

# YOUTH GROUP

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who came out to support our YOUTH GROUP FUND-RAISER DINNER! We raised \$712 for the Youth Fund! My heart was overflowing with joy watching our church family join together for fellowship and ministry. The youth kids that came to serve did a wonderful job and I'm so proud of them! We will celebrate their hard work THIS FRIDAY, April 7th as we ROCK & JUMP!



**DO NOT MISS our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast April 15th at 10:00 a.m.! There will be over 1,000 eggs to find, PRIZES, crafts, and some delicious pancakes and sausage!** Special thanks to the Men's Breakfast group for agreeing to cook for us again! We are so excited to continue this tradition! Bring friends, family, neighbors for a day of fun and fellowship!

We hope that we will be able to grow our Sunday School classes! Please bring your children each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for a fun lesson, snack, and Children's Choir rehearsal. THANK YOU for your continued support of our children's and youth ministries! God is moving mountains in these young lives!

**Reminder: We will have a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, April 30th!**

In addition, we continue to collect coins for our Children's Ministries at the back table of the Sanctuary or in the main hallway (see the large plastic jar marked "Coins for Christ"). THANK YOU for supporting our children's and youth ministries!

—Stephanie Myers, Next Generations Minister

## Conversation with a Muslim — Fazeel Kahn Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m.

This would be a time to ask whatever you have been wondering about. We are looking to gather a small group of 5 -15 for open discussion. Fazeel told me this about the Quran (the Muslim holy book). "Yes, I certainly have read it and study it regularly (in weekly group classes as well as individually on my own time). Interestingly, I recently was a contributor to a book titled "Quran in Conversation" compiled by Prof. Michael Birkel of Earlham College. The book is based on interviews with 25 American Muslims. And the purpose was to give non-Muslims an opportunity to read about how American Muslims actually think about/understand/interpret their religion."

Let Pastor John know if you are interested in participating.



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**Join Us Sunday Mornings**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 Choir Rehearsal/  
Fellowship Time  
10:30 Worship

**Office Hours**  
Monday to Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## Cross and Resurrection

To be balanced, Christians need to focus on both cross and resurrection. Jesus Christ lived to show us God's way and then was crucified and died. That was not the end of the story and Jesus rose on Easter.

The cross shows us that God understands the suffering and death we face as human beings. In Jesus, God has experienced what we go through. Christians are not removed from the suffering and challenges of life. Faith enables us to face and work through these challenges. When we are down, we know that God is with us.

The cross also calls us back from being triumphalist. Life does not just go our way and we cannot just impose our views on others. We need to question the ways we employ power when we have it. Jesus could have called up God's mighty power to prevent him from being crucified, but God/Jesus chose another way. Jesus showed us that imposition of power is not the answer.

The resurrection shows us the victory over sin, suffering and death that we face as human beings. When life does not go our way, we know that there is a deeper story going on. In Jesus, God demonstrates the ultimate victory. We can face the struggles of life because God has us covered. God is lifting us up. We are able to find hope beyond immediate circumstances.

The resurrection also gives us to joy and hope to live our faith in the world. God intends the abundance of life for all. We can live positive lives that build strong relationships and contribute to strong community. We can do our part to contribute to the common good that shares the abundance of life with all. We can live today in the light of the future fulfillment of God's way.

Holy Week expresses this balance in a powerful way. We move through sin and death to faith and life. The balance is expressed in Palm/Passion Sunday. We begin with the joy of Palm Sunday and then follow as Jesus pours himself out for us in the Passion and crucifixion. Jesus demonstrates that whether we are high or low, God is with us. Of course, we focus on the cross on Good Friday and then celebrate the new life of resurrection on Easter.

Through it all, we live the message of cross and resurrection, we are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song!

Shalom,  
Pastor John

**HOLY WEEK**  
  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Passion/Palm Sunday**  
**April 9—10:30 a.m. Worship**

Come celebrate our Lord with palm branches to remember his entry into Jerusalem prior to the crucifixion. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week; following the 10:30 a.m. worship we will strip the chancel area in remembrance of the passion of the Lord.

**Good Friday**

**April 14—at Noon—"Way of the Cross" Walk**  
*(Stations of the cross on the church grounds)*

**7:30 p.m. Worship**

*NEW* this year is a "Way of the Cross" Walk that will guide us through the Stations of the Cross on our church grounds! AND at 7:30 in the evening, we hold our Good Friday Worship—a special, solemn candlelight service signifying the death of Christ on the cross. This service is meant to be very quiet and contemplative. *Childcare provided.*

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 15—10 a.m.**

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. with a pancake breakfast! Children through age 11 are invited to bring a basket and join in the Easter Egg Hunt fun!



**Sunday, April 16**  
**Sunrise worship—6:52 a.m.**  
**Worship—10:30 a.m.**

*Celebrate Easter morning with us!*

Sunrise Service begins at 6:52 a.m. where we will gather to enjoy music and a cup of coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a light breakfast snack...before watching the sunrise and celebrating the resurrection of Christ! Our 10:30 a.m. worship will include music by our Chancel Choir, Easter hymns, and a special Easter message from Rev. John.

*No Sunday School or Children's Church today.  
 Childcare provided at the 10:30 a.m. service.*

**NEW**  
**Sunday Morning Schedule**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship**

***APRIL Scriptures & Titles***

**April 2, 5th Sunday in Lent**  
**Communion, 10:30 Worship Begins**  
 Romans 8:6-11  
 John 11:1-45  
*"Spirited Living"*

**April 9, Palm/Passion Sunday**  
 Matthew 21:1-11  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Matthew 27:11-54  
*"Living Through"*

**April 14, Good Friday**  
 Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
 Psalm 22 (UMH 752)  
 Hebrews 10:16-25  
 John 18:1-19:42

**April 16, Easter**  
 Acts 10:34-43  
 John 20:1-18  
 Matthew 28:1-10

*"Jesus Meets Us in the Midst of Living"*

**April 23, 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31  
*"New Birth into a Living Hope"*

**April 30**  
**Native American Ministries Sunday**  
 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 Luke 24:13-35  
*"A Gift to Our Children: Mutual Love"*



***HOLD THE DATE!***  
***Daughter's Celebration***

**Sunday, May 7th**  
**1:00 p.m.**

All ladies, their female friends, and family members are invited to our Annual Daughter's Celebration Luncheon, which includes a variety of delicious all-you-can-eat salads and desserts.

There is musical entertainment this year. And, tickets continue to be a bargain at only \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for daughters under 10 years of age. See Pat Juliano for tickets before and after Worship service on Sunday, April 23rd or 30th.

*We hope to see all ladies there!*

—Pat Juliano



**Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday April 8th, 8:30 am**

**NOTE:** Our Saturday, May 13th breakfast will be the last one until September, as the men's group takes a summer break.



**Coming this Summer...**  
**Columbus Clippers Family Outing!**

Date and time to be determined. Watch for more information or contact Kim Grant if you are interested:

**Kimberly1420@yahoo.com**  
**or call or text me at: 614.314.6259**



**APRIL/MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

4/8—Margaret & Ben Humphrey  
 4/24 —Pat & Eugene Green  
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 5/23—Pat & Bill Harrison



4/4—Mike Bell  
 4/8—Audrey Hoag  
 4/9—Brandon Schneider  
 4/12—Danny Mumy  
 4/14—Elizabeth Damron  
 4/26—Tony Schneider

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 5/10—Alice Mumy  
 5/10—Joseph Schneider  
 5/13—Justin Ritzman  
 5/18—Jessica Shown  
 5/23—Mary Lou Edwards  
 5/31—Rick Juliano

**APRIL**  
**Servant Ministries**

**Liturgists**  
**Coordinator—Kim Grant**  
 4/2—Kim Grant  
 4/9—Howard Green  
 4/16—Ruth Scott  
 4/23—Van Peterman  
 4/30—Greg Grant

**Children's Church**  
**Coordinator—Stephanie Myers**  
 4/2—Alice Yuhas  
 4/9—Kara Pleasnick-Frey  
 4/16—Sara Canitano  
 4/23—Dusty Nichols  
 4/30—Stephanie Myers

**Counters**  
**Coordinator—Doris Johnson**  
 Doris Johnson & Josh Frey

**Nursery**  
 Sharan Ritzman

**Ushers**  
**Coordinator—Van Peterman**  
 Budd Briggs, Michael Gifford,  
 Chris & Sara Canitano

**Sound System Coordinators—**  
**Wanda Myers /Howard Green**

**Computer/Sound**  
 Wanda & Gary Myers

**Acolytes**  
***(Light & Extinguish Candles)***

**April 2**  
 Elina (light) & Brody (extinguish)  
**April 9—Palm Sunday**  
 Jada (light) & Jessica (extinguish)  
**April 16—Easter**  
 Camryn (light) & Mya (extinguish)  
**April 23**  
 Alexis (light) & Braedyn (extinguish)  
**April 30**  
 Brody (light) & Elina (extinguish)