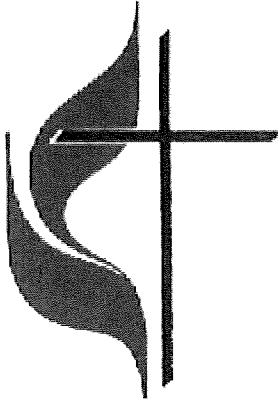


THE MESSENGER

April 2022



NEAL AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT: L.O.V.E. G.O.D.

Lead Others to spiritual victory; to encourage, to Give of
Ourselves and Demonstrate the love of Jesus.

Breakthrough Prayer

Lord, lead us by your Holy Spirit as we become agents of revival in our communities. May we move more deeply into relationship with Jesus and draw your people to your light. We give you all praise and glory. Amen.

Your monthly news & updates

Here's what's happening at Neal Avenue this month!

WORSHIP SERVICES

April 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent
Communion Sunday
10:30 a.m.

Preacher: Pastor EM

Liturgist: Jeff Wolfe

Organist: Mary Ellen
Strahm

Pianist: Sue Spiker

A/V: Dave Rauch, Randy
Spiker, George Cook, Jeff
Wolfe

Hymn

Leader: Angelique
Gabrielle

Greeters: Elward Smith

Usher: Bud Bell & Brady
Kreider

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday
10:30 a.m.

Preacher: Pastor EM

NEWS



*CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY
TO MARGE RUTLEDGE AND FAMILY AT THE
PASSING OF HER SON.*

THANK YOU! Dear Church Family - Thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy upon the death of my dear wife, Cindy. Your coming to calling hours, attending the memorial service, sending heartfelt notes and cards, and preparing the bereavement dinner are all wonderful expressions of your love. Neal Avenue United Methodist Church will always have a special place in our hearts.

Gregg Huffman
Kendra Newell
Corbin Huffman

Liturgist: Marvin Oneson
Organist: Mary Ellen Strahm
Pianist: Sue Spiker
A/V: Dave Rauch, Randy Spiker, George Cook, Jeff Wolfe
Hymn
Leader: Angelique Gabrielle
Greeters: Elward Smith
Usher: Bud Bell & Brady Kreider

April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday
7 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall
Preacher: Pastor EM
Liturgist: Randy Spiker

April 15, 2022
Good Friday
7 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Liturgists: Randy Spiker, Chris Wood, Angelique Gabrielle
Acolyte: Laura Atherton

April 17, 2022
Easter Sunrise Service
live-streamed at
Wilson Cemetary (no in person worship)
6:30 a.m.
Preacher: Pastor EM
Participants: Randy & Sue Spiker, Chris Wood, Jeff Wolfe, Jenna & Jordan Wolfe

10:30 a.m.
Preacher: Pastor EM
Liturgist: Angelique Gabrielle
Organist: Mary Ellen Strahm
Pianist: Sue Spiker
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NEAL AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOMEN NACW will be collecting household items for *Starting Strong*, a program of Fostering Further. Items will be collected through April 17th. Below is a list of items needed. They are not in need of toilet paper, at this time as someone recently made a large donation.



Starting Strong

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR A FIRST APARTMENT GIFT BASKETS

Cleaning Supplies

Clorox Wipes, Multipurpose Cleaners, Toilet Brush, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Sponge, Small Broom/Dustpan, Trash Can, Dish Soap, Bucket, Dish Towels

Paper supplies

Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues

Hygiene items

Toothbrush/Paste, Comb, Hairbrush, Body Wash, Shampoo/Conditioner, Razors, Lotion, Hand Soap, Deodorant, Band-aids, Pain Reliever (Advil or Tylenol)

Laundry supplies

Basket or Laundry Bag, Detergent, Dryer Sheets

Household Items

Plastic cups, plates and bowls, Cooking utensils, 2 or 3 Qt saucepan, Non-Stick skillet, Baking Sheet, Strainer, Measuring Cups, Bath Towels, Pillows

We know you're a super savvy shopper and buying in bulk is more economical! But for our young friends just leaving foster care or setting up their first apartment, space is limited and being mobile is of greater value. Please avoid purchasing Family Sized items; Shop and donate with the needs of a single, young adult in mind. Thank you!

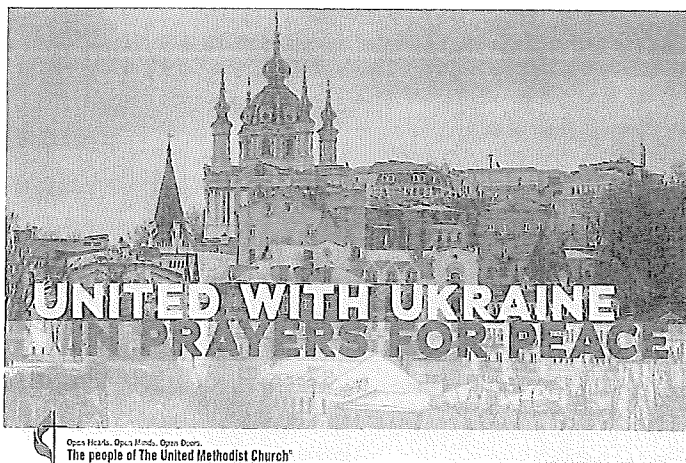
To donate items, please contact:

Valerie Smith, valerie@fosteringfurther.org

Yvonne Williams, yvonne@startingstrongohio.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS STEPPING OUT INTO LIFE AS AN ADULT!

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UNITED METHODISTS STAND WITH UKRAINE United Methodists across the globe condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine

April 24, 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m.
Preacher: Pastor Em
Liturgist: Randy Spiker
Organist: Mary Ellen Strahm
Pianist: Sue Spiker
A/V: Dave Rauch, Randy Spiker, George Cook, Jeff Wolfe
Hymn
Leader: Angelique Gabrielle
Greeters: Elward Smith
Usher: Bud Bell & Brady Kreider

Important Dates

April 4
10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Trustees

April 7 5:30 Lenten Bible Study

April 10 Palm Sunday
Noon Easter Egg Hunt & light lunch

April 11
10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
Noon YAH Lucky Bamboo

April 12 6-8 p.m.
Worship Team

April 14 7 p.m. **Maundy Thursday** Service in the FH

April 15 Good Friday
Office Closed
7 p.m. Tenebrae Service

April 17 6:30 a.m.
Sunrise Service live-streamed on Facebook (no in person worship)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

and stand in solidarity with those experiencing violence, displacement and suffering in the midst of war. Learn more about the ways United Methodist prayers, aid and witness are being directed. [Learn More](#). Anyone wanting to donate to UMCOR to help the Ukrainian people can write a check to Neal Avenue UMC with "Ukraine" in the memo and we will send it directly to UMCOR.



KROGER REWARDS Thank you to the 13 households who designated Neal Avenue to receive rewards. From November 1, 2021 to January 13, 2022 we received \$77.12 in donations. If you would like to designate the church to receive rewards when you shop at Kroger, go to www.krogerrewards.com and enter LU832 for the code. Please contact the office if you have questions.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE The Commission on the General Conference of the United Methodist Church announced that the 2020 General Conference is now further postponed until 2024.

TROOP 7145 BSA Scout Troop 7145 meets every Tuesday at the church at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the troop, please contact Diane Norris, Scoutmaster.

CUB SCOUT PACK 4145 meets every Monday at the church from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the Pack, please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 10th

Maundy Thursday April 14th
7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday April 15th

April 18 Office Closed
Easter Monday

7 p.m.

April 19 6 p.m. SPRC

April 17th

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. live-streamed at Wilson Cemetery

(no in person worship)

10:30 a.m. in person worship & live-streamed on Facebook

April 21 3 p.m. NACW

April 26 5 p.m. FREE
Community Dinner &
God's Closet

EASTER EGG HUNT The Nurture Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and light lunch on Sunday, April 10th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be crafts and coloring pages available for kids.



HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

April 4 Harold & Nancy
Swigeart

April 21 Elward & Molly
Smith

The following items are needed:

Individually wrapped candy

Hot Dogs and hot dog buns

Individual bags of chips

Canned pop, bottled water

Paper plates & napkins.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

April 2 Dixie Coventry

April 6 Betty Ervin

April 7 David Coventry

April 11 Bryan John
Schorger

April 21 Sherry Poling

April 23 Charlene
Broseus

April 24 Robert Howell

April 26 Don Urban

April 30 Betty Hollar,
Joseph Schorger

We do not need plastic eggs. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the Easter Egg hunt. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary if you would like to help the day of the event.

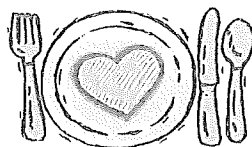
Feel free to invite any children you know! (grandkids, nieces/nephews, neighbors, etc.)

See Chris Wood with any questions.

YOUNG AT HEART The next meeting will be at noon on April 11, 2022. They will be meeting at Lucky Bamboo.

NEAL AVENUE CHRISTIAN WOMEN (NACW) The next meeting of NACW will be at 3 p.m. on April 21st. Lt. Kaitlyn Haddix from the Salvation Army will be the guest speaker. All women of the church are invited to attend. The May meeting will be at 6 p.m.

Please keep the following ministries of our church and community in your prayers throughout the month: **Church Staff, Chancel Choir, Nurture Committee & Hospice of Licking County**



COMMUNITY DINNER

FREE Community Dinner & God's Closet

April 26 @ 5 p.m.

If you would like a meal delivered, please call the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Charlene Broseus and family as the wife of her nephew, Tim, died.

Victims of the New Orleans tornado on

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A donation was made to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of **Josephine Comisford** by:

William Comisford

March 22 and also for the relief workers.

Mary Robert's grandson, Jimmy, who was released and going to his group home on Tuesday. His dad's eye surgery went well. Her friend, Helen's, surgery went well also.

Charlene J., who has a broken hip and cancer.

Christine Collier who had a small stroke, not mini, and a bulging disk.

Continued prayers for for Craig and Linda Dorsey-Sessor and Linda's daughter and family. Zoey is still undergoing treatment for lymphoma and her dad, Darren, is still in the hospital.

Esther Wright who continues to have health concerns.

Gabby Wysocki, who has been having abdominal pain. She underwent testing. Also for her dad, John Wysocki, who had nasal sinus surgery. Please pray for complete healing for both Gabby and John and for the entire family as they are dealing with several stressful issues.

Marge Rutledge and family at the passing of Marge's son.

Shirley Goodin and family at the passing of Shirley's niece, Amy.

The family of Cindy Huffman.

Jeff Wolfe's brother, Philip Wolfe, who has cancer. He will be getting

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in loving memory of
Cindy Huffman

by:
Ginny Berens
Don & Barbara Urban
Betty Hollar

A donation was made to the Memorial Fund
in memory of
Mary Mullenix

and her respect of, and dedication to,
supporting the work of UMCOR
by:
Mary Frances Rauch

MESSANGER DEADLINE If you have information you would like published in the monthly Messenger, please submit to the office by the 19th of each month. If you would like it published in the weekly edition, please submit to the office by Friday. The office email is office@nealavenue.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon & 12:45 p.m. - 3 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

Pastor Em's Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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BIBLE VERSES

April 1 John 16:1-4a
April 2 John 16:4b-7
April 3 John 19:1-16a
April 4 John 16:8-12
April 5 John 16:13-16
April 6 John 16:17-22
April 7 John 16:23-28
April 8 John 16:29-33
April 9 John 16:6-9
April 10 John 19:16b-22
April 11 John 17:10-13
April 12 John 17:14-19
April 13 Psalm 22:1-5
April 14 John 19:23-30
April 15 John 19:31-42
April 16 Psalm 22:6-11
April 17 John 20:1-18

promising cancer treatments for six more months.

Sue O., who has stage 4 cancer.

Healing for Ginny Berens. She is now home.

Healing for Joyce Gibson's brother, John.

Joyce & Rich Gibson. Joyce has not been feeling well.

Pastor Em and family as they prepare for a time of transition.

The Bishop and Cabinet as they select a new pastor for the church.

Our church

The people of Ukraine

April 18 Psalm 22:19-22

April 19 Psalm 22:23-26

April 20 Psalm 22:27-31

April 21 Isaiah 44:6-8

April 22 Isaiah 53:1-6

April 23 Isaiah 53:7-12

April 24 John 20:19-31

April 25 John 21:1-14

April 26 John 21:15-19

April 27 Acts 1:6-11

April 28 Acts 2:22-26

April 29 Acts 2:37-47

April 30 Acts 8:1b-3

Easter
He IS Risen!

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