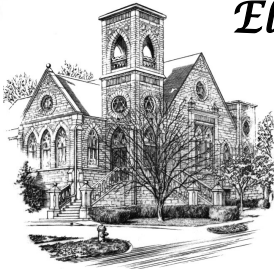


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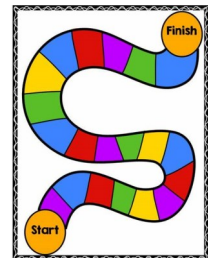
Game Night

Game Night. Wow! We had a lot of fun. We had 18 people come including a cub scout family. Tracy Davis taught Chris Fisher and Marge Clark how to play Sevens. Dewie and several others learned Canasta. Keith Clark and Karen Davis worked on a puzzle together. Peggy Beckler worked on puzzle of chickens. Barba Baer wandered table to table just watching and probably making comments about our playing skills! There were snacks galore, beverages, laughter and just a wonderful fellowship time. We plan to do this again soon and hope you can join us. Thanks to all who came.

--Marge Clark



A game of Sevens and learning how to play it.



A heated game of Canasta here!



A Scout family playing a game.

March Worship Info

Easter Sunday Services March 31

Ellettsville First United Methodist Church will celebrate Easter Sunday with two worship experiences: A SUNRISE SERVICE with Bob preaching, and EASTER SERVICE with Ned preaching and Bob serving as liturgist. All are encouraged to add their voices to this morning of RESURRECTION WORSHIP.

Holy Week Meditation and Communion in the Chapel

Our congregation will be offering noontime Reflection Space and Time for those interested in pausing for a few minutes to focus on the sacrifices Jesus made for us in this week we call "Holy". 12:00-1:00, in the chapel. There will be printed materials for persons to use guiding their meditations. A pastor will be available to offer Holy Communion. Monday through Friday, March 25-29. In the chapel.

March 10 Town Meeting after Worship

March 10 TOWN MEETING following Refreshment Time in Rogers Hall. This will be a time for us to share plans for upcoming events and administrative matters in the life of our congregation.

Sunday Worship in March

March 3, Bob preaching---"Knock, and It Will Be Opened" Holy Communion Sunday
March 10, Bob preaching---"Metal against Metal"
March 17, Bob preaching---"Jesus Wept"
March 24, Ned preaching---PALM SUNDAY
March 31, EASTER SUNDAY---Sunrise Service at 7:00am and Easter Day Worship at 9:00am

Bless You!

On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound. Here are two benedictions to share with friends in the faith:

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



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| 24  Palm Sunday 9:30am Palm Sunday Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45 Adult Sunday School 1-5 pm Basic Life Skills | 25 Holy Week/Mediation and Communion in our Chapel, 12-1pm all week 6pm Arrow of Lights and Webelos 6:45pm Scouts | 26 Church Yard Clean-up/Scouts | 27 6:30pm Pack Meeting 7:30pm Choir Practice | 28  Maundy Thursday | 29 Good Friday  | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Anniversaries

24 Cullen & Rachel McCarty

Birthdays

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| 5 Rich Samuelson | 12 Donetta Willibey |
| 6 Cam Trampke | 13 Debbie Witt |
| 6 Bonnie White | 20 Mia Harris |
| 8 Abby Pyle | 22 Barba Bear |
| 9 Harrison Pittsford | 24 Rita Chambers |
| 12 Josie McCarty | 28 Dewie Southern |
| 13 Ned Steele | 30 Ben Samuelson |

Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, March 10, 5:30 at Arlington United Methodist Church

We'll gather for pizza and continued conversation about a Mission Trip to Guatemala. At this meeting we will need to confirm plans for persons to be part of this team. Hotel Reservations and Confirmation on the number of homes to be constructed will need to be made by the end of March. Our conversation will include "How to Prepare", "What to Take", "Health and Safety", and "MORE". (See back page)



"Learn From My Mistakes. Basic Life Skills Workshop"

The Nurture Committee is planning to hold a basic life skills workshop for teens and young adults. It was going to be on Sunday, March 24 but it has been strongly encouraged to contact Edgewood High School to hold it there. Looks like Marge has to make some phone calls. So hold on! More info will be provided soon.

Special Dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 1, 2024*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 10, 2024*
- First day of spring, *March 19, 2024*
- Holy Week, *March 24-31, 2024*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 24, 2024*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 28, 2024*
- Good Friday, *March 29, 2024*
- Easter Sunday, *March 31, 2024*

Bible Quiz

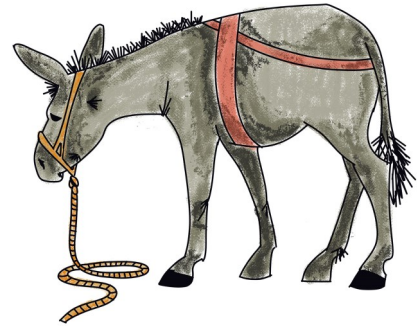


The "Christ hymn" in Philip-
pians 2 proclaims that after
Jesus humbled himself even
to the point of death, God
exalted him, and that eventu-
ally all will worship him.
What two body parts are
named as part of that wor-
ship?

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| A. knee; tongue | C. arms; lips |
| B. hands; feet | D. heart; mouth |

Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11.)

Be the Donkey



Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

“When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?” she replied. “If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor.”

Jesus told his followers they’d need to carry (or “take up”) their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?



Resurrection Rumbblings

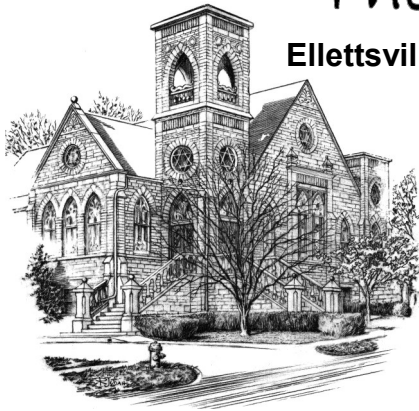
In *Easter Earthquake*, James A. Harnish explores the “earthshaking promise” of Jesus’ resurrection. Easter Sunday “shatters the power of fear,” he writes. “Because Christ is risen, we no longer allow fear to dominate, control or manipulate us. We don’t remain imprisoned in the tombs of our past failures or buried under the weight of present anxiety. In the risen Christ, old things pass away and everything becomes new.”

Easter, Harnish adds, is proof that God hasn’t forsaken us and is present among us. “The Resurrection contradicts the assumption that Christ resides on an ethereal cloud in a distant heaven. Rather, we find him on the dusty road that leads to the real stuff of our ordinary world.”

Jesus’ followers can find him everywhere, Harnish concludes. “The risen Christ will meet us along the confused, chaotic, fearful paths of our lives and speak the same words the women hear at the tomb, ‘Do not be afraid.’”

The Communicator

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Guatemala Mission Trip



Planning is underway for a summer mission experience in Guatemala. An initial meeting was held on Jan. 7th for the purpose of determining the possible size of the Team. In February, Bob will be making first contacts with the “From Houses to Homes” organization to discuss weeks with availability for up to Four Teams building Four houses. And he will be working with Hotels in Antigua, Guatemala for weeks with availability and room configuration.

A meeting on Sunday, March 10th, at Arlington United Methodist Church at 5:30 will discuss financial deadlines, preparation list, and confirm the exact dates of the trip. Keep this significant effort from members of at least 4 United Methodist churches in your prayers.