



Our Mission: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

April 2021, Rev. Jody Baker, Pastor

Pastor's Front Page Message

What does Easter mean to you? Obviously we all have fond memories of egg hunts, of seeing children open Easter baskets filled with candy and toys, and of wonderful times in worship and fellowship together. These times are meaningful and I am so thankful for them. Sometimes though I forget the fullness of what Easter means to humanity. I forget what an empty tomb affords all of us each and every day.

Easter means power! You and I were dead in our transgressions. Yet, Christ dying for us and raising from the dead gives every one of us power to live again! We are new creations in Christ Jesus and we have power to break the chains that bind us. These chains may have been of addiction, fear, un-forgiveness, shame, or so much more. But we have the power of Christ in us to raise up from those binds and live in freedom.

Easter means hope! Before God sent His Son Jesus, the people of God looked forward to the day the Messiah would come. Then, 2000 years ago, Jesus came. Emmanuel, God with us! He came and then overcame the power of enemy and the power of sin. In Christ, and because He lives, we are afforded life forever. We have hope even beyond the grave!

Easter means love! Yes, we feel the love when we are given giant chocolate Easter bunnies. But there is a love that is so amazing, so beautiful it demands our full attention. God loves you! He displayed this love through grace that we do not deserve. Grace that sent God's Son to give His life for yours. This love resurrects all who would believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ that we may be saved from our sin. This love sends us into all the world to share Easter with everyone we meet!

Easter means life! You and I now live, in the resurrection power of Jesus. Let us embrace the gift of Easter, the gift of power, hope, love and life as we consider truly what Easter affords us.

In Christ's Grip,

Pastor Jody



Nursery Schedule for April:

| <u>11:00 am</u> | <u>9:00 am</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 4 Easter-kids worship with family | As Needed |
| 11 Beth & Nancy | |
| 18 Patti & Rose Ann | |
| 25 Hope | |

Toddler Schedule for April:

| <u>11:00 am</u> | <u>9:00 am</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 4 Easter-kids worship with family | As Needed |
| 11 Beth & Nancy | |
| 18 Patti & Rose Ann | |
| 25 Hope | |

Jr. Church Schedule 4 years-Grade 5

| <u>11:00 am</u> |
|-----------------------------------|
| 4 Easter-kids worship with family |
| 11 Trish |
| 18 Abby & Ellie |
| 25 Shelly & Abbey |

Youth News

Bring a Friend!!

Sun. Apr. 4 - No Youth - Have a blessed Easter

Sun. Apr. 11 - Ignite Youth 6:30-8:30 pm

Sun. Apr. 18 - Ignite Youth 6:30-8:30 pm

Sun. Apr. 25 - Ignite Youth 6:30-8:30 pm

All events away from church require a permission slip and medical information on file

For more information on our youth activities, go to Ignite Wildare Youth Ministries @ igniteWYM
Facebook Twitter Instagram



Come Visit Us Online at Our Church Website

www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com

Information about upcoming ministry, download our church phone app, online giving, our weekly sermons on video and more! AND, at our FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/>

Recording Our Faithfulness for the month of March (three Sundays):

Average Sunday School Attendance:

Average Worship Attendance:

Average of Tithes & Offerings: \$4430.00

Weekly budgeted amount needed: \$5478.00

Giving YTD \$58,655.00

Save the date!

Vacation Bible School will be June 21-25
If you are interested in helping to plan for this year's VBS please contact Lindsay Price at 330-719-3011 or lindsayprice25@gmail.com
Helper forms are at both entrances.



Administrative Board Meeting

Admin Board will next meet on Thursday, May 20th at 6pm via ZOOM meeting as well as in person. A link will be emailed to all team members.

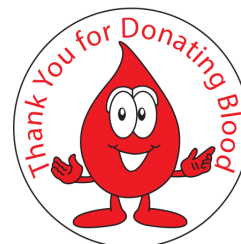
There will be NO April meeting.

Tithes and Offerings

Thank you so much for your support financially to Wildare! You continue to help us grow our ministries. Your giving is very important and such a blessing! You may mail any offerings to: Wildare UMC 7211 North Park Ave. Cortland, OH 44410 or give online and in person during worship. Thanks again!

Blood Drive

Thank you for supporting our most recent community blood drive. We collected 42 units. Our next drive is Tuesday, May 11th from noon to six.



Food Pantry/Giveaway Ministry is Beginning

After almost a year of prayer, planning, putting together a team and waiting for our marching orders, the Wildare Food Pantry is starting. Saturday May 1st at 11am we will have our first food giveaway. We will then serve our community every first Saturday of the month. If you have signed up or interested in learning more, we will have a team meeting with the coordinator of our food purchases and distribution on Thursday, April 15th, at 6pm in connector. This will be an informative time of planning for May's startup. All team members and those interested in knowing more, please join us that evening!

New Revelation Bible Study

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm via ZOOM online meetings AND in-person. (see ZOOM link in church email or at our church FaceBook page post) This study looks at chapters throughout the Book of Revelation and discusses end times and how the Word of God speaks to us today as well as centers on prayer for our world. You are always welcome to join us.

Easter Celebration

We would love to see you at our Easter Celebration on April 4, 2021. You are invited to our sunrise service at 7:30am in the sanctuary as well as to our 9am and 11am Easter services! Breakfast will be offered in the FLC at 8:00am. Please call the office or email the church if you plan on attending. We are preparing to handle the possibly larger crowds with safe distancing as well as opening up more space for you and your family to worship with us. We will also be on FaceBook live that morning to accommodate everyone who desires to celebrate Christ's resurrection with us!



Royal Family Kids Camp

RFKC is a weeklong summer camp August 10-15, 2021 serving children ages 7-11 from foster system with identified neglect or abuse backgrounds. Wildare has been a part of this camp sending volunteers and support for several years including sending 12 camp helpers to the last camp. This opportunity is for teens and adults to serve. Training begins soon so please let Pastor Jody know if you have an interest in camping with us! ALSO, previous volunteers see Pastor for returning staff applications.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. "Bedlessness" is not a real word, but it is a real problem across the US. Too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. Bedlessness affects children's happiness and health. A bed provides proper physical, emotional and mental support every child needs.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace® is a non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need so no child sleeps on the floor.

Wildare is hosting a Build Day on September 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join us to find out how you can help: April 8 at 6:30 in the church connector.

Each bunk bed costs \$400. (wood, hardware, mattress, bedding, comforters, pillows, mattress covers) The SHP Team provide all the tools and safety equipment on build day.

There are many other opportunities to participate and support this project:

Donate NEW bedding. (Boxes will be in the connector after Easter)

Monetary tax deductible donations.

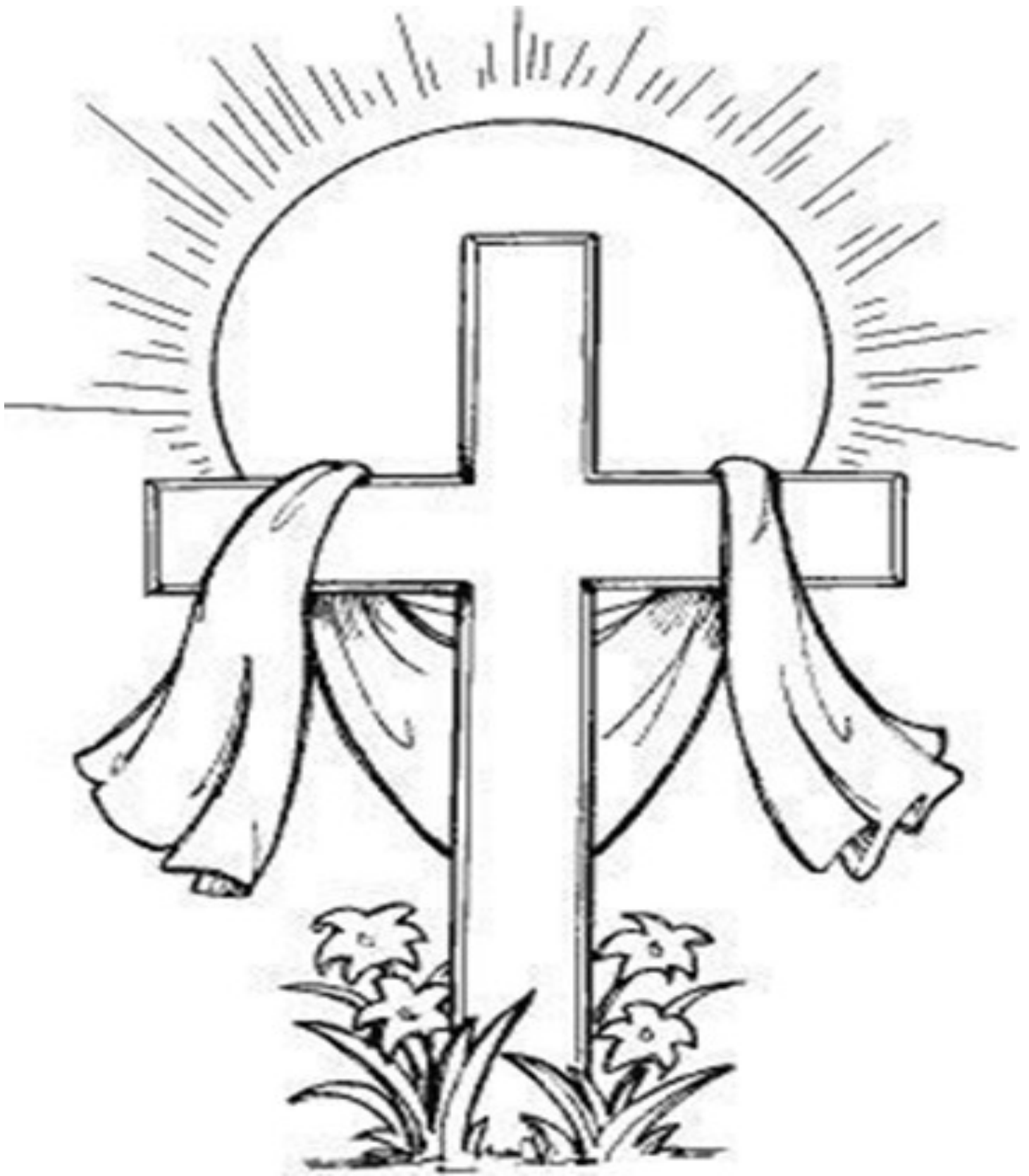
Assist in delivering beds to local families.

Participate in a fundraiser.

Volunteers to build the bunk beds. (40 volunteers are needed to build 20 bunk beds)

Preregistration and a completed indemnification form are required. Minors 12 and up must be accompanied by an adult.

Our first fundraiser will be a Daffin's candy bar sale. Mixed boxes of 36 will be available on April 8. We are asking that when you take a box that you pay for it. Contact Linda Knepp at: lindaknepp95@gmail.com, 330-442-3541 or www.shpbeds.org.



Name: _____

Have a Blessed Easter!

Have fun coloring and bring your completed picture back to church and we will hang it up!



ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL:

- 2 Bob and Kathy Yale
- 4 James and Kathleen Kistler
Jonathan and Katie Stull
- 5 Robert and Barbara Booth
- 19 Tom and Barb Armstrong
- 24 Matthew and Natalia Kappas
- 25 Duke and Shanna Whiting

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL:

- 1 Shirley Hayes
- 2 Thomas Lewis, Penny Burnett
- 3 Sarah Shaffer
- 4 Steven Sabat Sr.
- 5 Madison Murray
- 6 Rocco Fonce
- 7 Andrew Mahan
- 10 Jordan Granados
- 12 Jerome Fabian,
Candace Mansfield,
Gretchen Mahan
- 13 Rhonda Fonce
- 14 Donna Rood
- 15 Mackenzie Gordon,
Micah Nolan, Brent Miller
- 16 Rebecca Merlino
- 17 James Lowry
- 18 Nancy Raskov,
Serenity Muresan,
Sydnee Vondrasek
- 20 Dave Walter, Debbie Walter
- 27 Melynda (Kappas) Lowry
- 28 Kirsten Kuligowski,
Robert Booth, Jem Amos
- 30 Natalie Schoonover
Jane Gibson, Michelle Scott

Coming In Worship

(On FaceBook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/> AND
in person 9am and 11am)

*4/4/21 - Easter Celebration 7am Sunrise +
9am svcs in Sanctuary, 11am in FLC*

*4/11/21 - Resurrection Life pt. 1 Emmaus Road Experience
(Communion)*

4/18/21 - Resurrection Life pt. 2 Not Seeing, But Still Believing

*4/25/21 - Resurrection Life pt. 3 Do You Love Me? Feed My
Lambs.*



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Sunday School Classes
For all ages at 10:10 am
Morning Worship at
9:00 am (Traditional - Sanctuary) &
11:00 am (Contemporary - FLC)

Come as you are!!

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