



## APRIL NEWSLETTER 2026

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**From the Pastor...**

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### THE STORY NEVER GETS OLD

We are all familiar with Christmas and Easter accounts in the Bible. They are boldly proclaimed every year. To be fair, Christmas gets the most press due to the commercialism associated with that holiday. I submit that Easter is the culmination of Christmas and emphasizes the reason for the birth of Jesus in the first place. Every good story deserves a good ending. God's plan had a surprising beginning and an even better conclusion.

St. Paul writes that if Jesus is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain. How true that is. With that in mind, I suggest that we place as much emphasis on Easter as we do for Christmas. It is hard for us to imagine someone rising from the dead but that is exactly what we celebrate every Easter and in fact every day since then.

The great joy that comes from that first Easter is our union with Christ risen and glorious. We share in the resurrection through faith and not just due to wishful thinking. The power of death over us is destroyed by the empty tomb on Easter.

I offer for your consideration some inspirational words about Easter in a poem written by Ella E. Doxsee.

### THE GLORIOUS DAWN

Gond is the fear that has held us in bondage  
As we think in that first Easter Day.  
The glorious dawn after earth's darkest night  
And the tomb with the stone rolled away.  
Angels came down from heaven that day  
To roll the great stone from the tomb  
To tell to man that Christ lived once again  
And to rob the grace of its fear and gloom.  
The promise of life eternal is ours  
For this we rejoice on tis glad Easter Day  
For the Lord of all has conquered the grave  
And the stone has been rolled forever away.

I pray that you and your family will find the joy of Easter for all the days ahead.  
Please join us for Easter service at 9:30 am on Sunday, April 5.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

<b>Ministers for Worship</b>				
<b>April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday</b>				
<i>Assistant</i>	7:00	Kim Pohovey		
<i>Lector</i>	7:00	Kim Pohovey		
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	7:00			
<i>Screen</i>	7:00	Zac Pirillo		

<b>April 3, 2026 Good Friday</b>				
<i>Assistant</i>	7:00			
<i>Lector</i>	7:00			
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	7:00	Ted & Marcia Howenstine		
<i>Screen</i>	7:00	Dee Garrison		

<b>April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday</b>				
<i>Assistant</i>	9:30	Terry Tegtmeier		
<i>Lector</i>	9:30	Donna Menyes		
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	9:30	Tom & Tammy Huggins		
<i>Screen</i>	9:30	Doug Dix		

<b>April 12, 2026</b>				
<i>Assistant</i>	8:00	Charlann Young	10:30	Marcia Howenstine
<i>Lector</i>	8:00	Mary Ann Miller	10:30	Linda Clugston
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	8:00	John & Sandy Bolitho	10:30	Aaron & Meghan Woods
<i>Screen</i>	8:00	Terri Howell	10:30	Ted Howenstine

<b>April 19, 2026</b>				
<i>Assistant</i>	9:30	Kim Pohovey		
<i>Lector</i>	9:30	Kim Pohovey		
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	9:30	Dave & Linda Clugston		
<i>Screen</i>	9:30	Zac Pirillo		

<b>April 26, 2026</b>				
<i>Assistant</i>	8:00	Wanda Baltzly	10:30	Randy Simers
<i>Lector</i>	8:00	Dave Zastawny	10:30	Cheryl Simers
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	8:00	Dave & Charlann Young	10:30	Tom & Tammy Huggins
<i>Screen</i>	8:00	Steve Maurer	10:30	Dee Garrison

**Altar Guild in April**-Dave & Linda Clugston

DATE		FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
April 2	Maundy Thursday	Exodus 24:3-11	Psalms 116:12-19	Hebrews 9:11-22	Matthew 26:17-30
April 3	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalms 22 or 31	Hebrews 4:14-16, 57-9	John 18:1-19:42
April 5	Easter Sunday	Exodus 14:10-15:1	Psalms 118:15-29	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	
April 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:29-42	Psalms 148	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14,36-41	Psalms 116:1-14	1 Peter 1:17-25	Luke 24:13-35
April 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalms 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

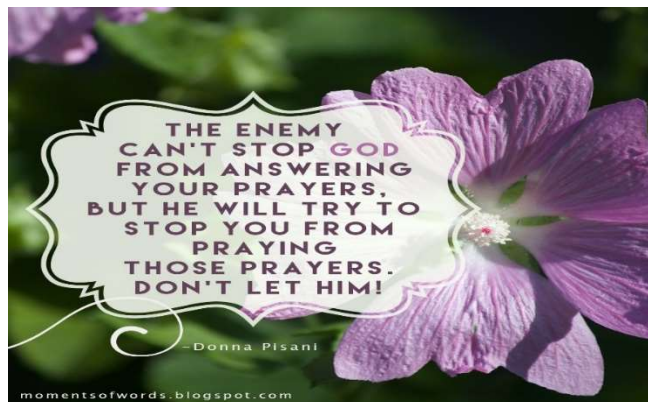
## PRAYER FOCUS FOR APRIL 2026

*Let us pray specifically this month for those we know who have fallen away, especially for those who have fallen away from attending St. Paul*

*The prayers are not for the purpose of filling the pews, but to restore our fellow believers to “the joy of God’s salvation.”*

*If we pray fervently each day this month, perhaps by the end of April we will see faces we haven’t seen for a while sitting at our side in the pews as they join us in the worship of our Savior... Keep praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18*

What does it mean that the cross is unshaken? The cross stands unshaken because it is rooted in God’s eternal victory through Jesus Christ—a victory that cannot be undone, weakened, or diminished. In seasons when life feels uncertain, the cross reminds us that our hope rests not in the steadiness of our faith, but in the steadfast love and faithfulness of Christ, from which nothing can separate us.



## **JOIN US IN REFLECTION THIS LENT & EASTER SEASON**

*“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**Lenten Services Schedule:** The weekly Lenten service will start at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow the service. April 1st – St. John UCC.

### **2026 Quarterly Report (January – March 2026) of the Spread Some Sonshine Group and Rebekah’s Sisters**

Our Ladies Group continues to support the Bolivar Community and surrounding Tuscarawas Area by assisting with the following:

- Purchased \$494.14 of baby items to contribute to Birthright
- Purchased \$108.22 of items to include in the Blessing Bags
- Purchased \$210.26 of candy to make St. Patrick’s Day candy bags for residents at Hennis in Bolivar
- Contributed \$500 to the Polar Bear Plunge for the Akron/Canton Food Bank
- Contributed \$200 to Christian Outreach Food Pantry at Bolivar United Methodist Church
- Contributed \$539.44 of supplies for Harbor House
- Contributed \$500 in Buehlers Gift Cards to Harbor House for purchase of their Easter Dinners
- Preparing and serving funeral lunches for families of Pat Mizer and Donna Dudash
- Preparing and serving the third Sunday receptions
- Preparing and serving the Lenten Service Luncheon on March 25

A BIG thanks to the many individuals who provide support with their time and donations.

If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to “Spread Some Sonshine”.

REMINDER: Please mark your calendar to bring in your Rummage Sale items



## CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!!

### April Birthdays

Terry Ankrom 4/1  
 Dennis Smith 4/3  
 Taylor Rothel 4/6  
 Carole Dean 4/12  
 Terri Howell 4/13  
 Rich Harmon 4/17  
 Butch App 4/24  
 Garry Sears 4/24  
 Donna Spangler 4/28

### April Anniversaries

Vaughn & Nicole Sears 4/12  
 Tom & Tammy Huggins 4/21



**Shut-ins:** Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. –**Pam Ward** (Room 128) – Hennis Care Center 300 Yant St. Bolivar OH 44612) - - **Jerry Hoskinson**, 1970 North Orchard Rd. NE Bolivar, OH 44612 - - **Betty Menapace** (Room 19 A) – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave., Dover OH 44622 and **Alyce Snyder** - (Room 608) at Assisted Living at Brewster Park 360 Wabash Avenue (Jefferson Lodge/Inn Bldg. Brewster OH 44613 **Carol Hoskinson** (Room 311) The Gables 3660 Greentree Ave. SW Canton, Ohio 44706



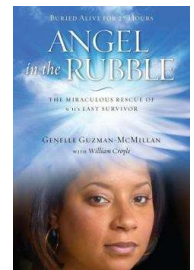
**Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers** –Carole Dean, Richard Mahoney, Ed Rentch, Julie Dean, Joseph Baltzly, James Baltzly, Jim Tucker, Zach & Raeann Todd, Donna Robishaw, Dan Chenoweth, Jennifer Melegari, Mary Sanders, Netta Strand, Lissa Johns, Brock McNutt, David Shetler, Gary Smerglia, Lauren Seifert, Servicemen & Women- Seth Hershberger, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, **Note: After 6 months names will be removed if no new information is given.**



**Teen Cooking Class:** Cooking classes will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm



**BOOK CLUB:** The next book we are reading is “Angel in the Rubble” -By Genelle Guzman-McMillan. Terry and/or Brenda can get copies. Meeting date in May TBD



**Council News:** Council voted to donate \$100 to “Harvest for Hunger” & \$100 to Bolivar Food Pantry. Council approved to send \$1,000 to Carole Dean to assist with her needs during recovery from surgery. Council approved to change their meeting time for this year to 6:00 pm.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			<u>4/1</u>	<u>4/2</u>	<u>4/3</u>	<u>4/4</u>
			Lenten Service at St. John's UCC 11:00 a.m.	Maundy Thurs service 7 pm Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.	Good Friday service 7 pm	
<u>4/5</u>	<u>4/6</u>	<u>4/7</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/9</u>	<u>4/10</u>	<u>4/11</u>
Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 am 	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 pm	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.			Property 9:00 a.m.
<u>4/12</u>	<u>4/13</u>	<u>4/14</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/16</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>4/18</u>
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:15 a.m. (no Youth SS)	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Evangelism Meeting 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.	Rummage Sale items accepted & setup begins	
<u>4/19</u>	<u>4/20</u>	<u>4/21</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/23</u>	<u>4/24</u>	<u>4/25</u>
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Fellowship	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Teen Cooking Class 5:00 pm	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	NO Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.			NALC Disaster Center Volunteer Day 10:00 am
<u>4/26</u>	<u>4/27</u>	<u>4/28</u>	<u>4/29</u>	<u>4/30</u>		
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.						