



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday
Scripture: John 20:19-31
Sermon: "Believing"

Sunday, April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter
Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48
Sermon: "You Are A Witness"

Sunday, April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter/Noah's Ark Sunday
Scripture: 1John 3:16-24
Sermon: "What We Know"

Sunday, April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter
Pastor Mona on Vacation

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The MISSION of
Owosso First United
Methodist Church is to live
out our faith in Jesus Christ
through acts of love with
honesty, integrity, and
respect.

The VISION of
Owosso First United
Methodist Church is to be
Christ-centered, a welcome
and loving environment,
service-oriented, and re-
spectful of ALL creation



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Tower Tidings - April 2024
First United Methodist Church
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Owosso, MI 48867
Office Hours M-F @ 8-4
Sunday Worship 10 am



Tower Tidings

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APR 2024

Happy Easter!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! The light that came to earth in the form of a baby and was laid down in an animal feeding trough to sleep is shining brightly. O, it may not have seemed as if the light was still shining on that Thursday night, when Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples; washing their feet, breaking bread, and passing the cup, then going out into the garden where he was arrested. It must have seemed pretty dark as the disciples watched the soldiers march Jesus off to his trial. It must have, because the disciples scattered and Peter denied even knowing Jesus! Then came Friday...as Jesus, the light of the world was put on trial. Standing in front of Pilate, sentenced to beating and death. Where is the light? Then after having a crown of thorns shoved on his head and being forced to carry his own instrument of death through the streets of Jerusalem, the light seemed to be dimming. As Jesus was nailed to the cross, as he forgave, as he cried out to God, as he asked for a drink, as he took his final breath, darkness seemed to have overcome the light.

As Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea wrapped him in the customary spices and linen cloths, laid him in a new tomb and a stone was rolled in front of the opening, No one was going in, no one was coming out. It seemed darkness had won.

Yet darkness cannot overcome the light because God is light and God is much more powerful than darkness! On the first day of the week, when the women went to the tomb to finish anointing Jesus for burial, they saw that the opening of the tomb was open...the stone had been rolled away! Jesus body was gone! Did someone steal his body? The women told the disciples and the disciples came and found that indeed Jesus' body was gone. Grief became overwhelming for Jesus' disciples. They had not yet remembered what Jesus had told them, that he would die and three days later would rise again. They did not remember that darkness cannot overcome the light!

The light was shining from the empty tomb. It was shining from the cross. It was shining as the curtain in the Temple separating the Holy of Holies was ripped in two. As the disciples huddled in a secluded space, the Light stood among them. Jesus is alive!

Yes indeed, Jesus is alive. The light of the world has pierced through the darkness, proving that darkness cannot prevail! The Gospel of John begins with light, ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world....And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth"*** (John 1:1-9; 14).

Grace and truth are seen in the light. And that light, that grace, that truth lives in us. Jesus is alive and walks with us every moment of every day, shedding his light on us. Light any darkness that tries to extinguish it will be pierced! Light that helps us see the truth and offer grace. The truth that Jesus is who he said he is and we have experienced it and shared it! We have been given the light of Christ...it shines in and thru and around us...so that we may be the bearers of the light to those who are lost in the dark!

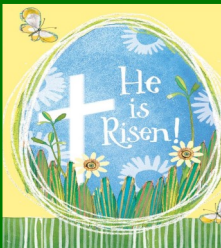
Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! May the Light of Christ guide you as you shine your light on truth and grace! Let your Light Shine so all will know that Jesus Christ is alive and with us always!

May your Easter be filled with light, grace, love, peace, and celebration for the Risen Lord!

Shalom,

Pastor Mona

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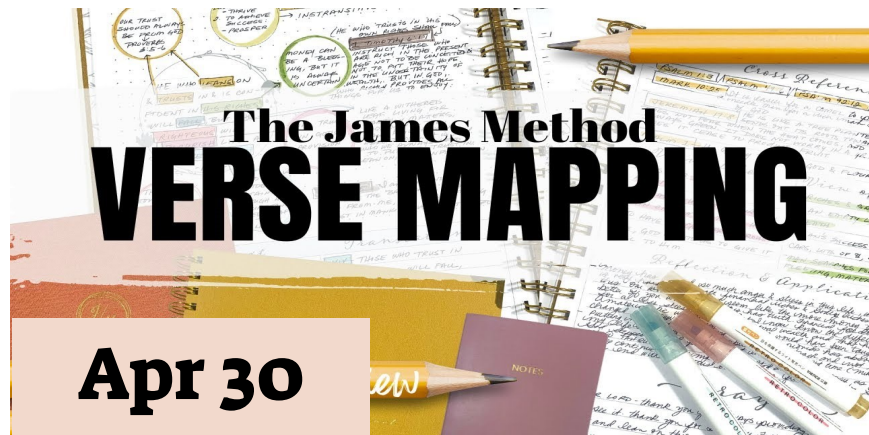
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Sundays
9:30 am Café Open
10 am Worship

Office Hours
Mon-Fri
8 am -4 pm

UMCOR
Sunday
APRIL 14

Newsletter articles
are due the 15th of
each month.



Everyone is welcome to meet in the Café on Tues., April 30 at 6:30 pm for Bible Study. Anyone 16 & older is welcome (no childcare provided at this time).

Bring: Bible (print or digital), pens, markers, highlighters, snack/drink, friends & family. Additional items if you have them: phone/tablet, washi tape, pencils, stickers.

Mapping sheets provided. Limited pens/markers will be available to borrow. Artistic talent is NOT required. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Matthew 3:10-11

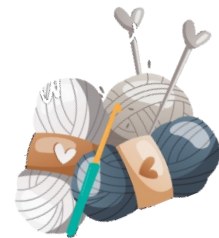
"The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

YARNSPIRATIONS ~

Sunday, April 14 @ 3pm

An informal service, prayer, & fellowship group with a shared interest in creating knit, crochet, loom weaving, or any other yarn/string items. Open to everyone regardless of skill level. Bring your own crafting supplies and drink/snack. Invite your friends!

Childcare will not be provided at this time. We will plan to meet in the foyer in the comfy chairs. If needed, we can move to the café. Our vision is that we will begin to create items to be donated to the community. This is an option now, but you can keep your craft if you'd like, too!



Pie Auction May 10

Men's Breakfast Sat., April 6 @ 8:30 am in the church Café. All men are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office. The cost is \$6. Thank you!



Noah's Ark Children's Center & Preschool

April is the Month of the Young Child!

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning

The Week of the Young Child will be April 6-12, 2024

Early Childhood Fun Fact: Youngsters who participate in a stimulating, attentive learning environment at an early age are more likely to stay in school, go to college, and land a high-paying job in which they are successful later in life.

Staff Birthdays: April 5--Ms. Cathy

Wish List: Disinfecting Wipes, Fragrance Free Baby Wipes, Bulk chocolate (for staff) Our classroom and center Amazon wish lists can be found on our website: www.naccpreschool.com/lists

Mary Jo Pouillon, Director

Noah's Ark Children's Center

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- Pray for peace Israel / Palestine
- Pray for peace in Ukraine
- Cheryl Warren, stroke, blood clots, St. Mary's Hosp, in Saginaw
- Sherry Elwell, cancer, treatments
- Ed Payne, health issues
- Terry Luick, pneumonia (brother of Kathy Watson)
- Betty Zietlow, 96 yrs (aunt of Kathy Watson)
- Betty Braschwitz, fell at home, now in nursing home (Sarah Finnen's sister)
- Bernadine Resner, broken femur
- Sherry Woodworth passed away (Dorothy Woodworth's daughter-in-law)
- Rosie Tkaczyk, stomach issues, no cancer (friend of Kathy Watson)
- Linda Wightman, heart problems (neighbor of Darlene Ustynek)
- David Grant, critical, car accident
- Jody Tyler, chemo (friend of Cindy Thompson)
- Bob Marsh, cancer
- Bill & Judy Norman, health issues
- Kay Champion, undergoing procedures for balance
- Delores Simpson, femur surgery
- Greg Huckins major heart surgery
- Robin Chandler cancer treatments (sister of Cindy Helmker)
- Rhonda Mullins, health issues
- Janet Sutton, cancer, no treatments
- Blake King, bad motorcycle accident (great nephew of Diane Allen)
- John Downing, poor circulation, health concerns (brother of Jim D.)
- Ken Smith, stage 4 kidney failure (friend of Frank & Diana Thaler)
- Dorothy Woodworth, mass on brain
- John Mullins, medical issues
- Scott Hancock, home, multiple serious health issues (nephew of Wilt's)
- Todd Cohoon, end stage ALS, (son of Bonnie Cohoon)
- Ken & Pat Beebe, Ken new diagnosis pending for stroke-like symptoms (friends of Wilts)
- Cody Wheeler, rec. critical car accident (Bob & Sharon Marsh's nephew)

PRAYER list...

Military

- T Sgt Tyler Ardelean, Idaho
- Todd Hofacker, California
- Kory Alliton, Marine, Camp LaJune, NC
- Yuka Peters, Ft. Bliss, TX
- SPC Brady Watts, Ft. Campbell, KY
- Cody Rozell, home fm Syria w/ new baby
- Kamerin DeWulf, Air Force
- Corp. Jonathan Heath, Ft. Wainwright, AK
- SGT Joseph Heath, Wahiawa, HI
- John Schlaud, Marines, 5th
- Ryan Weaver, Army Reserve
- MSG Jason Cassing

Homebound

- Elaine Shepard, Oliver Woods, 1330 W. Oliver St., 3-12, Owosso, 989-723-3074
- Gail Rheau, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr., Owosso (989-720-8823)
- Helen Stanton, cancer, HOSPICE, Owl's Nest, 3837 S. M52, Owosso (989-723-6378)
- Judy Helmker, 1694 N M52 #221, Owosso (989-723-1044)
- Genny Jennings, The Meadows, 245 Caledonia Dr. #110, Owosso (989-277-3695)
- Billie Sisson, c/o Peggy Johnson, 37054 Millstone Tr. Lenox Twp, MI 48048
- Gaile Passmore, Memorial Healthcare, LTC 826 W. King St. 5th Floor, #578-1 Owosso
- Ann Ferden, The Woodlands, 910 Woodlands Dr. DeWitt, MI 48820 (517-668-6559)
- Terry Gulick, 6410 Simpson Rd., Ovid, MI 48866

Sue Alpert	1	Pam Vogl	12	Paul Kuhlman	24
Cathy Burkitt	5	Lindsay Baker	15	Pastor Mona Joslyn	25
DJ Graves	8	Bob Gilman	15	Vi Olney	26
Judy Nichols	11	Tricia Alderman	16	Viv Seaver	26
Tyler Drake	12	Grant Drake	18	Jenna Grubb	28
Tim Oeschger	12	Sue Driskill	18	Mary Ann Louks	28
				Janet Drake	29
				Chelsea Schoenfield	29



As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR** – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs. This offering allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need. These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable.

We will celebrate UMCOR Sunday on April 14 by taking up a special offering.

You can also mail a check to the church officed and mark it UMCOR.



Classical Bells

Celebrates
40 years of Ringing in Color!



Jazz, Swing, Traditional pieces & more!

Laingsburg United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 21, 4:00 pm

Tickets Available at the door - \$15

Core Youth Group Fundraiser

Pasta Dinner to follow concert:

\$10; \$5 children under 10

Dinner tickets purchased at event.

Capital City Ringers

Mark Loring, Artistic Director
Present:

'40 Years and Counting!'

CONCERT

Sponsored by Owosso Musicale

Sunday, April 7 @ 3pm

**First United
Methodist Church
1500 N. Water St.**




ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

First United Methodist Church
1500 N. Water St
Owosso—989-725-2201

Friday, April 19 @ 9 am – 5 pm
Saturday, April 20 @ 9 am – 12 pm

NEW SALE DAYS

General merchandise
for sale by donation.

Boutique Room items
reasonably priced.



Women's Circle

The next Women's Circle meeting will be Sat. April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cafe. Cindy Thompson will lead the meeting to cover a summary of the rummage sale and plan future events and meetings. All women of the church are invited!

The 15 Honor Flight quilts were delivered March 15 to a very grateful Mid-Michigan HF board member. The need for quilts continues (80 per flight), so quilters are invited to make additional quilts as you can. Specs remain on the foyer bulletin board or see Janet Wilt. The last flight in 2024 is in October.



I am so grateful for the many prayers sent to me through this awesome prayer quilt! It is a source of real comfort and encouragement as my long recovery continues. Thank you all for thinking of me! Scott (and Sheryl) Hancock



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10-12 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS	2 12:00 pm - Singles Over 60 Applebee's	3 8 am - Coffee/Chat 7-8 pm Pickleball	4 9 am Owo Area Ministerial Assoc. Here in Café 10-12 Pickleball	5	6 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 1-3 pm Watson's 50th Anniversary
7 9 am - Adult SS/Rm A 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary 2-5 pm Capitol City Bell Ringers Sanct./Café	8 10-12 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 6 pm Family Ministry 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	9	10 8 am - Coffee/Chat 10 - Noah's Ark Chapel Time	11 8:30-10:30 am Food Bank for Seniors 11 am Older Adult Ministry Team 10-12 Pickleball	12	13
14 UMCOR Offering 9 am - Adult SS/Rm A 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary 3 pm Yarnspirations	15 11:45 TOPS 1:00 pm JOYful Beginnings 6:30 pm Noah's Ark Board	16	17 8 am - Coffee/Chat 6:30 Worship Team Meeting	18	19	20
Rummage Sale week in Fellowship Hall: Sale Fri 9-8 & Sat 9-12						
21 Noah's Ark Sunday 9 am - Adult SS/Rm A 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	22 Noah's Ark Picture Days/Narthex 10-12 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry / Zoom	23	24 10 am - Noah's Ark Chapel Time 6:00 pm Leadership Board	25 10-12 Pickleball	26	27 9:30 am Women's Circle in Café
28 9 am - Adult SS/Rm A 9:30 am Café Open 10 am - Worship in Sanctuary	29 10-12 Pickleball 11:45 TOPS	30 6:30 pm The James Method Bible Study - Café				