



March 29 through April 4, 2026



So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6)

I hope you are continuing your preparations for Easter, and I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities for worship.

- Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, March 29, marking Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- Thursday April 2, we observe Maundy Thursday at a joint service with Concord, Baden and One in Christ Church, Ambridge. The service at One in Christ begins at 6:30 PM.
- Friday, April 3, a joint service at Ohio, 7:00 PM.
- Sunday April 5 is Easter!

Please join the celebration, as we joyfully remember the most important event in human history, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Regardless what Andy Williams says, EASTER is “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.”

Maybe you are wondering, why that particular verse at the top of the page? The Eleven Disciples (remember, Judas was dead) had seen the Resurrected Christ, and had been with him another forty days. They asked the question just before Jesus ascended. We now know their question was misplaced – Jesus was NOT about to restore the kingdom to Israel, at least in the way the Disciples were thinking.

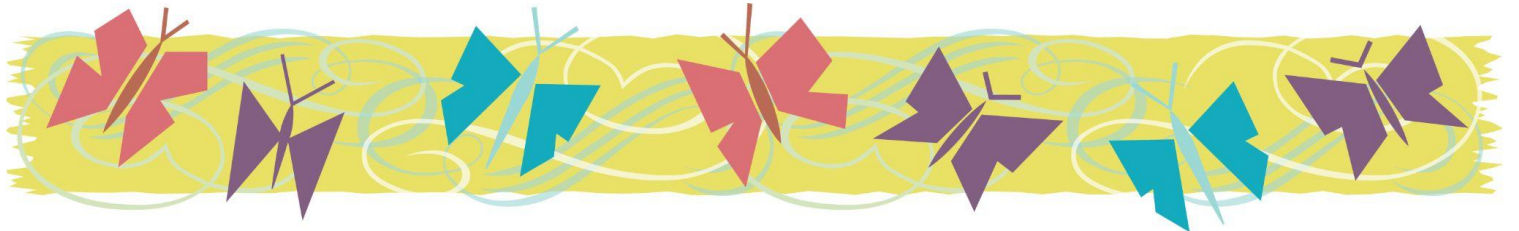
But what about our own idea of the Risen Christ? Remember, before Jesus was raised from the dead, what had to happen? That’s right, he had to die. And why was it necessary for him to die? That’s right, so we can recognize and admit our own sin, and receive the grace that comes only through the life, death, and (yes!) Resurrection of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

My friends, Easter is indeed the most wonderful time of the year – even better than Christmas. But let us not lose sight of what happened before that Sunday morning – Jesus Christ, God’s only-begotten Son, died for us.

Then we will have reason to celebrate! He is Risen! Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Pastor Jim



BABYSHOWER

The Women's Association is collecting donations for Adoption Connection, located in Beaver, PA. Donations can be placed in the marked box in the Cry Room every Sunday in March. The items most needed are:

- Gently used baby items
- Diapers-size newborn to 6, and wipes
- Shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- Baby wash and lotion
- New hairbrushes, combs
- New underwear and socks (all sizes)
- Gently used clothing of all sizes

Thank you for your donations!!

Questions? Contact Eleanor Pike
at 724-601-4007



Worship
• Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children’s chat • Adult Sunday School is at 9am • 100 in church on March 22, 2026 • Maundy Thursday on April 2 is at One in Christ Church in Ambridge at 6:30pm • Good Friday Service is at Ohio UP Church at 7pm • Easter service is at Ohio UP Church at 10am
Congregational Care
• Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am • A Listening Session is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 7PM • Women’s Association Meeting on April 7 at 6:30pm • Ruth Circle will meet at 1pm on April 8
Mission
• The Lenten Mission project has raised \$1744 out of \$3000, which will go to building two water wells. Offering designated as “Lenten Mission Project” will go towards this goal. This Palm Sunday during Children’s Chat there will be a congregation collection to donate towards the project.
Operations
Property Meeting on April 6 at 6:30pm

Church FAMILY —PRAYER LIST—



- Prayers for John Martin and family on the passing of Bonnie
- Diane Gennaro—Prayers for sister-in-law, Chris Davis, as she has another lumpectomy
- Charles Hendrick—Prayers for all our service members overseas
- Mark Mitchell—Prayers of healing for step-daughter's father Dale Kapton who was in a serious motorcycle accident
- Karen Bauder— Prayer of joy that the daffodils are blooming!
- Jen Davis—Prayers for Mark Douglass as he is hospitalized for swelling in his legs.
- Continued prayers for Donna Olexik who is still weak but doing better. Her address is 312 Grimm Way, Weirton, WV 26062



Anniversary	Birthdays	Birthdays
Jason & Liz Cagnon 03/05	Mark Muslin 03/01	Daniel Fox Sr. 03/21
	Tracy Simmons 03/08	Casey Honess 03/23
	Savannah McLynden 03/09	Leonard Laird Sr. 03/23
	Michael Duganich 03/11	Betty Solinski 03/25
	Logan Gregory 03/14	Evelyn Cagnon 03/27
	Rich Palmer 03/16	Kasey Hoth 03/27
	Joshua Kocher 03/20	Debbie Ceccarelli 03/29



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Michael & Crystal Saxon 04/13	Holly Diccico 04/01	Evelyn Lawson 04/09	Donna Olexick 04/18
Denise & Chris Mathias 04/25	Ivonne Holsinger 04/01	Logan Palochak 04/09	Hannah Lancot 04/20
Kenneth & Patti Strominger 04/30	Jeff Davis 04/02	Doug Murdoch 04/11	Jim Williams 04/20
	Jason Cagnon 04/09	Denise Mathias 04/16	Paul Magee 04/27

