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APRIL 2026

Putting our *love* into action



## April Birthdays

- 2 Jesse Roberts
- 3 Tammy Snell
- 4 Angela Kiviniemi
- 8 Betty Woods
- 9 Julie Farley  
Harry Snell
- 11 Janet Genord
- 12 Dave McCartney  
Eveleigh Forward (c)  
Deb Sherrill
- 14 Hallie Kestila (c)
- 15 Gordon Grigg III  
Ken Saari
- 16 Fiona Roberts (c)
- 17 Julie Leming
- 18 Avery Blanck (t)  
Annette Carriere
- 19 Kathy Mathias
- 21 Marilyn Argall
- 22 Eric Kiviniemi
- 23 Eric Lynch  
Jamie Kestila
- 24 Stephanie Hintsala  
Rowan Hill
- 25 Brandon Nicholas
- 26 Brad Blight  
Elodie Forward (c)
- 27 Beth Lundin
- 28 Alex Alspach

## April Anniversaries

- 19 Don & Joyce Schinella
- 26 Joe & Shirley Newman





## Leadership at Wesley

Last month I shared our narrative budget: the budget broken down in percentages by each of our core values. In this newsletter, I want to reflect on one of our core values: Leadership.

But first a few "did you knows"...

**Did you know that there are 2 local pastors currently serving in the Conference that came from Wesley UMC?** Pastor Gordon Grigg and Pastor Vicky Prewitt both first heard their call at Wesley. Do you know how rare it is for a church to develop a pastor and send them out to serve? Most churches have never sent any, few have sent one, and we have two active and many former pastors that have come from our congregation to serve.

**Did you know that currently Wesley UMC has the most volunteers of any local church serving on committees for our District?** If you look at all the roles, for all the committees at the Northern Skies, Wesley UMC has the most members serving of any congregation across the District.

**Did you know that we have members serving at the Annual Conference level?** We have two members on the Council of Finance and Administration which help set the budget and priorities for the entire Conference.

Making disciples of Jesus Christ requires others to step up and be leaders: people willing to teach, preach and serve in a variety of ways.

Which is why we make it a priority to give people opportunities to lead in worship on Sunday as liturgists, special music and guest preachers.

In the last year, we had children lead the children's moment, act as liturgist, offer prayers, serve communion, collect the offerings and light the candles.

It's why we have different ministries and missions so that people can learn what it means to organize a fundraiser or volunteer behind the scenes to get food ready for a meal.

From teaching Sunday School to serving on the District Committee on Ministry, each opportunity develops leadership skills in the volunteer but

also creates a structure that allows new members to learn about Jesus and take on roles to develop their own leadership skills.

What a joy it would be for us to bring up one of our youth, who has been given chances to be part of Sunday worship, who has been given opportunities to volunteer for mission, and who has learned the joy of loving their God and their neighbor!

Leadership is one of our core values because Wesley is more than a place where people gather for worship, it is a place where people are nurtured, formed, and called to serve Christ.

Thank you for supporting, loving and building new leaders.

**Pastor Scott**  
Proverbs 22:6



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### Joys

| <i>Person to Pray for</i>                       | <i>Need</i>                         | <i>Person requesting</i> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Kris Culliton & Skip Anderson                | Thanks for healing!                 | Dorothy Kuhn             |
| 2. Isaac  | He turned 1 yesterday (3/7/26)      | Eric Lynch               |
| 3. Thankful for time change/extra hour of light | prayers of thanksgiving             | Eric Lynch               |
| 4. Thankful for answered prayers                | prayers of thanksgiving             | Nicole Stille            |
| 5. Adeline Solka                                | Birthday Today (3/22) 10 years old! | Judy Smith               |

### Concerns

| <i>Person to Pray for</i>                | <i>Need</i>  | <i>Person requesting</i> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Jim Anderson                          | recovering from pneumonia  | Dorothy Kuhn             |
| 2. 18 Yr. Old Tripp Stratton             | cancer treatment still ongoing   | Dorothy Kuhn             |
| 3. Ann Marie, Gail, Jason, Bruce & Tracy | healing from ongoing health problems   | Dorothy Kuhn             |
| 4. David Culliton                        | healing from back, leg , & eye problems  | Dorothy Kuhn             |
| 5. Katie, Lindy, Vance, Morgan & Ruth    | healing from health concerns   | Barb Palomaki            |
| 6. Family of Mary Skewis                 |  | Barb Palomaki            |
| 7. Trygg Quayle                          | having tonsils out tomorrow  | Jenni Quayle             |
| 8. Caitlin                               | healing from severe depression   | Dick Derby               |
| 9. Henry                                 | needs miracle healing from seizures  | Dick Derby               |
| 10. Jill                                 | prayers for strength & healing   | Jenifer Rajala           |
| 11. Lee Woods                            | continued prayers for healing  | Cookie Holmgren          |
| 12. The Crothers family                  | Paul Crothers passed away  | Cookie Holmgren          |
| 13. Cousin David                         | healing from removal of brain tumor  | Cookie Holmgren          |
| 14. Son In Law Kurt                      | preparing for cancer treatment Cleveland OH  | Cookie Holmgren          |
| 15. Nephew Leonard                       | recovering from foot surgery   | Cookie Holmgren          |
| 16. Lee Woods                            | back at Mayo Clinic-stem cell transplant might be rejecting- seeing what to do next. | Cookie Holmgren          |
| 17. Daphne Flack                         | 3 yrs. Old-continued prayers for vision & healing of eye                             | Patti Kainulainen        |
| 18. Family of Joan Luoma                 | Peace & comfort as they grieve Joan's passing<br>She passed away Friday night (3/20) | Patti Kainulainen        |
| 19. Brittany Demagola (Granddaughter)    | Tuesday MRI-If it is smaller- will not need surgery                                  | Paulette Kordish         |
| 20. Brittany Demagola (Granddaughter)    | continued prayers-ongoing testing. Appt 16 <sup>th</sup> with Neurologist.           | Paulette Kordish         |
| 21. War torn nations                     | pray medical/shelter/clothing/safety needs met                                       | Ann Yeager               |
| 22. Ann Marie Peterson                   | healing- fell & broke hip- had total hip replacement                                 | Shirley Hicks            |
| 23. Jill, Jean, & Ann Marie              | strength & healing   | Shirley Hicks            |
| 24. Ann Marie, Jill, Jean & Kurt         | healing & strength   | Shirley Hicks            |
| 25. Brad Stille                          | prayers for help in opening my heart   | Brad Stille              |
| 26. Linda Quayle                         | fell on ice- very sore. Still suffering with migraines                               | Judy Smith               |
| 27. War in Iran                          | for peace & reconciliation   | Karen Graham             |





**Discipleship – A Call to Follow Jesus**

Easter. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus. It is the cross...It is the cross, the gift of grace, the forgiveness of sin, the reunification of man with God. *“The spiritual process of restoring intimacy, connection, and alignment with Divine God.”* All of this is the result of the glorious message we are given in John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world, He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

Joyce Meyer in Quiet Times with God, turns to Ephesians 3:12, to help explain the cross: *“In whom we have a boldness and confident access through faith in Him [that is, our faith gives us sufficient courage to freely and openly approach God through Jesus [Christ]. “No matter how hard we try or how much we do, we can never do enough good things to earn God’s approval and acceptance. That may sound frustrating and defeating, but it is actually good news when we realize that Jesus has done all that needs to be done; we cannot do more”* The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus was enough. True peace comes when we can say, *‘I don’t have to do anything to get God to love and accept me.’* We should do our best for God because we love God, not in order for Him to love us. We have access to the throne of God’s grace because of the blood of Jesus, not because of anything we can ever do. Jesus is always enough!”

**It is the cross...**

What was done there? Let’s start with a foundational example from Psalm 51; King David’s plea for mercy, forgiveness, and cleansing. Because God wants our hearts to be right with Him. (This Psalm is about the time Nathan the prophet came to David after David committed adultery with Bathsheba.) *“Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. AGAINST YOU, AND YOU ALONE HAVE I SINNED.”* This confession emphasizes that while David wronged people, his sin was primarily a rebellion against God. Our sin too, is ultimately, against God. However...

**It is the cross...**

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest: *“God does forgive sin, but it cost the rending of His heart to do so [“He so loved the world...”]. It is the death of Jesus Christ alone that enables the Divine Nature to forgive. The love of God means Calvary, and nothing less. The love of God is spelled out on the Cross and nowhere else. The only ground on which God can forgive mankind is through the Cross of Jesus. Forgiveness means not merely*

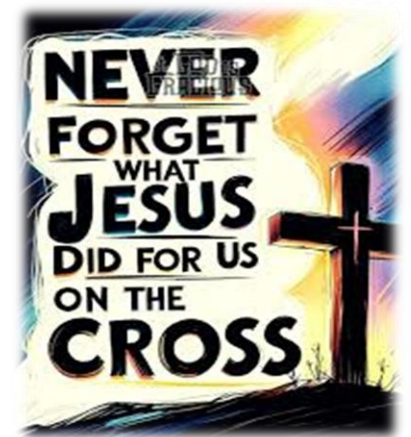
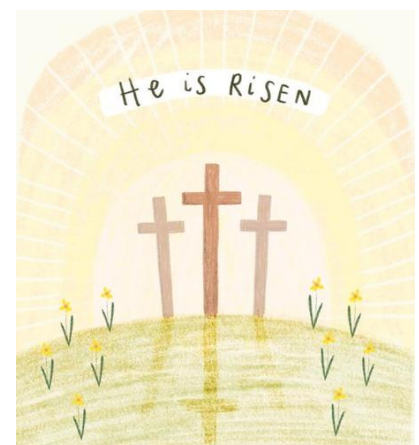
*that I am saved from hell and made right for heaven; it means I am brought back into a perfect relationship with God in Christ.”*

**It is the cross...**

*“The miracle of Redemption is that thus done, God then imparts into us the standard of Himself, the disposition of the holiness of Jesus Christ.”* The cross, the perfect and everlasting gift, from God.

Easter - Let us rejoice!

**Dick Derby**  
**Missions**





# April 2026

## MISSIONS: The hands & feet of Jesus



**March's Mission Project:** Thank you for donating financially to our March Project: UMCOR Disaster Response. UMCOR seeks to alleviate suffering caused by disasters that strike within the United States and territories. Monetary donations for UMCOR Disaster Response were collected the whole month of March. Unfortunately we had to cancel worship on UMCOR Sunday due to the huge snowstorm.

**April Mission Project:** We will be collecting *diapers, burp cloths and baby wipes* for the **CAAM (Community Action Alger Marquette) Community Baby Shower**. Community Action Alger Marquette's 30th annual Community Baby Shower will take place May 16th. The drive-thru style shower allows mothers to talk to countless organizations to learn what services are available to them in Marquette County. Participants will receive lunch and a tote bag with baby supplies, and then they'll be able to pick some knitted items, diapers and larger gifts like toys and strollers.

**April Community Dinner: Thursday 4/9/26 5:00 p.m.** Beef Barley Soup, bread, salad & dessert- we hope you'll join us and bring a friend.

**Missions 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Thanks to everyone who donated family sized canned soup and toilet paper to Hope Free's Food pantry. Your donations have blessed many families. Volunteers at Hope Free Food Pantry say thank you. Because of your donations you have provided food for many families.

**Greeting Card Mission:** Please visit the cards at the table in the narthex and feel free to write a short note to the recipients. Several have shared their appreciation for the cards and our thoughtfulness.

**Project: Keep Kids Warm** - to those who continue to donate, those who shop for items, and to those who fill the requests. I also want to thank all the individuals who wrote grants and filled out forms requesting financial assistance to purchase all the winter outerwear for our youth. You have been a great blessing to many in our Community.

I hope you never feel like you have to financially support our projects - it is just as important to pray for our projects and pray for those in need.

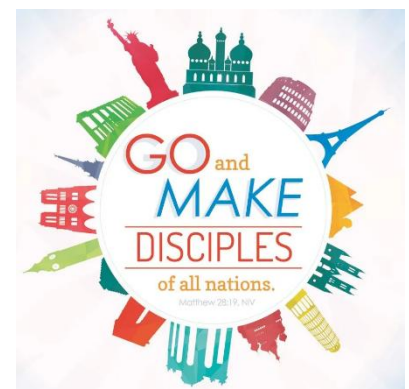
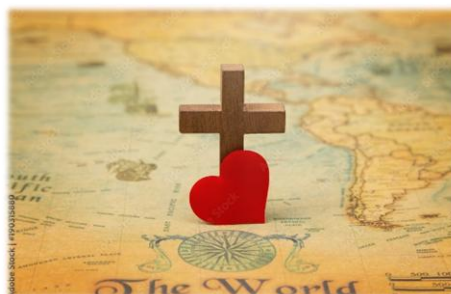
### 2026 MINISTRY SHARES

Through Ministry Shares, our congregation's ministry extends beyond our local community to places where we may never physically go.

From providing disaster relief through UMCOR to supporting missionaries worldwide, Ministry Shares make it possible for Wesley Church to be the hands and feet of Christ on a global scale.

*Because of your efforts, Wesley will be an Engage Michigan Church for 2025  
THANK YOU!!*

SCAN CODE  
To go to our ONLINE GIVING WEBSITE!



## APRIL 2026: LENT & WORSHIP

### ... Pray through Holy Week ...

Use a short daily Scripture and prayer guide.

- ♦ Work of Piety – Prayer & Reflection ♦



### ... Volunteer in the Church ...

Serve in one way (Community Dinner, Special Music, KKW, etc.).

- ♦ Work of Mercy – Service to the Church ♦



### ... Invite Someone to Worship ...

Bring a friend to Palm Sunday or Easter service.

- ♦ Work of Mercy – Evangelism ♦



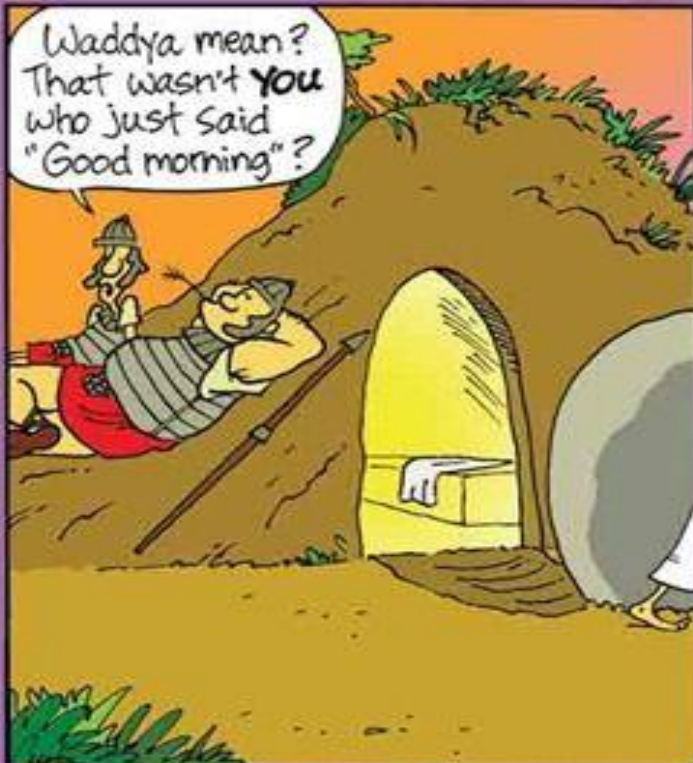
### ... Grow in Generosity ...

Increase your monthly giving to the church by 10%.

- ♦ Work of Mercy – Stewardship & Generosity ♦



## Faith In Action



Eggs and Chicks and Bunnies are near  
for Easter, you see, will soon be here

But what is Easter- and why the Spring season?  
Gather 'round and I'll tell you the reason!

Chicks are hatched out of eggs, you see  
They represent new life for you and me

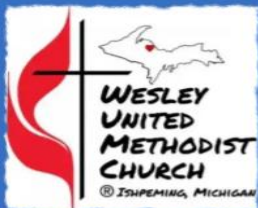
for Jesus died and was buried three days  
then Easter morning, he was raised

So when we die, we can live again  
Jesus gave new life to all God's children

Bunnies are part of Easter too  
They're born in the Spring when all is new

The grass, the flowers, and leaves start to grow  
Putting an end to their sleep in the snow

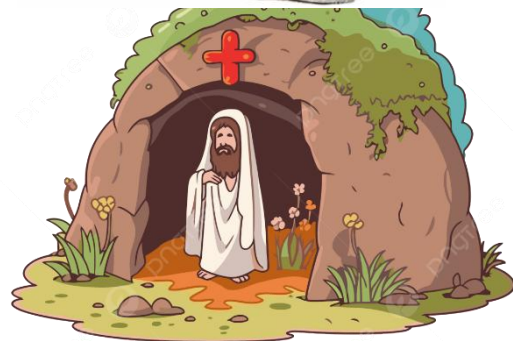
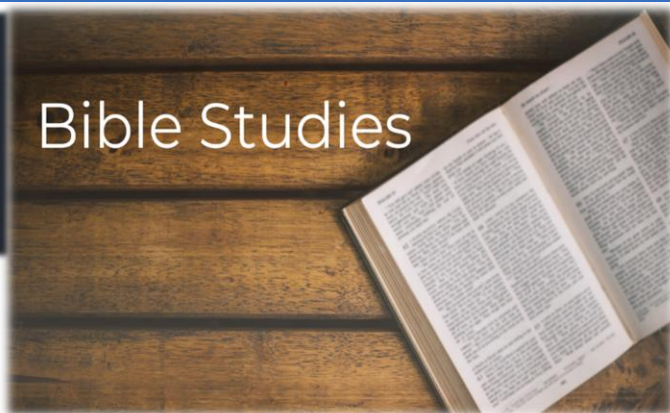
So as you gather your treats and have fun  
Let them remind you of Jesus and all He has done



# April 2026

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Bible Studies



Spring greetings , Happy Easter !

April brings us Easter , the resurrection story , warmer weather , grass , some blossoms . What a wonderful time to allow the resurrection story to breathe new life into us as well !

April also means we will be wrapping up Sunday School in May ! ***On Easter Sunday , April 5th we will not have Sunday school but we will have an Easter Egg hunt at 9:30 am.*** I'm expecting this to be inside with the amount of snow on the ground . Currently I am planning on using the messy church room for the younger kids (Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade) and the 2 Sunday school rooms upstairs for the older kids (2nd-6th grade! )

After Christmas the kids seem to get very busy with some of them involved in activities like playing basketball, dancing, gymnastics, etc. I am so thankful for the kids who are so willing to acolyte when someone I've scheduled is unable to be there. I'm also thankful for the adults willing to sub so parents and grandparents can also enjoy these activities .

As the saying goes *"it takes a village to raise kids"* and I am so very thankful for our village !

Happy Easter , Happy Spring,

**Pam Olgren**

# He is RISEN!





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If you didn't know, the District has closed Camp Michigamme for the 2026 camp season and formed a task force to decide what the next steps are for Camp. After many listening sessions and after much deliberation, the recommendation is for the District to sell the camp property and use the proceeds to create an endowment to fund outdoor/discipleship ministry for the District.

**On Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** there will be a District Conference meeting by Zoom with the single question:

***“do you affirm or not affirm the decision to sell the property.”***

**If you would like to vote at the special ZOOM District Conference meeting:**

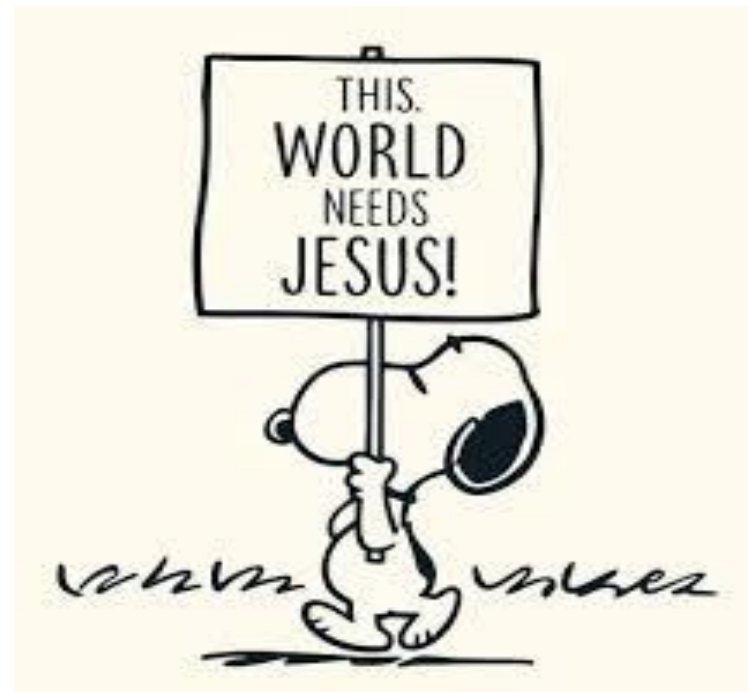
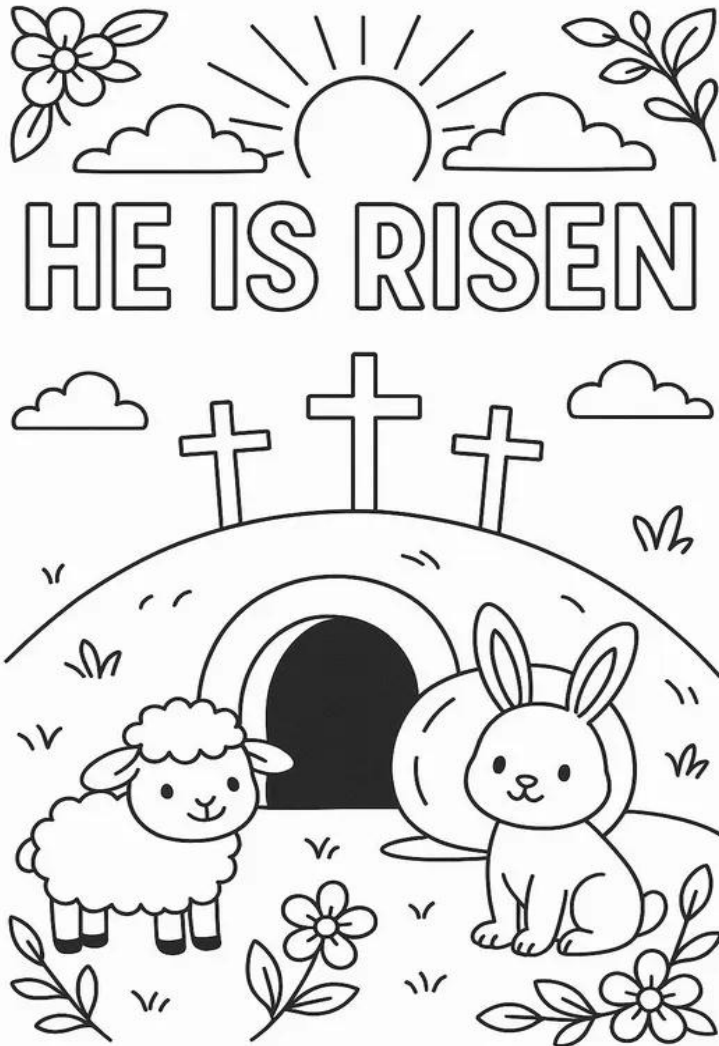
- You must be a member of Wesley Church
- You must register with the Wesley Church office before April 5<sup>th</sup> with your intentions to attend the meeting.
- You must have a unique email address. You cannot share your email address with anyone else for voting purposes.
- You must have a different device for each person in the household that intends to vote.

**1 device = 1 vote.**

Wesley church needs to confirm membership for each person, and send the list of email addresses to the district. Only members will receive the Zoom link and be eligible for voting. Again each person in the household must be on their own unique device to have their vote counted. 1 device = 1 vote.

If you have questions please reach out to the office or Pastor Scott and we will assist. This will not be an easy decision. Many in our congregation have ties and history with Camp Michigamme. Pray for those feeling grief. Pray for wisdom of the District going forward.

Thank you  
Pastor Scott



God proved His love on the Cross.  
When Christ hung, and bled,  
and died, it was God saying to  
the world, 'I love you.'


**EASTER**  
WORD SEARCH

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ANGELS      GARDEN      ALIVE      CHRISTIAN  
PASSOVER      SUNRISE      SACRIFICE      PILATE

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## HOLY WEEK PRAYER GUIDE



### Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21:1–11

Focus: Jesus enters as a different kind of King.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me welcome you not just with my words, but with my whole life.



### Monday

Scripture: Mark 11:15–19

Focus: Jesus clears out what does not belong.

Prayer: Jesus, cleanse my heart. Remove whatever keeps me from loving you fully.



### Tuesday

Scripture: Matthew 22:34–40

Focus: Love God, love neighbor with all I am, and to love my neighbor well.



### Wednesday

Scripture: John 12:1–8

Focus: Costly love and devotion.

Prayer: Lord, make me generous in love, worship, and trust.



### Maundy Thursday

Scripture: John 13:1–17, 34–35

Focus: Jesus serves and commands us to love.

Prayer: Jesus, give me the heart of a servant. Show me who needs love from me today.



### Good Friday

Scripture: John 19:16–30

Focus: The cross—sacrifice and mercy.

Prayer: Crucified Christ, thank you for your love poured out. Keep me near the cross.



### Holy Saturday

Scripture: Matthew 27:57–66

Focus: Waiting, silence, and uncertainty.

Prayer: God, when I do not see what you are doing, help me trust that you are still at work.

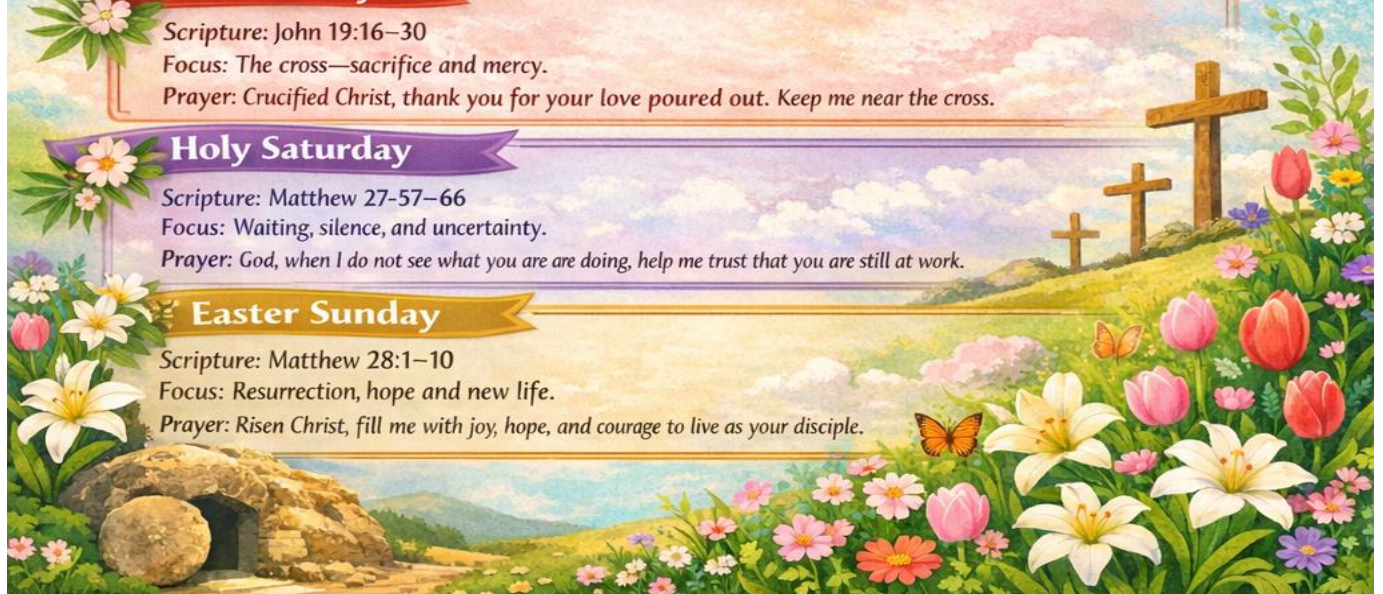


### Easter Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 28:1–10

Focus: Resurrection, hope and new life.

Prayer: Risen Christ, fill me with joy, hope, and courage to live as your disciple.





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| SUN  | MON                                       | TUE   | WED   | THU  | FRI                              | SAT                                      |   |
|--|---|---|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
|  |   |   |   | 1 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m.<br>Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | 2                                | 3 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 7:00 p.m. (CHAPEL) | 4 |
| 5 EASTER SUNDAY<br>EGG HUNT & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m.<br>WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.                                | 6<br>TOPS 4:00 p.m.<br>Al-Anon 6:00 p.m.  | 7 Nurtured Mama's MeetUP 5:30p.m.<br>MISSIONS TEAM (LOUNGE) 6:00p.m.<br>Virtual District Conf. ZOOM in lounge 7:00 p.m. | 8 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m.<br>Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  | 9 Community Fellowship Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.                               | 10                               | 11                                       |   |
| 12 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m.<br>WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Meal 11:00 a.m. | 13<br>TOPS 4:00 p.m.<br>Al-Anon 6:00 p.m. | 14  | 15 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m.<br>Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | 16   | 17                               | 18                                       |   |
| 19 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m.<br>WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.   | 20<br>TOPS 4:00 p.m.<br>Al-Anon 6:00 p.m. | 21  | 22 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m.<br>Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | 23   | 24 MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE. | 25                                       |   |
| 26 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m.<br>WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.<br>LEADERSHIP- GOALS 11:00 a.m.           | 27<br>TOPS 4:00 p.m.<br>Al-Anon 6:00 p.m. | 28 Teal Lake Assisted Living Worship 2:00 p.m.<br>LEADERSHIP BOARD 5:15p.m.   | 29 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m.<br>Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | 30   | SPRING LOADING...<br>            |  |   |