term on the finance, trustees, pastor parish relations, and nominating committees.

During the months of March and April, the nominating committee will be accepting nominations for committee leaders.

Nomination forms are available at our church office and in the atrium. Potential nominations can be turned in to the church office in person or via email at contact@umcburg.org.

-Pastor Peter

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt!

Nursery & Preschool Join Ms. Jill and her high school girls for an Egg Hunt! Hunt will be During 9:30am Worship Service	APRIL 2, 2023 Let us know if you are joining us. We want to make sure we have enough eggs for everyone!	Elementary to High School Arrive at 6pm for a Bible Filled Egg Hunt! We will have snacks and surprises with your hunt
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Holy Week Resurrection Eggs

School-Aged Children 

Join Us at 5:00pm
Thursday, April 6th

In The Family Life Center

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE TO FOLLOW AT 6:30PM

 Let Vada know if you are interested in coming!
vada@umcburg.org



Join us for

EASTER

April 9th

6:30 Sunrise Service (North Field)

9:30 & 11:00

Also available on 



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