

HEARTS UNITED



Hart United Methodist Church

April 2022

Pastor's Ponderings *By Steve Young*

Lenten Season Concludes, Easter Season Begins

The Season of Lent continues during the first half of April through Saturday, April 16th, the day before Easter (April 17th). Some special events will occur during this time.

On April 3rd, at 10:30 a.m., we'll observe Holy Communion during worship in the sanctuary, using the combo cups. These may be picked up in the usual way (see article inside), or otherwise plan to have some form of bread and cup to celebrate. The Lord's Prayer series will continue that Sunday, as we focus on the communion-connected phrase, "Give us this day our daily bread." Of course, you can attend in-person in the sanctuary or participate online* on our Facebook and website pages, or on local radio at 87.7 FM.

Then on Thursday, April 7th, we'll conclude our Lenten study on the Lord's Prayer, as we look at the phrases, "And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," and "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever." The study begins at 11:00 a.m. with a live broadcast* on our Facebook and website pages and on local radio at 87.7 FM, with the option of attending in-person at the sanctuary also.

Sunday, April 10th, is Palm/Passion Sunday and during worship we'll conclude our Lord's Prayer series looking at the ending phrase, "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever," connecting that to the palm branch story and the passion of Christ theme as we go into Holy Week, the week before Easter.

See the articles in this newsletter about the Holy Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services being offered by the Michigan Conference.

HOLY WEEK



All of this should prepare us more fully for the good news of the Resurrection and a joyful Easter celebration on Sunday, April 17th as well as beyond, here and hereafter, celebrating Resurrected life in the eternal love of God in Christ!

(*Also available for on-demand viewing afterward both on our Facebook page and our website's "worship" page.)

Watch for a special announcement and Easter message from Pastor Steve coming in the mail!

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Holy Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 14 and 15

On Thursday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a brief 25-minute broadcast of a Holy Maundy Thursday service, creatively presented by our Michigan Conference UMC, featuring students and leaders from our Michigan Campus Ministry (Wesley Foundation) groups. This service will be broadcast from our sanctuary at 11:00 a.m., on our Facebook and website pages and on local radio at 87.7 FM, with the option of attending in-person at the sanctuary. Then, after the presentation, we'll observe Holy Communion using the combo cups, which are being distributed in the usual way (see article in the side panel), or your own form of bread and cup. This service can be viewed any time afterward on-demand through our website and on Facebook, with DVD recordings of this and all of our services and studies also available by request.

The next day, Good Friday, April 15, another production from our Michigan Conference will be placed online, with the title, "Jesus' Last Words on the Cross." Only the link to this one hour service will be made available on our Facebook and website pages, or by searching michiganumc.org, even as it's posted here for digital access: [HUMC Good Friday Service on Vimeo](#) (Ctl/click).

Our Dual Special Offerings for April: Ukraine and Native American Ministries

During the month of March we coupled our special mission offering opportunity for UMCOR with a simultaneous collection for the people of Ukraine. We'll continue with this Ukraine collection during the month of April, with hopes of sending a generous check from Hart UMC for this effort afterward. Please send your gift by the end of April, marking it "Ukraine."

Additionally, we'll take up a special offering in April for Native American Ministries. This all-UMC collection helps to build awareness of the many ways that vital ministries are sustained across cultures, while also providing for leadership development, community programs, and evangelism among our American Indian sisters and brothers. Our Michigan Conference is blessed with fine First Peoples leadership and several outreach ministries in local Native American communities and beyond. Meanwhile, at the General Church level, funds are divided equally between 1) scholarships for American Indians attending United Methodist schools of theology and 2) expanding urban work with Indigenous Americans, empowering the gifts of First Nation peoples. See the flyer in the pew racks and by the Hospitality Center for more information and use the detachable envelop—or one of your own marked "Native American"—to make your generous gift.

(NOTE: You can visit and search UMCOR's official website at umcor.org for more information about these efforts. Facebook users can go to [Facebook.com/UMCOR](https://www.facebook.com/UMCOR).)

Don't forget to pick up your communion "combo cup" for participation in both our first-Sunday-of-the-month Holy Communion service (April 3) AND for the special Holy Maundy Thursday service on April 14 (see article here). As before, these individually sealed, commercially-produced sets are available during the week before and the week after our scheduled communion events. The combo cups are cleanly located on a table in the sanctuary hallway, particularly for in-person worshippers, and are also safely bagged separately and placed in the black box on the church office door for pick up by online and radio participants. Finally, arrangements can be made to have the sets safely delivered by contacting Pastor Steve or by calling the church office. Thank you.



Flowers will be ordered to decorate the altar on Easter. The UMW will pay upfront costs. Donations to offset the expense should be made payable to Hart UMW and given to Penny B.

Thank you!

April Birthdays

1– Pastor Steve
9– Jennifer Tate
14– Derek Michael
20– Jan Prather
21– Kloey Peters
22– Sandra Carlson
28– John Huizing
29– Teena Sorensen
30– Paige Schamber

Tuesday's Friends

Eight Tuesday's Friends enjoyed a potluck and fellowship time last month. Dave had his pencil sketches for us to see. They were great!! We played "LCR" (a new game for most) and, of course, their favorite, BIN-GO. Next gathering is April 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dessert and games. (Contact Bev W. for more information.)

Last Call for Summer Camp

The 2022 United Methodist Summer Camping program is being planned with some modifications, along with other Christian camps. Find out more in the brochures now available at the display in the sanctuary hallway. You can also go umcamping.org online to decide on a camp and register. After you've registered, please bring your paperwork to the church office to apply for a camp scholarship, knowing that values vary based on the camp selected, with more funding available for United Methodist sponsored camps. Please complete your United Methodist camp registration before April 30 for the "Early Bird" savings and to get the best results. Happy camping!

Upcoming United Women in Faith (UMW) Events

The Hart UMW will meet on Monday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. A few items on the agenda are: A Prayer and Self Denial program will be presented; An offering will be taken for Prayer and Self Denial; Discussion will be held of the pros and cons of renewing the annual Kitchen License. We look forward to seeing you then.

Registration Cost: \$15 by April 23rd. Contact Penny B. at 873-3124, for speaker details and in-gathering needs. Day care is available with advanced notice.



Summary of March's Governance Board Meeting

- The new directory will include Board members' contact info;
- Finance report was reviewed and corrected; waiting for clarification on Ministry Shares;
- Hart High School T-shirts available at the church office;
- Pastor Steve's vacation coverage needed for May 22 & 29;
- A new church directory (not pictorial) is being developed;
- Annual Conference budget & new Media Center computer ok'ed;
- Hiring parking lot, windows, and landscaping cleaning services;
- In newsletter: Make Ukraine donations by end of April, and Pastor's announcement for all;
- District's Single Board video and our Mission Statement discussed;
- Keeping signs for masks as "recommended";
- Parsonage updating and repairs will be contracted;

Upcoming Events Calendar

APRIL 2022

- 3 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship & Communion at 10:30 a.m.
7 (Thurs.): Last Lenten "Lord's Prayer" Study, Live Broadcast and In-Person: 11 a.m.
10 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship; Kids Sun. School at 10:30 a.m.
Palm-Passion Sunday
12 (Tuesday): Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday's Friends: 1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
14 (Thurs.): Holy Maundy Thursday Service from the Michigan Conference as a Live Broadcast and In-Person in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion: 11 a.m.
15 (Friday): Online Link Available for a Good Friday Service from the Michigan Conf.
17 (Sun.): EASTER In-Person/Online/Radio Worship; Kids Sun. School at 10:30 a.m.
18 (Monday): Governance Board at 6:30 p.m.
20 (Wednesday): May Newsletter Articles Due
24 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship; Kids Sun. School at 10:30 a.m.
26 (Tuesday): Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MAY 2022 (partial)

- 1 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship & Communion at 10:30 a.m.
8 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship; Kids Sun. School at 10:30 a.m.
Mother's Day
10 (Tuesday): Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday's Friends: 1:30 p.m.
15 (Sunday): In-Person/Online/Radio Worship; Kids Sun. School at 10:30 a.m.
Grad Sunday

Digging Deep ~ Reaching Out ~ Looking Up

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