

April 2011

First United Methodist Church of Wabash, Indiana



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Mission Statement...*To provide a loving fellowship that brings about spiritual transformation through worship, prayer, study and action in order to know Christ and to make Him known.*

Vision Statement...*Our passion for God and for people means we will be a church which offers Christ to all and is open to God's leading.*

THE PASTORS' PAGE

RESURRECTION

John 20:1-9 ¹ Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb while it was still dark. When she saw that the large stone had been moved away from the tomb,² she ran to Simon Peter and the follower whom Jesus loved. Mary said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him."

³ So Peter and the other follower started for the tomb.⁴ They were both running, but the other follower ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ He bent down and looked in and saw the strips of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then following him, Simon Peter arrived and went into the tomb and saw the strips of linen lying there.⁷ He also saw the cloth that had been around Jesus' head, which was folded up and laid in a different place from the strips of linen.⁸ Then the other follower, who had reached the tomb first, also went in. He saw and believed.⁹

On the last Sunday of April, we will celebrate the Good News of the Resurrection. For a brief time it appeared that the devil had won and God had been put to death as Jesus Christ died a literal death on the cross.

However, we will celebrate on April 24th that Christ rose from the grave and death was eternally defeated. In the reality of the resurrection there is hope of eternal life. Our hope and the hope of every person rests in the reality that Christ literally rose from the grave to live for all eternity, never again to die.

In Jesus Christ we have hope and in Jesus Christ alone. On this final Sunday of April, we will have the opportunity to look forward and look up celebrating the reality of Jesus Christ who rose from the grave and will some day return again.

We all need the opportunity to periodically experience the resurrection and nurture it in our hearts. We are then called to go forth and share it with a world in need of Jesus Christ.

Praise God Jesus Christ is alive!

Pastor David

Internet address: www.wabashfirstumc.org

Phone: (260) 563-3108

Senior Pastor - David Cross; Minister of Family Life & Outreach - Heather Olson-Bunnell

8:00 a.m. Rise and Shine Worship

9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

E-mail: office.wabfirstumc@cinergymetro.net

FAX: (260) 563-3109

9:00 a.m. Christ Alive! Worship

10:00 a.m. Mid-Morning Worship



LENTEN LINE UP

Lent began Ash Wednesday, March 9
and ends Easter Sunday, April 24

Please note: There are a few changes on this page since the last newsletter.

Soup for the Soul



Wednesdays in Lent / Supper 5:30-6:30

30 Minutes with God 6:30-7:00

Continues through April 13

Special Music, Prayer,
Speaker, & Scripture

Different soups each week!

All donations to support families in Wabash. Sponsored by Parish Health Ministry

MORE TIME IN THE WORD

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study, led by John Cook

"The Lord, Our Shepherd" (23 Psalm)

Books can be purchased at Joy Christian Book Store

7 WEEK STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 17 6—7:45 p.m.

"24 Hours That Changed the World" in church library,

Facilitators: Pastor David & Christy Cross

7 WEEK STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH APRIL 20 7:15—8:45 p.m.

"24 Hours That Changed the World" AT MODOC'S,

sign up at the front desk.

Contact Person: Donna Highley

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 17 *Parade of Palms* by the children (10am),

"24 Hours that Changed the World,"

Matthew 26:14-29 & vs 66; Matthew 21:1-11, Pastor David,

New Members Join



Maundy Thursday, April 21 6:30 p.m. Family Worship "A Taste of Seder"

Communion to follow

Good Friday, April 22 12:10-12:50pm-Community Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 24 8 & 9 am— "Jesus Is Alive" John 20:1-9, Pastor David

10 a.m. —EASTER CANTATA "Who Do You Say that I Am?"

Man of Sorrows, King of Glory, Lord of Life!

Music by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

PASTOR HEATHER HAPPENINGS

SUMMER IS COMING AND SO . . .

Here at First UMC we believe that Christian Education is extremely important for our children. Jesus said “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for such belongs the Kingdom of heaven.”

V.B.S. is June 13-17 and Angel Hostetler, our V.B.S. coordinator is planning a community outreach event June 12—the Sunday before V.B.S. begins. This project is directly related to our mission statement: “To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.” Persons who would like to serve on a children’s outreach task force planning this event are asked to contact Angel or Pastor Heather. Let’s “Make Christ Known to Children” in Wabash through V.B.S. and this outreach ministry.

SUMMER CHILDREN’S TEACHERS NEEDED:

We are planning ahead for our new Summer Sunday Schedule beginning June 5th. Our current 9:00 a.m. children’s teachers: Angel Hostetler, Tammy Whitenack, and Karol Evenson are looking forward to a few Sundays off to renew, refresh and attend a class for themselves. We will be using the same curriculum - Live B.I.G. (Believe In God) but it will be at a new time 10:15 a.m. If you would like to visit a class this Spring to see how the curriculum is used contact our three regular teachers...or just show up! Volunteer to teach to give our dedicated teachers a well deserved break. Presently, we are planning to use Favorite Bible Stories at both 9 and 11 a.m. worship services for children pre-school to third grade. Each week stands alone and Kids Connexion Teachers are asked to choose two weeks at 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. A brief children’s teacher meeting will be held Sunday, May 22nd during coffee fellowship hour to share our summer plan to help children “Know Christ and Make Him Known.” Mark your calendars and bring your questions.

EASTER “EGG” STRAVAGANZA

Did you love searching for Easter eggs as a child? Do you miss those days? How can we help children learn the story of Easter and the empty tomb? Helpers are needed on Easter Sunday after the children’s message for pre-school—3rd graders. Let’s give our kids something to remember as they learn about Jesus’ resurrection. Contact Pastor Heather if you are willing to help on April 24th.

Can you help provide these items? Small plastic eggs, Pennies, Nails, Dice, Cotton balls



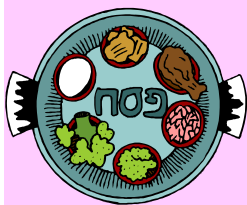
MAUNDY THURSDAY FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE April 21, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

“A Taste of Seder”

Christians experiencing
the connection we have in
faith with our Jewish
heritage.

Reservations by
Palm Sunday (April 17)

Promoted jointly by Intentional Faith Development and
Worship Committees.



DISASTER RELIEF FOR JAPAN

On Sunday, March 27 there will be a special opportunity to give to those in need in Japan. Please carefully consider what you can give and place your gift in the envelope provided in the Sunday Morning bulletin. Or bring or mail your gift to the church, Att. Mel Rennaker with Japan written in the memo line. Thank you.



CALLING ALL CHURCH BUS DRIVERS

There will be training held on April 2nd at 8:00 a.m. for everyone that would like to drive the Church bus. This training is required for either new drivers or as a refresher for those who have had it before. *Jerry Perkins, Chairman of the Trustees*

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES TO CHANGE ON JUNE 5, 2011

On Sunday, June 5 of this year, we will be reformatting our current Sunday morning schedule. Our new schedule beginning on June 5th will be:

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

10:15-11 a.m. Christian Education Opportunities

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the MAC

There are possibilities we will be developing as the changes are implemented.

10:00 a.m. Intergenerational Opportunities—availability for more extended learning and faith development opportunities.

We are moving to this model after multiple consultations with Rev. Steve Clouse who is one of our conference staff personnel.

Pastor David

CHURCH CAMP	EPWORTH
Epworth —High School Grades 9-12 E5031 June 26 - July 1	
Adventure —Jr. High School grades 6-8 A4031 June 26—July 1	LAKewood
Express —Elementary Grades 3-5 L3041 July 5-8	
Please see Kelly Schuler to fill out forms and pay \$20 before April 1st . FUMC pays half of your camping fee.	

**ATTENTION
LAY SPEAKERS OR THOSE
INTERESTED IN BECOMING
LAY SPEAKERS**



Dates for Spring Classes at
**Winamac UMC
Winamac, IN**

April 9 & 10 (Sat-Sun) 2:00—5:00 p.m. EST
 April 16 (Sat) 2:00— 5:00 p.m. EST
 April 17 (Sun) 2:00-6:00 p.m. EST
 Includes closing worship and Certificate presentations

Please note that all classes must be completed to fulfill requirements for lay speaker certification.

Registrations due by April 1st.

Class information, costs and registration form available in the church office.



Easter Flowers

This Easter, we will once again be transforming our Sanctuary into a lovely, colorful, plant filled garden and invite you to help us bring it to life. Or, if you wish, your plant can decorate the MAC. If you would be willing to furnish one of the plants listed below for Easter Sunday, please contact the Church Office 563-3108, or you may wish to wait and fill out the form which will be provided in Sunday morning bulletins a couple weeks before Easter and send or turn it in. Deadline for ordering is April 18. The plants will be ordered for you and you can then reimburse the Church.

Prices are as follows:

Tulips	\$12.00	Easter Lilies	\$12.00	Chrysanthemums	\$15.00
Azaleas	\$25.00	Hydrangeas	\$30.00		

These may be given in memory or in honor of someone, or to the glory of God. You may take your plant home with you immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service.

<h2>First Youth Info</h2> <p>Wabash First United Methodist Middle School and High School Youth</p> <h3>Upcoming Events</h3> <p>March 27, 6-7:30 in the MAC</p> <p><i>SPECIAL YOUTH MEETING LED BY "YOUTH COORDINATOR CANDIDATE #2"</i></p> <p>Come meet and interview a possible new youth coordinator. Friends are welcome and parents are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>April 3 and April 10—NO MEETNG... Spring break.</p> <p>April 17, 6-7:30 MYSTERY TRIP... Where will we go? Hop on the bus for... destination unknown!</p> <p>April 24 NO MEETNG... EASTER</p>
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DEADLINE FOR NEWS IN THE NEXT "FIRST EDITION"
IS Monday, APRIL 18 by noon.

REMEMBER F.I.S.H. & Kids First

The first Sunday of every month is collection Sunday for F.I.S.H. and Kids First Child Care. Please bring items you would like to contribute and they will be delivered for you during the week.

FROM KIDS FIRST CHILD CARE

Listed are a few things Kids First Child Care needs: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, hand soap, Clorox wipes, baby wipes, trash bags, batteries (AA, C & D), canned fruits, vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, oat meal, cereal, mac & cheese, peanut butter, snack crackers any nonperishable food items.

Thank You for your support and God Bless, *Missy Edwards*, Kids First Director

ITEMS FOR MILITARY

Once again we are collecting items to send to our soldiers. We need these items by April 3, 2011. We will be sending them to the soldiers for Easter. It takes about 2 weeks to get to them.

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| Mouse traps | <u>Snacks</u> |
| Nerf balls | Beef Jerky |
| Squirt guns | ramon noodles in a cup |
| Puzzle books | Chrystal Light or Kool-aid |
| Any card games | (single serving) |
| Baby wipes | Gum |
| Air freshener | Crackers |
| | Candy |
| | Corn nuts |

Thank you for your support, *Tina Palmer*



**Three Opportunities
Each Week:
Walk with the Lord
Exercise & Devotions
7:15 a.m. on
Tuesday & Thursday
4:00 p.m. on
Wednesdays**

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY,
April 2
7:30 A.M. TO
10:00 A.M.
In the MAC



(sponsor—United Methodist Women)
Also, watch for “Ines’ Rada Knives” available for purchase. Several boxed gift sets and individual knives on display.
Profits go to UMW missions.

PLEASE HELP

Because of the economy some FUMC families are struggling to pay their bills. We have a “Pastor’s Discretionary Fund” to help them but the fund is becoming depleted. If you can help, please make checks out to First United Methodist Church and write PDF on the memo line. Thank you.

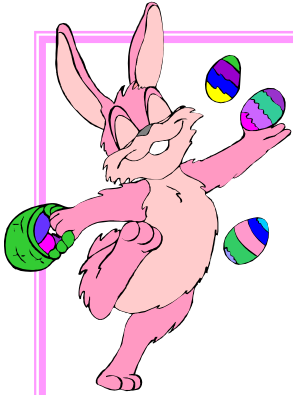
Dear Sondra and all that labored, Thank you so much for the Prayer Shawl that you presented to me recently. I put it where I do my devotions and think of your love and support every time. Thank you so much for thinking of me. Have a blessed day, *Roy church*



Dear Women of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Bruce and we are so blessed by your warmth, prayers, and thoughtfulness in providing a shawl for him. Bruce has always been partial to shawls. He plans to use it across his shoulders. He was very touched when I told him about it. Thanks so much.

Nancy & Bill Kramer

Thank you very much for the calls, cards, funeral home visits and most of all the prayers from our pastors and church family. *Ginny Dean, Chuck, Sharon, Jessi, & Erica Bair*



A Note from Kids First

Our Community Breakfast fund raiser was a huge success, we raised \$450.00. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for helping to make it so successful, Steve & Esther Keffaber, Bob & Cathy Schmalzried, Chuck Leach, Emily Boardman, Ruthann Pilgrim, Amy Luckenbill, Delilah Watson, (Kids First Staff) Kim Bitzel and family (Kids First family). We would also like to thank everyone that made donations and those that came and joined us for breakfast. Our next fund raiser is scheduled June 3rd with Dan's Fish Fry.

At this time we are starting to prepare for our annual Easter egg hunt. All candy donations will be greatly appreciated, if you would like to help, please have all donations in by April 15th.

Thank you for your support & God Bless, Director *Missie Edwards*

Parish Nurse Notes

April is often a month of contrasts. We can experience winter and summer weather, as well as both the grief of Holy Week and the victory of Easter.

April is also observed as CANCER CONTROL MONTH. Cancer continues to be the 2nd leading cause of death in our country. Declines in cancer death rates suggest that early detection and treatment are the key factors in the statistical changes. [CDC fast facts]

A healthy diet can offer you protection from cancer. April is a good time to include more fiber, fruits, and vegetables in your diet. Take up a healthier life-style for Lent. If you need more information, please see me.

Linda Gardner, Parish Nurse

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child during this holy season of Lent, please contact Pastor David or Pastor Heather.

We need someone to copy materials for the children's programs. Contact Pastor Heather.

Pastor David will be available to answer questions regarding church membership at 9:00 a.m., on Sunday, April 10 in the Chapel.

Remember Christian Book Club - Tuesday, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. at The Great Wall Restaurant.

PRESENTING
the
Wabash Community Band

May 15 4:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church

Take a trip down memory lane and enjoy some of your favorite songs.

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy
Benny Goodman in Concert
American in Paris
Kokomo
College Songs
Silvercrest March
And many others



Conductor: Bob Urbani

CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

You will soon be receiving your 1st quarter contribution statement. Please review this statement to ensure the amount pledged towards the "General Budget" for 2011 has been listed accurately and contributions you have made this quarter are recorded correctly. If any corrections need to be made, please notify the church office.

With our latest accounting software upgrade, we have the ability to email contribution statements. If you are interested in receiving your contribution by email, please notify the church office.

Mel Rennaker, Church Treasurer

2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

February 28, 2011

Approved Budget \$394,300.00	Monthly Amount \$ 32,858.33	Year-to Date \$65,716.67	Percentage 16.67%
	February	Year-to Date	
Income	\$ 19,257.22	58.61%	\$ 66,897.62
Expenses	<u>\$ 39,426.20</u>	119.99%	<u>\$ 75,153.24</u>
Difference	\$ (20,168.98)		\$ (8,255.62)

GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

2011	2011	2011	2011
<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
\$ 39,573.89	\$66,897.62	\$75,153.24	\$31,318.77
YTD Percentage	101.80%	114.36%	

2011 GENERAL BUDGET INCOME

	YTD		Annual		
	February	YTD Income	Est. Income	Est. Income	
Member Pledges	\$ 10,837.00	\$ 53,417.00	\$ 47,593.50	\$285,561.00	112.24%
Member Contributions	\$ 2,280.75	\$ 5,284.50	\$ 6,666.67	\$ 40,000.00	79.27%
Non-Member Contributions	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,561.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 13,000.00	72.05%
Loose Offering	\$ 197.00	\$ 473.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	94.60%
Sunday School Offering	\$ 61.01	\$ 144.01	\$ 83.33	\$ 500.00	172.81%
Checking Interest	\$ 32.46	\$ 48.98	\$ 98.33	\$ 590.00	82.48%
Upper Room	\$ 7.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00	240.00%
Offering Envelopes	\$ 12.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 7.33	\$ 44.00	681.82%
Building Use	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 333.33	\$ 2,000.00	105.00%
2010 Pledge Payment	\$	\$ 525.00	\$ 87.50	\$ 525.00	1,200.00%
Extra Gift Contributions	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
TOTAL	\$ 19,257.22	\$ 66,897.62	\$ 62,541.67	\$375,250.00	101.80%

2011 GENERAL BUDGET EXPENSES

	YTD		
	February	Expenses	
Committee Groups			
Missions	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 16,700.00
Denominational Ministries	\$ 2,119.00	\$ 7,359.00	\$ 42,066.00
Personnel	\$ 14,899.99	\$ 29,727.15	\$179,288.00
Council on Ministries	\$ 1,076.50	\$ 1,319.87	\$ 14,446.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 19,348.77	\$ 34,233.92	\$137,140.00
Office Operations	\$ 331.09	\$ 433.53	\$ 2,475.00
Finance & Stewardship	<u>\$ 10.95</u>	<u>\$ 174.87</u>	<u>\$ 2,185.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 39,426.30	\$ 75,153.34	\$394,300.00

Non-Budget Missions

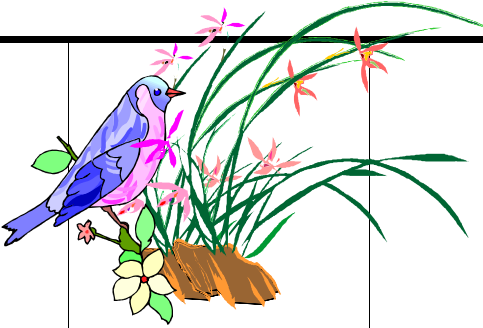
	February	YTD
UMCOR-Haiti Relief	\$ 180.00	\$ 320.00
Kids First Day Care Ministry	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

April 2011

A = Wedding Anniversary
B = Birthday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 B-Caroline Stanton
3 B-Kristen Gidley	4 B-Jon Higgins	5 B-Diane England	6 B-Mason Hostetler B-Derek Palmer B-Carrie Stewart B-Mary Stewart	7	8 B-Evan Witkoske	9
10 B-Nicole Gunderman	11 B-Chuck Bair	12 B-Louise Dawson	13	14 B-Carl Parks	15 B-Marilyn Ford B-Howard Halderman	16 B-Cal Eichenauer
17	18 A-Gary & Pam Hug	19 A-Brad & Debbie Wagner B-Tom Berg B-Marge Young	20 B-Harriet Benjamin B-Carl Doran	21 B-Erik Bryant B-Nicholas Hostetler B-Steven Weir	22 B-Parker Beauchamp	23
24 B-Cheryl Weir	25 A-Alan & Tina Palmer	26 B-Eric Cavins	27 B-Robert Ford B-Jake Halderman B-Georgia Reed	28	29	30

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Each Sunday morning 8:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m.—Alternative Worship (MAC) 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. -Sunday School 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>					1	2 7:30-10am Community Breakfast (MAC) 8am-Bus training
<p>3Communion 4th Sunday in Lent (purple) Item contribution for F.I.S.H. & Kids 1st No Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>4 8am-Men's Bible Study (Pastor's Study) 10:30am-Bible Study (Conf.Rm 7pm-Scout Mtg. (Scout Room)</p>	<p>5. 9am-Newcomers Committee (workroom) 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 1pm-Musicale Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>6 3:30pm-Mens' Prayer Group (Pastors Study) 4pm-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 5:30-6:30pm-Soup (MAC) 6:30pm-30 min. with God 7pm-Men's Bible Study (Pastor's Study) 7pm-Chancel Choir 7:15pm-"24 Hours" (Modoc's) 8pm-Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC)</p>	8	9
<p>10 5th Sunday in Lent (purple) No Club 45 No Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>11 8am-Men's Bible Study (Pastor's Study) 10:30am-Bible Study (Conf Rm 7pm-Traditional Worship Mtg. 7pm-Scout Mtg. 7pm-PEO (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>12 9am-Newcomers Committee (workroom) 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 1pm-Musicale Practice (Choir Room) 6:30 p.m.—Ad Council (Conf. Rm)</p>	<p>13 3:30pm-Mens' Prayer Group (Pastors Study) 4pm-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 5:30-6:30pm-Soup (MAC) 6:30pm-30 min. with God 7pm-Men's Bible Study (Pastor's Study) 7pm-Chancel Choir 7:15pm-"24 Hours" (Modoc's) 8pm-Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 9am-Margaret Wilson Circle (Miller's) 6pm-Trustees (ConferenceRoom) 7:15pm-Doris Blake Circle (Lefforge's)</p>	15 9am-6pm-Red Cross Blood Drive (MAC)	16
<p>17. Palm Sunday (purple) 6pm-Youth Mystery Trip</p>	<p>18 8am-Men's Bible Study 10:30am-Bible Study 4:30pm-Teen MOPS 7pm-Scout Mtg. (Scout Room) (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>19 9am-Newcomers Committee (workroom) 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 12:30pm-Book Club (Great Wall) 1pm-Musicale Practice 7pm-Worship Committee</p>	<p>20 3:30pm-Mens' Prayer Group (Pastors Study) 4pm-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 7pm-Men's Bible Study (Pastor's Study) 7pm-Chancel Choir 7:15pm-"24 Hours" (Modoc's) 8pm-Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>21. MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 6:30 p.m.— Maundy Thursday Service</p>	22 GOOD FRIDAY Church Office & Kids 1st Closed Noon-12:50pm- Community Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)	23 10am-noon- Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<p>24. EASTER (white) 8 & 9 Worship Services 10am-Worship Service w/ Cantata No Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>25 8am-Men's Bible Study (Pastor's Study) 10:30am-Bible Study 7pm-Scout Mtg. (Scout Room)</p>	<p>26 9am-Newcomers Committee (workroom) 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 4:30pm-Adult Teacher's TF (Conf. 7:30 p.m.—Wabash Musicale Spring Program</p>	<p>27 3:30pm-Mens' Prayer Group (Pastors Study) 4pm-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 7pm-Men's Bible Study (Pastor's Study) 7:15pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28 7:15am-Walk with the Lord (dev. & exercise, MAC) 6pm-Kids First Committee (KF area)</p>	29	30