

Aurora First United Methodist Church

April, 2024

“Heart to Heart, House to House, Town to Town, One Kingdom to Another”

Christ is risen;

he is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

Attendance for March:

3/3 - 27

3/10 - 33

3/17 - 35

3/24 - 29

Good Friday - 31

3/31 - 41

March average: 33

Giving for March:

3/3 - \$2482

3/10 - \$2139

3/17 - \$8272

3/24 - \$978

3/31 - \$1190

Average giving for March Sundays: \$3012.20. Your generosity in the communion collection allowed us to send \$166 to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Weekly our church gives \$10 to the Clearinghouse, so for March we sent \$50. Thank you for supporting the work of your church!

Dates to Remember:

April 21: Coffee and donuts after worship

April 28: Hymn Choice

Our Mission Outreach:

Our Change the World Jar contributions are now directed to Indiana Disaster Response due to the March tornadoes.

Easter Flowers:

Our Beautiful Easter Flowers are given by the following:

- Charlotte and Tom DeVille in loving memory of Velma Shepherd and Marcella Heilig.
- Debbie and Roger Fehling in loving memory of their parents.
- Janet and Steve Hart in loving memory of Jim and Jean Blair and Tom and Lucile Hart.
- Judy and Dave Hizer in loving memory of Isabel and Del Hizer; Bonnie and Sam Smith; David Morris and Buck Crontz.
- Patty, Becky and Marie in loving memory of Tom and Peggy Largent.
- Susan and Kenn Moision in loving memory of Paul Moision and in honor of Jim and Barbara Scott.
- Judy Mosier in loving memory of Keith Mosier and Bob and Beanie Searcy.
- Bonnie Nocks and family in loving memory of Ron Nocks.
- Sue, Jeff and Stephanie Baer in loving memory of the Ogden/Baer families
- Janet and Carl Petty in loving memory of Del and Isabel Hizer; David Morris; and Jim and Dora Petty.
- Kathi Prarat in loving memory of Jim and Ginny Blair.

□ Gary Starker in loving memory of Larry Starker and in honor of the Starker family.

Thanks to Judy Hizer for organizing and ordering our Easter flowers!

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Lauren McHenry 4/4
Mike & Kelly Davis 4/8
Trent Moorhead 4/11
Casey Baker 4/13
Asa Goode 4/18

Cleaning Teams:

April 7: Team 1
April 14 & 21: Team 2
April 28 & May 5: Team 3
Cleaning teams save our church money!
Anyone interested in being on a cleaning team, please contact Roger Fehling at 513-519-1309, or leave a message at 812-926-0535.

April Liturgists:

April 7: Susan Moisio
April 14: Debbie Fehling
April 21: LouAnn Martin
April 28: Charlotte DeVille

April Ushers & Greeters:

April 7: Kenn Moisio and
Steve Hart
April 14: Kathi Prarat and
Janet Hart

April 21: Steven Turner and
Monica Turner

April 28: Julie Whitaker and
Bonnie Nocks

Contact Judy Hizer at (513) 314-6682 if you would like to help out as a liturgist, an usher, or a greeter.

Rummage Sale

We will have our Rummage Sale on June 7 & 8. The date was chosen so we could have ours the same day as the Presbyterians. (We did that last year and it seemed to draw a crowd.) We already have things donated in the basement. If you bring things before the Mission truck (April 30), please label whether your items are for the Mountain Mission or the rummage sale.

Mountain Mission

The Mountain Mission truck will be here on Tuesday, April 30. All donations must be boxed. (Egg and banana boxes are best because they can be re-used. **What they especially need:** bed sheets, comforters, blankets, pillows, towels, wash cloths, bed spreads, quilts, whatnots, knickknacks, socks, underwear (men's, women's, children's), purses, and prom dresses. **They cannot accept encyclopedias, hymnals, pianos or organs, or any non-working appliances or tools.**

Lectionary for Coming Sundays

April 7: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133,

1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

April 14: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4,

1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

April 21: Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23,

1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

April 28: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31,

1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Prayer List:

Our prayer list of friends and families:

Susan Turner- surgery April 1st (Jenna), Danny Martin (Louann), Jack Tufts (Debbie), John & Shelly Hubbartt (Pastor Ryan), Mike Davis-ICU (Kelly), travel mercy for spring break travelers (Charlotte), Monica Turner (Stephen), Tom & Pam Bentley (Judy M.), Norris (Stephanie), Kelsey-ankle surgery (Jeff), Jeff Baer's Aunt Nancy recovering from a fall (Jeff), Zale Doering-bypass surgery (Judy H.), Jill -broken bones (Debbie), The war in Israel (Jim W.), Stacy McCabe (Judy H.), Dale Armbruster (Janet H.), Aaron Baer (Jeff), Baers' friend (Jeff), Lolly Tucker & Sharon Fisher (Cari), Sue Turner (Monica), Jerry Schmidt (Kelley), Bonnie's sister Missy (Bonnie)

Our cancer prayer list of friends

and families: Nancylou Ross-hospice (Debbie), Doug-pancreatic cancer and coming surgery (Kelly), Ellaine Marshall (Julie), Jay Beyer (Roger), Tim McClammroch-melanoma (Judy M.), Debbie Bamberger (Kathi), Kim Burkey (Pastor Ryan), Chris "Itch"

Strautman - return of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Kelley), Sharon Level (Kelley), Bill Level (Kelley), Mitch Plemens (Cari), Josh & Sis (Cari), Missy (Bonnie), Stephanie Riley (Gary), Stacy McCabe (Judy H.), Brandon Cox (Cari)

Sympathy to the families of:

Kim Baer, Betty Tyler, Carson Hughes, Rosa Weaver, Sue Wickland, Nancy Iams

Praises: Serving 4th Street-35 meals & 16 carryouts (Debbie), birth of Kenny & Verna's great grandson (Verna), Casey Baker leading the Call to Worship (Judy M.), Bryston Cotton's engagement (Verna), Linda

Baker home from surgery (Casey), Shirley Kukenrider's successful surgery (Kelly), DeVilles in worship (Pastor Ryan), John Hubbartt—stent (Bonnie), Hudson Goode-medicine paid for (Pastor Ryan), Azure—walking (Stephen), Kelly—thanks for prayers and meals, Praise for toiletry bags delivered to One Voice and canned soup delivered to St. Vincent de Paul (Debbie)

Those in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living: Donna Dean, Doris Spencer, Martha Kaiser, Shirley Meyer, Marie Hizer, JD Largent

Shut Ins:

Wilma Beyer, Jerry Stonebraker

Special Care & Concerns: Gun violence around the world; all who are suffering after natural disasters. For an end to war and violence around the world especially in Israel and Ukraine; refugees; discontent in United States, Red Cross workers and volunteers, relief workers
Local Missions: AA, NA, CASA, St. Vincent de Paul, Clearinghouse, YES Home, Heart House, Safe Passage

United Methodist Missions:

UMCOR workers and volunteers, Red Bird Mission, Mountain Mission
Prayers for our Nation as COVID continues, racial tensions, Christian Unity, our United Methodist Church, Prayers for our cities, for our counties, our state, our police, our firefighters, EMTs, all military men and women and their families, all healthcare workers, first responders, chaplains, missionaries, clergy, persons in financial distress, businesses needing employees WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PRAYER. To help us keep our lists current, if you see a name that can be removed, PLEASE let us know. If you would like to add a name, please let us know.
If you know of a change, have a concern, or a praise and would like to add a name, you can call the church with the information, mail a note, email Pastor Ryan

(ryangoode1@gmail.com); Judy Mosier (kjmosier@comcast.net); or Jim Waldon (jimgwaldon@gmail.com)

When submitting a prayer request please include the following information—

** Your Name (required), ** Name of the one needing prayer (*be sure you have their permission to make their need known*), **Nature of Request (surgery, health concern, etc.)

From the Joyful Newsletter:

It's sad that we've become so polarized politically in America that the politicians have lost their sense of humor. I remember a time when President John F. Kennedy and President Ronald Reagan kept Americans entertained and lifted their spirits with their wit.

President Reagan, for instance, once told this story on the campaign trail: An American and a Russian were having dinner in a Moscow restaurant. The American told his Russian friend: "We have a democracy in America. I can go

to the White House in Washington, enter the President's Oval Office, pound my fist on his desk and say, 'I don't like the way President Reagan is running the country!'"

The Russian replied, "I can do that! I can go to the Kremlin, enter Premier Khrushchev's office, pound my fist on his desk, and say, 'I don't like the way President Reagan is running the country!'"

