

The Beacon

D U N D E E U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

April

Pastor's Notes

April 2017

Dear Members and Friends;

We are to celebrate on the third Sunday of this month the most sacred and the most joyous day of the Christian year EASTER.

There was so much that happened in the life of Jesus the week before His death. The excitement of Palm Sunday, the sharing of a last meal with His disciples, the night of prayer and trial, the agony of a cruel death on a cross and finally the glorious resurrection! Please join us for our Lenten journey through Holy Week!

April 5 (Wed) 6:30PM **Soup & Spiritual:** "Citizen or Alien?" by Cindy Tessmer

April 6 (Thu) 9:00AM **Interfaith Lenten Breakfast** at the Ida UMC

April 9 (Sun) **Palm Sunday** 9:15AM Sunday School; 10:30AM Worship With Palms

April 12 (Wed) **Holy Week Prayer Vigil** from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight

April 13 (Thu) 7:00PM **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** with Chimes Choir

April 14 (Fri) 7:00PM **Good Friday Service**

April 16 (Sun) **Easter Sunday** (NO Sunday School for children)

8:00AM Easter Sunrise Service led by the Youth Group

8:30AM Easter Breakfast

10:30AM Easter Service & Celebration

We are Easter people because we rise with Christ to new life, we become new creation and a new people. May we experience the victory of Easter in a new and exciting way this year. Our community of faith will be more whole if you join us here. Invite a friend! What a best time it can be to re-establish a relationship with God at Easter.

May God bless you abundantly in this joyful season of new life!

All of you in my prayers,

Pastor Andy



BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday, April 5, is the next community breakfast, sponsored by the Dundee Area Senior Center, from 7 to 9 a.m. Want a great breakfast at an "extremely reasonable" price, like \$4? Head on over to the Senior Center and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with others in the community.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED

Are you a subscriber to the weekly "Pastor's Page Update" which is sent out each Monday? If not and you would like to receive this weekly update on church activities and announcements directly to your email in-box, please contact Ron Breitner to be added to the list.

2017 Lent Events at Dundee UMC

The Lenten season will soon begin. Come join us during this time of reflection and preparation as we celebrate the ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A number of services and activities are planned for our church family to take the Lenten journey together.

Wednesdays, March 8-April 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m. – Soup & Spiritual Enrichment

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. (Psalm 34:8)

Come enjoy the fellowship of a light supper followed by an inspiring program. It's physical and spiritual nourishment for all.

April 5 " Citizen or Alien? " Cindy Tessmer

Thursday, April 6, 9 a.m. – Interfaith Lenten Breakfast

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

Rev. & Mrs. Ted Kerr will speak at the Ida United Methodist church. He will be speaking about his visit to the Holy Land. Enjoy fellowship with old friends, and with our greater Christian community.

The sign-up sheet will be on the Opportunities Board.

Sunday, March April 9 10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mark 11:9)

Enter into Holy Week with palms and loud Hosannas!

Wednesday, April 12, noon to midnight – Prayer Vigil

He withdrew from them, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:41-42)

A time to reflect, to pray, and to be alone with God. See sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board.

Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

"This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:19-20)

We commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ and His Apostles.

Friday, April 14. 7 p.m. – Good Friday Service

"Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

A service of remembrance and reflection on the crucifixion of Jesus and His Death at Calvary.

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday

Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead. (Matthew 28:7)

A joyous celebration of the Risen Lord.

8:00 a.m. early morning service lead by our youth

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Worship service

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Coffee Hour This Month

04/02 UMW
 04/09 Janet Seegert & Harriet Parsons
 04/16 EASTER
 04/23 Sandy Sheldon
 04/30 Olsen



Coffee Hour – Please help!

Looking for hosts/hostesses host a coffee hour. We are seeking persons to serve as coffee hour hosts. There is a sign-up sheet on the “Opportunities” board in the hallway.
 Please sign up and share your smile in this ministry.



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| Christian Bellaire | April 4 | Robert Steffen | April 19 |
| Darrell Powell | April 5 | Marjorie Dennison | April 20 |
| Trace Secor | April 5 | JoAnn Wilfong | April 20 |
| Sandy Forrest | April 6 | Betty Labert | April 21 |
| Mary Sandefur | April 6 | Peg Addy | April 22 |
| Mary Anne Powell | April 7 | Diana Brown | April 22 |
| Sandra Sargent | April 7 | Steve McAreavy | April 24 |
| Allen Haller | April 8 | Matthew Ringbloom | April 24 |
| Diane Steinman | April 8 | Mason Ringbloom | April 24 |
| Cynthia Tessmer | April 8 | Mary Harwick | April 28 |
| Bryan Crist | April 9 | Claire Jennings | April 28 |
| Andrew Spoering | April 9 | Jacob Williams | April 28 |
| Velma Weygand | April 9 | Corey Plumb | April 29 |
| Deanna Parkinson | April 13 | Denise Ziesmer | April 29 |
| Timothy Proctor | April 13 | Cindy White | April 30 |
| Sierra Churchill | April 16 | | |
| Steven Forrest | April 16 | | |
| William Plumb | April 19 | | |

Touch Letter Update:

So far this year 62 touch letters have been signed and sent out to let recipients know we are thinking about and praying for them. If you would like to have a letter sent out, please contact JoAnn Wilfong or Jill Bradley so that the letter can be properly addressed and recorded. Anyone can request a letter be sent to anyone.

Thank you so much for supporting this ministry as we reach out to others in Jesus’ name.






Church Family,
 I want to thank you very much for the nice box you gave me for Valentine’s Day! It was so nice of you to think of me. I just loved it.

God Bless You All!
 Jeanette Secor

READ THE BEACON ON-LINE AT OUR NEW ADDRESS

The Beacon newsletter is now available on-line at:

www.umcdundee.org

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|  | <p align="center">Riverside Retreat Happenings!*</p> <p align="center">850 E Lloyd Rd, Dundee MI 48131 April, 2017 Mike and Susie Clemmer 850 Lloyd Road, Dundee MI 48131 For information or to schedule an event call: (734) 529-3213</p> |  |
| <p>Monday, April 10th 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>Painting with Betzi. We will be painting a cardinal similar to this one in acrylics. No experience necessary. Please contact either Betzi at betzip@gmail.com or Susie at sclimmer@umich.edu to reserve your place in the class. Betzi will collect \$30 to cover costs.</p> |  |
| <p>Mondays, weekly: 10:00 a.m. – noon</p> | <p>Creative Mondays. Bring a project to work on and join us for fun and conversation. There is a selection of creative supplies available for use at Riverside.</p> | |
| <p>Sunday, April meeting canceled Resumes in May 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Passport 2 Purpose book club. Let us know if you would like to join this book club. See overview of book at http://passport-2-purpose.org. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Susie (sclimmer@umich.edu) or Jeannine (jlasovage@icloud.com). Books are available at Riverside or on line.</p> | |
| <p>All Sundays in April 2:00 p.m.</p> | <p>The Truth about Cancer: A Global Quest. Join us as we continue to view this 9 part series. The series presents a number of ways to prevent and fight cancer and other chronic illnesses. The April 2nd DVD provides information on Cancer-Killing Viruses, Cancer Stem Cells, GMOs, Juicing & Eating the Rainbow.</p> | |
| <p>Wednesday April 12th, 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Easter Sing-along! Join us as we sing the resurrection songs of this glorious time of year!</p> | |
| <p>Sunday, April 16th 2:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Easter Dinner! You are invited to come and join us for Easter dinner at Riverside. We always enjoy those people who are able to come and share holiday meals with us!</p> | |
| <p>Fridays evenings: 5:30 potluck 6:30 study 2nd and 4th Fri</p> | <p>Study Group: This group is beginning to discuss the questions that guided John Wesley's Holy Club and how they apply to our lives today. We share food and fellowship at 5:30 and the study at 6:30.</p> | |
| <p>March 25 10:00 – 2:00</p> | <p>Quilts for Kids. Come and quilt for the children at Mott's Children's Hospital. No experience necessary. For more information contact: Joan Wittkop – 734-219-2233.</p> | |
| <p>4th Sunday ea. Month 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Reiki Share. You are invited to experience the calming and relaxing energy of reiki the fourth Sunday of each month. Reiki Master Pat Motika is the facilitator.</p> | |
| <p>4th Monday, 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>The Presence of God. This new study will begin on April 24th. Conversation facilitated by Mike Clemmer in the fireplace room at Riverside.</p> | |

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| 2 UMW Coffee Hour and Meeting | 3 Chime Choir 6:45 | 4 Choir 7 pm Interfaith Council 4pm 10 am Prayer Fellowship | 5 Care and Share Senior Breakfast Soup and Spiritual 6:30 Youth 6:30 | 6 Care and share Interfaith Lenten Breakfast 9am Ida UMC | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Palm Sunday | 10 Chime Choir 6:45 | 11 Choir 7 pm Admin Board 8:15 10 am Prayer Fellowship | 12 Prayer Vigil Noon-Midnight Youth 6:30 | 13 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm | 14 Good Friday Worship 7 pm | 15 |
| 16 EASTER Sunrise Service 8 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Morning Worship 10:30am | 17 Chime Choir 6:45 | 18 10 am Prayer Fellowship Worship Comm 8:15 | 19 Youth 6:30 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Chime Choir 6:45 | 25 10 am Prayer Fellowship Choir 7 pm | 26 Youth 6:30 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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