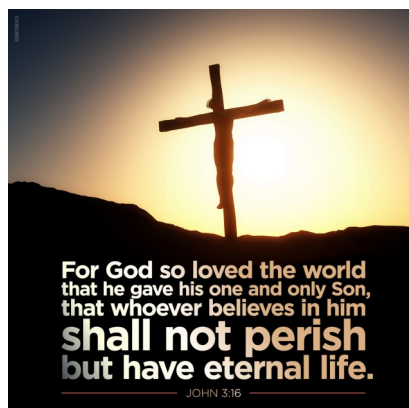




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A LETTER FROM YOUR LEAD PASTOR



Dear Friends,

April: Fool's Day. Easter. Showers that bring May flowers. Tax Day. Transition from winter to spring. What a month!

I love seeing new life in the spring. I love seeing the budding and the flowering, the plowing of fields and the planting of crops. And I love the same renewal of life that takes place in our hearts as we experience spiritual awakening. I pray the love of Jesus continues to bud and flourish and grow and flower in the soil of our hearts. I pray the Holy Spirit has willing cooperation to plow up new ground in each of our soul's sin-hardened places and to plant fresh seeds of the fruit of the Spirit.

Spring is also a time for sometimes-violent weather. Here in Indiana, we can see severe thunderstorms and even tornadoes. I pray we all weather the storms of spring – literally and figuratively – whatever they may be. Thanks be to God; we have Jesus living in our hearts and we never face the storms of life alone!

On April 1, we will hold a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 pm. On April 2, we will hold a Good Friday service, also at 6:30 pm. Both these special services will also be live-streamed, like Sunday mornings. Watch for more information in the worship folder, on the Online Worship Resources page of our web site, on our Facebook page and included in our weekly In the Know email.

On Easter Saturday, April 3, beginning at 1:00pm, families will be able to take a Journey to the Cross and participate in an egg hunt. This event requires signing up in advance. More info is included elsewhere in this newsletter!

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will hold our normal worship schedule, and we look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Savior together with the culmination of our Places of the Passion of the Christ worship series.

The next Sunday after Easter, April 11, we will begin a journey through the book of Colossians, which I'm calling "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory." This eight-week series will conclude on Memorial Day Sunday, May 30. I'm anticipating a fruitful time as we consider what God has to say to us through the Apostle Paul over those eight weeks.

Then it will be on to the You Asked for It series for the summer. Be thinking about a question, a topic or a Scripture passage you'd like to hear addressed in a sermon during the You Asked for It series. On Easter Sunday, we'll have a sheet in the worship folder to use in submitting a topic. Or you can email me at mike.dominick@daytonumc.org any time with your request.

Looking forward to a great April!
Pastor Mike

A LETTER FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER



Greetings Church!

I'm a big chicken! I don't know that anyone can fully comprehend everything that Jesus has done for us! I can remember getting in trouble and being anxious about facing the consequences. I was guilty! I played mailbox baseball as a youth and got caught! I feared my dad. I feared going before the judge (even as a minor), and I deserved to be punished. I can't begin to imagine the anxiety that Jesus faced! He knew that He was going to be betrayed, denied, mocked, judged, sentenced to be beaten and suffer death by crucifixion. He is innocent! Wow! He did this for you, he did this for me! Thank you Jesus! I don't deserve it! Praise God it did not end there, and we celebrate His resurrection and our opportunity for salvation!

I have been blessed by our Men's Fraternity (Winning at Work and Home) group and Right Now Media. We have around 20 guys attending in the Wednesday evening group, and it's great to gain wisdom as we all strive to be better husbands, fathers and employees in our efforts between work and home! I would encourage all of our men to check out this study on Right Now Media – this is free to register from our church website. Just search Men's Fraternity, and you can click on the Winning at Work and Home tab. Listen to the first lesson, and I'm sure you can still get a workbook and be blessed by this study by Robert Lewis!

We are thankful again for our prayer and repair crew! Next prayer and repair will be Saturday April 10th from 8am – noon!

Have a great month of April and Happy Easter!

Peace and Blessings,

Matt Bowers
Business Manager



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Journey to the Cross is a powerfully moving, multisensory family event that takes people along the path that Jesus walked during his last days on earth. Activities focused on Jesus' love and forgiveness demonstrate the real meaning of Easter: our risen Christ's victory over death! Designed specifically for parents and their children to experience together, this event teaches about the life-changing message of the cross in a way that everyone can understand and no one will forget.

As a reward for completing your journey, there will be an Easter Egg hunt at the end. Please join us on Saturday, April 3 for this fantastic event! PLEASE NOTE: Due to the nature of the event and COVID regulations, you MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND, so you can choose an available time slot. Register at www.daytonumc.org, Facebook, or Instagram.

CONNECTING TO CHRIST CLASS

Part of our Discipleship Pathway is the Connecting to Christ Class. This is a 4-week class that gives participants the tools they need to daily encounter God through Bible Study, Prayer, Fasting, and Journaling. Pastor Eric teaches this class Sundays at 11:00 am in Room 136. Feedback confirms that his class is fun and insightful for both new and seasoned Christians. Everyone at Dayton is encouraged to attend the Connecting to Christ Class. Each class stands alone, so you can jump into the class any week, no matter if we are on week 1 or week 4. If you have questions about the class, please feel free to contact Pastor Eric at eric.schneider@daytonumc.org or at the church office.

Breakdown of the Connection to Christ Class:

- Week 1 – Overview of the Bible (Structure and Message)
- Week 2 – How to Study the Bible
- Week 3 – Study of Philemon
- Week 4 – How to Pray, Fast, and Journal



On Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 am, Dayton UMC will once again host the fifth annual simulcast of the Wesleyan Covenant Association.

In a world separated by distancing, division, and discord, we need to dedicate ourselves to go global with the grace, the mercy, the justice, and the love of God! We need to touch a hurting, despairing, and sick world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now, more than ever, we need to heed Christ's call to go to all the nations to make disciples!

Let's prepare to *Go Global!*

The WCA has once again assembled an inspiring line-up of clergy and laity to address its Global Gathering. This year's speakers will challenge us to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission for His Church.

We will also get great information about the current state of the denomination and our plans for a separation. If you have never attended a WCA simulcast, this is the year! Register today! Go to wesleyancovenant.org to sign up or call the church office with questions.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Tough Topics — Tender Persuasion Class

The Sunday school class, “Tough Questions – Tender Persuasion,” will begin Sunday April 11 and continue for eight weeks ending May 30. We will be using the study guide Persuasion Points, written by Josh Hershberger, attorney, minister, speaker and advocate to educate Christians to live out the gospel in a post-Christian culture. Josh states:

In my experience, church leaders and other committed Christians that engage their communities will encounter several common arguments or issues that they should be prepared to address.

They are as follows:

1. Personal autonomy
2. Church history
3. Christian sexual ethic
4. The problem of pain, suffering and evil
5. The pseudo-clash between science and religion
6. Christ's exclusive claim

Everyone is welcome to this class who truly wants to learn to engage their family, friends and community in a winsome, non-combative and persuasive atmosphere to the glorious truth of the gospel.

We will gather in Conference Room A. If able, bring \$5 to cover the cost of your study guide. This class will be led by Cindy Jones.

MATRIX LIFECARE CENTER

1583 women served in 2020

466 women received pregnancy options counseling

380 life-saving ultrasounds provided

186 women received STD testing or well-woman exams

259 women prenatal and parenting education/support

901 families received clothing and emergency baby supplies



In the first two months of 2021, you saved 45 babies from abortion and rescued 45moms from despair and defeat.

You are the pro-life movement, and YOU ARE INCREDIBLE!

Thank you for joining with us in Christ to save these 45 lives and change the world for His glory.

Melissa, Matrix LifeCare Center, CEO

THANK YOU

We are so grateful for our church family, all the prayers and love. The kind words by Pastor Mike and Pastor Eric for Sandy Patterson. We love you all.

We love you all,
Ed and Becky Deitrick & family

Thank you for the donation of 5 Bibles in memory of Leonard. Also, thank you Pastor Mike, Pastor Eric, Pastor Earl, Pastor Deke, Betty Adams and Shirley for a beautiful memorial service. Thank you to the Women's group for a delicious lunch and lastly to everyone for your cards and notes, phone calls, gifts of food and other gifts and many offers of your help. We appreciate it all very much.

Rosalie & Family of Leonard Etter

I can't thank you enough for all your prayers and thoughtfulness in the passing of my dad, I'm humbled by the donation of Bibles. I'm blessed beyond measure to have a loving church! Thank you for loving us well!

Renee Jachim & Family

Jim Moore appreciated all of the prayers. He has recovered from all the treatments and is grateful.

Thank you so much for buying Bibles for Debbie. I have bought for mom and dad and Grandpa Disinger, but never thought it would be for my daughter. Praise God for her love for the Lord. She is with Jesus and healed.

Love you all,
Janet Wettschurack





Know Christ. Grow faith. Go witness.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

8:00 AM | Sundays
Traditional Worship Service

9:30 AM | Sundays
Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 AM | Sundays
Contemporary Worship Service

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