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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

I love Easter for all kinds of reasons. It is the time when new life is busting out all around us. It amazes me to watch the landscape transform from a dirty lifeless brown to a refreshing and promising green. To see trees flourish with leaves and the front of houses to become adorned with the beautiful colors of flowers. To travel out in the country and see the difference in just one week announces the irresistible nature of God to produce and promote new growth and new life .

I love Easter because it gives me the opportunity to remember and retell the Easter story. And we tell it all through Lent, on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then on Easter morning. We tell the Easter story of God's victory over sin and death in our singing and in all our Easter gatherings.

My first Easter as a student pastor was one of the most dramatic Easter messages they'd ever experienced. I had taken the Easter lily that we had purchased for that Easter Sunday and I had left it in my car overnight. When I got up the next morning and got into the car it looked rather wilted and near death. I felt so stupid for having so mistreated our Easter Lily but it was the only Easter Lily we had and so I got to the church early and placed it right in front of the pulpit on the altar railing in a place that was obscured by the pulpit so that I couldn't see it as I preached, which I considered a good thing since I wouldn't be distracted by our sickly Easter Lily as I preached my first, most remarkable Easter message.

I was on fire that morning. I must've been. You should have seen their faces shine and beam with amazement and wonder as I told of God's love conquering death and sin and bringing life where death and sorrow seemed to have declared its own victory. I felt so confirmed in that message. As I got into the car with Kathy to go to our second service I fell all over myself with self-adulation. I hadn't got too far with my high praise when Kathy asked, "You didn't see it, did you?" "See what," I asked. Kathy pressed on, "The Easter Lily, you didn't see it did you?" The Easter lily had come to life and full bloom during my sermon. It seems that my leaving it in the car overnight in a lowered temperature had placed it in a state of temporary dormancy and in the heat of the sanctuary it was revitalized and came into full bloom.

I was a little disappointed and yet pleased that God had blessed me and had blessed us with such a "miracle" of life. (I have threatened to place Easter lily's in my refrigerator every Easter-tide and then thaw it out during Easter service to recreate that Easter message, but I am sure that I could never craft the right conditions as God had on that first Easter message.) I hope that we don't miss the Easter message this year. I hope that for the first time some in our community may come to understand the Easter message for the first time this year.

A reminder that we will have a combination Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm and then we are invited to the Otterbein Good Friday service Good Friday, April 19 at 10:00 am. We will have a sunrise service Easter Sunday at 8:00 followed with a breakfast in the fellowship hall and then our regular 9:30 am worship.

Liturgist

- 7) Janet Pack
- 14) Betsy Wagner
- 21) Kathy Hollinger
- 28) Youth

Nursery

- 7) Josh and Kari Houser
- 14) Ryan and Dana Bailey
- 21) Combined with Power Xpress for Easter
- 28) Dan and Heather Gowanlock

Power Express

- 7) Youth
- 14) Youth
- 21) Youth
- 28) Youth

Ushers

- Glen & Eunice Richardson
- Kyle & Betsy Wagner

Greeters

- 7) Ernie & Jenny Numbers
- Jean Fox
- Jane Bowersock
- 14) Rick and Connie Rees
- Sue Hinegardner
- Cindy Weaver
- 21) Gene & Neita Border
- George & Kathy Krites
- 28) Billy & Janet Pack
- Mel and Sue Numbers

Youth Events

- April 21st Youth Sunrise Service 8:00 am
- April 28th Service with Pastor Todd 5 pm
- May 5th Lakeside Counselor Meeting 4:00 pm
- May 24th Youth going to Cincinnati to set up Pray Path
- May 25th Youth going to Cincinnati to take down Pray Path

CRAVE

- April 14th 5-7 pm
- April 21st Youth going to Sunrise Service No Youth Group
- April 28th Service with Pastor Todd 5 pm
- May 5th 5 - 7 pm
- May 19th 5 - 7 pm



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BOOK NOTES

(what we're reading)



Lori Wick is a good Christian fiction writer and we have a few of her books in our library. "WHERE THE WILD ROSE BLOOMS" is the first book in her Rocky Mountain Memories series. It is a love story set in the Colorado Mountains in the days of the early West in the last part of the nineteenth century.

So, let's leave the Colorado mountains and head on to North Carolina and to the Blue Ridge. I personally love the Blue Ridge mountains, so it was a given that I would buy this book! Title: "MY HEART BELONGS IN THE BLUE RIDGE". Author: Pepper Basham. I don't want to give away the story, but it involves: a one-room school teacher (new in town), a young lady who tries to help him get acquainted; this young lady's father who sometimes gets drunk and mean and other times is loving and kind (?); plus townspeople who are leery of a man teaching their children.

"Be Still, and Know That I Am God"

Psalm 46:10

April Birthdays

- 2) Jeanne Loy
Siers Stanley
- 3) Sherman Nance
- 5) Jerry Johnson
- 6) Carl Swartz
- 10) Linda Nixon
Pastor Mark
- 16) Zach Chambers
- 17) Deb Drexler
- 18) Zane Morton
- 19) Hannah Smith
- 20) Sharon Koenig
- 21) Keith Paul
- 22) Jake Tregoning
- 23) Sue Hinegardner
- 24) Tom Mulcahy
Lucas Lightle
- 25) Amanda Morton
Jason Rumbaugh
- 29) Joyce Beecher
Morgan Stombaugh

April Anniversaries

- 18) Brooks & Beth
Bush
- 27) Roger & Sharon
Koenig

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

In February the Food Pantry served 63 households, comprised of 50 seniors over 60 years of age, 77 adults from 18 to 59 years of age, and 69 children, for a total of 194 people served.

We received confirmation from WOFB concerning their inspection of our facility on January 10th. We are in total compliance with their national standards and federal regulations. Kudos to our many workers who make it possible to serve healthy nutritious food in a clean safe environment!

Upcoming events at the Pantry:

Easter Distribution on Thursday, April 18th from 9 a.m. until noon.

Annual Postal Drive benefiting our Pantry on Saturday, May 11th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The next Food Pantry/Missions meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at noon.



Baker / Mart Scholarship

- Open to Cridersville UMC students who are actively participating in church
- Open to high school students entering college or college students continuing their studies in undergraduate work
- Up to 6 scholarships available each year
- Each scholarship is \$500 with 2 annual \$500 renewal opportunities for a potential total of \$1,500 awarded
- College students winning a scholarship following their first year of college will be eligible for 1 - \$500 renewal for a potential of \$1,000
- A renewal candidate that fails to qualify for a renewal is not eligible for subsequent renewals
- Deadline is May 1 of each year
- Applications are available in the office
- Must have 3 letters of recommendation and 1 page essay

March Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	General Fund Offering	Capital Improvements
March 3	88	46	\$2,646.00	\$30.00
March 10	127	37	\$4,332.00	\$277.00
March 17	127	57	\$2,711.00	\$35.00
March 24	142	31	\$2,276.00	\$30.00

Easter Flower Cross

Bring your own scissors to cut flowers and decorate our beautiful symbol of resurrection.

Meet in the sanctuary
at 9 AM on
Saturday, April 20th



Scrip Cards

Please stop by the Ministry Center after Service or in the Church office Monday thru Friday 8 am - 12: pm to purchase your Scrip Gift Cards. This is a great fundraiser for the church . We have many cards in stock including Applebee's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Meijer, Wal-Mart, JCPenny, Kohl's, Lowes, Menard's and Regal Cinemas and many more.



JOIN US FOR A LUAU AT
CRIDERSVILLE UMC

When: Sunday May 5th, 2019

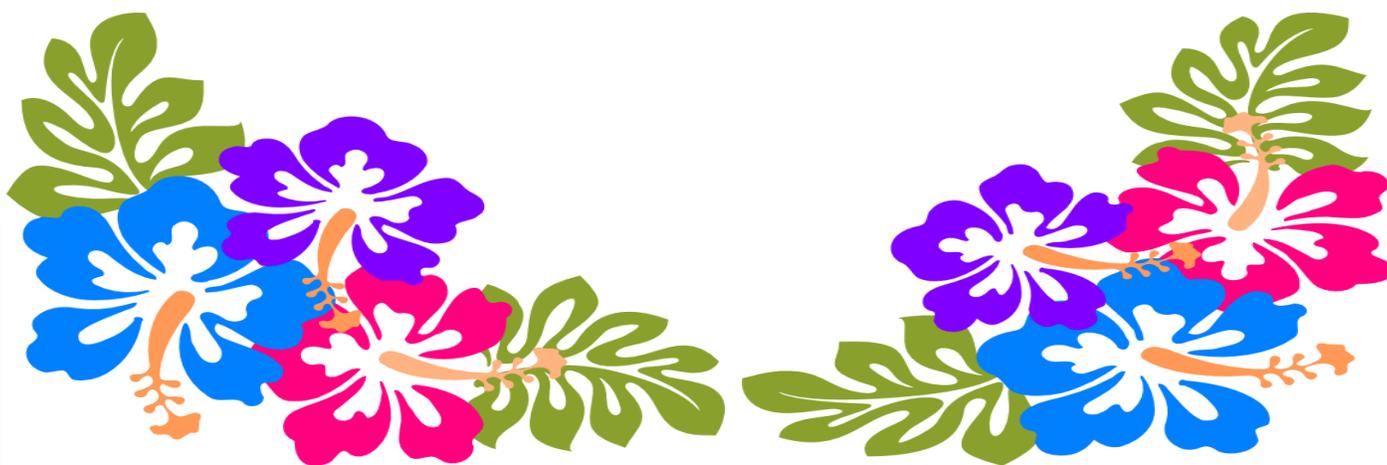
Time: 5-6:15pm

**Who: Children ages preschool-
4th grade and their family**

Cost: Free

FREE FOOD AND GAMES

REGISTER TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE





**April 13th Community Easter Egg Hunt (co-sponsored with the Lions Club)
10:30 AM**

Children up to age 10 can hunt eggs, take a photo with the Easter Bunny, enjoy a hot lunch, and share in the story of Easter.

April 18th Muandy Thursday Service—7 PM

April 19th Good Friday Service at Otterbein - 10 AM

Live through the pain of Christ's death, as we mourn the sins of ourselves and the world, and prepare for the pain of waiting for Easter.

April 20th- Preparing the Flower Cross 9 AM

Bring your own scissors to cut flowers and decorate our beautiful symbol of resurrection. Meet in the sanctuary at 9 AM.

April 21st - Sunrise Service 8:00 AM- lead by the Youth Group

April 21st Easter Breakfast - Following Service

April 21st Easter Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way *out* of the unfairness, but rather a way *through* it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey, *Disappointment With God*

Easter Egg Hunt!



Annual Easter Egg Hunt in partnership with our local Lion's club will be on Saturday, April 13th
At 10:30 am

Come get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny
Hunt all the Eggs he has hidden on the Church Grounds
Enjoy lunch of Hotdogs, Chips and a Drink
Three Age Groups for children from age 1 to 10 years old

**CRAFT
FAIR**

**May 11th
9 am - 3 pm
Church
Parking Lot**

Worship Night *With*
Pastor Todd O'Neal



Sunday, April 28th
Cridersville UMC
5:00PM

Come for a night of worship & Fellowship

Announcements

Family Luau - Courtney is looking for people to donate hotdogs for the Family Luau on Sunday, May 5th. Please contact Courtney at courtneyannie88@gmail.com for additional information.

Craft Show - May 11th, please contact Jeff Reichelderfer by April 26th to rent a booth (\$25 for a 10x10 space or \$45 for 10x 20 space) or any additional information. jeffandmel@bright.net

Easter Egg Hunt - We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg hunt in partnership with our local Lion's club on Saturday, April 13th. We need volunteers for both Monday evening, April 8th 6:00 to 9:00 pm (we'll have pizza together) and then Saturday, April 13th 9:00 am to noon. Anyone interested in helping out with this outreach event can register on the sign-up sheet at the welcome center. If you have any questions please contact the church office or Frank Oen @ (419) 905-2516

Pray Path - Thank you to everyone that came out and for your support

ChKiLo Easter basket distribution- April 18th 9 am

Flower Cross - April 20th at 9 am

Church Workday - Saturday, April 27th 9 am - 12 pm

Pastor Ted O'Neal will be here on April 28th at 5 pm

Pastor Mark and Kathy will be on vacation from April 22 to May 9. They will be traveling out west. Rev Mike Westbay will be our guest presider and preacher on April 28 and May 5. If there are medical issues requiring hospitalizations and pastoral care is needed during Pastor Mark's absence please contact Rev Lynda Lockwood in Wapakoneta, Salem UMC. Her cell phone is 419-890-9375