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April 2023

## WHY EASTER IS THE RIGHT COLOR

There once lived a wealthy man who was bothered by severe eye pain. He consulted many physicians, but no one could treat his ache. He finally found a wise monk, renowned for treating various illnesses. The monk carefully observed the man's eyes and offered a very peculiar solution.

The monk told the man to concentrate only on green color for a few weeks and avoid looking at any other colors. The man was desperate to get rid of the pain so he hired a group of painters and purchased barrels of green paint and directed that every object, his eye was likely to fall upon be painted green.

After a few weeks the monk came to visit. As the monk walked towards the man's room, the appointed painter poured a bucket of green paint on the monk. The monk could see that the whole corridor and the room was painted green. As the monk inquired of the reason for painting everything green, the wealthy man said that he was only following the monk's advice to look at only green.

Hearing this, the monk laughed and said "If only you had purchased a pair of green spectacles, for just a few dollars, you could have saved a large part of your fortune. You cannot paint the entire world green."

Moral: Looking at the world through God's vision will help us to see it as we should.

"Fixing your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

*Blessings & Peace,*

*Pastor Dan*



*please  
join us*

for  
**EaStER**

**April 2 - Palm Sunday Worship Service with Palms 9:00am  
Breakfast Served following service**

**April 6 - Maundy Thursday:**

**Women's Lunch 12:00pm in Otterbein**

*Please sign up in the lobby or call the office  
by Monday, April 3, as we need a count for food*

**Worship Service 7:00pm in Sanctuary**

**April 9 - Easter Worship Service 9:00am**

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt following service**



# Breakfast

Pearl Circle Invites  
you to join us for Breakfast & Fellowship  
**Sunday, April 2** following Worship

If you can donate a coffee cake,  
breakfast casserole, donuts, etc.,  
please contact:  
Helen Akers 309-441-5370



- 01 - Jamie Cucci, Dana Dwyer
- 02 - Sara Bertelsen
- 03 - Ron Vroman
- 07 - Chuck Boardman
- 08 - Lacey Burris
- 11 - Janey Neumann
- 12 - Justin Johnson, Lucas Nicke
- 14 - Joseph Beeth
- 16 - Tom Hudson
- 17 - Mark DeFauw, Lyn Gradert
- 22 - Doug Emerick
- 24 - Larry Goodwin, Carly Verbeck



- 08 - Tom & Tracey Wise (28)
- 15 - Brad & Tammy Dunker (28)
- 16 - Larry & Linda Goodwin (51)
- 20 - Todd & Marlene Ashpole (38)
- Steve & Susan Coleman (21)
- Landon & Sharon Neumann (21)
- 22 - Wayne & Suzanne Carter (56)
- John & Sally Swanson (45)**



## OWLS Lunch

**Thursday, April 20**  
**11:30am in Otterbein**

### PROGRAM

Annika Tunberg, Vice President of **Whitey's Ice Cream, Inc.**, will present a special program on the creation and continuation of our favorite local ice cream place. Sign up in the lobby or by calling the office.



# YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

**MARCH 2023**

**\$22,553.61**

**General Fund**



**Pastor Dan Seibert**  
revseibert@gmail.com

318 N Center Street  
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**Worship Sunday at 9:00am**  
**Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)**  
**Sunday at 9:00am**

**Sunday School:**  
**Adult Classes at 8:00am**  
**Men & High School Boys**  
**at 10:00am**

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Martha Anderson  
Brant Betcher  
Cara & Zane  
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Ruth Ann Eaker

Jon Espenses  
Nikki Haars  
**Brenna (Betcher) Holke**  
John & JoAnn Knox  
Courtney Morrison  
Bev Radue  
Marian Shelton  
Ginny Simon  
Nancy Stoneberger  
Tosha Venema  
Phyllis Wiese

Clark Barnes  
Mathew Bodeen  
John Carlson  
Joey Eaker  
**Doug & Shelly Emerick Family**  
Evelyn  
Cameron Hodgson  
Jeanette Klavine  
Jim Larimer  
Powell's brother  
Steve Scherer's mom  
Jann Sigwalt  
Paul Starr  
Sally Swanson  
Alana Wachtel

*Thoughts*  
In your time of sorrow, my  
ARE WITH YOU



### Love & Sympathy to...

**Doug & Shelly Emerick Family**  
for the loss of Steve Middleton  
Father of Shelly & Doug  
Grandfather of Courtney Morrison  
& Michael Emerick

**The Family of Burdette Floming**

**The Family of Jacob Pruitt**

### Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Greta Baugh      Mona Radue Claeyes      Joyce Criddle  
Mary Lou Deane      Phyllis Keag      John Riggs  
Sarah Stees      Rita Webb

**Please contact Julie Dahlquist**  
**with prayer updates.**



**Food needs:** nuts, seafood & poultry, fruit packed in 100% juice, whole grain cereal, low sodium soup

**Non-food needs:** kitchen items, small appliances, bedding, towels, Size 2XL & Larger clothing

# Breakfast



**Sunday  
March 12**

# MISSIONS

## **Easter Giving**

The Mission Committee will split the Easter giving between these three local causes:

**Backpack Blessings:** Providing nutritional support to students in the Geneseo School District

**Rebuilding Together:** Bringing volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners

**Freedom House:** Domestic violence and sexual assault services

Information is available in the foyer Easter Sunday.

## **Turkey Support**

The Mission Committee is using your donations to assist Turkey at a time of great need. A \$2000 donation will be sent to UMCOR for Turkey earthquake relief efforts.

## **Missionary Support**

United Methodist covenant program enables congregations to surround mission personnel with prayer, provide salary assistance, and have a personal connection. Missionaries Alma Navarro and Richard Navarro are serving in Taiwan. The Mission Committee will provide \$1000 to each of them, so they may continue their mission.

**Alma & Richard Navarro:** serving at Overseas Filipino Workers



Violet Circle undertook a Midwest Mission project this year of sewing flannel diapers, which are used in layette kits sent around the world. Sharon Campbell contacted Midwest Mission and had the pattern emailed to her. Gayle Barnes drew up the patterns with instructions for distribution to those interested in helping. Norma Lodge expressed an interest and was given a pattern. She has set a goal of 200 diapers, and as of March 12 has almost reached that goal!

# MARCH fun with GUMDROPS!





## OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Go to:  
[geneseograce.com](http://geneseograce.com)  
or  
[geneseograce.org](http://geneseograce.org)

A HUGE Thank you to Lisa & Steve Depies & their company, TeamWTI for designing this wonderful website for us! Thank you for your time, creativity, & knowledge. CHECK IT OUT TODAY!



*He is not here,*

**FOR HE IS**

**RISEN**

*—Matthew 28:6*



Grace Church Council met Monday, March 20, at 7:00pm, and reports were given by the committee chairs. **Staff/Parish Chair**, George Farley, is in the process of meeting with staff and updating job descriptions.

**Mission Chair**, Karen Doy, reported that \$1,000 will be donated to each of the two Taiwan missionaries and \$2,000, through UMCOR, to Turkey earthquake victims. The committee is seeking ways to better support local charities. Easter giving will be split between Backpack Blessings, Rebuilding Together, and Freedom House.

According to **Finance Chair**, Todd Davison, the church met both its January and February budgets with a General Fund balance of \$42,681.

**Trustees Chair**, Brian Humphries, reported on ongoing projects, including: the foyer roof and attention to the parking lot. Carpeting in Otterbein was discussed, as well as possible changes in the foyer. The new sound system was approved.

For **Membership**, Gayle Barnes discussed the search for software to assist with membership recording, financial reporting, as well as administration needs for Coral.

Audrey Toone reported on the success of **FROGS** and upcoming Easter youth activities.

**Pastor Seibert** outlined his goals for reaching young families. He is pleased with the "Witness" class and reported that Confirmation classes will likely begin in the fall.

The next Council meeting will be May 22 at 7:00pm. Please pray for guidance for all committee members and blessings on all those who serve our Lord and church.

**Jeff Orton, Church Council Chair**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Regular Sunday Events</b> 8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am Men & H.S. Boys Class 10:00am - Women & H.S. Girls Class						1
2  <b>Palm SUNDAY</b> Breakfast following worship	3 8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel	4 4:00pm - Book Club, Library	5 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	6  <b>Maundy THURSDAY</b> 12:00pm - Women's Lunch 7:00pm - Service	7  <b>Good FRIDAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	8
9  <b>Happy Easter!</b> Easter Egg Hunt following worship	10 8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel 9:00am - Library Committee Meeting, Library	11 9:00am - Pearl Circle, Chapel	12 1:00pm - Violet Circle, Albright 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15
16 <b>Regular Sunday Events</b> 4:00pm - Girl Scouts, Albright	17 8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel	18	19 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	20 11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein 6:00pm - Staff Parish Meeting, Chapel	21	22
23 <b>Regular Sunday Events</b>	24 8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel 6:00pm - Finance Committee, Albright	25	26 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
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