



The Grapevine - Update

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*"Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation."
-Psalm 25:4-5*



Dear Friends,

After the cold dreary winter, we can look forward to the green grass and beautiful flowers of Spring time. Easter reminds me that Christ is alive and new. He rose from the cross of death and offers the gifts of hope and salvation to the world. "Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!" Please join us as we celebrate Jesus on Palm Sunday March 29, Maundy Thursday potluck and service April 2, and Easter Sunday on April 5th. We hope you feel closer to Jesus and his love and care, especially during this Easter season and beyond.


Happy Easter blessings,
Pastor Jennifer

Join Us!



March 29th - Palm Sunday "Hosanna and Blessings" Luke 19:28-40

We will celebrate Jesus' arrival at Jerusalem and praise Jesus as "King of Kings!" Hosanna and Welcome! The Sunday School Children will present a special "Jesus' Journey" drama and the Creative Movement youth will share a music piece too! [Children's Easter Offering boxes are due]

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday We invite you and your family and friends to a church potluck at 6pm (Please bring a dish to share - we will provide drinks and paper goods). At 7pm we will gather in the Sanctuary for "The Last Supper" drama that sees Jesus with  his disciples before his arrest and death on the cross. The drama is part of the worship service and celebration of communion.



April 3rd - Good Friday Community Service 12pm (noon) at St. Mary's In-the-Hills

[2512 Joslyn Ct. Lake Orion]

April 5th - Easter Sunday "Christ is Risen" John 20:1-18 Holy Communion / FISH Food Pantry Collection

We will have special music and sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" and other songs praising Jesus Christ and his resurrection. "He Lives! Christ Jesus lives today!" Easter Sunday is filled with the joy of Jesus. The beautiful flowers and decorations point to spring and new life. Please join us and remember to bring your 1st Sunday of the Month FISH Food donation!



April 12th - Second Sunday of Easter Special Lay Speaker: Paula Alt John 20:19-31

April 18th - The Excelsior Bell Choir is taking part in a Bell Festival at Faith Lutheran Church [12534 Holly Rd, Grand Blanc] and you are invited to attend and hear a concert starting at 3pm. Let's support our wonderful Bells!

April 19th - Third Sunday of Easter Bells & Brunch Native American Ministries UMC Special Offering

April 26th - Fourth Sunday of Easter Children's Chimes Scout "God & Country" Awards

EASTER OFFERING

The Lenten season and our journey on "The Way" of Jesus is a special time of our church year. As we praise and thank God, we have a special opportunity to share with others in need through our Easter offering. This year's Easter offering will support FISH Food Pantry, Baldwin Avenue Center meals program, and the United Methodist Church apportionments/Ministry Shares. Note: UMC apportionments support the UMC connection of missions and ministries worldwide. The UMC mission statement is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Easter offering envelopes are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Please place your envelope in the offering plate or you may turn it in to the church office.



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"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

We are also offering our neighbors the gift of non-perishable food items on Easter Sunday, (the 1st Sunday of the month). You may bring your food donations to church any time and drop them in the boxes by the upstairs kitchen. Please check expiration dates too. If you'd like to volunteer at the FISH Food Pantry, or have questions, please contact Mary Garrard (810-797-5840) or Julie Langley (248-628-9619).

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Volunteers are needed to help teach and assist with Bible Story lessons on Sunday mornings. Training provided. See Jennifer Moore (248-890-3765).



CROP WALK

This year the CROP walk will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church (2700 Waldon Road). Registration is at 1:15pm, the walk celebration starts at 1:45pm and the actual walk begins at 2pm. The CROP Walk raises pledges and supports the local food pantry along with good growing projects globally through Church World Service. See Fred Nelson (248-628-9826) for more information.

AFTER EASTER BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY MORNING - Join us as we return to the study of Corinthians and Ephesians on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Please see Sue Rizzo (248-628-1787) for more information.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING - Join the men on Thursday evenings at 7pm as they continue to study the biblical book of Revelations. See David Moore - 248-219-2687) for more information.



RACHEL CIRCLE - The Rachel Circle ladies invite all women to join them for brunch at Ken's Coney Island in Oxford on April 13th at 10am.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!

CHURCH CLEANING (Please see Trustee Tony Rizzo - 248-628-1787),

LITURGISTS (Please see Gail Enekes - 248-390-2210),

GREETERS (Please see Ginny Conrad - 248-922-008),

ACOLYTES (Please sign up on the kiosk),

AND USHERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE SIGN UP!



UMC SUMMER CAMPS - UMCAMPING.ORG Questions? See Lucinda Bellairs (248-417-0214).