

Bridgeport United Methodist Church

March/April Highlights

Worship and Bible Study Opportunities

Bread of Life Sunday School Class • Library • Sundays at 9:30 AM • Rev. Jim Lang

Faith, Family and Friends Class • Parlor • Sundays at 9:30 AM • Rev. Ben Randolph and Christa Randolph

Upper Room Class • Balcony • Sundays at 9:30 AM • Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble

Lectionary Bible Study • Library • Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 AM • Rev. Dr. Dan Kimble

Sisters Bible Study • Fowler Heritage Room • Fridays from 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Confirmation Day Apart

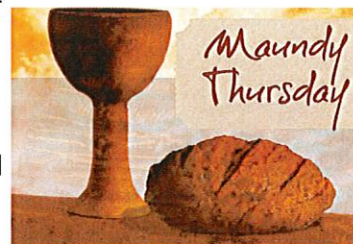
On March 11th those young people who are exploring what it means to have a committed walk with Christ and His church will gather for their “day apart.” The theme this year is “Faith That Lasts A Lifetime.” This very important time prepares our youth to become full members of the church. They will be received into membership on Palm Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Our **Palm Sunday Services on April 2nd** will feature our young people giving leadership both liturgically and musically. Our confirmation class will be recognized and received at this service as well. We remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Come and worship!!

We will gather during Holy Week on **Maundy Thursday, April 6th**, for a Service of Holy Communion as we recall Jesus' time with his disciples in the Upper Room prior to his death. The service will be at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary at 251 Worthington Drive. Dr. Ramsey will bring the message, “Please Don't Pass The Bread.” Come and be part of this holy evening. On **Good Friday, April 7th**, we will host at our Worthington Drive Campus the Community Good Friday service. It will be at Noon and will focus on the 7 last words of Jesus from the cross, with participation from the other churches in Bridgeport. All are welcome and we hope to see you.



SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES: MARCH 19th AND 26th at 7 PM



We will gather on the evenings of March 19 and 26 at 7:00 pm for our special Lenten Services. This year we will explore together: “Prayer: Power, Purpose, and Presence.” Each evening will consist of music, scriptures, a teaching message on the power, purpose, and presence of prayer and a dedicated time for altar prayers. Plan on attending with your family and growing in your faith walk.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter Services : Invite someone to join you.

Message: “Recognizing Life When You See It”

April 8: Saturday evening worship at 6:15pm

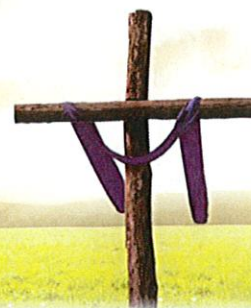
April 9: 7:00 AM Sunrise Service with breakfast to follow

8:30 AM Early Worship

9:45 AM. Johnson Ave Worship Celebration

9:45 AM Maplewood Worship Service

10:45 AM Easter Worship



Music Choirs

MINISTRY

Join to SING! If you would like to help sing music for our Sunday Easter Services, the Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

Additionally, we are rehearsing on Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 10:30 AM either on the Stage in Fellowship Hall or in the Sanctuary. Children & Youth Choirs also participate on the following Sundays.

March 12

Chancel Choir, Cherub Choir, Jubilate Singers, Seraphim Singers. **Children & Youth help lead worship.**

April 2

PALM SUNDAY Processional with Palm branches children age PreK3 - 5th grade. Chancel Choir, Cherub Choir, Jubilate Singers, Seraphim Singers. **Children & Youth help lead worship.**

April 9

EASTER SUNDAY Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Trumpets.

April 30

WOW Celebration. Chancel Choir, Cherub Choir, Jubilate Singers, Seraphim Singers. **Children & Youth help lead worship.**



The Wonders of Worship WOW program continues to nurture children PreK 3 - 5th grade every Sunday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 AM. Through reflective Bible Study in the Sanctuary, A Message and Music time divided by age groups, and a time of Prayer and Action in Fellowship Hall, children are growing as Disciples of Jesus Christ. Make a visit to Fellowship Hall to see our Lenten Tree and a display of all we have learned this year in WOW.

*****This format will change in June for the summer months. If you would like to volunteer a Sunday over the summer, please call Jennifer Walker in the church office.

*****Mark your calendars now for an end of the year WOW Celebration in Fellowship Hall on Sunday April 30 at 9:30.

Upcoming Lessons

March 12 Jesus Cleanses the Temple. Matthew 21: 12 - 17. House of Prayer. Symbols: Coins. Doves. Children & Youth lead worship, music & liturgy. **SING FOR 10:45 WORSHIP.**

March 19 Last Supper. Matthew 26:26-28. Praying in the Upper Room & Prayers in Gethsemane. Symbols: chalice, pitcher & basin.

March 26 Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem on a Donkey. Matthew 21: 9. Prayer and Jesus as King of our lives. Symbol: Palm Branches.

April 2 PALM SUNDAY - Children & youth lead worship, music & liturgy. **SING FOR 10:45 WORSHIP.**

April 9 EASTER - Resurrection, New Life. Symbols - rock, butterfly.

April 16 EASTER - Doubting Thomas. Jesus the Good Shepherd.

April 23 EASTER - Road to Emmaus. Jesus the Good Shepherd.

April 30 WOW Celebration in Fellowship Hall. Children & Youth **SING FOR 10:45 WORSHIP.**

See You in Sunday School!