



Columbia City
United Methodist Church

APRIL 2019

Connection

605 Forest Parkway
Columbia City, IN 46725

Phone: 260.244.7671
Fax: 260.244.7277
office@columbiacityumc.org
www.columbiacityumc.org

CCUMC Preschool
260.244.7671

CCUMC Childcare
260.244.3491

Sunday Worship Services

Traditional Worship: 8:30 am
Modern Worship: 11:00 am

Sunday Church School

9:45 am to 10:45 am
All Ages

Mission Statement

Be one. Make one.

Vision Statement

Preparing a place where
the One matters.

Index

Birthday List4
Calendar.....9
City Kids Camp Info.....10
City Kids Page.....6
Jesus Loves Me.....8

PALM SUNDAY
CELEBRATE THE KING

APRIL 14
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Service
April 18 6:00 PM

Good Friday Service
April 19 6:00 PM

Jesus
Christ is
risen
today

Alleluia!
Easter
Sunday

April 21

Worship Services
8:30 am
& 11:00 am

A PRAISE & WORSHIP EASTER

O GREAT REDEEMER

with
WORSHIP LEADER
& ARRANGER
TRAVIS COTTRELL

An Easter Resource for
the Modern Worship Choir

Eastertide Cantata
April 28
8:30 & 11:00 am
Worship Services

Pastor Fred Stayton



Dear Friends,

In many areas I am a naturally skeptical person. I don't get my hopes up easily. How could I being a Cubs fan for so many years? I don't buy lottery tickets—not even when the jackpot reaches \$500 million. And, I certainly don't believe most stories I hear on the Internet.

I really don't think I am alone. It is hard today to get people to believe in anything, let alone Jesus! People have been manipulated, let down and lied to so much that it's hard for them to trust anyone anymore. No one wants to be gullible.

We live in a world dedicated to creating doubt. A defendant was once on trial for murder in Oklahoma. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but the victim's body was never found. In the defense's closing statement the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened. Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I, therefore, put it to you that there is reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty." The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty. "But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door." The jury foreman answered, "Oh, we did look. But your client didn't."

People are looking at us! They are checking us out to see if we believe what we say we believe! They want desperately to truly believe in something that won't let them down. The only One worthy of such hope and such trust is Jesus. He's our provider and our savior, He's our protector and our healer. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the One every knee will bow before. He is the only One worthy of all our hope.

I pray today that you may live with such trust and faith in Jesus that it draws others to him as well. Who is worthy of your hope?

Pastor Fred





April Messages:

Pastor Fred will be teaching from Psalms which are powerful and useful for mental health. The Psalms often deal with fear, hopelessness, sadness, praise, temptation and other common thoughts. In preparation you can begin the month by reading a Psalm each day.

**Maundy Thursday Service
April 18, 6:00 pm**

**Good Friday Service
April 19, 6:00 pm**

The last 24 hours of Jesus' life are powerful.

Maundy Thursday commemorates The Last Supper. Jesus shared bread and wine with everyone and washed the feet of his disciples. After the meal was over, Jesus wanted to be alone to pray. Guards appeared a short time later and he was arrested. On Good Friday, Christians remember how Jesus was beaten, forced to wear a crown of thorns and drag a large, wooden cross up the Hill of Golgatha, where he was crucified by Roman soldiers. Holy Saturday or Black Sabbath marks when Jesus was put in a tomb. The guards rolled a big rock in front of the opening of the tomb to make sure that no one could get in or out.

Maundy Thursday Service, Rev. Brian Cray, a parishioner at St. Mary of the Assumption, Bristol, IN will do a presentation of the Shroud of Turin. Cray spent years studying all the research about the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin and had a life-size replica made so he could better explain the different marks on the cloth. The replica of the Shroud of Turin, measurings more than 14 feet long and almost 4 feet high, will be on display. Along with the Shroud, other first century replicas of items used during the crucifixion will be on display, including an iron nail, a Roman-style spearhead, an authentic Roman flagrum or whip, a crown of thorns from thorn bushes in Jerusalem and the "Titulus Crucis."

Good Friday Service, Rev. Brian will continue with the Shroud of Turin and explain the last hours of Jesus' life.



For prayer needs during the week, please contact Karen Bucher (244-6603) or Linda Sevier (244-6583).

****If you or a family member is hospitalized or having a medical procedure performed, please let the church office (244-7671) know.**

Jan Davis & family, Jan's father, Carl Baermann, passed away on March 9.

Congratulations to:

Megan Kissinger & Geoffrey Layman, they were married on March 9.

Continued Prayers for.....

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Helen Snapp</i> | <i>Tom & Marilyn Drew</i> |
| <i>Julie McQueen</i> | <i>Rev. Harold Oechsle</i> |
| <i>Pauline Fisher</i> | <i>Betty Bell</i> |
| <i>Elaine Beard</i> | <i>Bill Jones</i> |
| <i>Dale Pence</i> | <i>Carol Kyler</i> |
| <i>Mary Jane Peeler</i> | <i>Mary Myers</i> |
| <i>Bette Reed</i> | <i>Ruth Beers</i> |

Record of Our Worship Service Attendances

March 3			
8:30 am	172	11:00 am	170
March 6 - Ash Wednesday Service			
6:00 pm	90		
March 10			
8:30 am	146	11:00 am	153
March 17			
8:30 am	172	11:00 am	150



April

- 1 Davis Snyder
- 2 Mark Beck
- Roberta Metzger
- 3 Barry Bortner
- Neil Cooper
- Geoffrey Layman
- 4 Bryan Emmert
- Janiel Soto
- 5 Kenny Devito
- Marty Melvin
- 6 David Schilling
- 7 Ryan Pepler
- 8 Junior Geiger
- Stanley Retter
- Kim Yenser
- 10 Randy Fletcher
- Alexa Trier
- 12 Carl Chalk
- Bailey Goodwin
- 13 Aaron Parker
- Adam Parker
- 14 Hannah Cotter
- Kim Jenkins
- Art McClish
- 15 Chase Parnell
- 16 Kylie Baldwin
- 17 Renea Kreilach
- Tamera Parker
- 18 Jill Chapman
- 19 Julia Berry
- 20 Ron Moeller
- Naytasha Vargas
- 22 Joyce Butler
- 23 Conni Lobsiger
- Blake McCoy
- Eric Romanowski
- 24 William Schaefer
- 25 Andrew Fudge
- Jeremy Meyer
- Diane Rea
- 26 Dan Dorman
- 27 Marjorie Parker
- 29 Braden Myer
- Jacob Swain
- 30 Sara Knafel-Barile



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your prayers and cards and the food you sent. And a thank you to Pastor Fred for his visits while I was in the hospital.

- LouAnn Winterrowd

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so very much for your kind and consoling words and prayers upon the recent passing of our brother, Neil Palmer. We also truly appreciate the delicious homemade meal. A very special thank you to Pastor Fred for stepping in and helping our family (especially the out-of-towners) with guidance and comforting words.

With warmest regards to all,

*Janice & Mark Waterfall
and extended family*

Dear Church Friends,

Many sincere thanks to all who prayed, called or sent a card during my recent cataract surgery and possible blindness. My eyes are doing fine.

Thank you,
Cynthia Russell

**Alzheimer's
Caregiver
Support Group**

Location: 605 N. Forest Parkway,
Columbia City, IN

Meeting: 2nd Monday
of each month,
6:30 PM in Room 211

For additional info please
contact Jon Gotz (260.503.9459)
or Alzheimer's Association
1.800.292.3900



Remember items
for the
Wed. Mid-Week Meal
Care & Share Table

*Facial Tissues
Paper Towels
Shampoo*

**The Church Office is
asking for current
phone numbers
from our
church family.**

When the youth made calls for the Share-A-Thon, they found phone numbers that no longer exist.

If you have canceled your land line phone and are using cell phones, could you please call or email the church office and share your new phone numbers.

**Thank you,
Church Office**

244-7671
office@columbiacityumc.org

Where are the Euchre players??



Saturday, April 13

Doors open at 5:00 pm
Games start at 5:30 pm
in the Café

Come and enjoy a night of cards and fun!!

Cost is \$5 per player.

To register your team, call the church office or sign-up on the back of Sunday's Connection Card.

Team names and outfits are WELCOME.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Bus Trip to Ark Encounter



Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky, halfway between Cincinnati and Lexington and right off I-75.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Bus Trip information and sign-up sheet will be in the Lobby before and after both worship services on Sunday
OR you can call the church office
(244-7671) to reserve your seat.

Tickets must be paid by April 7.



Pecan Rolls & Iced Cinnamon Roll Sale

Tabitha Circle is having a fundraiser to benefit Church Camp Scholarships.

Order your rolls now
and be prepared to pick them up after church on

Sunday, April 14

Pre-order your rolls today!

Prices for the rolls are:

2 for \$5.00

4 for \$9.00

6 for \$13.00

Pay when you pick up your order
at the church kitchen window

Checks made payable to
Columbia City United Methodist Women

Pecan Rolls and Cinnamon Roll Order

Name _____

Pecan Rolls _____
(number)

Iced Cinnamon Rolls _____
(number)

City Kid's News

Our 2018 - 2019 City Kids PM season recently ended. Every Wednesday night, children and adults committed their time to exploring the importance of relationships, hearing one another's stories, and some good old-fashioned fun. To say that this ministry would be impossible without this list of community mentors and teacher is an understatement. This ministry is not only important to our church, but it is important to our community. Whether you donated your time, your resources, your talents, or your money...we are grateful. Be on the lookout for family outings and summer activities for students as we continue to plan for our City Kids summer programming.

April 7

THEME:
Jesus's Miracles
Week #3

Return from
Spring Break

THEME:
Jesus's Final
Week on Earth

Palm Sunday

April 14

April 21

THEME:
He Lives!
He Lives!

Easter
Celebration

THEME:
Continued Easter
Celebration

Eastertide
Cantata

April 28

Community

Mentors

Jari Davison
Justin Robinson
Jan Boggs
Susan Frickey
Cheryl Stayton
Connie Alexander
Kevin Hedrick
April Whetstone
Chad Whetstone
Christa Martin
Anita Bales
Vickie Coyle

THANK YOU

Classroom

Teachers

& Assistants

Jamie Pepler
Ryan Pepler
Paula Romanowski
Brenda Shearer
Brenda Marty
Erin Fudge
Abby English
Cal Jones
Jennifer Robinson
Tami Drew
Gia Drew
Amy Bottles
Laura Weigold



Save THE Date

FAMILY BOWLING

Sunday, April 14th

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

Tuesday, May 7th

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

June 3rd - 7th

Euchre Night 2019

Date: Saturday, April 13th

Time: 5:00 PM Doors Open
5:30 PM Cards Begin

Cost: \$5 per player

****Snacks and prizes
throughout the evening****

Sign up with your partner on the
back of the Connection Card or at
the City Kids Cart in the down-
stairs lobby.



United Methodist Women News

Circle Meetings

Rebecca

April 18, 9:30 am
Hostess: Dee Green
Devotions: Judy Kissinger
Program: Jeanie Phillips
Meeting in Room 200/Library at the church.

Phoebe

March 21, 1:30 pm
Hostess: Karen Bucher
Devotions: Carol Ellsworth
Program: Nancy Dorman
Meeting in Room 200/Library at the church.

Tabitha

April 14, 5:00 pm
Hostess: Mimi Williams
Devotions: Anita Bales
Meeting in Café at the church.



Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger.
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right.
Faith and hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

—Phillips Brooks

Easter Flowers

Help us celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord by decorating the Worship Center with potted tulips, daisies, daffodils, begonias, lilies and more! **Cost of each potted plant is \$15.00.** The Easter flowers may be given in honor or memory of someone special. Please fill out the following information and return this form with your donation to the office by Sunday, April 14.

You are welcome to take your flower(s) after the 11:00 am service on April 21, Easter Sunday.



Easter Flowers

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

From:

**Drop this off at the church office
or in the offering plate.**

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know...

Written by Terry Goodwin



One of the featured stories on a news channel today entailed a dash cam video recording of a small personal aircraft skimming across multiple lanes of interstate highway traffic, and narrowly missing the front end of the vehicle with the camera. (And I do mean, by inches!) The tip of the right wing of the plane appeared to kiss the pavement on its way to a crash landing in the nearby field. Remarkably, the pilot and his passenger walked away from the crash and no one on the highway was injured at all. The news correspondent quoted the pilot as saying he had been so lucky that his first item of business was going to be stopping to buy a lottery ticket.

Luck? Is that all it was? Timing, maybe? Coincidence? Could be all three, rolled into one, eh? As Christians, we have another name for it: we know it to be grace. And our 'first item of business' is to thank God for His amazing grace, and praise Him for it. Next comes telling others about it. This is called testimony; but don't be scared off by it. It is simply the story of how God has worked and is working in your life.

Last week we were challenged to examine ourselves and identify those things God has done in our lives and see them as carvings on a mountain, like Mt Rushmore. If indeed, those stories of God at work within you were displayed high on a mountain, then others could plainly see them. As it is, we live in Indiana where there aren't really any mountains, so God depends upon us to look for him at work, join him in it, and tell others about it. How are you doing with your assignment?

Personally, having cancer twice has been God's gift to me. Both times. Time #1 was not in more than a nodding relationship with the Lord. A close walk came, gradually over time. Friends who heard news from me only in annual Christmas cards didn't know that I had been in treatment since February. Time #2 was a continuance of that gift (maybe so that I could see plainly that a better approach to having cancer was to get the word out right away, and request prayer from friends!) So many ministry type things ensued from that experience that it is clear to me that a bad disease has been a gift from God. I didn't love it then, but recognize its worth now.

And so, how will you react to experiencing and surviving your current storm? Give credit to luck? Or give thanks and praise to God? I've heard it said that a coincidence is just a moment in time when God remains anonymous. Let's not let Him be anonymous as we broadcast our thanks for His presence in our lives.

Fix & Freeze

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Church Café



Hosted by Jill & Amanda Daniel

6 Meals for \$35.00 + meat

Menu

Breakfast Burritos
Easy Beefy Tator Tot Casserole
Salami Stuffed Italian Manicotti
Chicken Pot Pie
Zesty Beef Pot Roast Dinner
White Chicken Chili

Simply bring the necessary meat (list of items will be provided), a cooler to carry meals home in, and a fun spirit and we'll send you home with 5 ready-to-cook meals!

To register, go to our church website and click on Online Giving and pay on PushPay. By using our PushPay account, you are automatically registered.

Invite Friends: Get the Party Started



April Calendar



Events

- 1 5:30 pm Newcomer Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting
- 5 4:00 pm Knepple/Marty Wedding Rehearsal
- 6 1:30 pm Knepple/Marty Wedding
- 8 6:00 pm CREW PreK - 5 Volunteer Meeting
6:30 pm Alzheimers Support Group
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- 9 11:00 am UMW Executive Meeting
- 13 9:00 am Royal Family Camp Training
10:00 am Sticky Rolls Prep - Tabitha Circle
5:00 pm Euchre Night - Family Event
- 14 PALM SUNDAY
9:30 am Sticky Rolls & Cinnamon Rolls Sale
3:00 pm City Kids Family Bowling
(Main Bowling Alley)
5:00 pm UMW Tabitha Circle
- 18 9:30 am UMW Rebecca Circle
1:30 pm UMW Phoebe Circle
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 19 GOOD FRIDAY
Building, Office, Preschool & ChildCare CLOSED
6:00 pm Good Friday Service
- 26 6:00 pm Clark/Paulus Wedding Rehearsal
- 27 10:00 am Clark/Paulus Wedding
- 28 8:30 am Easter Cantata "O Great Redeemer"
11:00 am Easter Cantata "O Great Redeemer"
- 29 7:00 am Bus Trip to Art Encounter
- 30 10:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

Walking Area Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
(13 laps = 1 mile)

Regular Weekly Events

Sundays:

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:30 pm Soul Sisters
5:30 pm City Students

Mondays:

9:00 am Monday Morning Discussion Group
6:00 pm DivorceCare
6:15 pm Handbell practice

Tuesdays:

9:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
(1st & 3rd Tuesdays)
6:30 pm Praise Team & Band Practice

Wednesdays:

11:30 am Mid-Week Meal
2:00 pm In Stitches
6:00 pm City Students

Thursdays:

6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Praise Team & Band Practice
7:00 pm Cantata Practice

Coming in May

- 1 Preschool Spring Program
- 4 5K Run/ Walk - *City Students Fundraiser*
- 7 Mother, Daughter & Friend Banquet
- 9 Preschool Field Day - *Last Day of School*
- 11 Stetzel/Anderson Wedding
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 Gruetttert/Michel Wedding
- 19 City Students Amazing Race
- 27 Memorial Day

Please contact Karen Hedrick at 260-437-2491 or karen.hedrick@columbiacityumc.org if you have not received registration and health forms for your child.

IMPACT 2818

SUMMER

CAMP

Current Kindergarten-5th Grade

Camp Lakewood

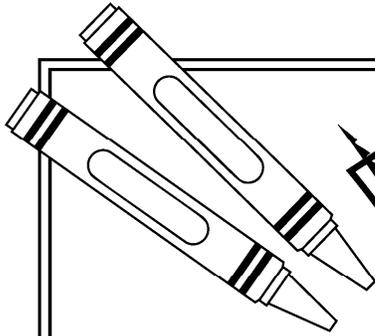
Please deliver all registrations and camp fees to Karen Hedrick

Dates	Grade Levels (as of Fall 2019)	Cost Before Discount	Cost After CCUMC Discount
June 9-11	Kindergarten-3rd Grade	\$229	\$114.50
June 16-21	3rd-6th Grade	\$449	\$299
June 23-26	3rd-6th Grade	\$310	\$160
June 28-30	Family Camp	Prices vary depending on family size	\$150 off price
July 7-12	3rd-6th Grade	\$449	\$299
July 14-19	3rd-6th Grade	\$449	\$299
July 21-26	3rd-6th Grade	\$449	\$299
July 28-31	Kindergarten-2nd Grade	\$310	\$160
July 28-31	3rd-5th Grade	\$310	\$160
August 2-4	Family Camp	Prices vary depending on family size	\$150 off price

Camp Adventure

Dates	Grade Level	Cost Before Discount	Cost After CCUMC Discount
June 16-21	6th-8th Grade students	\$449	\$299
July 1-3	Day Camp Grades K-6	\$99	\$49.50

Registration deadline:
March 29th



PUZZLE

Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, linen, spices, silver coins



April Mission Project of the Month

This is a place that provides after-school, weekend and summer programming and facility space for other youth organizations, while partnering on important initiatives to support our young people. The Center has become a hub for impacting the next generation of leaders, families, citizens, and the workforce.

The Center's Mission: Promoting youth development through service, outreach and collaboration.

The Center's Vision: To support Whitley County youth through...

- *Youth development*, by the building of assets.
- *Outreach*, which is accomplished through relationships and authentic connections.
- *Service*, by providing programs that meet real youth needs.
- *Collaboration*, by providing shared facility space for and partnering with like-minded youth organizations.

Please support this fund as members of our congregation strive to serve our Lord.

Thanks for your Support!



605 N. Forest Parkway, Columbia City, IN 46725

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 140
Columbia City, IN

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED