



## Church Life

April 2018 Issue 4

### *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Whew! Easter has come and gone. All the work and preparation that goes into the Lenten Season and then Holy Week! We had Palm Sunday Worship, Maundy Thursday Worship, Good Friday Worship and then the two Easter Services. Easter Sunrise Service was awesome! Having people celebrate by singing, doing a skit, preparing a breakfast for afterwards. Then, the traditional worship service and all of the great, live music! Then we have Easter Dinner with our families who have come from all over to be together to eat and be merry. Maybe throw an Easter egg hunt in the middle of all this for the kids! It kind of leaves you thinking, "Whew!"

We DID have an awesome Easter! We really dug into Holy Week and the events surrounding Jesus' death. We came together for Easter with that really big "Yay!" But I feel there is something left on the table that we need to talk about today.

You know, Easter is one of those times when Christian's come out of the woodwork to come to church to hear that "Yay!" message. They get re-charged for the next year and go on their way... but they are missing such a huge part of the message if all they hear is the "Yay!" part of things.

Now the message of Easter is a good one... believe in Jesus Christ... decide for yourself and you will be saved by him who sacrificed so much. But that is

only the beginning of it.

We concentrate on having salvation and for many people that is good enough for them. Eternal salvation... CHECK. But this is only the beginning! It is a proven fact that the Sunday after Easter has the lowest attendance of the year.

I hope we break that trend with our "Flip Your Lid for the Lord" Sunday on April 8, where we come to church wearing our favorite hat! I know, I know, it sounds silly, but it will be fun to be continuing our celebration of the resurrection!

Easter is not the end of the story. We also need to remember what Christ went through for our healing. Isaiah 53:3-5 states it well, ***"Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."***

Christ takes up our infirmities. Jesus gave more than a kiss. He gave his beauty. He paid more than a visit. He paid for our mistakes. He took more than a minute. He took away our sin. So here is the point of Easter that I don't want anyone to miss. Remember the healing power in Christ. Our Easter journey has just begun.

God bless!

See you in church!

Pastor Kim

**United Methodist Women**  
General Meeting will be held  
Friday April 13th at 1:30.

Carol Jankowski from Midwest  
Food Bank will present the pro-  
gram.

Hostesses are Glenda Wing and



**A Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday April 14 from 7:00 to 10:00. Volunteers will be needed, there is also a signup sheet for items needed. Proceeds from the breakfast go to funding mission needs.**



**This month MOMs will be collecting crayons for the bookbags! They can be any brand but it must be a 24 count box. As always, you can place them in the basket and the everyone in the MOMs group thanks YOU!**

Please notify the church office or Pastor Kim if a family member is taken to the hospital, has passed or for any other prayer concerns. Pastor Kim's email is [hawkjoy52@yahoo.com](mailto:hawkjoy52@yahoo.com) His cell number is (402) 679-2655.



## **Community Table**

**Wednesday April 18, 5:00-7:00**

Baked Potato Bar! Baked Potato with you choice of toppings, drinks and dessert. This is FREE and EVERYONE is Welcome!



**Kitchen Clean-up day is scheduled for Monday April 9 beginning at 8:30. We would like anyone who can come and help save this date on your calendar. Even if it is not for the whole time, one or two hours would help! Many hands make light work!**



I recently celebrated one year with Monroe United Methodist Church! I have been so blessed to have the opportunity to be here and serve you all! I look forward to see what is ahead!



# HAVE A HAPPY SPRING

This is the day the  
Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and  
*be glad in it.*

PSALM 118:24 NKJV



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(See Genesis 6-8)

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IT WAS ONLY AFTER NOAH FINISHED HIS ARK PROTOTYPE THAT HE FINALLY ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT A CUBIT WAS

We have hearing devices and large print Bible and hymnals available. Contact an usher if you are in need of these!

## Monroe United Methodist Church Financial Statement Analysis General Bank Account Expenses

Category	Jan-Feb 2018	Jan-Feb 2017	Variance	%	Comments
Contributions	12,358.00	13,113.00	(755.00)	-5.76%	Giving has decreased compared to 2017. Giving has continued to decrease each year.
Salaries	10,645.00	10,067.91	577.09	5.73%	Admin assistant salary increased in 2018.
EE Benefits	2,710.00	4,516.36	(1,806.36)	-40.00%	Employee benefits (travel, health insurance, pension & professional expense). Employee benefits increased \$98/mo in 2018. January employee benefits were paid in February, these monthly expenses will be paid as I can based on the monthly cash flow.
Bldg Op Costs	506.00	374.46	131.54	35.13%	Have had more snow in 2018 compared to 2017.
Utilities	1,015.00	1,010.43	4.57	0.45%	
Apportionments	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	Do not have extra cash flow to pay towards apportionments at this time.
Ice Cream Social	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Old Settlers	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Turkey Supper	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Community Table	125.00	128.10			This is the amount of \$ available to pay for any Community Table expenses.
Ending Cash Balance	2,090.91	4,077.66	(1,986.75)	-48.72%	

2018 Apportionments remaining to pay:  
\$20,517.00

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 Claire Butin**
- 4 Paul & Gloria Kane**
- 7 Jadon Romick**
- 10 Ada Beth Hume**  
**Jerry Sellers**  
**Joyce Van Der Hart**
- 13 Alexis Timmons**
- 14 Eli McGriff**
- 17 Bonnie Nolin**
- 21 Dalton Kingery**  
**Kavin Kingery**  
**Nancy Current**  
**Clint & Cheryl Price**
- 24 Kaitlyn Lewis**
- 25 Marty Breckenridge**  
**Don & Mary Vaske**
- 27 Don Baker**  
**Marcia McConeghey**
- 29 Steve & Kasey Van Veen**

## For April...

### *Ushers:*

- April 1 & 8      Kenny & Dawn Neff, Joyce Van Der Hart
- April 15 & 22      John & Marcia McConeghey,  
Jim & Kelly Phillips
- April 29      Wayne & Donna Worth,  
Alan Jennings & Deb Coulter

### *Liturgist:*

- April 1      Early—Melba Brummett      Late—Jan Phifer
- April 8      Early—Dianna Nolin      Late—Kurt Konek
- April 15      Early—Donna Stravers      Late—Kelly Phillips
- April 22      Early—Patty Eilander      Late—Deb Coulter
- April 29      Early—Marvin Steenhoek  
Late—Melissa Van Der Hart

### *Communion April 8*

Jan Phifer & Mary Vaske

### *Hospitality*

Liz Hormann

#### Week of April 1

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18, Mark 16:1-8

#### Week Of April 8

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2

John 20:19-31

#### Week of April 15

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36

#### Week of April 22

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

#### Week of April 29

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-31

John 15:1-8

## *April Scripture Readings*

# APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>Sunrise Service</b> <b>7:00-Breakfast to follow</b> <b>Traditional Worship 10:15</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>AA 7:00</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Bible Study 9:00</b>	<b>4</b> <b>MOMs 9:00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>Boy Scouts</b> <b>6:30-8:00</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Kitchen Clean-Up Day 9:00</b>  <b>AA 7:00</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Bible Study 9:00</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>UMW 1:30</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast 7:00–10:00</b> 
<b>15</b>  <b>Boy Scouts</b> <b>6:30-8:00</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Men's Club 6:30</b> <b>AA 7:00</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Bible Study 9:00</b>	<b>18</b> <b>MOMs 9:00</b>  <b>Community Table 5:00 7:00</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Cub Scout Earth Day Project @ Neil Smith</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>Boy Scouts</b> <b>6:30–8:00</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Membership/ Evangelism mtg 6:30</b> <b>AA 7:00</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Bible Study 9:00</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

### **Service Times**

Jubilee Service 8:15 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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### **Office Hours**

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8:30-12:00

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