

CHUM NEWS

April 2026 Newsletter



Pastor's Easter Message: Living as Easter People

Pastor Samuel Mohn

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Easter is the day when the church proclaims the most surprising and hopeful news the world has ever heard: the tomb is empty. Death does not get the final word. Fear does not get the final word. Sin does not get the final word. In Jesus Christ, God has spoken the final word—and that word is life.

But Easter is not only a day we celebrate once a year. Easter is a way of life.

The first followers of Jesus discovered this quickly. When they encountered the risen Christ, everything changed. They were no longer people defined by fear or uncertainty. They became people of courage, hope, and joy because they knew that resurrection was real.

The resurrection meant that God was still at work in the world. It meant that broken things could be restored. It meant that darkness would never overcome the light.

That is why the church has always described itself as **Easter people**.

To be Easter people means we carry resurrection hope into everyday life. It means we believe that new life is possible even when situations seem difficult. It means we trust that God is still working in ways we cannot always see.

Easter people forgive when it would be easier to hold a grudge.

Easter people offer kindness in a world that often feels harsh.

Easter people keep believing that love is stronger than fear.

Every time we comfort someone who is grieving, every time we share a meal with someone who is lonely, every time we choose grace instead of anger—we are living the message of Easter.

In our churches and in our community, we are called to embody that hope. Through worship, service, prayer, and simple acts of compassion, we become living reminders that the resurrection still matters.

Easter reminds us that God is never finished bringing life out of what seems lifeless. The stone has been rolled away, and the story is still unfolding.

So this Easter season, I invite you to ask a simple question:

Where is God inviting me to live like an Easter person?

Because the good news of Easter is not only that Christ was raised long ago.

The good news is that the risen Christ is still bringing hope, healing, and new life into the world today.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

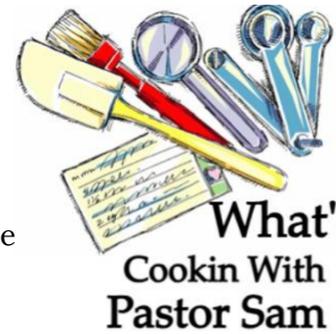
Christ is risen indeed!
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sam

April Birthdays

4/6 Diana Kelly,
Jace Washington
4/7 Jay Walton
4/8 Sean Chen
4/9 Melissa Smith
4/10 Suzanne Hill
4/12 Darlene Capitola
4/13 Janice Coombs,
Kim Quinlan
4/17 Shirley Grimm
4/18 David Wolfe
4/20 Jessica Kuhn
4/21 Debra Walker
4/22 Bruce Kopp
4/23 Chris Taylor,
Karen Morris
4/27 Leslie Shepherd
4/28 Jason Moliterno
4/30 Jenna Baughman



Homemade Sloppy Joes



What's
Cookin With
Pastor Sam

Ingredients:

- Two 10 oz. can tomato sauce
- 5 lbs. of ground beef
- 1 green pepper
- 1 red pepper
- 1 sm or 1/2 large onion
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 teas. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 bottle barbecue sauce
- 2 T. brown sugar if you like sweet sauce, or you can eliminate it all together

Directions:

Chop peppers and onion, then fry with ground beef. Drain grease. Add tomato sauce, barbecue sauce, and rest of ingredients. Stir and mix into the ground beef mixture and simmer for 15 minutes. Serve on buns.

Announcements

The next **food pantry** will be on April 3rd from 10am to noon. We mostly need canned tuna and cake mixes. We may need some additional helpers who are available on Good Friday, as school is not in session. Setup is planned for April 2nd at 9:30am and 6pm.

Bob C. is looking for **help with outdoor work** at church and in Seeds of Faith Garden.

Blott Holiday - We appreciate those that came to the brainstorming session on March 10th. Sharon has a handout with some of our plans and ideas. We are looking for volunteers that would work as a leadership team for the project, and will be reaching out further to the school and PTA along with community volunteers. Contact Sharon if you want to know more and will be part of the leadership team.

Support for Camp Gideon Mission Project

Rev. Kathryn Adams is retired pastor from East Ohio who served at YSU as campus as head of Campus Ministry. Her husband, Rev. Russ Adams was pastor at Western Reserve UMC for many years.

Rev. Kathryn Adams is involved with a mission in the country of Estonia and plans another trip there in July 2026 to support the Christian Camp Gideon.

Campers learn about a God who loves them and a Savior who died for them.

The young people who participate in Camp Gideon have often never heard about God or worshipped at a church.

This opportunity to spread the word of God in a camp where children and youth that have been under Soviet influences are exposed to the gospel for the first time. They enjoy sports activities along with Bible study and learning about Jesus.

Kathryn raises funds to support the work of Camp Gideon.

As part of our Easter celebration and the opportunity to spread the word of God in Estonia, we can make contributions during the month of April that will be donated to this volunteer in mission project.

Donations are made to Church Hill UMC and will be forwarded to Rev. Adams for Project Orphan Outreach.

Welcome to Children's Corner!

Our children have been very busy working with Jane to learn their music for Palm Sunday and also for Children's Day, which is April 26th. Jane has been taking time off from her busy schedule to work with them. I am so grateful to her for that. I feel very blessed to have her helping us. I am excited that we will present three children with their Bible during our program on Children's Day!

Children's Fair is on April 18th from 11:00 to 1:00. We have been busy planning the games and finding fun prizes for the children. As usual tickets are just \$0.25, and most games can be played for one ticket. Children win a prize every time they play. We will set up on Friday around 1:30. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down and if you feel like you are led to work a game. It's really fun to watch the children play games and carry their prizes around with big smiles on their faces. We use only brand-new prizes and never use anything that is used. Even if you don't want to work, you're welcome to come and join us for lunch, which is very reasonably priced.

Please let Terri West know if you can help in any way.



Saturday,
April 18, 2026
from
11:00 a.m.
to
1:00 p.m.



- Games
- Tickets 25¢
- Prizes

Children WIN A
PRIZE every time
they play!



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→Buy LUNCH at a reasonable price

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“Thine Be the Glory” — A Hymn of Easter Triumph

Every Easter morning, churches around the world ring with triumphant words:

*“Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.”*

Few hymns capture the joy and victory of the Resurrection quite like “Thine Be the Glory.” It has become one of the most beloved Easter hymns in the Christian tradition, sung with full voices, brass instruments, and the unmistakable feeling that Christ has truly conquered death.

The text of the hymn was written by Edmond Budry, a Swiss pastor, in the late 19th century. Budry originally wrote the words in French, reflecting deeply on the resurrection of Jesus and the hope it gives to believers. Later, the hymn was translated into English by Richard Birch Hoyle, allowing it to spread widely through English-speaking churches.

What makes this hymn especially powerful is its music. The tune we sing today is actually adapted from a melody composed by George Frideric Handel. The melody originally appeared in Handel’s oratorio *Judas Maccabaeus*, written in 1746. The tune was first associated with the Easter hymn in the early 20th century, and the pairing proved perfect. Handel’s bold, victorious melody gives the hymn the sound of celebration — almost like a musical proclamation that Christ is alive.

Each verse of the hymn reflects a different dimension of the resurrection story. The first verse proclaims Christ’s victory over the grave. The second verse invites believers to leave fear behind because the risen Christ walks with us. The final verse looks forward with hope, reminding us that the risen Lord leads his people into eternal life.

That is why this hymn feels so natural to sing on Easter morning. After the quiet reflection of Lent and the solemn moments of Holy Week, “Thine Be the Glory” bursts forth like sunrise after a long night.

For generations of Christians, this hymn has been more than music—it has been a declaration of faith. When we sing it together, we are joining believers across time and around the world in proclaiming the central truth of our faith:

Christ is risen. Death does not win. Hope is alive.

So when the congregation lifts its voice this Easter and the organ begins that familiar triumphant melody, sing with joy and confidence.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

Alleluia!

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we witness the widening conflict across the Middle East, our hearts are heavy. In times such as these, we turn first to prayer. Scripture reminds us, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

We are not powerless in moments of turmoil. We are called to pray – for peace, for protection, and for the preservation of every life precious to God. I invite you to join in prayer:

- for peace to prevail across the Middle East.
- for every life to be protected.
- for families living in fear to be sheltered in God’s mercy.
- for leaders to be guided toward wisdom and restraint.

Beloved, let us remain awake in prayer – in our congregations, in our homes, and in the quiet of our hearts. May Christ, our Peace, guard the nations and steady our spirits.

A Prayer for Peace

God of mercy and compassion,
you are the source of life and the guardian of every soul.
We grieve the violence unfolding in our world.
We tremble for families living under the threat of war.
Protect every life, O God.
Shield the innocent.
Restrain the powerful.
Transform the policies of nations,
so that they reflect your justice, mercy, and peace.
Grant wisdom to leaders.
Turn them toward diplomacy instead of destruction,
toward courage in reconciliation instead of pride in power.
Make us instruments of your peace.
Keep our hearts free from hatred.
Teach us to love beyond borders and beyond fear.
Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

In Christ’s hope,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

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Our Team

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Prayer Requests

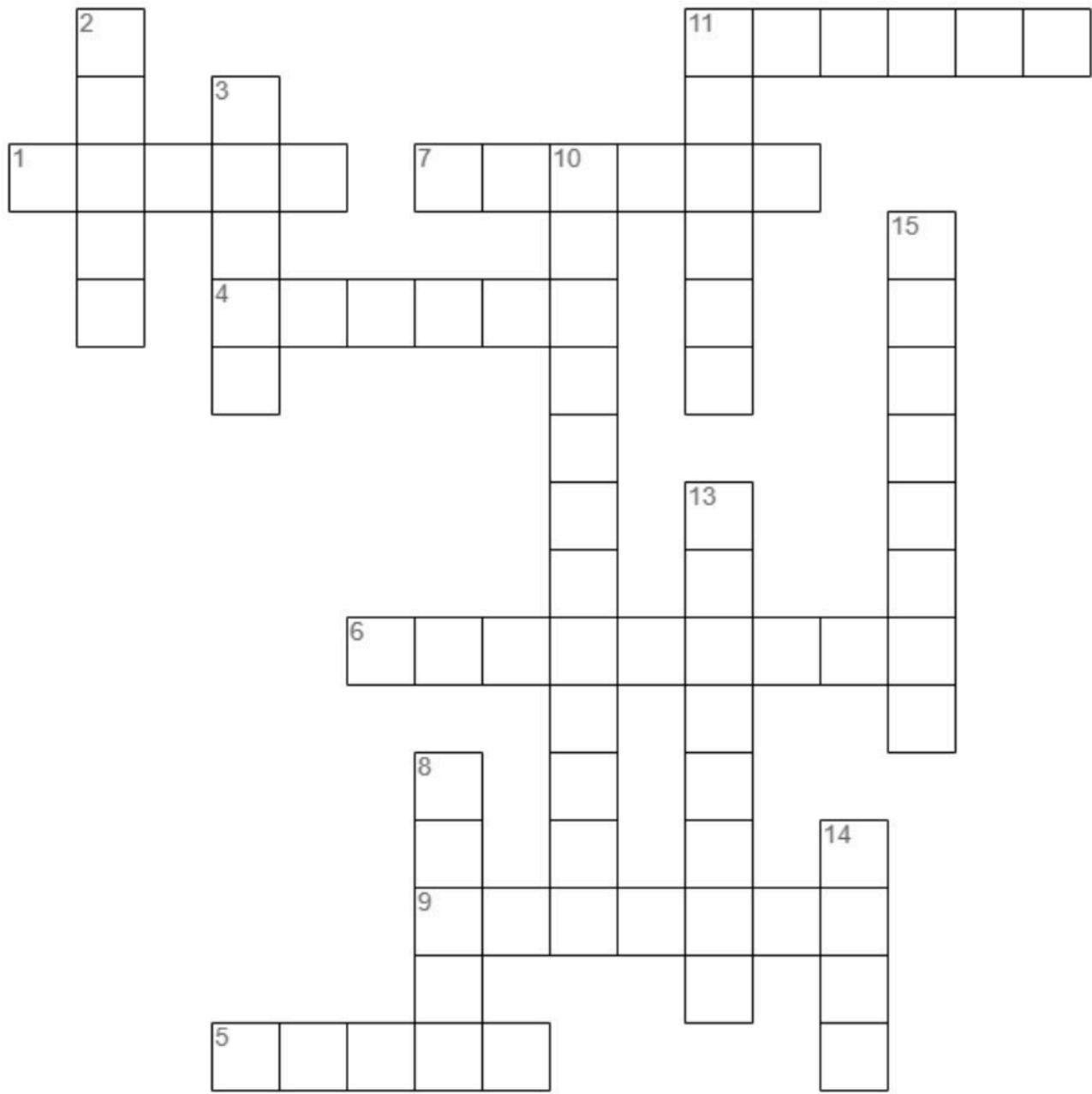
Kay and Rodney Toth, Haylee (friend of the Pekalla family), Lee Elmo, Dora and Ron Baker, Nancy and Carol Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen and Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams and Dianne, his mother, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Lori and Kevin Vara, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Burce MacLellan (Ken Miller's friend), Jimmy Weller, Samuel M, Margie Ryan, John Baksa, Bella, Roger (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Natalie D'orzio (friend of the Ahlswede family), Roger Bartlett (Helen Hess's son-in-law), Bev Clinton, Irene O'Hara, Linda Baker (Neighbor of Catchpoles), Angelina Vince (Christian Denning), Felicia Brown, Craig Ruggles, family of Becky Paul, Sandy (Terri West's sister), Sherriane Griffith, Jay Walton, Debbie Webber, Linda Neal-Moore, Ed Dull, Bill Sonnenlitter, Jeri Carson, Audrey Williams, Prayers for teachers and military members and their families

Contact Linda Toepfer at 330-718-2361 for the current prayer list and to request prayers.



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 KK/YG/ Egg Hunt 4:45-7 Dinner w/ Pastor 5:30 Choir 7:30	2 Holy Thursday Pantry Set Up 9:30/6pm Bible Study 10:30	3 Good Friday Pantry 10-Noon Worship 7:30 @ Trinity 	4 Holy Saturday
5 Easter 9:15 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship 	6	7	8 Choir 7:30	9 Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6pm	10	11 Becky Paul Celebration of Life Time 11a.m.
12 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship	13 NAVIM 6:30 Parlor	14	15 KK/YG 4:45-7 Dinner w/ Pastor 5:30 Choir 7:30	16 Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6pm Girl Scouts 5-7:30 YH	17 Children's Fair Set Up 1pm Pastor Sam Out of Town 4/16-4/21	18 Children's Fair 11am-1pm
19 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship	20	21	22 KK/YG 4:45-7 Choir 7:30 	23 Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6pm	24	25 Children's Day Practice 10am
26 Children's Sunday 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship	27 Communion Service at The Inn at Iron Wood Canfield 4pm	28	29 KK/YG 4:45-7 Choir 7:30	30 Pantry Set Up 9:30/6pm Bible Study 10:30 Grief Share 6pm		



ACROSS

- 1. What Jesus rose wearing
- 4. White flowers associated with Easter
- 5. Easter dinner celebration
- 6. Easter treat often shaped like bunnies
- 7. Season when Easter is celebrated
- 9. Easter service held at dawn
- 11. Container for Easter eggs and treats

DOWN

- 2. Symbol of Jesus's crucifixion
- 3. Easter candy shaped like beans
- 8. Central figure in Easter celebration
- 10. Jesus's rising from the dead, central to Easter
- 11. Fancy hat worn on Easter
- 12. Praise Yahweh
- 13. Easter decoration that rings with joy
- 14. Jewish holiday that Easter coincides with



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