



Steeple Notes

APRIL 2025

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A Message from Pastor Sara

I write this on the day I taught our Little Wonders students about Palm Sunday. Before they entered the sanctuary, I spread plastic palm branches along the center aisle. They froze as they walked in and saw the branches on the floor. They were unsure--should they walk down the aisle on top of the branches, or should someone pick them up before they walked down the aisle?

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, there were varied reactions. Word was traveling fast about how Lazarus, who had been in a tomb for three days, walked out upon Jesus's command. Some reacted to Jesus' coming to Jerusalem with utter joy, crying out "Hosanna!" and expecting that the overthrow of the Roman government was imminent. Some reacted out of curiosity, standing along the parade route to see what he looked like. Some may have reacted cynically, treating these rumors of miracles as hogwash. We know that many authorities reacted with fear; as they saw the crowds celebrating Jesus, they knew they had to do away with him.

As Holy Week continued, the people's reactions to Jesus were always shifting. How did they react when he overturned the tables of the moneychangers at the temple? Did they cheer like we cheer when a villain receives their just reward in a movie? How did they react when they heard the news that Jesus was arrested? Did they become angry at the injustice, or did they start to fear what might happen to them if they challenged the authorities? How did they react when Jesus, standing on trial, said nothing in his defense? Were they crestfallen?

Did they think he had hoodwinked them? Or were they weeping in the shadows?

Finally, when a few rabble rousers cried out, "Crucify him!" did they give in to the blood thirsty mob rule and join in? Or did they join the disciples in scattering throughout the city, hiding in safe rooms?

Human beings are fickle. We are prone to shifting allegiances.

But God is not. God's faithfulness to us remains steady and sure. His love for us never wavers. Whether we are up or we are down, God loves us still. God's reaction to our sin was to send Christ to us for our salvation and for the salvation of the world.

It's good news, isn't it? Even if our "Hosannas!" and "Hallelujahs!" turn to "Crucify him!", God's reaction is always the same. "I love you. You are mine. Come home." In Romans 11, Paul calls God's grace "irrevocable." It's always available to you, and to me.

May your Easter be filled with joy and grace!



PRAYER PAGE



Please pray for

Larry Klaiber, Zac, Denny & Maryanne Hall, K.C. Wittmer, The family of Thomas Litz, Carol Mack, Mackenzie Marsh, Kristine Welsler, Dr. Pfahl, Ward DeLamatre, Pam Heschel, Paul Brown, Mark Crumrine, Harry wright, Eldon Zimmer, Ron Harper, Jackie Metzger, Mike and Karen Bork, Sarah McCoy, Ann West, Carol Kopkas, Denny Velliquette, June Franduto, Paul Brown, Brad Mason, Kerry Lynn, Marla Pederson, David Claxton, Nick LaFace, Rev. Clair Brewer, Sharon Carnal, Roberta Leimbach, Billie Urie, Roger & Barbara Gravlin and Patti Smith.

Churches of Huron..

4/6 St. Peter Catholic Church Father Doug Garand
4/13 Huron United Methodist Church Pastor Pamela Sayre
4/20 Zion Lutheran Church
4/27 First Presbyterian Church Pastor Sara Hodsden

Our Military

Dominic Parisi, Ben DeLamatre, Dan Work, and Emily Stellpflug

God IS ALWAYS there

Numbers 14:20 Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word;" The heart of Moses and his method of intercession were successful. These are sweet words for any sinner to hear.

This means that Moses' prayer mattered. Some people may wonder if prayer is an elaborate game, where God threatens to do a thing He would never do anyway, believers respond with prayer, pretending to believe God would do what He threatened. Then, when God hears the believer pray, He forgets His idle threat and does what He was going to do anyway. Prayer does not work that way.

We don't understand the relationship between the eternal, sovereign plan of God and our prayers; but we know it is no game. God never wanted Moses to think of it as a game and wanted Moses to at least think that his prayers had directly affected the outcome: I have pardoned, according to your word! We should pray as if life and death, heaven and hell, would be decided by our prayers!

Schedules

Liturgist

4/6

Liturgist: Cynthia Brown Mathews

Communion Set-up: Kathy Kirby

Servers: Kathy Kirby, Steve Koenig,
Francesca Lendrum, Phillip Hopkins

4/13 Jack Arthur

4/20 Ann Pullano

4/27 Katy McGraw

Happy Birthday

4/5 Nancy Luke

4/6 Judi Perry

4/13 Paul Todd

4/15 Bom Kimberly Ryu

4/19 Beverly Johnson

4/21 Sarah Prout

4/24 Clark Culbertson

4/26 Ethan Ransom

4/29 Jann Glann, Missy Sprankle

Session

Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Scouts

Every Monday

6p.m. Cub Scouts

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Usher

4/6 Marcie Muntz & Betty Reed

4/13 Don & Anne Russell

4/20 Kathy Kirby & Patti Smith

4/27 Phillip Hopkins & Kitty Cuningham

Flowers

4/20 Easter Sunday

4/27 No Flowers

Christ Community Meal

Every Monday at 12 p.m.

2nd & 4th Wednesday evening of the
month at 5 p.m.

4/9 & 4/223

Bell Choir

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Counters

4/6 Ellen & Francesca

4/13 Jack & Marcia

4/20 Bob & Marcie

4/27 John & Sarah

NEWS & EVENTS

Ladies Who Lunch

Ladies Who Lunch's next gathering is Friday, April 11th at 11:30 a.m.

We will enjoy fellowship at Applebees in Sandusky. To RSVP, contact Marcie Muntz or the church office by Wednesday, April 8th if you plan to attend.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Huron Lions club breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be Saturday April 12th 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. In the fellowship hall.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

PW's Spring Rummage Sale is May 3rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pack 31 will also be selling hot dogs, meat sticks, and syrup at the sale!

Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall (starting Monday, April 28th, after 2 p.m., through the week during office hours.

Volunteers are needed to set up on Friday, May 2nd (9 am to noon), during the sale on Saturday (8:30 am to 1 pm), and to clean up (1 pm to 2 pm) after the sale.

Scouts Spaghetti Dinner

Troop 31 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 4th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll with butter, and a dessert. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Dine in or carry out is available. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from any member of Troop 31. Please plan on coming to support our scout troop.

Thank you!



The church office will be closed Monday, April 21st in observance of Easter.

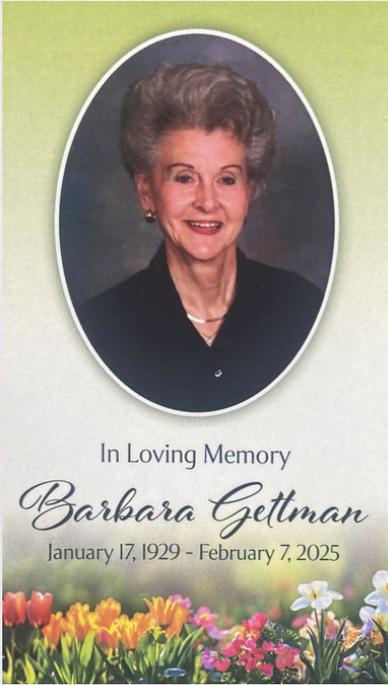


Pastor Sara will be on vacation Monday, April 21st-Tuesday, April 29th.



MEMBER NEWS

In Remembrance



March 20
2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to notify you of the death of my mom, Barbara Gettman. Mom had been living in Columbus with dementia since 2020 but prior to that, she was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church in Huron. We all enjoyed visiting your church and mom was a dedicated "flower lady" - providing the altar flowers regularly. She passed peacefully on Feb 7th. She →

had just recently celebrated her 96th bday!

Sincerely,
Lisa Gettman
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Lisa Gettman's Address:
4010 Newhull
Columbus, Ohio 43220

THANK YOU

03-18-25

Thank you so much for a welcoming and loving church service on Sunday! Addison loved her activity packet and I appreciated the "welcome" bag! We always feel at home when we get to worship with all of you! Thank you all for always making us feel so welcome!

Love,
Maggie and Addison Weimer

New Address for KC

KC Witmer has moved to live with family near Cincinnati. We will miss her humor, poetry, creativity, love, and blueberry french toast casserole!

Here is her new address:
1685 Garrett House Lane.
Fairfield, Ohio 45014



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

On Easter Sunday, we will welcome two new members to our church family!

Owen Fleming has been worshipping with us for some time, and you've seen him participate in bell choir, as a camera operator, and as a liturgist. Owen plays the recorder, and has been a teacher of English as a Second Language in many countries. He enjoys board games and sailing.

Charmaine LaConte comes to us from Arizona. She grew up in Sandusky, and was a member of First Presbyterian Church downtown. She lived in Castalia, and was confirmed at the First Congregational Church. She visited our church, and felt quite at home right away!

Welcome Owen and Charmaine!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

We offer many opportunities to observe Holy Week. Please join us at one of our services.



PALM SUNDAY

10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M., SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY

WORSHIP, 12:15 P.M.
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HURON
CROSSWALK TO PRAYER PATH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE.

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. BREAKFAST 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Decades ago, as English actress Gertrude Lawrence waited behind the curtain for a play to begin, the queen upstaged her by arriving at the royal box to much applause. "What an entrance," Lawrence remarked, to which her friend, playwright Noel Coward, replied, "What a part!"

Jesus certainly made a grand entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, entering to adoring shouts of "Hosanna!" But worldly glory and fame weren't his intent. Instead, our Lord knew that his Father had prepared a sacrificial role for him. Jesus handled the adulation with dignity and poise. The humble yet courageous Son of God knew that danger, despair and death awaited — but that he must endure it all to fulfill prophecy for humanity's sake.

The pageantry of Palm Sunday is a stark contrast to the role of Suffering Servant that Jesus faced a few short days later. Yet each event during Holy Week represents victory — for Jesus as well as for his beloved children.

Palm Sunday is a glorious day, so let us wave palms and shout, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" The Savior has come. What an entrance! What a part!



Little Wonders Preschool

March Highlights

- The dine-to-donate fundraiser pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Sandusky was a huge success, raising over \$1,500.00. Thank you to all our Little Wonders families and friends who showed their support!
- The children enjoyed a morning of doughnuts & juice with dad.



April Happenings

Spring



The children will learn all about spring.

Butterflies

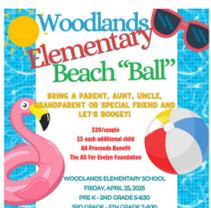
Catepiplars will be arriving soon. The children will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, and see the metamorphosis hapen!



Bundt Cake Fundraiser

See the attached flyer for information on our Little Wonders Preschool's last fudraiser of the shool year.

Wow!



Woodlands Elementary School is hosting a "Beach Ball" parent/child dance on Friday, April 25th and our students have been invited to attend! The attached flier has all of the details. All proceeds from the event go to All For Evelyn Foundation. As many of you know, Evelyn was a Little Wonders graduate who sadly passed away. We encourage our families to attend and support this event. If you would like to attend, please print and return the attached flier and payment to Little Wonders or you can drop it off in the office at Woodlands.

RSVP
 Name _____
 Grade and Teacher _____
 Number of Guests _____
 Song Request _____

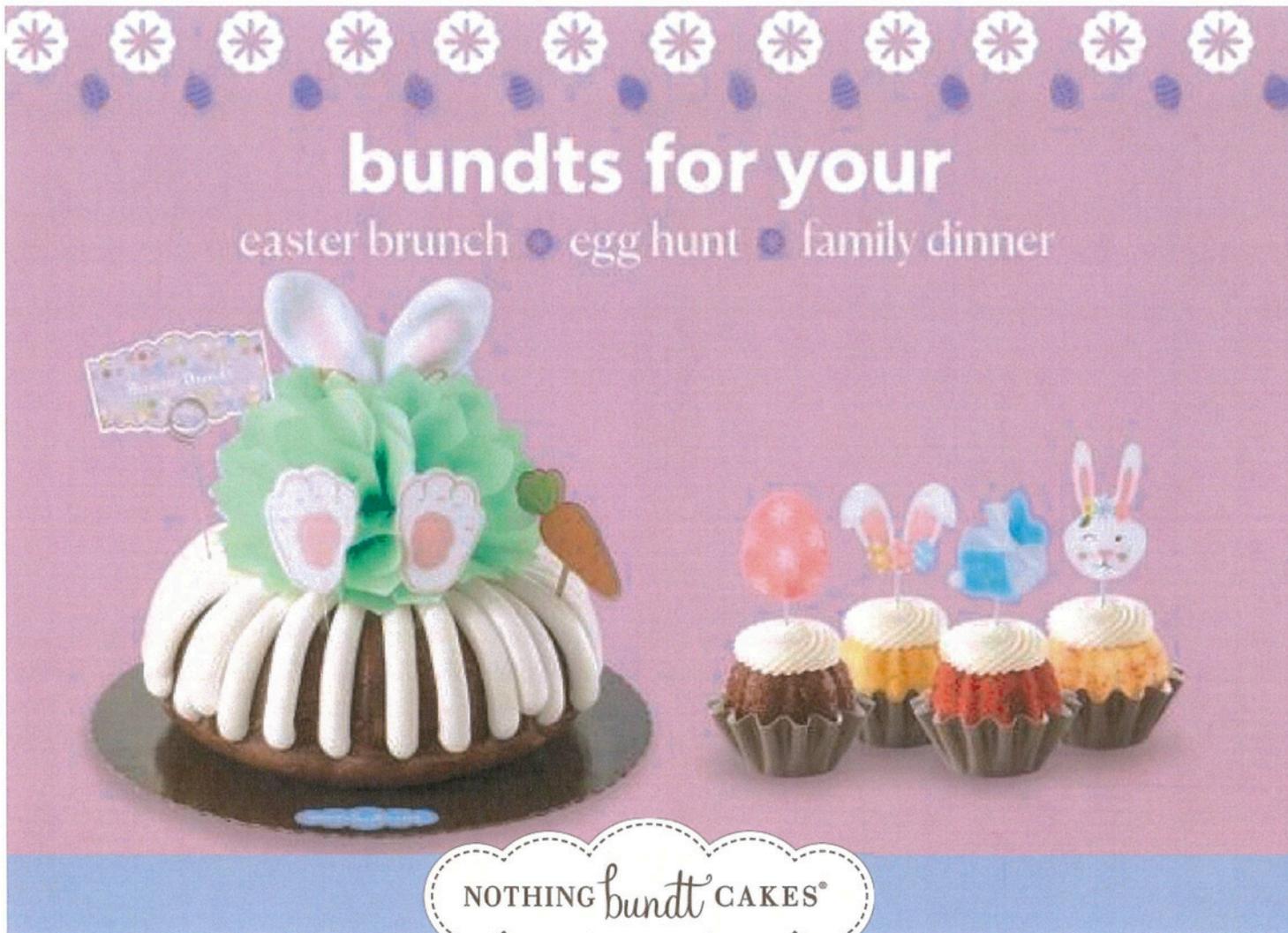
Contact:

Kim Hartnett
Amber Rager

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419-433-4348



No Little Wonders Preschool Monday, April 21st, in observance of Easter.



The Sweetest Way to Support Little Wonders

8" Bunny Bundt \$40.00 • 10" Bunny Bundt \$50.00

Chocolate Chocolate Chip | Lemon | Strawberries & Cream
Red Velvet | OREO Cookies and Cream

Bundtins with Easter Toppers \$36.00 per dozen

Signature Assortment

Chocolate Chocolate Chip, Lemon, White Chocolate Raspberry, Red Velvet

Seasonal Assortment

Oreo Cookies & Cream, Confetti, Strawberries & Cream, Lemon Blueberry

Orders due:
4/10/25

Delivery on:
4/17/25

Amherst – 7574 Oak Point Rd, Amherst OH 44001 – 440-433-2179

ALLERGEN NOTE: Our cakes contain wheat, milk, eggs and soy. Cakes may contain traces of tree nuts and peanuts.

Questions? Email Melissa Rinehart at rinehartms22@gmail.com

April

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		6 p.m. Soup & Study 7 p.m. AA			5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Scouts Spaghetti Dinner	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Fellowship Hour	12 p.m. Christ Meal 6 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	6 p.m. Soup & Study 7 p.m. AA	5 p.m. Christ Community Meal	8 p.m AA	11:30 a.m. Ladies Who Lunch at Applebees	
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
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20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Fellowship Hour	12 p.m. Christ Meal 6 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	7 p.m. AA	5 p.m. Christ Community Meal	8 p.m AA		
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