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## **A Whole Holy Week**

We will focus this year upon offering a Whole Holy Week of worship opportunities, including our traditional services and two additional services to complete our faith-forming week.

Monday, April 2 - 7 p.m. First UMC sanctuary - Protestant Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, April 3 - 7 p.m. Video and Discussion on the Gospel Resurrections, sanctuary

Wednesday, April 4 - 6 p.m. meal, 6:45: 1st Wednesday Prayer & Praise - Passover Focus; fellowship hall

Thursday, April 5 - 7 p.m. Last Supper Communion at tables in Fellowship Hall

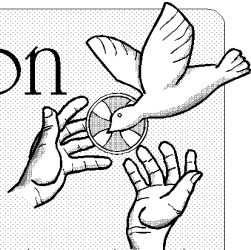
Friday, April 6 - Noon - Good Friday Service, sanctuary; music by Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 8 - 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service led by combined Praise Teams and Drama 8:30 a.m. - Sunrise breakfast served by Lakeside Youth, fellowship hall. Donation.

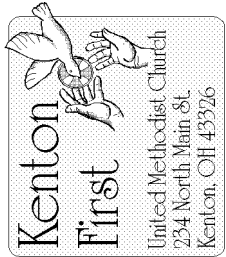
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### Youth Fellowship Happenings

April brings Easter. This year the youth will again host an Easter Breakfast on the 8th at 8:30 AM. We will be asking for donations for the meal and the proceeds go to the students' Camp Fund to help send our high school youth to Lakeside. Come enjoy a breakfast right after our Sunrise Service with our church family as we celebrate the risen savior together.

Our youth will also be selling Mouse House subs during the month of April as a Lakeside fundraiser. This sale is an opportunity to stock up on great subs for picnics or to freeze for lunches during the summer. Students will be out and about for you to help support them as they prepare for Lakeside.

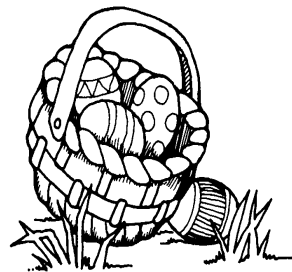
Our students will be hosting a 30 hour famine in the coming month. This event doesn't have a set date yet, but the youth are excited to work it out. We will be inviting other churches and friends to join us as we focus on the needs those in our world have and how we can represent Jesus through helping meet those needs.

High School Small group will take a break on April 1st and 8th. After that we will meet on Sundays at 5:30 in the parsonage kitchen. Come eat dinner, play games, hang out and learn how to apply the Bible to our lives.

Middle School small groups are every Wednesday night, starting with dinner at 6:00 PM. We have fun playing goofy games, making noise and learning about following Jesus. This month we will keep looking at what it means to trust God and follow Jesus. Small group is a great time to have fun hanging out with your friends.

Please continue praying that adults who have a heart for our youth would step forward to help mentor and work with the students in our ministry. We have many youth in our ministries who are trying to figure out what it means to live a life following Jesus. One way that we learn this is through mentors that invest in our lives. This is a task that needs to be intentional and must be tackled by more than one person to reach all our youth and have long term effects in their lives.

April 8 - Easter Breakfast, 8:30am



### Pastor's Paige

Where there's a will there's a way - **a means to an end.**

If you need more grace to get to the end - you've got to practice the **means of grace.**

"John Wesley on the Means of Grace" from GBOD.COM

By "means of grace" I understand outward signs, words, or actions, ordained of God, and appointed for this end, to be the ordinary channels whereby he might convey to us, prevenient, justifying, or sanctifying grace (Sermon 12: The Means of Grace, § II.1).

- 1) Prevenient Grace - grace before belief, or preparing/enabling grace
- 2) Justifying Grace - forgiving - 'just as if I've never sinned'
- 3) Sanctifying Grace - grace for going on to holiness and righteousness

In a Christian believer love sits upon the throne which is erected in the inmost soul; namely, love of God and neighbor, which fills the whole heart, and reigns without a rival. In a circle near the throne are all holy tempers — long suffering, gentleness, meekness, fidelity, temperance; and if any other were comprised in "the mind which was in Christ Jesus." In an exterior circle are all the **works of mercy**, whether to the souls or bodies of men. By these we exercise all holy

tempers; by these we continually improve them, so that all these are real *means of grace*... Next to these are those that are usually termed **works of piety** — reading and hearing the word, public, family, private prayer, receiving the Lord's Supper, fasting or abstinence. Lastly, that his followers may the more effectually provoke one another to love, holy attitudes, and good works, our blessed Lord has united them together in one body, the Church, dispersed all over the earth; a little emblem of which, of the Church universal, we have in every particular Christian congregation. (Sermon 92: On Zeal, § II.5) {A}ll who desire the grace of God, are to wait for it in the means which God hath ordained. (Sermon 16)

I will work for grace.

Will you?

Blessings,

**- Rev. Peter Paige**

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The 10:30 Resurrection Worship will include music by the Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir, with an uplifting message by Rev. Paige.

Please make every effort to join with the whole church to make Holy Week a special faith-forming time, deepening your walk as we celebrate our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Children's Happenings**

April will be a time to focus on Jesus death and resurrection. The children of the church are invited to join in the Palm Sunday procession on April 1st. The procession is a visual reminder of Jesus' entering Jerusalem the last time before his death. Our Sunday School will also be reaching out with Easter blessings to those at the Corinthian. All school grades will be taking a walk over to bring flowers and cards to the residents of the Corinthian on April 1st during the Sunday School hour.

The Kids' Club program is teaching children who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. Many children from both our church family and those outside the church have been coming to have fun and learn about Jesus. Please pray that this ministry has long lasting effects in the lives of children in our church as well as their friends. The fun starts every Wednesdays at 6:00 PM with dinner. Adults are encouraged to stay and take part in one of the Wednesday night small groups offered during Kids' Club.

The Parents' Sunday School Class has begun meeting again after a short break. It is a great way for whole families to learn how to apply the Bible to their lives. It offers a welcoming environment to discuss parenting with other parents

and learn specific ways to apply what the children have learned in Sunday School at home throughout the week.

**Calendar**

April 1 - Sunday School visit to the Corinthian, 9:20-10:20am

April 1 - Palm Sunday procession, 10:25am

April Wednesdays - Kids' Club, 6pm

April Sundays - Sunday School, 9:20am



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Services



Thank you, church family for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers. Also to Pastor Peter for the hospital visit. We would especially like to thank the Elizabeth Circle members for the delicious meals they have provided. You are all great cooks!

I am trying to gain weight and strength so we can get back to church. Please continue with your prayers. God Bless!

**- Sondra and Bob Holmes**

The Preschool would like to sincerely thank the Elizabeth Circle for snacks and juice as well as the Deborah Circle who donated monies in memory of Dee Kaylor, Evelyn Holland, and Kay Hull. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

**- Christie Lawrence and Janice Black**

To Pastor Paige and FUMC family Congratulations on our church winning the YMCA Canned Food Drive. We received over 2000 food items at the NOC.

Most of all, I want to say a big heartfelt "Thank You" to one of the most wonderful church families in the world. You've always been there when we needed help. It's wonderful to be a part of a church family

that helps so many people. God bless you for all you do for NOC. Sincerely,

**- B. J. Hall, Director**

- Taken from I Shall Keep Singing

Poetry by

Beverly A. White

An April dawn

has kissed the earth,

the fields, the trees,

the violets waiting 'neath my feet.

Sustained, I dream along the way.

A crow with golden eyes

awakes my reverie.

There lies my hope against the hills;

I clutch the promise in my heart

and listen for the steps of May.

## Memorials

God's Gardeners: In memory of Dee Kaylor, Evelyn Holland and Kay Hull by MaryAlice Finney.

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## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Our church will be helping Heartbeat of Hardin County with their Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser again this year. At the beginning of April or any time during April please pick up a baby bottle from the church office or Nikki Haushalter (419-674-4208), fill it with coins and return it to the office by April 29. Bottles will also be handed out after early and late church service on April 1, 2012. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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## PRAISE!!

Our next First Wednesday Prayer and Praise will be April 4th. A light dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Praise will follow at 6:45. The focus will be on Passover. Please plan to join us for this special time of centering our lives in Christ as we follow in His footsteps during Holy Week.

## Baked Steak Dinner

sponsored by Hardin Co. Hospice Volunteers on Monday, April 23rd, serving from 4:30-6:30 at the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory. Cost: \$10.00

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## Not By Choice Outreach Dinner

will be held on Thur., April 19 at the Abundant Life Assembly of God Church beginning at 5:30 p.m. for those battling cancer, whose who have won the battle and the families of those who have lost the battle. An evening of dining and entertainment free to all the above and one guest. Additional guests: \$5.00 each. Catering by Jolene's Cozy Cafe. Please RSVP by April 5th to 419-673-9307.



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**WITH A PASSION FOR JESUS:  
TO INVITE,  
DISCIPLE,  
SERVE,  
AND SEND.**

## Heard It From the Grapevine

- submitted by Ruth Klingler  
Ryan Oberlitner is serving on the Kenton Middle School Peace Team which works toward a more peaceful school environment.

Ryan Oberlitner was runner-up in the Kenton Middle School spelling bee. He will participate in the regional competition at Rhodes State College on March 17th.

Delaney and Jackson Althaus were on the Kenton Middle School team that was crowned the 2012 Hardin County Quiz Bowl Champions.

The 4-H edition of the Kenton Times featured Dr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer family for their 4 generation involvement in 4-H.

Kristen Osborn had an article and picture in the 4-H edition of the Kenton Times featuring her accomplishments in sewing.

Steth Jackson was awarded a University Club II college scholarship to continue his education at Wilmington College.

Sarah Heilman was crowned the 2012 Hardin County Lamb and Wool Queen.

Jackie Stalder was named to the first team All Western Buckeye League girl's basketball team, the Division II Northwest Ohio All-District second team, and received

Honorable Mention on the All-Ohio team.

Sean Kelly was an honorable mention member of the All Western Buckeye League boy's basketball team.

Kasey Rawlins was named a Franklin B. Walter Scholar for Kenton High School. He identified Brad Blue as the teacher who most influenced his life.

Michael Richards, Lara Dulin, River Oates, Maggie Kimmel and Nick Valerio were in the Kenton High School musical "Mame."

Morgan Kohl and Makena Barnes participated at the 2012 Northwest Ohio YMCA Swim League Championships as members of the Sea Dragons.

Olivia Watkins received a scholarship from the Hardin County Pork Industry.

Kuert Lautenschlager, Mikaela Moore, and Noah Furbush are part of the Kenton High School Student Council that raised \$2,600 for the American Cancer Society.

Sarah Heilman has earned the opportunity to present her speech at the Ohio FFA Beginning Prepared Speaking contest after placing 1st in preliminary contests.



**EASTER FLOWER and/or BIBLE ORDER FORM**

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter flower(s) at \$7.00 each.

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Pew Bible(s) at \$13.00 each.

(It will take 165 Bibles to fill the sanctuary)

Please mark the total number of flowers and/or Bibles you wish to order on the lines provided and enclose a check to: 1st United Methodist Church

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers may be picked up after the 10:30 service.

**Orders must be placed by Sunday, April 1st.**

If you wish your flower given to a shut-in please check the box. Thank you!!



**Gift the Word to the Church**

This Lenten season we wanted to give the opportunity for each of you to participate in a simple renovation of our sanctuary by donating the cost of a new pew Bible – in the 1984 New International Version that we use during worship. The translation of the 1984 NIV consisted of fifteen Biblical scholars...over ten years – with 100 other scholars from the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and South

Africa...Anglicans,Assemblies of God, Baptist, Christian Reformed, Lutheran and Presbyterian. The 1984 NIV translation is a balance between word-for-word and thought-for-thought. Recent archaeological and linguistic discoveries helped in understanding traditionally difficult passages to translate. Note: Our current Bibles are the the 1971 Revised Standard Version – not the NRSV revised in 1989 which is one of the standards of serious Bible study today.

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**UMW News**



**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

Mark your calendars for the End of Year Program and Art Show on Monday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

We are now taking pre-registrations for fall classes. We are slightly raising the rates for the coming year, but will keep them steady for two years. This is in order to continue our Recruitment Rewards and Tuition Discount programs and so that we can possibly not have to have four fundraisers each year.

Registration fee: \$25.00

3 yr. AM class (T-TH) - \$80 month

4 yr. AM class (MWF) - \$100 month

4 yr. PM class (5 day) - \$140 month

If any class has 20 or more paying students enrolled for 7 months, everyone in that class will have FREE tuition for the month of May.

If you have need for a discount on tuition, please see Ms. Christie for a form to fill out and, if approved, you will receive a \$20 discount off each month's fee.

- Ms. Christie and Ms. Jan



**& Circle Meetings**

The UMW will meet on Thurs., April 12th with Executive Board at 9:00 and regular meeting at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. This will be our time of Sharing of Spring Flowers. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Deborah circle will meet on Thursday, April 26th at 1:30 p.m. at Jolene's Cozy Cafe.

Elizabeth circle will meet on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:30 p.m. with Jane Landsberg.

**Mark your calendars NOW!! The next UMW Bus Trip is scheduled for June 14, 2012.**

The Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet (catered by the Taylor's) will be Saturday, May 12 at 6:00. Tickets will be available April 22, 29, May 6 after each Worship Service or in the church office. \$10 adult, \$5 youth (5-10), 4 and under are free. This year's theme is "Treasured Moments."

We are thrilled to have **The Church Ladies** come and share during the program.

Hope to see you there!

- Marlene Jolliff and Joanne Longbrake, co-chairs



March 25 - Mr. Paul Hatcher, 450 Summit St., Kenton, OH 43326  
 March 25 - Mr. Harry Bailey, 123 Oak Lane, Kenton, OH 43326  
 April 10 - Mr. Justin Sherman, 11207 TR 225, Kenton, OH 43326  
 April 11 - Mr. Wayne Barnes, 7400 Swaney Rd., Bluffton, OH 45817  
 April 27 - Mrs. Mabel Dulin, 1211 W. Lima St. Hardin Hills, Suite B, Kenton, OH 43326  
 April 27 - Mr. Edison Klingler, 537 N. High St., Kenton, OH 43326  
 May 3 - Mrs. Elinor Barrett, 553 N. Pattison Ave., Kenton, OH 43326

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Ada First UMC, David and Sue Carmean, Ronda Cronley, Judy Dorsey, Mabel Dulin, Susie Elsasser, Rob Faulkner, Ethel Foor, Barbara Hatfield, Sondra Holmes, Marge Jepsen, Pam Loveridge, Kevin Purcell, Michael Quinn, Deb Redding, Christine Stahler, Robert Temple, Jan Tregoning, Bud Winzenried.  
 Sympathy to: Kathy and Steve Oliver & family in the loss of her mother, Esther Kimpel; to the family of Dennis Seabert.



*Congratulations*

and welcome to Calder Davis and Grant Robert, twin sons born to Todd and Ali (Davis) Lalonde on Thurs., Feb. 23, 2012. Proud grandparents are Bob and Lyn Davis.  
 and to Jeremy and Elizabeth (DalPolo) Parker on the birth of a son, Nicholas Thomas born Feb. 23, 2012 in Bluffton, OH. Grandparents are Orlando and Jennifer DalPolo and Elia Pawlyshyn.

### Altar Flowers

There are still Sundays available through 2012 if you would like to provide the altar flowers. The flower chart is on the bulletin board in the cookie room.

### SERMON TEXTS

April 1 - Palm/Passion Sunday - "Guilty?" - Rev. Paige  
 Mark 11:1-11; Mark 14:1-21; Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 April 8 - Easter Sunday - "Good Spread!" - Rev. Paige  
 Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:1-18  
 April 15 - "The 'Aye' of Truth" - Rev. Paige  
 1 John 1:1-2:2 and John 20:19-31  
 April 22 - Guest speaker - Mark Watkins  
 Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48  
 April 29 - "Disciple This" - Rev. Paige  
 1 John 3:16-24 and John 10:11-18



Date	Worship Att.	SS Att.	Budget Offering	Special Offerings
2/26/12	8:00 - 46 10:30 - 154	73	\$7510.17	\$2878.00
3/04/12	8:00 - 60 10:30 - 118	79	\$8682.48	\$ 436.00
3/11/12	8:00 - 51 10:30 - 119	60	\$4873.90	\$ 46.00
3/18/12	8:00 - 63 10:30 - 138	NA	\$5862.79	\$ 659.00

### Stained Glass Window Update

The beautiful south stained glass window is now back, lighting up the sanctuary with its glorious light. The second phase has begun with the removal of the smaller windows in the balcony. We only need an

additional \$1000 to have enough to pay for their renovation. We will continue to take donations toward having these windows fixed and also for the next phase. As before, you may give memorials or honorariums. Please note this on your check or pick up a form in the office.

# April 2012

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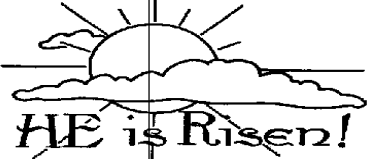

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<b>Palm/Passion Sunday 1</b> 8:00•Contemporary Worship 9:15•Confirmation Class, pastor's study 9:20•Sunday School for all ages 10:30•Blended Worship 7:00•Community Lenten Service	<b>2</b> 7:00•Stations of the Cross, sanctuary 7:30•AA, upstairs <b>Holy Week</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30•Stitchers 5:30•Chancel Bells 7:00•Resurrection Video/ Discussion, sanctuary	<b>4</b> 6:00•1st Weds. meal, fellowship hall 6:45•Prayer & Praise, Kids' Club, Middle School activities with Passover focus	<b>5</b> 7:00•Holy Thursday service/communion 7:30•AA, upstairs 8:00•Chancel Choir	<b>6</b>  Noon•Good Friday service, sanctuary No Preschool Offices closed	<b>7</b> 11:00•AA meeting Easter Egg Hunt
<b>8</b> 7:30•Easter Sunrise Service 8:30•Sunrise Breakfast by Youth 9:20•Sunday School for all ages 10:30•Resurrection Easter Worship <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>9</b> Offices closed No Preschool 7:00•VBS mtg. 7:30•AA meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30•Chancel Bells 7:30•10:30 Worship Committee mtg.	<b>11</b> 6:00•Weds Together meal, fellowship hall 6:30•Kids' Club, Middle Sch. & Adult activities	<b>12</b> 9:00•UMW Ex Brd 9:30•UMW mtg. 7:30•Chancel Choir •AA meeting	<b>13</b> Church offices closed 4:30-6:30•Keep Hardin Co. Beautiful BBQ	<b>14</b> 11:00•AA meeting
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