

Parish Paragraphs



2017

HOLY WEEK AT POINT PLACE UCC



PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 9TH AT 10:30AM

A CELEBRATE SERVICE WITH PALMS

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 13TH AT 5 TO 7PM

TABLE IN THE STREET: WE WILL SERVE A MEAL AND OFFER BLESSINGS DOWNTOWN AT "MARKET ON THE GREEN" (MADISON ST./20TH ST.)



GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 14TH AT 11:00AM

COMMUNITY CROSSWALK, BEGINS AT LIGHTHOUSE

FRIDAY AT 7PM

TENEBRAE WORSHIP AT RIVERPOINT UMC (131ST)



EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 16TH AT 9:30AM

SUNRISE PRAYER AND BREAKFAST.

SUNDAY AT 10:30AM

EASTER WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION.



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**POINT PLACE
UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST**



WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



April 2nd: 5th Sunday of Lent (When Jesus Says Go)
9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)
10:30am: Worship with Communion
Matthew 19:16-30: "Go sell all your possessions"

April 9th: Palm Sunday (When Jesus Says Go)
9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)
10:30am: Celebrate Worship with Palms
Matthew 21:1-11: "Go get the colt"

April 13th: Maundy Thursday
5-7pm: Table in the Streets (Market on the Green)

April 14th: Good Friday
11am: Community CrossWalk (Lighthouse)
7pm: Tenebrae Service (RiverPoint)

April 16th: Easter Sunday (When Jesus Says Go)
9:30am: Easter Prayer and Breakfast (all ages)
10:30am: Worship with Communion
Matthew 28: "Go and tell"

April 23rd: 2nd Sunday of Easter
9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)
10:30am: Worship
Matthew 28: "Go make disciples"

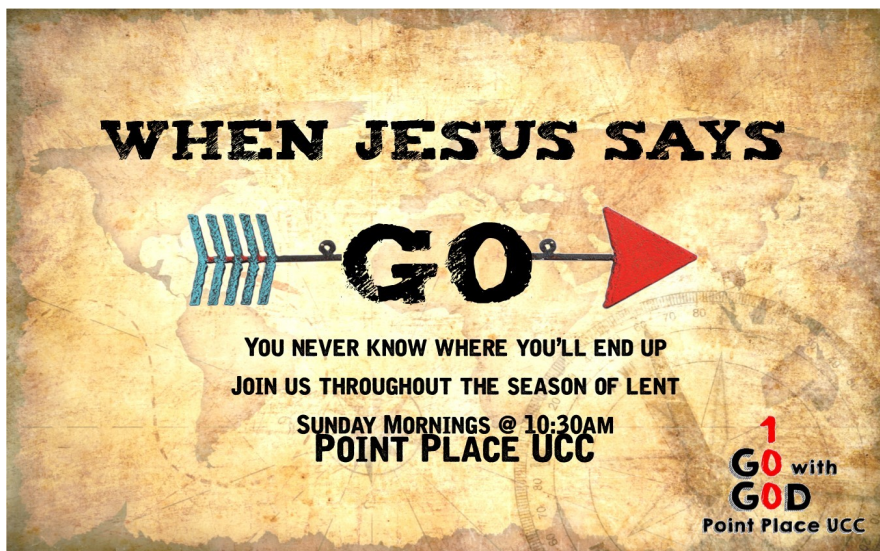
April 30th: 3rd Sunday of Easter
9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)
10:30am: Worship
Matthew 28: "Go make disciples"

*Genesis Healthcare Worship **April 13th** at 10:00am, 2017*



3D Lent Recess

Our last 3D Recess will be Wednesday, April 5th. We will learn to listen for God's voice in community. Dinner begins at 6pm.



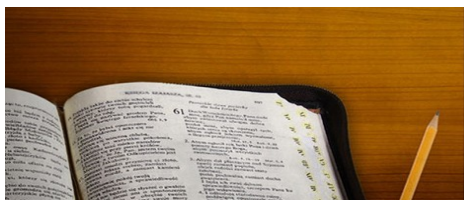
Sunday School News

Children K-5th grade meet in Joseph's Workshop every Sunday 9:30am-10:20am to learn about Faith and to study Bible lessons. In the Fall, they studied Bible "Super Heroes."

This past Winter, they looked at the Life of Jesus. This Spring they are exploring Favorite Bible Stories about Jacob, Joseph, Ruth, David, Jonathan, as well as some of Jesus' parables.

Stop in and check us out!





Pastor's NOTES

“Water water everywhere, but not a drop to drink.”

This thought came to mind when I was thinking about Easter and one of the key gifts Easter offers to us: HOPE. It seems like someone is always pitching hope to us: for a better (thinner/more muscular) body, a better (safer) world, a better (easier) life. Buy this product, elect this person, join this group. In our despair—our nagging sensation that things will never change for the better—we are susceptible to all of these Hope-for-Sale pitches. So we buy in. And often, we do feel better, make progress, enjoy the convenience, whatever. Until it wears off, we relapse, or motivation trickles away.

Enter Easter. It's not a new message; you can't buy it; and it doesn't promise an easier, more convenient life. It comes every year with the same story, persistently whispering into our desperation and disappointment and delusion, “HOPE!”

Of course, the Easter story is more than the empty tomb. We cannot really get to Easter Hope apart from the Wilderness of Lent, the Table and Basin of Maundy Thursday, and certainly not without Good Friday's Cross. Which is why we would rather look elsewhere.

But elsewhere will always disappoint and come up short. Only Easter delivers on its promise. The journey through the wilderness and to the Cross is the only Path to a hope deep enough to transform our souls and radiant enough to transform the world.

I need that hope. I need the reminder that our only true hope is in the God who raised Jesus from the dead. I need the whisper that stirs my soul to turn away from all of the world's false hopes and return to God.

I need Easter. And so do you.

Pastor Jon

*And hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Romans 5:5



Maundy Thursday: Table in the Streets

Since we've been listening to Jesus' GOs throughout Lent, we thought we would take Jesus' words to heart as we think about the Table on Maundy Thursday: "Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find" (Matthew 22:9).

We will be serving a picnic of pulled pork/chicken/beef sandwiches from 5-7pm at the Uptown Green right next to the ProMedica "Market on the Green" building (Madison & 20th St.) downtown. There will not be a full service but we hope you will take the opportunity to come down, serve, meet new people, and offer prayers and blessings for anyone who wishes. There will be guidance if you aren't sure where to start.

Help prepping food would also be great. We will likely do it throughout the day on Thursday. More details to come.

Good Friday: Community Crosswalk





What's happening at MUSTARD SEED?

A note from Lori Jarrell

They had a very successful Thanksgiving and Christmas program, thanks to community cooperation, and now it's on to spring activities.

With Easter coming, they are collecting candy and baskets to provide the parents the supplies to make their children Easter Baskets. Also, they are doing some 'spring cleaning' around their facility washing windows, curtains, blinds etc., pulling weeds and generally fixin' stuff. Anyone who wants to help would be most welcome.

The newest project is garden improvements. Joe Poff, their new gardener is making raised beds, vertical growing, to increase production in the plot, and composting.

Candy Donation Request

Mustard Seed is asking for donations of individually wrapped candy so their families can make Easter Baskets for their children.

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

We will pass out bags on Sunday April 2nd and collect them on the 9th. We collected 93 items in March.
April Focus: non-perishable beverages





"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19

<u>Monday, Apr. 10</u>	<u>Tuesday, Apr. 18</u>	<u>Tuesday, Apr. 25</u>
Dinner at RiverPoint Ministries 2862 131 st Street	Goulash Salad Bread and Butter Green Beans Dessert Coffee, Juice, Water	Teriyaki Chicken Rice Vegetable Dessert Coffee, Juice, Water

Come and be a part of the wonderful **Feed My Sheep Ministry!**
 There are many ways you can help.

We would appreciate help on Monday evenings and Tuesdays. We are looking for volunteers to help set up Paterson Hall, cook the food, serve our guests, clean up and deliver meals to our church members that are homebound. We can also use donations of food, supplies, and money to help purchase meat and perishables.

If you have any questions, or would like to be involved, please call Lori Winnie at 419-704-4868 or Tina Mockbee at 419-276-0637

Come and share a meal with our guests.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	W
2	3 6:30p Elizabethans 7p Growth Group	4	5 12p Sermon
9 10:30a Celebrate Worship 	10 7p Growth Group	11	12 12p Sermon
16 9:30a Sunrise Prayer & Breakfast 10:30a Worship 	17	18 5p Feed My Sheep	19 12p Sermon 7:30p End
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			1 10a AA Meeting
on GG	6 8:30a Retired Men's Fellowship 7p Support Groups	7 7p Something Brewing	8 9:30a Lent Retreat 10a AA Meeting
on GG	13 10a Genesis HC 5-7pm Table in the Streets <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	14 11a Community Crosswalk 7p at RiverPoint <i>good friday</i>	15 10a AA Meeting
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WHERE JESUS WENT—A LENTEN RETREAT



Date: Saturday, April 8th, 9:30am-6pm

Cost: \$10/person—Scholarships available

The retreat will include lunch and dinner with a celebration of Communion. We will have time to listen, learn, pray, and spend time together as sisters and brothers.

During Lent, we've been exploring the times Jesus called his disciples--and us--to GO.

But like any good leader, Jesus shows the way. Jesus was also called to "Go." During this retreat, we will look at three places Jesus went, and contemplate what that means for us, his followers.

What do we learn about Jesus as he goes:

- *Into the wilderness
- *Up the mount of Transfiguration
- *To the Cross

Dave Meiser will lead us along these three journeys of Jesus to a deeper knowledge of "the Author and Perfectioner of our faith" and hopefully a clearer sense of what it means to walk in faith with him. We hope you will take the time to make this journey with us as Lent moves into Holy Week and we reenact the central stories of our faith.

You can register using the forms given out on Sunday, calling the office, or online through the website.

April 3, 2017 6:30pm

The **Elizabethans Womens Group** will start up their monthly meetings again on Monday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in the conference room. All women are welcome to this “small but mighty” fellowship group.



RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

April 6, 2017 8:30am

The **Retired Men's Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30am for coffee and donuts in the youth room at the church. Please join us.



Something Brewing

Friday, April 7th at 8pm
Black Cloister Brewing Co.
Monroe & Erie

This month we'll talk about Easter and where we look for hope.

The Giving Tree

The Monday night Growth Group sponsors the **Giving Tree** by focusing on our **Manna Bag Mission project** all year. We need travel size personal items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste and also, tooth brushes, combs, socks, water bottles, gloves, small bags of snack food or granola bars. When the bags are complete they will be on the Giving Tree table in



Paterson Hall. We're asking everyone to take one or two at a time and give them away to someone in need.

100 YEARS OLD IN 2017

LET'S CELEBRATE!



100 years is a long time! We want to celebrate. Generations have come to know God, worshipped, and served in the Point Place UCC community. This year, we want to honor this legacy both by celebrating and dreaming. That's why our theme is "Go with God." We will hear stories of how the Point Place community has

ventured into new horizons at the beckoning of God and how God is calling us to "Go" today. As the year goes on, we will have lots of opportunities to participate. Here are just a few:

Point Place UCC Logo Mugs: These beautiful mugs come in four colors and are available for purchase now. \$12 will be buy two—one for you and one to pass on to a future visitor.

100th Anniversary Logo T-Shirts: They are near completion and will be available for sale. Terry and Donna Serviss will be printing them. More info to come!

100th Anniversary Celebration Worship: Sunday May 7, 2017
This worship service will celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness to PPUCC.

100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner: Saturday May 6, 2017
This catered meal will invite members and leaders past and present to celebrate 100 years as a church. See the invitation and RSVP on page 15.

Point Place Days Parade Float: Watch for more information.

Concert in the Park Ice-Cream: As a way of blessing our neighborhood, we have spoken with the library about piggybacking on their annual "Concert in the Park" to serve ice cream and maybe provide a bounce house.

For more information about these, and other events—and to find out how you can help—watch for future bulletins, emails and announcements to hear how you can help celebrate PPUCC's 100 years!



We meet at a different restaurant each month to enjoy a meal together and celebrate the birthdays of the month. Any and all are welcome to come.

In order to reserve enough room so that we can all sit together, PLEASE RSVP to Ruby Usher, the office, or by signing up in the book downstairs.

Birthdays

- 4 William Beebe
- 7 Bonny Beebe
- 8 Lynette Thayer
- 13 Jim Debth
- 13 Nancy Harrington
- 14 Bill Reimschuessel
- 16 Becky Brocus
- 17 Keith Rider
- 19 Linda Woodall
- 20 Dick Berkhoudt
- 22 Pat Ambrose
- 24 Steven Kasmierski
- 24 William Ramp
- 24 Ashley Seybold
- 26 Abby Geletzke

Anniversaries

- 1 Harley and Tina Mockbee
- 7 Gary and Mindy Papera
- 11 Bill and Jackie Dobson
- 20 Curtis and Alison Osmun
- 23 Mark and Melissa Mayfield

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the office.



VBS: June 26-30

9:30am-Noon

VBS is set for the week of June 26-30 at Messiah Lutheran. As usual, this will be a community VBS with at least six churches participating. We are currently looking for 1-2 point people to help coordinate our presence. Please talk to Pastor Jon as soon as possible if this is of interest to you.



TIME CAPSULE OPENING MAY 6, 2017!

Do you want to see what was put in the Time Capsule 25 years ago? It's contents will be revealed at the Jubilee Dinner on May 6th. Come and See!

From a letter issued on September 13, 1992:

To The Congregation of Point Place United Church of Christ:

It is with great love that we present to you the Time Capsule of Point Place United Church of Christ. The items included were assembled in celebration of the church's 75th Anniversary in May 1992.

All of the items included in the Time Capsule were selected to provide you with an insight into what made PPUCC tick in 1992. What were the special ingredients that helped the church make it into 1992 and hopefully will continue to keep it strong in the next century?

The key ingredient is people. People of all ages. No matter what happens in a person's life, whether we agree with it or not, the love of the people of Point Place United Church of Christ shines through. We help each other through the good times and the bad. We worship together, sing together and have fun participating in the different groups the church has to offer. We enjoy watching the children become children of God. We know that by our love and support of the many programs of the church (Sunday School, Children's Choirs, Summer Church Camp, etc.) we have helped these children reach that goal. In a simple word, we are a family.

The names and faces of those who worked hard at keeping the church strong can be found in the Time Capsule within the Pictorial Directory, The 75th Annual Report, Parish Paragraphs and selected Sunday Bulletins. But let us not forget those who have come before us, our founders and "pillars" of the church. Some of them are not with us as we celebrate this special year, Others have moved along life's path to other locations, but still keep this church in their thoughts and prayers. The History of Point Place United Church of Christ is a perfect point of reference to remember these special people.



JUBILEE DINNER

Invitations were mailed out last month. If you did not receive one, please use the RSVP below and let the office know of any address changes or corrections.

HELP US CELEBRATE

POINT PLACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST'S

100TH ANNIVERSARY

WITH A JUBILEE DINNER

MAY 6, 2017

PATTERSON HALL

5:00PM APPETIZERS

6:00PM DINNER

BUY YOUR TICKETS BY APRIL 16, 2017

RSVP CARD AND RETURN ENVELOPE INCLUDED

TICKET PRICES

\$15.00 ADULTS

\$8.00 CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER

_____ # OF ADULTS _____ # OF CHILDREN

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY APRIL 16, 2017

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

*I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME, LET US GO INTO THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD.*

PSALM 111:1

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*To care for one another
as God cares for us.*

