



Dear Church Family:

In 1799 the armies of Napoleon appeared on the heights above the town of Feldkirch, Austria. It was Easter Day, and the rays of the rising sun glittered on the weapons of the French, as they appeared drawn up on the hills to the west of the town. The Town Council was hastily called together to consult what was to be done.

After much discussion, the dean of the Church rose and said, "My brothers it is Easter Day! We have been reckoning our own strength, and that fails. Let us turn to God. Ring the bells and have service as usual and leave the matter in God's hands."

They agreed to do as he said. Then from the church towers in Feldkirch there rang out joyous peals in honor of the Resurrection and the streets filled with worshipers hastening to the church.

*The French heard the sudden ringing of the joy bells with surprise and alarm. They concluded that the Austrian army had arrived to relieve the place. So they hastily fled, and before the bells had ceased ringing not a Frenchman was to be seen. **Source: Dictionary of Anecdote, Incident, Illustrative Fact: Selected and Arranged for the Pulpit and the Platform, Walter Baxendale***

The story is a good example of relying on the resurrection power of Jesus in the most difficult circumstances in life. So often we rely on our own strength. Jesus is alive and His resurrection power not only conquered the grave, but it also gives us strength during everyday challenges. Let's celebrate that resurrection power together as a church family this Easter Season!

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 1:18-20

Love being your pastor!
Love and Blessings in Jesus!
Alice

Keep these folks and their caregivers in your prayers for healing and recovery from hospitalization or recent illness including Covid.



Dick Wilson

Holy Week Services

April 2- **Palm Sunday**- 10 am *The King's Parade*

April 6- **Maundy Thursday**- 7 pm

The King's Feast

Holy Communion around the table.

April 7- **Good Friday**

Crosswalk Begins noon here.

Tenebrae Service *The King on the Cross*

7 pm

April 9- **Easter** 10 am

Continental Breakfast 9 am

Sermon- *The King of Kings*

Special Music Cantata – **The King of Kings**



Nacrina Alvarez Blanco will be providing special music on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

Thank you



...to Jim Kaufman for hanging the new AED unit by the Church Street door.

... to Janell Wilcox Gordon and her nephew Blake, Mark Bushong and Shawn Bushong, Heidi Beachy, Matt and Barb Holliday, Gary Gibeaut, Carol Burkhart, Don McKelvey, Sharon Nale, James Kaufman, and Alice Phillips. for helping with the DNA Moving event.

Jim and Karon Kaufman, Michele Kopiec, Caitlyn MacKay, Barb and Matt Holliday, Chic and Mindy Foust, The Manring Family, The Reed Family, and The Rihl Family for being Lenten candle lighters.

...to everyone purchased Easter Flowers. The PWC and LIGHT will benefit from your generosity as well as beautifying the church for Easter.



ROAD CLEAN -UP

We thank the Darby township trustees of Madison County for allowing us to pick up their roadsides before mowing commences. The funds earned help the missions of the church. Many hands make light work, it's good exercise., and you are helping make God's creation a little more beautiful. Contact Jim Kaufman if you can assistance with the important church project. Complete at your convenience by mid April.



The AED has Arrived .

Thank you to the anonymous donor who provided an AED to the church for use in the event of a cardiac emergency. It has arrived and is located just inside the Church Street Door entrance. Training for its use will be scheduled in the near future so keep an eye out for it.

Women's Circle Diaper Drive- Bring in your diaper donations and the Circle will get them to DNA. Size 4 is the most versatile size but all sizes will find a bum to keep dry. Adult diapers are also in need at DNA. Drop off during the month of April,.



LifeWise Academy will be having our fundraising banquet on **April 25, 2023**, at Sharon Mennonite Church from 6:00-8:00 PM.



New Addresses:

Bob and Suzanne Merkle

Dublin Retirement Village Apt 222

6470 Post Road

Dublin, OH 43016

Suzanne's cell 614-530-0976

Bob's cell 614-530-0978

Jack Mercer– Bluebird Retirement

145 Colemans Crossing Blvd Room 101

Marysville, OH 43040

614-582-4801

Rev Alice will sponsor a table, so there is no cost for the meal.

Enjoy a meal by Darcy at K Family Concession and Catering, find out about all that has happened this year with the program, hear a message from LifeWise Founder and CEO Joel Penton, and discover ways you can donate.

If you are interested in going to this fundraising banquet, please let her know. <https://www.lifewiseacademy.org/>

Next Meeting of the PC Presbyterian Women's Circle will be on **THURSDAY April 20 at 6:30 pm**. With later days, we are moving back to evenings to help with some scheduling conflicts. All women of the church are invited to attend. Watch for slides on Sunday for more details.



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE THE CHURCH ? CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE AV TEAM.

The AV Team needs **MORE** volunteers. Dave McCray, Jim Kaufman Don McKelvey, Ian Reed and John Rihl have been our ever faithful camera men . They are need of some more volunteers to train. Please consider helping with this important service to the church family. Contact Dave or Jim if you are willing to learn and help.

NURSERY



Calling all individuals who would enjoy volunteering in the nursery on Sunday's during worship service. As a volunteer, we ask that you arrive in the nursery no later than 9:45AM on your Sunday. If there are no "little ones" to care for, you may join worship service at 10:10AM. If you are willing to volunteer, try to secure a buddy, as we need 2 adults for every service. If you are unable to find a partner, I will pair you with another volunteer. Let me know if you would like to serve in this way and what Sunday that would be convenient for you. The Christian Education Committee thanks you for considering this request!

Rita McCray text: 614-634-8197
email: teawithrita@yahoo.com

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Being shut-in during the pandemic should have given us a better appreciation for those on our shut-in list. Please take a moment to remember our shut-ins. Drop them a card or give them a call!

Bruce Keiser—Dublin Retire Village Assisted Living

Bob and Suzanne Merkle— Dublin Retirement Village

Chuck Stoker—Home

Bryan Becker—Home

Arlene Perkins, Paul and Donna Gibson— Walnut Crossing Assisted Living,

Marysville

Charlotte Lambka— Edgewater

Jack Mercer— Bluebird Marysville



Our Shut-ins



Monday Night Bible Study resumed and are taking a journey through John. See Rev. Alice for

Zoom link.

Men's Bible Study meets on Saturday mornings. See Bill Pettibone for details. Next meeting April 1 and April 15 from 9 am until 10 am at the church . All men are invited to join us.



The First Sunday of the month is donation Sunday but you can drop off in boxes on the way to the sanctuary any-time.

What is needed? All packaged food in boxes, cans, or pouches. **NOTHING** that needs refrigeration! Also remember this is a small area to fill so small boxes are good. If you bring the food/items, we will get it in the pantry.

In need of : SOUPS, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, AND PASTA .

Church Treasurer Report for February 2023

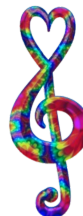
The general fund balance for the end of February ended with a similar balance to last month due to some additional one-time donations during the month. Expenses were mostly as expected.

General Expenses Fund

Beginning Balance 02/01/2023	\$ 33,023.08
Income	12,701.80
Expenses	<u>(13,215.76)</u>
Ending Balance 02/28/2023	\$ 32,509.12

If there are any questions about the financial information of the Church, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Gary Gibeaut, Treasurer



Special Easter Choir -

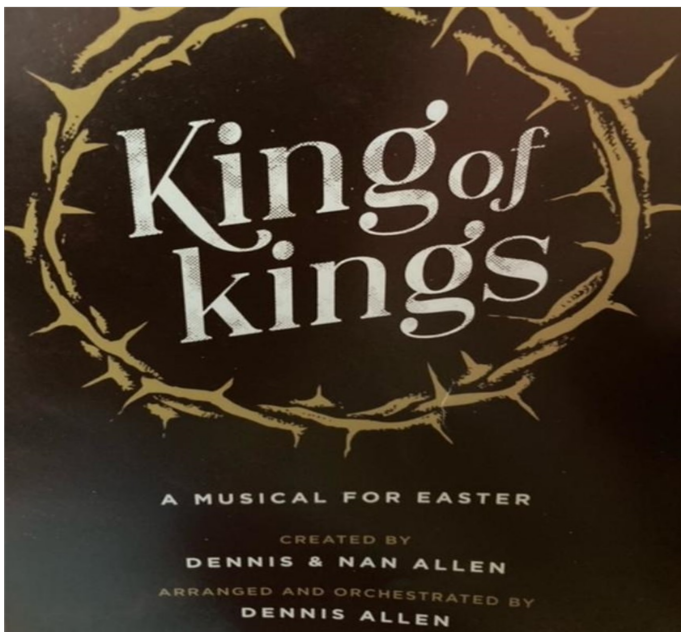
If you would like to join us, please let Ailene know! Easter Rehearsals Sat., April 8th (10:00 to 11:30 am)



04/03	Lauren	Erdman
04/08	Jim	Kaufman
04/14	Meredith	Foust Thompson
04/14	Elaine	Wilcox
04/17	Brian	Erdman
04/17	Natalie	Walker
04/18	Brandon	Bradley
04/19	Ian	Reed
04/20	Katelyn	Rihl
04/22	Briar Rose	Wilcox
04/22	Tom	Verne
04/24	Beth	Beach
04/29	Sarah	Ferguson
04/29	Shane	Manring
04/30	Larry	Myers

- 04/05 Brandon & Elizabeth Bradley
- 04/08 Jay & Paula Ferguson
- 04/19 Roy & Lisa Woods
- 04/20 Dave & Rita McCray

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS -If you are in the hospital or a loved one is and want a visit...please call or text Rev. Alice 740-391-2531



Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings after worship:

Session Sunday, April 23

Trustees—Sunday April 16

Deacons— Sunday April 16

Bible Study— Mondays 6:30 pm Zoom

Men’s Study— Saturday, April 1 and April 15 at 9 am

J Walkers - Watch for up-  dates

Invite someone to join you for Easter Services.

Continental Breakfast at 9 am

Worship at 10 am including an Easter Musical . Thank to Ailene Albrecht and the choir for this special event.