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## Notes for the Journey

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### *Easter Services*

*Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday*

*Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday  
Service*

*Friday, April 14—Community Good Friday  
Service*

*at First United Methodist Church  
Sunday, April 16 —Easter Worship*

### *Thought of the Week*

Today as I write this I am preparing to lead Clella Rottinghaus' memorial service. She had recently turned 101 years old. Someone pointed out that she was "older than sliced bread," which indeed she was (it was introduced in 1928). Over the course of those 101 years, she was witness to countless changes. The world we live in today is one that could not have even been imagined in 1916.

Someone once said that in today's society the only thing that is constant is change. You can count on things continually changing. In actuality, there has been and always will be one constant, that is Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit that Clella served all those years will be there for us too. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He will always be with us to help us through a constantly changing world.

### *Relay for Life Spring Yard Sale*

The Yard Sale is this Saturday, April 1 from 8:00-12noon. If you signed up to work a shift on Saturday, we will be looking for you. If you didn't get to sign up, come out anyway and there will be something for you to do.

People have been working all week sorting items for the sale and the tables are loaded with "treasures" just waiting for someone to pick up.

We encourage everyone to come and support the Church's Relay Team. Come and have a cup of coffee while you browse.

We will also have our very popular bake sale at the same time. Any baked items will be appreciated and can be brought Saturday morning.

Many people have donated numerous items for the sale and men, women and youth have worked diligently getting ready for this enormous undertaking. We want to say a big "Thank You" to all who have helped in any way.

### *Children's Department Facelift*

Our Children's Department is getting a much needed facelift. Special contributions toward this project would be greatly appreciated. Simply earmark your contribution "Children's Dept. Facelift"

### *Board Of Administration Meeting*

*Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00pm*

### *Lectionary Scripture*

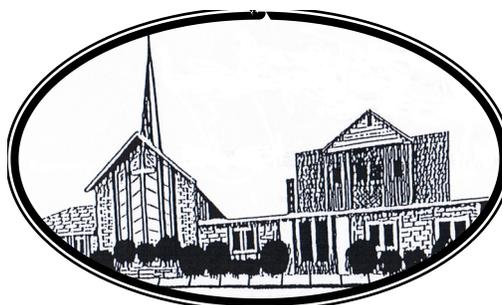
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Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45



### *Mission*

*A community of believers  
endeavoring to live and love  
as Jesus taught.  
Come—Experience  
Community!*

# Church Calendar

## Sunday, April 2

Morning Worship	9:30am
Sunday School	10:40am
Choir Rehearsal	5:00pm
Children's Ministry	6:00pm
No Youth Group	

## Monday-Saturday

Men's Coffee

## Tuesday, April 4

Elijah Men's Group 6:30pm

## Wednesday, April 5

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am

Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage 6:00pm

## Friday, April 7

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

## Statistics for March 26

Morning Service	121
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 1,996.90
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 2,287.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 621.00

## Prayer Needs

Family of Clella Rottinghaus  
 Family of Albert "Al" Doser  
 Josh Storment—health  
 Beverly Bromm—surgery  
 Geri Franklin—health  
 Please continue to pray for needs previ-



## Happy Birthday



- Rachel Fritschle .....April 2
- Amy Constable.....April 2
- Kristi Hosselton .....April 3
- Travis Michel .....April 3
- Brady Westall.....April 4
- Burl Shinkle.....April 4
- Lela Wilson.....April 5
- Everly Plotner.....April 6
- J.T. Taylor.....April 7
- Seth Hahn.....April 8

## \* \* Children's Lock-In \* \*

**24-Hours 4 HIM**— The 2017 Wabash Children's Lock-In at the Wabash Park Campgrounds is on April 22-23.

If you are planning to go, make sure Stacy has your registration forms by April 1. You can leave forms under Stacy's door or drop off in one of the other offices.

## Upper Room Discussions

You are invited to join us in the Upper Room as we gather for coffee and an informal time of sharing with each other the joys of our walk with God and the questions we encounter along the way.

## •— Choir —•

Choir voices are blending together to make beautiful music as we rehearse for the Easter Cantata, "Mercy Tree."

We are making this an enjoyable time together as we prepare for the Easter Season.



## Easter Extravaganza

We are planning our first activity in our new Picnic Shelter on Saturday, April 15. We will have an All-Church Potluck picnic at noon and an Easter egg hunt for the children after the meal. More details coming soon!



## Relay for Life "Relay Day"

The Relay for Life "Relay Day" is Saturday, April 22 from 4:00-10:00pm at the Richland County High School.

We will be having our usual Relay booth that day with some delicious food available. We also will have some special items for sale at our booth!

More information on that will be coming soon.

## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 15, all children will be able to participate in a special Easter Egg Hunt after a potluck meal at the new Picnic Shelter.

We will need lots of Easter candy, so we are asking the adults to bring candy that can be used for the hunt.