

**EGG MY HOUSE**—Enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Morning provided by the Metro East Community Rotary Club! They will hide filled, plastic eggs in your front yard the night before Easter Sunday (March 31) from 6:00—9:00 pm. The eggs will be filled with candy or toys, and can be ordered in increments of 2 dozen eggs. Cost is \$20 for 24 eggs, \$40 for 48 eggs, etc. This project is a fundraiser for Head Start Programs in Edwardsville. To order, Phone: 618-610-1297, Paypal: paypal.me/MECROTARY. Please provide your address when you order.

**INFORMATION CONCERNING FINANCE NEED**—As many of you know, Financial Reports for our Current Expense (Operating) Fund have been made available in the narthex to anyone who is interested. In addition, the bulletin has been reflecting monies that were received for the prior month. The Finance Committee is working hard on making sure each person receives the information needed to make faithful and generous financial decisions and contributions. We are still in the process of tweaking the information provided, because we realize that each of you needs current information, not just last month's information. So, we are using this method to inform each of you that we need \$6,000+ by the end of March to pay all of our expenses. I know this amount may sound alarming. But find a prayer to share with God about the best way to be blessed to meet this need. As always, Immanuel UMC becomes empowered to rise to the need of our church family. So, there is no doubt that a way will be provided and made clear in this time of stretching! Ask God to show us the best way in which we can be used for the purpose of accomplishing provision.

**SERVING AREA KIDS**—All those interested in helping with our SAK program this summer should attend a meeting on Thursday, April 5, 7 pm.

**KIDS NIGHT OUT** will meet next on Friday, April 13 beginning at 5:30 pm. All children age 3 through those in 5th grade are welcome to participate in this activity. Thanks to everyone for making a reservation before attending Kid's Night Out in March. Remember that a reservation is now mandatory, to enable us to be adequately staffed. May we emphasize that your children should be picked up by 8:30 pm, and that we would appreciate receiving your RSVP by Wednesday, April 11. You may sign on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**55+ FELLOWSHIP** will be meeting on Sunday, April 15 at 12:15 pm for a lunch and a presentation from Matthew Flinner. Matt works for the Better Business Bureau in St. Louis. He has a lot of information to give us on scams in our area and nation-wide. If you have known of anyone that has been scammed by phone, email or personal business, you will be interested in his presentation. Matt will join us for lunch so bring a small entrée and a side dish (vegetable, salad or dessert). After lunch he will give us his presentation. We also want to support our SAK program (Serving Area Kids with summer lunches) that will be starting up in May when school ends. Some items to consider donating are granola bars, pop tarts, individual puddings, applesauce, fruit cups, individual cereals, crackers, water and lots more. All are welcome to attend and share lunch and some fellowship. Any questions please see Sharon Koenig.

**WEDDING INVITATION**—Dan Hodge would like to invite everyone to both his wedding to Tara Viviano on Saturday, April 21, 2:00 pm at Immanuel, and the reception at Deer Creek Event Center in House Springs, Missouri, beginning at 6:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 25**

**Palm Sunday**

9:00 am Sunday School/Adult Education/  
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt/Finger-Food  
Brunch in Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 26**

6:15 pm Ageless Grace  
7:00 pm Praise Team  
7:15 pm AA  
9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up—Krieger

**Wednesday, March 28**

2:15 pm Head Start Reading—Amschler  
5:15 pm Hall in Use—Head Start  
8:00 pm Contemplative Worship

**Thursday, March 29**

**Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm Worship in Journey's Inn Room  
with Foot Washing and Holy  
Communion

**Friday, March 30**

**Good Friday**

11:00 am Free Lunch Friday to 1:00 pm  
6:30 pm Station of the Cross until 8:00 pm  
6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

**Sunday, April 1**

**Easter Sunday**

6:30 am Sunrise Service in Prayer Garden  
8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship  
10:45 am Resurrection Celebration

**2018 Monthly Income & Expense**

**(Current Expense-Operating)**

Budgeted Expense, March \$17,653.00  
Received \$11,446.00

**(Benevolence-Missions/Disaster Relief)**

Owed by 3/31/2018 \$ 2,631.00  
Received \$ 2,013.97

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*We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:*

*Word faithfully. Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.*

*Experience and Share God's grace joyfully, Live and Teach God's*

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**PALM SUNDAY**

**March 25, 2018**

*You are invited to join us in this mission ...*

Reverend Jackie K. Havis-Shear

Cell Phone: (618) 531-9134

Pastor Kent Schuette

Cell Phone: (618) 334-3575

Today's Worship Leaders:

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 am

Greeters/Acolytes:

Sunday School:

Instrument Director:

Worship Leader:

Pianist:

Ministers:

Teresa and Christal Akers-Helle

Easter Presentation Rehearsal

Mr. Maurice Mestemacher

Mr. Jordan Grammer

Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear

All of Us

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

Greeters (6:30 am):

Greeters (8:45 am):

Greeters (10:45 am):

Dave & Trish Rader

Gary & Sharon Koenig

Mr. Dan Hodge

Acolytes:

Liturgist:

Sunday School:

Miss Zinnia Allen

Miss Shelly Brase

Mr. Jordan Grammer

Mrs. Kiffon Lewis

Mr. Dan Hodge

*We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found at the end of the pew.*

*A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.*

**Order of Worship**

**10:00 am**

**WE GATHER TOGETHER...  
...to Express Our Unity in Christ**

Gathering Music Brass Ensemble  
Ringing of the Bell

**\*Call to Worship**

L: When they came to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, "Go into the village. As soon as you enter it you will find tied up a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it.'"

**C: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields.

**C: Bind the festival procession with palm branches. Open the gates of righteousness for us so we can come in and give thanks to the Lord!**

L: This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

**C: Enter the gates of righteousness with shouts of thanksgiving. Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!** (Mary J. Scifres & B. J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*)

\*Hymn—*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #278

\*Hymn—*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* #277  
(Palms will be distributed at this time)

**\*Opening Prayer (unison)**

**Eternal One, as we enter Holy Week and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, may we laugh with the children and shout our hosannas with the crowd. But never let us forget where this week ends. For the one who emptied himself for our sake, took the form of a servant and was betrayed and denied by his disciples and closest friends. May we sing in our hearts this day, but may our song be mixed with sorrow and regret, for such is the life of followers in every age. Amen.**

(Mary J. Scifres & B. J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*)

**...to Share With Commitment and Love**

Children's Presentation  
Poem—"Easter Joy"  
Song—*Love Comes Down*

Poem—"Happy Easter"  
Song—*Light of the World*

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

#895

\*Passing the Peace

The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Brass Ensemble

\*Doxology

#95

**...to Hear the Word of God**

Gospel Readings—Luke 19:29-42

p. 78 NT

Mark 4:30-34

p. 36 NT

**The People Respond**

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Series—Growth and Renewal**

Today's Sermon—"Flourish or Flee"

**...so We May Go Out and Serve**

\*Closing Hymn—*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

#280

\*Responsive Benediction

L: On the back of a donkey,

**C: Jesus came to bless us.**

L: With a love that did not count the cost,

**C: Jesus came to heal us.**

L: From hopelessness and despair,

**C: Jesus came to free us.**

L: With the power of the Holy Spirit,

**C: Jesus came to save us.**

(Mary J. Scifres & B. J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*)

\*The Postlude

Brass Ensemble

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\*All who are able, please stand

Children are invited to the Hospitality Room to begin their Easter Egg Hunt

The Congregation is invited to the lower level for a Fun Foods Brunch

**Did You Know...**

...Brittney Page has been working hard at her new job—Goodwill! Congratulate her!

...Owen Potter placed a 1 in the Solo & Ensemble Contest while playing his Saxophone.

...Dustin Franke and Bill Kreutzberg repaired the guttering system on the parsonage.

Thank you, guys!

...The Trustee Committee Members gave up their last Saturday while participating in a Walk-Thru of our properties

...Pastor Jackie and Jordan hosted a District Meeting at our church on the topic of Justice this week

**Prayer Ministry** (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

+ June Helle, strength and healing  
Family of Clinton Howe, brother-in-law of Joanie Green

++ Robin Black-Rubenstein upon the loss of her father  
Sherry Buhrmester, strength and healing  
Al Davis, has returned home with physical therapy  
Charles Hall, dealing with health issues  
Emily Chionchio's 4-month old son Maverick, recovering from another surgery and remains in ICU  
Larry Worthey, recovering from hip replacement

+++ Libby Levin, knee injury  
Antonize Anderson, health issues  
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer  
Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, traveling to Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas this week

++++ Pray about the need for more volunteers for Kid's Night Out  
Sue Hester, great niece of Peggy Worthey, undergoing chemotherapy  
Pastor Jackie who had skin cancer removed from her back—she is limited to shaking hands at the door for a while  
Kim Sickbert, cousin of Eileen Kreutzberg, pancreatic cancer

**Celebrating Birthdays this Week:** 3/25—Trisha Emshousen, Katheryn Kreutzberg; 3/27—David Condrey, Peyton O'Bryan; 3/29—Rebekah Carter

**Celebrating Their Anniversary:** 3/29—Tad & Kari Roniger

**SCRIP ORDERS** will be taken today. Packets with information and order forms may be picked up in the Hospitality Room. See Teresa or Christal Akers-Helle to place your order.

**TUCK IN CASH FOR TUCKPOINTING**—You might have noticed our Tuck Pointing Thermometer is at approximately \$14,000! Please remember to Tuck In Cash for Tuck Pointing. Our goal is \$24,000. We are working hard to reach our goal within the next month. Thank you for your generosity in keeping our building and facilities beautiful and inviting.

**SMALL GROUP FORMING—Mud & the Masterpiece, Seeing yourself and others through the eyes of Jesus**  
Get ready to change your life and the lives of others by learning how Jesus truly sees all people. Through John Burke's powerful lessons gleaned from his study of every encounter Jesus had, combined with real-life stories of ordinary people having Christ-like impact, our hope is this small group experience will inspire you to truly love the messy people around you—and the one staring back in the mirror—with the unconditional, unshockable love of Jesus. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, starting on April 4. A sign-up sheet is located in the Hospitality Room.

**APRIL EDITION OF 'THE VISION'** - Our monthly newsletter was sent out on Thursday. You may view it on our website or you may pick up a copy of the paper edition from the narthex or Hospitality Room today.