

April 2017

NEWSLETTER



23 Church St
Shelby, Ohio 44875

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Reflections from the Rev.

Friends of God, the Lord be with you! At Easter, the church proclaims "Christ is risen. He is truly risen!" But what does this mean for us? Among other things this means that death does not have the last word and that God's love for Christ and indeed for all of us is stronger than death. What else does Easter mean to you? Does it mean egg hunts with the kids or grandkids? A special dinner with family and friends? Regardless of what else Easter may mean to you, the greatest truth the season has to offer is God's son Jesus Christ. God loved us so much that God gave us Jesus who died and rose again for us.

I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider joining us for worship on Easter Sunday April 16th at 10:00am. We will be serving breakfast in the fellowship hall from 9:00am-9:30am. From 9:30-9:45 there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for young children on the side lawn of the church with over 400 Easter Eggs! As a Christian one of the best things we can do for our children is to live Godly lives in front of them and teach them how important it is to go to church and support Christ's ministry. It is a blessing and honor to be your pastor!

See you in church!

+Pastor James



*Harry Kepliner, 100 and Carson Robinson, 1 year and 8 months.
Oldest and youngest members of 1st UCC*

April Happenings

Thursday 4/6/17- Fundraising Committee- String Art Event in Fellowship Hall 6:00-9:00pm. For more information or questions contact Elaine Spangler or Cindy Metzger

Sunday April 2nd and 9th- Our last 2 Lenten Lunches will be on Sunday April 2nd and 9th, immediately following the morning worship service.

Wednesday April 5th and 19th- Choir practice at 1st Presbyterian from 7-8pm.

Monday April 17th- Church Council Meeting in Parlor 6:30pm.

Baptism- Anyone who would like to be baptized please talk with Pastor James soon. We will be participating in the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday

New Members- If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, please see Pastor James- We will begin bringing new members into the church sometime after Easter! We are so glad more people want to be a part of the family here at 1st UCC. How exciting!

Holy Week 2017 Church Sponsored Events

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Thursday April 13th-Our Maundy Thursday Seder Meal will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday April 13th at 7:00pm. We invite you to bring a small desert to share if you would like to, however it is not necessary. Please try to attend this is always a fun event! (Maundy Thursday is the day we remember when Jesus and His disciples held what would be their last supper.

Good Friday Service

Friday April 14th- Our Good Friday Service will be on Friday April 14th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This brief 25 minute service is a very powerful and moving service. Warren Rehberg attended last year and said it was the most powerful service he had ever attended. Please try to attend. (Remember we cannot get to Easter Sunday, without experiencing the Crucifixion.) The service will be broadcasted live on the church Facebook page, so those who have to work can experience it later.

Easter Sunday 2017

Sunday April 16th- Easter Sunday!

Easter Sunday Agenda

9:00-9:30am- Continental Style Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall. (Easter Bunny will be with us for pictures).

9:30-9:45am- Board of Christian Education sponsored Easter Egg Hunt on Church Street side lawn.

9:45-10:00am- Gathering music will start as we begin to make our way to the sanctuary to worship.

10:00am- Church Bells will ring and worship will begin.