

# The Messenger Newsletter

April 2017



First United Methodist Church of Middlefield  
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*Our Mission:* To make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World

*Our Vision Statement:* (How we will make disciples of Jesus Christ)  
As we all unite together to do ministry for Christ, we will focus this way:  
Going into our community with unconditional love,  
intentionally offering Christ to everyone.

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## Good Friday

In the Social Hall on  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm**  
we will be showing a free  
movie from the Book of  
Matthew, Ch. 26 depicting  
the life of Christ Jesus  
from the Last Supper to  
the Crucifixion. All are  
welcome, please have  
children accompanied by  
an adult. If you have  
questions, call 632-0480,  
leave a message, and we  
will call you back.



## Easter Sunday

**6:30 am** Meet in church  
parking lot for  
procession to cemetery.  
**6:42 am** Sunrise Service  
at the cemetery,  
then back to church for  
a continental breakfast  
in the social hall.  
**8 am** Easter Egg Hunt  
for children in front/  
right of church.  
**10 am** Easter Worship  
Celebration

## Save the Dates

(There will NOT be a Potluck in April)

### Soles4Souls

The last day to bring all sizes of shoes, boots,  
sandals, etc. to the church is **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### Prayer Vigil

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 4 pm**  
(See the article on page 2)

### First UMC's Senior Clean up Day

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to Noon**  
(See the article on page 2)

### God Shares a Meal

This month's **God Shares a Meal** will be  
**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**4 - 6:30 pm**  
(See article on page 4)

### UMW PRIME RIB DINNER

To be held on **April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**  
(See article on page 3)

### All Daughters Tea

Sign up in Social Hall by May 7<sup>th</sup> for  
the Tea on **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10 am  
to Noon.** Join us for a time of laughter, fun  
and fellowship with entertainment by the  
Devine Inspirations.

## Easter Lilies

### For the Sanctuary

To help bring the beauty and scent of  
Spring into our sanctuary for Palm  
Sunday and Easter Sunday, we are asking  
our church family to bring in Easter Lilies  
to honor our risen Lord. Please bring the  
lilies to the church during the first week of  
April. Place them on the counter in the  
kitchen where you will find a basket with  
labels and gift cards. Place a label on the  
bottom of the plant with your name on it.  
You may fill out a gift card "in honor of"  
or "in memory of" a loved one and place  
it in the plant. The UMW ladies will then  
bring them out to the sanctuary when they  
decorate. After the Easter Worship  
Service, you may give away your plant or  
take it home and enjoy it!

*He is Risen. He is Risen,  
Indeed!*

You can find out more about us and the  
newsletter at: [www.middlefieldumc.com](http://www.middlefieldumc.com)  
or check us out on Facebook,  
**First United Methodist Church  
of Middlefield**

## Regular Sunday Services

**Communion is the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday of the Month**

**The 411**  
**"Fresh Encounter: Experiencing  
God's Power for  
Spiritual Awakening"**  
**8:45 am**  
(Come as you can)

**Worship Celebration**  
**10:00 am**

**Watch for**  
**God's Not Dead**  
**series coming**  
**after Easter**

*(Deep Blue for children meets  
during the Worship Celebration)*

Parents, your children will begin in the sanctu-  
ary with you and will go together to the  
LOWER LEVEL for DEEP BLUE for their own  
worship, offering, teaching and experien-  
tial time AFTER the Children's Message.  
Please pick up your child(ren) in the LOWER  
LEVEL within 10 minutes after the Worship  
Service is over.

## The Life and Times of Pastor Erv Urschitz Part 3

(In our third and final chapter in the story of our pastor's life, we are joining Pastor Erv and his wife of 4 years as they are leaving pastor's first appointment.)

After leaving Wooster, (and expecting son Caleb at that time) Pastor Erv and Wendy were reappointed to Caldwell, north of Marietta on Rt. 77. Caleb was born August 3, 1994. The little family served there for five years, at which time they were reappointed to Orangeville and Vernon in northeast Ohio for seven years, followed by the appointment to McDonaldsville in North Canton for ten years—and now to Middlefield!

Among his hobbies, when he finds time, Pastor Erv enjoys gardening, fishing and morel mushroom hunting, which his family enjoyed in his early years. Some of his work is already evident in the improvement around the Orchard Avenue parsonage, with removal of some dead trees and then improving the area by planting grass and some smaller flowers, including pansies.

Pastor Erv reports having enjoyable relationships with his neighbors which, as we know, is an important factor not only for Pastor Erv and Wendy but also for our church family. And his greatest asset has to be his "Journey of Faith" — sent by God and met by God.

We're very humbled and proud to have this remarkable couple as our guiding light, as God is *THEIR* guiding light. Welcome, Pastor Erv and First Lady Wendy!

### THE MESSENGER STAFF

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## Pastor's Letter

For believers, spring reminds us that God's all about renewing stuff. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day (Rev. 21:5 NIV). And His mercies are new every morning (Lam. 3:23). In the meantime, He gives us glimpses of coming attractions through spring. Yes! Spring is here. The birds are singing and the sun is shining. Thankfully we had a rather mild winter or so I am told. (Much easier than the winter of 1978, as I remember it.)

Today the message of new life is all around us. With Easter approaching and warmer days coming let us be hopeful. Be encouraged! The hopeful days of spring remind us of the joy and life that is ours in Christ. Following Christ and seeking to be about His work is an awesome way to live even with the challenges of life that come. I encourage you to count your blessings, every green shoot of life that sprouts up. Give thanks for your salvation, your family and loved ones, your church family, and every blessing from the Father above. We are blessed and sharing those blessings lift us and others.

As I visited one of our faithful, we shared how we had seen God working and our hearts were warmed in seeing a glimpse of how God loves us. As God gave His Son for us, know how much He must love us to do so. Keep the Son in your eyes as you take in all God has for you and let us reaffirm our vows to His Church. To support it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness all for His glory.

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. — Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV

With birds chirping in the background, I am blessed and hopeful,

## Pastor Erv

P.S. Father, you are Good! Thank You. Let us keep singing His praises as we offer thanks and praise.



**PRAYER VIGIL**  
"Walking Together  
In Prayer"  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
8am to 4 pm

We will be having a **Prayer Vigil** in our church on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This will be for the *renewing of the Spirit within our church and beyond, through the prayers of individuals, couples and families*. It is in these times that we discover God's will for our community and our personal lives. **ALL are welcome to come and pray during the 8 hours of our vigil.** You can come for just a 1/2 hour or stay as long as you are able. We will have some guided prayers and material to help us focus on lifting up family, friends and our communities in need of God's healing touch and to renew our own spirits.

Let us remember Paul's message of encouragement, **"Let us pray, everywhere, every-day, and not give up!"**

Hope to see you there,  
In Christ's Love,  
Sandy Hunter

Contact me with questions at  
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sandrahunter176@gmail.com  
440-812-0025 or 440-632-5431)

*Prayer room beside the elevator is available whenever the church is open. Please stop in and let us lift one another up to the Lord.*

## Senior Clean-up Day

**Do You enjoy being outside, especially in the very merry month of May?**

Well then, you're just the person to receive this invitation to join with others in our church to do a service project for senior citizens in our church and community. We call it the **Senior Clean-up Day** and it will be on **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon**. We will be volunteering to do some easy yard clean-up and window washing for our seniors.

Please consider contacting me if you know someone who would appreciate some help with yard work or window washing, or you can commit to three hours that Saturday morning and letting me know if you want to do yardwork or wash windows.

There will be a clip board with sign-ups for those seniors who need some help, and those who are willing to serve. If you have questions, please call **Katie Thomas** at **440-632-1019**. Thank you!

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



## GARDENING

Pastor Erv and others are going to prepare a part of the church property for gardening space for anyone in our church family to use to plant their garden. Anyone that is interested, contact "Captain Erv" with questions or to sign up.

## The Thrift Shop

Come shop at the soon-to-be new and improved Thrift Shop! We are in the process of improving your shopping experience by adding more shelves and racks, cleaning up and reorganizing. Volunteers are needed to help us accomplish our goal. The date for this clean-up/reorganization is **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please call **Nancy Cline** at **632-9053** for more information. As usual, we are open for regular hours to shop on

**Friday and Saturday**  
**9:00 am to Noon.**

Donations are accepted and sorted  
**Mondays & Thursdays**  
**7:30 to 8:30 am**

Please **do not** leave anything outside of the church entrances!

## The Food Pantry is open on:

**Monday** from  
**11 to 12:30 pm**  
**Tuesday** from  
**6 to 7 pm**  
**Wednesday** from  
**3 to 4 pm**  
**Thursday** from  
**3:30 to 5 pm**  
**Friday** from  
**10 to 11:30 am**  
**Saturday** from  
**9:30 to 11 am**

The Food Pantry also closes when the Cardinal School District closes for bad weather. If there is a need and our pantry is closed, you may call 211 for the nearest open Food Pantry.

Donations are accepted in the carts in the Social Hall and also inside of the back door entrance **any time the Church is open**. Please **DO NOT** leave anything outside of the church entrances!

Also, please continue to save empty laundry detergent bottles for us.

## Do You Want to Plant Swap?

Those of you who love getting your hands dirty by digging in the soil, those that have perennial plants, bulbs, rhizomes, and seeds that just keep multiplying but you just can't throw them away, those that have tender plants that you overwinter and multiply each spring, and those that would like to get started in doing all of these things are invited to get together with me and others and start a plant swap. Those interested, give me, **Jackie Kawalec**, a call at **440-479-4820** or **Katie Thomas** at **632-1019**. Start by gathering together the names of any plant you would like to give and the names of any plant you would like to get. I can't wait to get digging! How about you?

## Get Your Tickets!!!

### Prime Rib Dinner

Hosted by *UMW*

For the benefit of our Land Fund, in order to help pay down the principle, our United Methodist Women are graciously preparing for our enjoyment, an evening of elegance on **April 29<sup>th</sup>** at **5:30 pm**. Our church Social Hall will be turned into a formal dining room with table clothes, flowers, and wait staff. For our dining pleasure, the dinner will be served to us with a menu including perfectly prepared Prime Rib by Mitch, Smashed Redskins with a butter sauce, wonderfully seasoned grilled mixed vegetables, fresh, crusty Italian bread with butter and a dessert fitting enough to end a beautiful meal: Angel Food Cake with strawberries and whipped cream. But the evening doesn't end there! For after-dinner enjoyment there will also be a Silent Auction that will surely help in our quest to benefit the Land fund while providing you with some treasures to take home.

We hope you will join us for this delightful evening that will enrich our lives not just for the evening, but in getting us closer to using our land as a blessing to our community in many more ways in the not-so-distant future,

Tickets are being sold *presale only* for \$25 each. There are a limited number of tickets available so get yours early. *Contributions of donations for the auction would be appreciated including a favorite, Theme Gift Baskets. Contact Nancy Cline at 632-9053 about donations or questions.*

## Growth Groups

**Sunday 8:45 am** *The 411*  
(Come as you can)

**"Fresh Encounter: Experiencing God's Power for Spiritual Awakening"**

**Christian Believer Study**  
(Starting April 23<sup>rd</sup>, see article below)

**Monday 6:30 pm** *Disciple Fast Track*

**Tuesday 9 am** *Women's Group,*  
*1st and 3rd Tuesday*

**"The Girl's Still Got It"**  
(Last study until the fall)

**7 pm "He Chose the Nails"**  
By *Max Lucado*  
(During Lent, 5 Lessons)

**7 pm New and Renewal of Members:**  
**A Disciple's Path** By *James A. Harnish*  
(Starts soon)

**Wednesday 10 am "He Chose the Nails"**  
By *Max Lucado*  
(During Lent, 5 lessons)

**Guardrails** By *Andy Stanley*  
(Continuing after Easter)

## Christian Believer Study

Have you ever sung a hymn or recited a creed and asked, "Why do we say that? Discover the church's answers that grow out of human life and Christian experience as you study church history and doctrine. "Christian Believer" is a study focused on classical teachings of the Christian faith through the use of words, symbols, and hymns.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

To be offered soon on **Tuesdays at 7 pm**. Contact Pastor Erv or sign up on the clipboard in the Social Hall if interested.

Watch for the date of the next **Town Hall Meeting** to be posted in the bulletin and on the Audio/Video on Sunday morning.



## Graduation Open House Invitation

For: Erin Ross  
When: Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5pm to 9pm  
Where: 17005 Reeves Road,  
Middlefield

Erin would love to share this accomplishment with her church family. We hope you can come and celebrate with us.

### **OUR CHURCH HOSTS for our COMMUNITY:**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
Wednesdays at 8:30 pm  
Thursdays at 7 pm

**Immunization Clinic**  
2nd & 3rd Wednesdays at 8–12 pm  
3rd Thursday at 2–6 pm

**NAMI Geauga**  
Wednesdays at 7 pm

**Overeaters Anonymous:**  
Tuesdays at 6 pm

**WIC Clinic** for children: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
& 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 9 am-3:30 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30 am-3:30 pm

## God S hares a M eal

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 6:30 pm

In the Social Hall of our church, a free meal is served for everyone in our community who would like to attend. We are handicap accessible. Also, if you are homebound and live in Middlefield, you may call for delivery by contacting **the church office at 632-0480**. If you leave a message, we will return your call. Donations are accepted. Please consider helping prepare, serve, and/or clean up. Come see the smiles of appreciation and the blessings you will receive as you serve.



### Getting to Know You.... Todd Ross

Standing at the back of the sanctuary, Christ candle or offering baskets in hand, is that handsome young man, Todd Ross, “at your service”! You may also see his lovely wife, Lawni, and their 2 beautiful daughters, Emma (a junior at Slippery Rock College) and Erin (a senior at Cardinal High School), seated near the back of the main section, north side. The Ross family have been attending First UMC of Middlefield, or MUMC since the Fall of 1999. Todd and Lawni have been married for 23 years. Their family also includes “one old cat and a grandpuppy.”

Todd is employed as a manager with a stamping and fabricating company. He enjoys attending athletic events, anything car related, shooting sports, and doing home improvement projects. He thinks he might coach youth athletics again some day. When asked, “What is the greatest adventure you have experienced?” he replied, “I have gone to and seen many places and done a lot of things while in military service and through family vacations, but I don’t think I’ve seen my greatest adventure yet. It’s still to come.”

As mentioned before, Todd can be seen performing ushering duties most Sunday mornings, but did you know he is also the chairperson of the church Leadership Board? In the past, he has served the church by working on several committees (some multiple times) prior to our current single board model, including finance, administrative board, nominations, and land/building teams. Todd has served the Middlefield community by coaching youth soccer—“watching the kids grow both in the church and outside the church”. (Continued in next column)

### Geauga Men’s Koinonia

You are invited to the  
**Geauga Men’s Koinonia**  
**Wednesdays, at 6 pm**  
at Jim Skinner’s Shop, Bradford Neal,  
Old State Road,  
just north of Mary Yoder’s.  
Food, fellowship, devotions and fun!

**Breakfast**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8 am,**  
at Jim Skinner’s Shop  
All men who would like to attend are  
welcome to join us.

(Continued from previous column) He has been involved with Habitat For Humanity home building projects and Cardinal High School Theater.

This quiet man of faith admits that he hasn’t always been so faithful to God. In his younger years, especially during his time in military service, it was easy for him to drift away from his beliefs and practice.

He credits his wife, Lawni with keeping him on the right track and active in faith and service. It was her influence and desire to rear their children in the faith that inspired him.

Todd has witnessed God working through MUMC, having a profound impact on those in need in and around Middlefield. He has seen our people living out their faith in Christ by “doing unto the least of these,” serving in the outreach ministries of the thrift shop, food pantry, meal ministries, and children’s programs, as well as financial support of school programs. All of these efforts show his commitment to spreading Christ’s love through action. Todd would like to see God work in and through MUMC by future expansion of ministries in the community and support of local activities through the use of the church property and a much needed youth group that satisfies the spiritual needs of the young and encourages interaction and support/help for the growing elderly population in our community.

THANKS, TODD!

“Look to see where God is working and join Him in His work.” –Henry Blackaby

*This article is the fourth in our series “Getting to Know You”. If you have a suggestion for the subject of our interview, please let us know.*

**Briar Hill and Briar Cliff  
Nursing Home Hymn Sing**

During the **First Wednesday** of each month at **2 pm** there will be a Hymn Sing at **Briar Hill North Side**. During the **Second Wednesday** of the month at **2 pm** there will be a Hymn Sing at **Briar Cliff South Side**. All are welcome to join us and be a blessing as you bless others. For questions or cancellations due to weather, contact **Janet Brazil** at **834-4920**.

**Mobile Pantry  
Produce**

Free Produce giveaway on the 4th Tuesday of the month from **4 to 6 pm**. This month that date is **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Help is appreciated anytime, between **3 to 7 pm**. Some examples of prior foods available are: potatoes, onions, grapefruits, pears, celery, sweet potatoes, apples, grapes, cucumbers, cabbage and carrots! Choices may vary.

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All meetings in the church are open meetings. Everyone who would like to attend the board meetings is welcome. Questions may be asked of the above members at the meetings which are generally held the 2nd Thursday of the month which this month is on **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm**.

Anyone who would like to get a copy of the budget report may contact our Treasurer, Kendra Fashing.

Anyone who would like to get a copy of the minutes from the board meetings will find them in the hanging file outside of the office.



**Kitchen  
Supplies  
Needed,  
Come  
to Our  
Sale!**

Our church kitchen is in need of new serving utensils and cutlery, and we found a way to acquire new ones and help you also. Proceeds from sales will benefit the funding of the new items for the kitchen.

Sunday mornings starting April 2nd until the end of April, UMW ladies will have information about the Rada Cutlery at a table in the Social Hall by the windows .

Catalogs will be on the table for you to look at and if you want to place an order. In the catalogs are such items as knives, gadgets, utensils, cookbooks, stoneware, seasonings, marinades, and mixes for dips, cheesecakes and more,

At the same table will be some Express Sales: Paring knives and Vegetable peelers, with purchases payable by cash or check. Questions, call **Nancy Cline** at **632-9053**.

*Area Nursing Homes'  
Visitation Ministries*

**Monthly Worship at  
Burton Health Care  
on the first Sunday at 2 pm  
with Vinnie Hodgkinson**

**Monthly Worship at Pleasant Hills  
on the fifth Sunday 1:30 pm  
with Karlene Pilarczyk**

**Monthly Hymn Sing at Briar Hill  
on the second Wednesday 1:30 pm  
with Karlene Pilarczyk**

These are the times that a leader is there and would very much appreciate any help you can give. Just be there and volunteer! You can also go any time to visit. It is always appreciated. Questions?

Contact **Karlene** at  
**440-632-5661** or e-mail  
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**E-GIVING TWO WAYS**

- 1 Online Giving: You set up and manage your own secure account through a link on our website, [www.middlefieldumc.com](http://www.middlefieldumc.com).
- 2 Consider working with your personal bank to set up an automatic payment to the church for your regular giving.

Your electronic contributions are recorded on your own personal giving statement that is prepared as requested and provided for each year-end. Please contact Kendra Fashing, Treasurer, for a current budget report.

**Rag Cutting Get Together**

To help the Thrift Shop raise funds for charities, we are getting together on **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** in the **Social Hall**. The purpose is to cut up unusable clothes into rags that can be bought by the bag. We also remove the buttons that are sold by the jar. We have beverages and visit while getting to know each other. Just bring a pair of scissors, or use a pair of ours. For questions or info, call **Jackie Williams** at **632-5753**.

### *Photos of Fun at March 19<sup>th</sup>'s Potluck Lunch!*

*There will **not** be a Potluck Lunch served in the month of April because of the Celebration of Our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. We hope you will join us in May for our next Potluck Lunch planned for May 21<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see your smiling faces pictured here in the June issue!*



L to R: Jim and Betsy Anderson, Ed Pollari, Bev and Mark Ferry



#### ***Our kitchen crew doing what they love to do!***

Left to right: Mitch Dulka, Carol Gappa, Julie Dulka, Nancy Cline, and Cody Yancy (Nancy's Grandson)



L to R: Lawni, Erin, & Todd Ross, and Katie & Dave Thomas



Ann and Frank Szasz, Kyle Herr, Rich and Bonnie Fabritius, and Linda Ross

### *Budding Artist's Work Displayed, See It If You Can!*

Some of our students, our children and grandchildren, may have their art shown in the Middlefield Historical Society's Annual Invitational Student Art Show at 14979 South State Ave. (Our neighbors!) The shows are open to the public free of charge Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 4pm April 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th for the High Schools/ Middle Schools and May 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th for the Elementary Schools. Schools represented are Berkshire, Cardinal, Chardon, Grand Valley and Newbury among others. Talents and abilities from our communities are worth seeing and enjoying!



L to R: Bert Deliere, Mary Ann Bailey, Melissa and Bob Kraus

# Happy Birthday!

1. Marie Evans  
Casey (Kuklo) Smith
  2. Colleen Fiest
  3. Laura Plotts
  4. Sharon Janoski
  6. Erin Ross  
Brendan Fashing
  8. Helenayn Scott
  9. Mark Ferry
  11. Mary Ann Bailey  
Jenni Conley
  12. David Freeman  
Rachel Barcikoski
  13. Joyce Loving
  14. Jennifer (Fabritius)  
Avena
  15. Mindy Blunk
  18. Lauren (Thomas)  
Burrus
  - Mike Cavanagh
  19. Kathy Miller
  21. Alex Clawson  
J.R. Walsh
  22. Kelly Culp Tracy  
Larry Moore
  27. Jill Scott
  30. Karlene Pilarczyk  
Kristen (Wicks)  
Spicer
15. Larry & Martha  
Fritinger
  22. Bob & Melissa  
Kraus
  - Gary & Rachel  
Barcikoski
  27. Norm & Christine  
Miller

# Happy

# Anniversary!

# April 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							1 Thrift Shop Open 9 am-Noon  Benefit Dinner 3-7p
2	8:45 The 411 10 Worship	3 Thrift Shop Sorting 7:30 am	4 Women's Bible Study 9 -10:30	5 Growth Group 10a 7p NAMI 8:30 p AA	6 TS Sorting 7:30 a  Rag Cutting 6:30p AA 7 pm	7 Thrift Shop Open 9 am-Noon	8Thrift Shop Open 9 am-Noon Prayer Vigil 9am - 4pm Leadership Retreat 9a - 3p
	1:45pm Worship at Burton Health	6:30 pm Disciple	Growth Group 7 pm				
9	8:45 The 411 10 Worship	10 Thrift Shop Sorting 7:30 am	11 Growth Group 7 pm	12 Immunization Clinic 8 - Noon Growth Group 10a m 1:30 pm Hymn Sing Briar Hill NAMI 7pm 8:30 pm AA	13 TS Sorting 7:30 a AA 7 pm	14 Thrift Shop Open 9 am-Noon  6:30 Movie Good Friday	15 Thrift Shop Open 9 am-Noon
	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	6:30 pm Disciple			Maundy Thursday		
16	6:30a Sunrise Service 8:45 The 411 10am Worship	17 Thrift Shop Sorting 7:30 am  6:30 pm Disciple	18 Women's Bible Study 9 -10:30  Growth Group 7 pm	19 Immunization Clinic 8-- Noon Growth Group 10 a NAMI 7pm 8:30 pm AA	20 Thrift Shop Sorting 7:30 am  Immunization Clinic 2-6pm Food del. 10 am AA 7 pm	21 Thrift Shop Open 9 am-Noon	22Thrift Shop Open 9 am-Noon Spring District Conference Mayfield Church 9am - 3pm
	<b>Easter Sunday</b>						
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## God's Perfect Plan

Do you...

- \*Believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for you and rose from the grave (I Corinthians 15:3 - 4)
- \*Admit you are a sinner (Romans 3:23)
- \*Agree to turn from sin to God (Acts 20:21)
- \*Acknowledge Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9)
- \*Accept God's free gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8 - 9)

Will you say a simple prayer like this one out loud?

"Lord Jesus, I receive you as my Lord and personal Savior. Amen. (Romans 10:9 - 10)

If you honestly and sincerely said yes to those 5 questions and meant it in your heart (Romans 10 - 9), then you have the assurance of eternal life (I John 5:11 - 13).

Some Important Things For You To Do:

1. Read your Bible to discover God's message for you (II Timothy 3:15 - 17).
2. Talk to God in prayer often about yourself and others (Philippians 4:6 - 7).
3. Develop a lifestyle consistent with Bible principles (I John 2:6).
4. Tell others about Christ in your own way (Acts 1:8).
5. Take the initiative to faithfully attend a Bible - teaching church for worship, fellowship, growth and service (Hebrews 10:24 - 25).