

## Youth Group

### April Calendar Dates

We will meet on the following dates:

April 3,  
April 10,  
April 17,  
April 24



Contact:  
Dewitt, Youth Director 574-276-3453



Children's  
Sunday School  
Age 4yrs - 5th grade  
9:30am, room 19

Kids Church  
Age 4yrs - 5th grade  
11:00am, room 19

### Next Outing for Children's Ministries will

Be **May 26th** Roller Skating 1pm - 4pm  
parent chaperons will be needed.  
More Information will be coming in May.

Contact: Angie Perkey, 574-361-9913 Education Chair

Contact our office at 574-679-4435 [www.osceolaumc.org](http://www.osceolaumc.org)

For Prayer Requests, email: [prayerministry@osceolaumc.org](mailto:prayerministry@osceolaumc.org)

If you would like to sponsor the news letter, contact the church office.

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OUMC

# The Messenger April 2019

## Monthly Newsletter of Osceola United Methodist Church

# it's springtime...

### Sermon Series

Simon Peter-Flawed but Faithful Disciple,  
by Adam Hamilton

April 7: From Cowardice to Courage, John 21:12, 15-17

April 14: The Rest of the Story, Acts 2:14, 38-41

April 19: Good Friday Service 7:00pm

April 21: Easter Service Times: 7:30am Sunrise followed by breakfast  
9:30am & 11:00am

April 28: New Sermon Series To Begin

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OUMC Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 20th from 2pm-4:00pm. All children up to age 12yrs are welcome to enjoy this fun event.  
Sponsored by Noah's Ark and OUMC

*Noah's Ark Daycare is happy to announce the birth of Grace Lois Joy Saiz, born February 25 and weighing in at 7 lbs 6oz, 21 inches long. She is the daughter of Andrea and Jordan Saiz.*



*Miss Andrea has worked at Noah's Ark since August 2016 and is our Pre-K teacher, as well as a first time mommy. The OUMC family would like to congratulate Andrea and her husband on the birth of their precious bundle of joy.*



*If you'd like to send a card and/or gifts you may dropped them off in the church office or Daycare office.*

## The Pastor's Corner

Hello OUMC Family,

What an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing at Osceola United Methodist Church! As we move into the spring and Easter season we are anticipating the new life springing up all around us. Spring is such a wonderful season because there is a freshness and newness in the air to everything. Spring is also the time we plant seeds. We plant gardens with the hope and assurance of a great harvest. I can sense the changing of the seasons at OUMC as we begin to look forward to a new Sunday morning format beginning May 5th! Sunday May 5th we will begin our new service times of 9:00 traditional and 11:15 modern worship. This will allow us more time for discipleship and fellowship in between services! It also creates a great opportunity for us to embrace our calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are entering into a great season of planting seeds in our church family! We can expect planning, work, and challenges to be involved. We can also expect a great harvest if we will join God in this work.

We will be adding programming for all ages during our discipleship/fellowship time. I want to ask all of you to begin considering how you might live out your call to make disciples of Jesus. In this season of our church, it is absolutely critical we all take up the call of God on our life to plant seeds. We need to actively lend our hands, our feet, our hearts, and minds to God's mission. Because Making disciples of Jesus is where abundant life is found! Many people wonder why they lack joy, peace, vision, fulfillment, and strength. I believe it is because these are all fruits of co-laboring with God's spirit. These are gifts given to us when we join God on his mission of making disciples. As we join with the spirit of God in teaching, welcoming, serving, and loving, the fruits of God's spirit are cultivated in our own lives. When we realize how amazing it is to serve God and others, service becomes a "get to" instead of a "have to". We will never see a great fall harvest without first doing a spring planting. We need everyone to join us in planting season. Will you commit with me to plant something this spring? Sow into our children's ministry. Sow into our youth ministry. Sow into our Men's and Women's ministry. Sow into your church family and God will give the increase, I can promise you that. If we will sow generously with our time, our talents, and our treasures here at Osceola United Methodist church we will also reap generously!

Check out this passage of Scripture from Paul's 2nd letter to the church at Corinth

**6** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **7** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. **9** As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." **10** Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Commit with me to sow your time and your talents into this new season at Osceola UMC.

Pastor Will



### Ad Council Chair's Thoughts – time to get ready!

Good news! We are moving forward on plans for making room between the Sunday Services for time to disciple each other and for fellowship. Ad Council approved the changes starting on May 5<sup>th</sup> (2 Sundays after Easter). The changes will be:

9:00-10:00 Traditional Worship  
Discipleship / Fellowship Time (exact times will be set by each group)  
11:15-12:15 Modern Worship

Between the two services will be a teaching time for kids to learn, fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall, and classes for adults in the Reception Room and Parlor. There will be food available on the counter in the Fellowship Hall for everyone. Sometimes there may be other events as a reception.

Now we are getting down to the details. The Education Committee is selecting curriculum for the kid's classes and the Adult classes are planning what their new studies will be. So, we need your help. If you are interested in teaching the kids or being a second person in the room to help the teacher and kids, please sign up on the sheet on the credenza in the Narthex. The Education Committee is coordinating when different people will help so the classes are covered.

The second area for helping is signing up in the Narthex to bring food on Sunday mornings. Janet Keller and LeAnn Foster will be coordinating this process.

It may seem like a long time until we make the changes, but it is only a month after you get this newsletter. Please help us out by spreading the word about the changes and deciding what God is calling you to do. I know He has called me to teach the kids during the First Service as well as teaching one of the adult classes during the Discipleship / Fellowship Time. When God calls you to do something, He will also provide the way for you to succeed at it as well. We just need to listen and follow.

If you have any comments, questions or ideas related to these changes, please reach out to me. We do appreciate your help and prayers.

Susan Baldwin, Ad Council Chairperson



### The Disciples asked about prayer!

With all the miracles Jesus did and his great preaching and stories you would think the disciples would want training in these areas. But, no, they asked him about prayer. Part of the answer Jesus gave them was the Lord's Prayer. We will be having a Prayer Retreat on Saturday, April 6 from 9-4. Our main purpose is to learn about prayer and specifically how to understand and use the prayer Jesus taught. So, we study the Bible and use an outside reference on prayer which people can take home with them. The pamphlet we will be using states the Lord's Prayer is a dangerous, life-changing prayer. I think we have some things to learn about this prayer.

Quite a while ago we decided to not spend the retreat time praying (we can do that at home) but to spend time learning. There is a morning session from 9 to noon and then after a pot luck lunch there is an afternoon session from 1 to 4. People can come to either session or both sessions.

The sessions are designed for all types of people from those who have never prayed before to those who are considered prayer warriors. Besides reading scripture, we also have discussions and can ask questions. It's really a great time to get away and do something different as a Christian.

We meet in the Wadsworth Room just off of the south parking lot at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), 3001 Benham Ave in Elkhart. It is an easy place to find and the room has a big area to meet and a kitchen. The way we pay for the event is through donations. The sessions are led by Susan Baldwin, so call (574-291-8637) to get the exact directions and answers if you have any questions. We'd love to have you join us.

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Dear OUMC family,

We appreciate all of the loving thoughts, prayers for good health, get well cards, gifts, and well wishes.

Much love,  
Betty Privitt and Pam Howard

Psalm 32:8  
I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel and watch over you.

## Mother's Day Buffet Brunch, Saturday May 11, 10:00 am

Our program this year will be Pastor Will Deeds and others who will be sharing their musical talents with us. We will certainly be looking forward to this!

We will **not** be selling tickets but ask that you **bring food items for our Food Pantry**. We will still need a count of those attending so we can plan accordingly. There will be a sign-up sheet on the credenza and also a table set up in the main hallway on Sundays, April 28 and May 5. Please sign your name and the number of guests you will have. **Child care will be provided.**

We will be serving a buffet this year but we will still need a few men to help with set up, the buffet and clean-up. Let Janet Keller know if you would be willing to help.  
Thanks so much!

**MISSIONS**  
...at home and around the world

### SUPPORT FOR HANNAH'S HOUSE

OUMC Mission Committee Out Reach

The Mission Committee will be collecting items for Hannah's House in Mishawaka. Hannah's House is a Christian Agency offering shelter, staff support and programming for the physical, emotional and

spiritual well-being of pregnant & parenting single/homeless young women. The following items maybe dropped off in the box in the Narthex (marked Hannah's House) through April.

#### Hannah's House Wish List

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| Pacifiers and clip holders | "What to Expect when You're Expecting" books |
| Onesies - all sizes        | Women's leggings - larger sizes              |
| Swaddlers                  | Single toothbrushes                          |
| Sleep sacks, boys/girls    | Tall kitchen trash bags                      |
| Diapers - sizes 3,4,5,6    | Laundry soap                                 |
| Cold meds/Infant Tylenol   | Cantu (Shea) hair products                   |
| Vick's                     |  |
| Manicure Sets              |  |

See Cathy Hughes or Wanda Weston with any questions. Thank you so much for your kindness and support!



### Laity Corner

By Allen Bishop

Spring has sprung!! Spring, a time of the year for new beginnings, new leaves on the trees, fresh blooms on flowers, time to plan the garden, vacation trips, reunions. As a people we like to make plans, plans give us hope for a future. As we saw in our current study of Simon Peter, he and his brother had plans, as did James and John (the sons of Zebedee), but those plans quickly changed when they met Jesus. Why? Because God has a plan, and He has one for all of us, but we first have to let God into our lives and let Him execute His plan. How do we know? Read what the Lord says in Jeremiah 29:11, **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

So why not take this time of seasonal change and make positive changes in your life and maybe the life of others. Why **not pray and submit yourself to God's plan in your life, trust in the Lord. His plans are far greater than any we can ever dream up.** When we let the Lord work His plan we see joy overflowing, we get to see the things we might never have seen otherwise. Why not share that joy with others. Let them see how God is working in your life and invite them to find out about how the Lord can work in their lives. You just might get to see the plans He has for them.

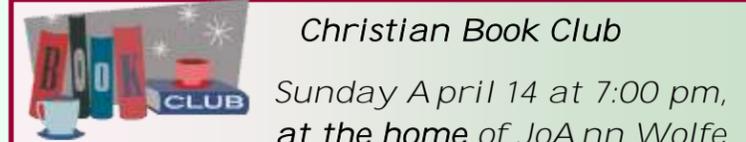
Think not?? Nearly a hundred seventy years ago in 1850 England was hit with a blizzard and a young 15 year old boy could not get to the church to which he was headed and diverted to a primitive Methodist chapel, where only 12-15 others had arrived for worship (the pastor was unable to get there), so a poor simple man who was a member went up to preach. He **read, Isaiah 45:22 "Look to Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." And then proceeded to give an unprepared, short ten minute sermon that made all the difference in the world to that young boy, finishing the sermon looking straight him saying "Young man look to Jesus Christ!" At that moment the young man believed, he believed to the point that he became one of the most powerful preachers of his time.** Who was that young man? It was Charles Spurgeon, prince of preachers. Be the change you wish to see!



### Young at Hearts Luncheon



Seniors, meet Pat Eller for lunch at 11:30 on Wednesday, April 3rd at Golden corral, 135 E. Douglas Rd., Mishawaka. Reservations need to be made by Monday April 1st. Call Pat at 574-522-4796 or email her at peller72@hotmail.com, or you can also let her know at church.



### Christian Book Club

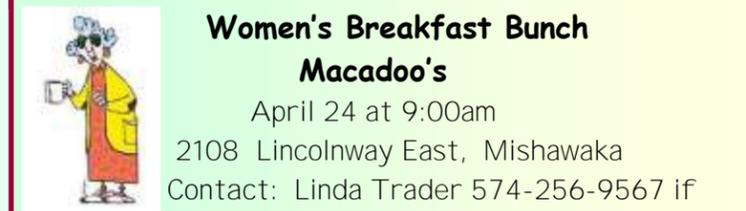
Sunday April 14 at 7:00 pm, at the home of JoAnn Wolfe 10101 Cleveland Rd., Granger, IN Phone: 574-674-5089

*\*\*Hosted by: Sue Miller \*\**

Our selection for this month is; Shelter Me, by Juliette Fay. Come join us for a lively discussion and fellowship.

Our May selection will be: The Mountains Between Us, by Charles Martin

In June we will meet to select our next 12 months reading list.



### Women's Breakfast Bunch Macadoo's

April 24 at 9:00am  
2108 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka  
Contact: Linda Trader 574-256-9567 if you have questions .

Please join us for a time of sharing, devotions, and a delicious breakfast with other women from our church.



Immediate help in the Nursery on Sunday mornings needed. Contact the church office if interested. 679-4435

# Ongoing Events

| SUNDAYS  | MONDAYS  | TUESDAYS                                    | WEDNESDAYS                         | THURSDAYS                                     | FRIDAYS                               |
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| 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages | 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (YR)                                       | 9:00 a.m. Tuesday a.m. Bible Study (P)      | 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in the (YR)      | 4:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (P)                  | 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (YR)                |
| 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service                | 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore 10 week Bible Study (P) (ends June 3rd) | 6:00 p.m. Modern Worship Band Practice (S)  | 6:15 p.m. Hand-bells rehearsal (S) | 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting in the (FH) | 9:00 a.m. BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S) |
| 11:00 a.m. Modern Worship Service                    |  | 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (RR) | 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (YR) | 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study (P)    |                                       |
| 11:00 a.m. Children's Church                         |  |   | 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal (S)      | 8:00 p.m. BBGS practice ev/oth wk (S)         |                                       |

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**\*\*Consult the church website calendar or church bulletin for further information.\*\***

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| <b>Promise Keepers Breakfast:</b>  | Every other Wed of the month at Bravo Café at 6 a.m.                          |
| <b>Real Services Senior Lunch:</b> | Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. in the reception room                              |
| <b>Promise Keeper's Lunch:</b>     | Every other Tuesday of the month at O.C. Café at 11:30 a.m.                   |
| <b>Women's Breakfast Bunch:</b>    | Last Wednesday of every month Macadoo's Restaurant at 9 a.m.                  |
| <b>Young at Hearts</b>             | Senior Luncheon - first Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant at 11:30 |
| <b>Caring Hands</b>                | Meets the 3rd Friday of each month (Parlor) 9am -12pm                         |
| <b>Christian Book Club</b>         | Once a month 2nd Sunday of each month (off site & times, TBA)                 |
| <b>Euchre</b>                      | Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 5:30-7:30                               |



## COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study

### Bible Study Opportunities

**Learning about Jesus through the gospel of Luke**  
Come join us in a study of the gospel of Luke that will start in the beginning of April. This book has more stories about women than the other gospels and is written by a physician who wasn't a disciple of Jesus. We'll also study how the four different gospels relate to each other and what is the main purpose of Jesus' life.

There are two classes that cover the same material each week. The Tuesday morning class is from 9:00 until 11:15 (with the last part being prayer requests) and the Thursday evening class is from 6:00-7:30. Both classes meet in the Parlor and are led by Susan Baldwin. We will be using two Rose Publishing Pamphlets and a handout with the outline of the class.

Please join us for an interesting study and discussion. We always learn a lot and enjoy the fellowship of fellow Christians.

**Euchre**  
April 28th  
5:30-7:30  
Everyone welcome  
Bring a snack to share.  
Play cards, eat food, have fun!!! See you there!



 Caring Hands, All are welcome!  
Anyone interested in cutting material, blanket tying, crocheting prayer shawls, helping with lap quilts, or just come and fellowship with us, we meet the 3rd Friday of each month in the parlor from 9:00am - 12pm contact Susan Sebesta with questions @ 850-3259 (We take a break the months of June, July, Aug)

 **Food Pantry Update**  
We served 40 families - 122 individuals. Our next Food Pantry day will be on Saturday April 20, 2019  
Donations can be dropped off at anytime. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful ministry.

 Still looking for a way to help make disciples?  
**Noah's Ark Daycare** would love to partner up with our church congregation and have you come in and hang out with the kids doing crafts, baking, reading, playing games, or just rocking one of the sweet babies.  
The daycare would like to give Jessica Bolinger a big shout out for volunteering to work with the kids in the garden this year.  
It's always fun to watch the kids plant and care for their garden and they love seeing all their hard work come to life as their vegetables and flowers begin to grow!!