



THE GOOD NEWS

April 2011

The Word

April 3

"Clear Vision"

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

April 10

"Broken Bones"

Psalm 130

Ezekiel 5:8-14

John 11:1-45

April 17

"On the Road Again..."

Matthew 21:1-11



April 24

"This Is the Lord's Doing"

Psalm 118:1-2,

14-24

John 20:1-18



Pastor:

Rev. Justin Fisher

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Administration & Missions	2
From Our Family	3
Education	4
Volunteer Opport.	5
News	6
Easter Activities	7
Events	8
Calendar	9
Cover Page	10

TAKE A WALK WITH ME TO EASTER*



Hello friends,

A cartoon that appeared in *Leadership* journal shows a couple leaving church and shaking hands with the pastor. The man says to the pastor, "You're in a rut, Reverend. Every time I come here, you preach about the Resurrection."

We chuckle at that, but sometimes those of us who faithfully come to church more regularly than on Easter have a similar attitude. We want to be inspired by the message of the Resurrection, but instead, we fall into, "Yes, we know the story already. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. I know all that." It's tempting to turn the most fantastic event of human history into routine.

Each year, I find I need to slow down and reflect on the events of Easter week so that I can absorb its wonder. Sometimes just walking through those familiar events stirs my heart to remember all that Christ did for me. So before it gets here this year, won't you take a walk with me to the Resurrection?

Easter week begins with Palm Sunday, which celebrates Christ riding into Jerusalem in great triumph. The triumphal entry was Jesus' chance to announce himself as king. He gladly accepted this exultation, knowing he deserved it, but also knowing what was coming a few days later. This day teaches us that crowds are fickle and only true disciples keep walking with Christ to the Cross. Am I a true disciple? Are you?

Then on Passover, Jesus celebrated what has come to be known as the Last Supper. It was the last meal Jesus would eat before his death on the cross. In an incredible display of love, Jesus knelt down and washed the feet of his friends, giving them an example of the kind of behavior he expected of them. And, of course, Jesus instituted the amazing practice of Communion, saying the bread was his body given for them, asking them to remember him when they took it. Then taking the cup, he declared it to be the new covenant in his blood, poured out for them.

That night led to Jesus' arrest and his eventual death on the cross. Martin Luther said we all carry the nails that crucified Christ around in our pockets. Until we feel our culpability in Jesus' death, we will not understand the extent of our sin nature or the expanse of Christ's forgiveness. What nails do I carry? What nails do you carry?

Fortunately for us, the story doesn't end there. We are privileged to have firsthand accounts of his resurrection from the dead. Paul tells us that without Christ's resurrection, our faith is useless.

This is the best news of all. Death has lost its sting and has been swallowed up in victory. We should bring out the band, dance in the streets, and shout from the rooftops this good news.

Continued on pg. 3

Administration and Missions

2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:
\$ 111,718.36
Needed to date:
\$ 120,090.49
\$1 Club to date:
\$ 1711.00
March Missions:
\$ 315.00
Japan Relief
\$1531.00

April Mission Prayer Focus

Humanitarian
Christian Services

Janet Lahr Lewis

COACH Kids of
Clinton Co.

Prayer Focus

Japan - Continue praying for the people of Japan and those who are helping with relief efforts.

8th Grade Confirmation Class who will be going on their final retreat before being confirmed.

April Missions

Humanitarian Christian Services -

Located in the United Way Building in downtown Frankfort, they provide a variety of services that include translation and references to legal assistance. Our goal is \$2300.

Janet Lahr Lewis - Our new global mission involves the support of Janet Lahr Lewis who serves as a liaison between ecumenical groups, Israel and Palestine. Our support goal is \$1000.

Rainbow Haven

Rainbow Haven, one of our mission partners, will be participating in a fundraiser on April 16, called the **Homeward Bound Walk** which takes place in Lafayette. They are looking for people to sponsor their team, organize their own team, and/or donate funds. Rainbow Haven is a recipient of funds raised from the Homeward Bound organization whose mission is to provide housing and fight homelessness.

Also, Rainbow Haven has urgent needs of trash bags (13- and 30-gallon), toilet paper, dressers, etc. Other needs (on-going) include gas cards for ladies to go to job interviews, Wal-mart \$20-\$25 gift cards for new residents to purchase food, plastic hangers, etc. A complete listing of all their needs is on the Mission bulletin board located in the south hallway next to the choir room.

COACH Kids of Clinton Co. - This group helps by mentoring youth, providing hope, and showing God's love. Our support goal is \$250.

Note: The budget approved by the Finance committee and Administrative Council provides for 75% of our support goals. The last 25% comes from any additional support provided by the congregation.

Individual Volunteers

If you have ever wanted to give more of your time and talents as a mission volunteer, please consider exploring **Individual Volunteers**. Mission Volunteers encompasses a wide variety of ways to serve and Individual Volunteer is one of the newer ways to be involved in the area of mission for a bit longer than a week or two when on a mission trip. Most volunteers are willing to commit 2 months up to 2 years of their time.

UMCOR operates with less than 15 paid employees; therefore, they rely on trained volunteers. These volunteer positions require Individual Volunteer training before they can begin their assignment.

The opportunities for places to serve are varied in terms of needed skills and projects requesting volunteers exist all over the country and world.

For more information, contact Bonnie Albert, UMCOR Coordinator Indiana Conference at bonkay@hotmail.com or call 219-464-1447.

St. Matthew United Methodist Church
1951 Wilshire Dr. Frankfort, IN 46041 (765) 654-5575
Rev. Jake Fisher, Pastor
email: stmatthewfrankfort@sbcglobal.net
website: www.stmatthewfrankfort.com
The May newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, April 27, 2011.
Deadline for articles is Wednesday, April 20, 2011.
Carla Keafer, Editor

From Our Family



Prayer Concerns

Ryan Bachman
Harold Banks
Jerry Harshbarger
Ed Northrup
Dick Swackhamer
Stacy Baugh
Andy Ehrmann
Katie Knoll
Jim Seatter
Maurie Huffer
John Warren

Person in the Military

Andrew Stewart
Kris Kennedy
Josh Laughner
Jeffery Pearson
Loren Crone
Anthony Louk

Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

Gertrude Applegate
April 5

Hilda Hinshaw
April 7

To the Family of St. Matthew,

Thank you for your complete support in the loss of our son and brother Andrew Thomas Caddell.

Whether you offered a hug, gave a smile, sent a card, shoveled our walk, cleared our driveway, brought food, offered your condolences, donated to the Boys & Girls Club, helped with the dinner at the church, stopped by visitation, or attended the funeral services - we do so much appreciate the huge showing of love and support we have received this last month.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Jim, Chris, and Heather Caddell

To the United Methodist Women,

Thank you for your donation to Rainbow Haven. We appreciate your kindness in helping us meet the needs of the women and children in our program. It was very kind of you to think of us.

Teena Adamson

Thank you for the gracious reception your congregation extended to Wilfred and me Sunday when we were privileged to present the Gideon ministry in your church. It was a joy to be a part of your worship service.

On behalf of the Gideons of Clinton County and the Gideons International, I want to express my sincere thanks to you for your support of the Gideon work. The total offering was \$301 which will provide 60 Bibles. We pray that many precious souls will come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of these Scriptures being distributed. The response of those seeing the video was especially encouraging.

Don Pershing

Continued from pg. 1

Take A Walk...

Joseph Bayly in "Psalms of My Life," which appeared in *Christianity Today* magazine, shares this excellent perspective on Easter:

Let's celebrate Easter with the rite of laughter.

Christ died and rose and lives.

Laugh like a woman who holds her first baby.

Our enemy death will soon be destroyed.

Laugh like a man who finds he doesn't have cancer, or he does but now there's a cure.

Christ opened wide the door to heaven.

Laugh like children at Disneyland's gates.

This world is owned by God, and he'll return to rule.

Laugh like a man who walks away uninjured from a wreck in which his car was totaled.

Laugh as if all the people in the whole world were invited to a picnic and then invite them.

As you approach Easter week, ponder the story as if you've never heard it before. Or ponder it as if you've heard it 5,000 times—and it's just beginning to sink in. I plan to do just that. See you on Easter Sunday!

Pastor Jake

*Devotional idea from JoHannah Reardon, ChristianBibleStudies.com

Education

Children and Youth Sunday School

Pre-K - Kindergarten:

Room 10

1st & 2nd grade:

Room 6

3rd & 4th grade:

Rooms 8/11

5th & 6th grade:

Room 7

7th & 8th grade:

Room 23-24

9th - 12th grade:

Room 26

Adult Sunday School

Seekers:

Room 4

Faith 101:

Room 28

Samplers:

Room 26

Sojourners:

Room 16 (Parlor)

Rainbow:

Room 27

D.R.O.P. Ins

Library

Other Classes

Sunday Evening:

Defining Moments

Feb. 6 - Mar. 27

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study

2pm each week

W.O.W. (Worship on

Wednesdays)

6:30pm each week

Elementary



Palm Sunday April 17

Kids: Join us in the Narthex prior to the 8:45 and the 11:00 church services to participate in our palm parade.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23

Meet at 10:00a.m. in the sanctuary. Enjoy a story, hunt for eggs, have a snack!

And Help is Needed to hide eggs, lead groups to their eggs, and to welcome people to our church. Contact Mary Kay.



Easter Candy - Individually-wrapped candy is needed for the Easter Egg hunt. If you can help, turn it in to Room 4 or the church office.

Summer Sunday School Teachers

Teachers are needed for the Elementary classes in June, July and August. If you can teach, see Mary Kay or email her at mkbaker46041@sbcglobal.net

Vacation Bible School:

July 18-22 9am-noon

HELP NEEDED!

Learn to be fruitful and follow God's beat! We are now signing up volunteers for VBS. Please make plans to be a part of this exciting week!

Craft items needed: empty oatmeal containers with lids, empty metal coffee cans with lid, large cool whip containers with lid, old musical instruments.

Youth

Sr. High Institute June 26 - July 1



Students ages 8th grade - seniors are to register for camp in the church office. **A \$50 deposit is due April 1.** After this date, the extra spots will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Conference scholarships are available and must be mailed in. Forms are available in the church office.

Meetings in April for Jr./Sr. High Youth:

Sun., Apr. 3 5:30pm-7:30pm

Sat., April 9 Confirmation Retreat Leave at 10am on Sat. and return at 12:30pm on Sun.. April 10

Sun., Apr. 10 5:30pm-7:30pm

Sat., April 15 6:00pm-7:00am Girls All-Night

Sun. Apr. 17 5:30pm-7:30pm

Sun., April 24 No Youth Group

Adults

Pastor Jake's study of "Hard to Dance With the Devil on Your Back" will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sun., April 10 for a discussion about the book. Seventy-five books were sold for this reading project.

Defining Moments Bible Study will meet April 3 and April 10 from 6:00-7:30pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

Meetings in April

- Apr. 4
6:30pm Drama Team
- Apr. 5
5:30pm Youth Team
- Apr. 9
9:00am Worship
- Apr. 11
7:00pm Trustees
7:00pm Christmas Journey
- Apr. 12
5:30pm Churchwide Fellowship
7:00pm Staff/Parish
- Apr. 18
6:00pm Missions
- Apr. 19
7:00pm Martha Circle
- Apr. 21
12:30pm Deborah Circle
1:30pm Ruth Circle
- Apr. 26
6:30pm Facilities Needs

Ministry of Hope

Food Donations for April:

- Instant Potato Flakes
Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Mac & Cheese

NEW DATE!

Mental Health cookies April 4



Please help us reach our quota of **40 dozen cookies** for the Mental Health program. Any type of cookie is acceptable; however, do **not** use any type of nuts. Diabetic cookies welcome. Bring the cookies to the church kitchen and label them, "Mental Health." (this helps keep Pastor Jake out of them...or at least makes him feel a bit more guilty for snitching!)



Summer Donuts

Do you enjoy donuts on a summer Sunday morning? If so...Volunteer a Sunday to pick up the donuts at Marsh at 8:15am, bring to church then clean up the donut table at 10:45am. The donut table will be set up and ready to go...custodians will make coffee. You serve and clean up!!! Easy as 1,2,3!!! If you can help out, see Mary Kay or email her at: mkbaker46041@sbcglobal.net

Children's Ministries needs help with:

Easter Egg Hunt - April 23

Please help hide the eggs in the front, side, and back yards; pop popcorn, greet the families, guide to each egg-finding station, or just come to fellowship with families from our community.

Preschool Sunday - May 15

Lunch on the Lawn

Assistance would be appreciated with set-up, cooking the hot dogs, assisting with the moon walks, visiting with the young families of our community, etc.

Contact Mary Kay Baker or the church office if you can give of your time to volunteer.

Backyard Ministries is ready to gear up for another season! If you can help on a Saturday in May, see Mary Kay Baker or email her at: mkbaker46041@sbcglobal.net.

Snacks and a wagon are provided.

Please gather a group and reach out to

those playing in our backyard.

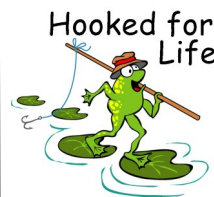


BACKYARD MINISTRIES

Enjoy fishing?

Help children learn to enjoy fishing and learn about Jesus, the fisher of men. The first outing for this year will be **Thurs., April 7 at 6pm** at the Frankfort Lagoons. If you are over 17 and plan to fish (not just assist a child), you will need a license. The next date scheduled

is May 12. A schedule will be distributed later with more fishing dates. Contact Jerry Lesley for more info at 654-6563.



Hooked for Life

A Christmas Journey from Scrooge to the Savior



The next meeting for the Journey will be Monday, April 11 at 7:00pm. We will continue to plan and calendar work days. This meeting is open to anyone interested in being a part of this outreach event. This is a very large project that has touched the lives of many who have attended in the past. So if you cannot be a part of the planning team, consider how you can help with the various scenes, as an actor, a guide, decorating a room (instructions provided), etc.



Building Bridges Counseling Services

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. and DeAnne Kinsey, and Ruby Burris offer many counseling services. Brochures are available on table by church office. Phone them at:

Jim 317-846-5912
DeAnne 317-489-8920
Ruby 317-397-3224

Preschool Staff

Administrator:
Mary Kay Baker

Linda Anno
Jane Carter
Jacki Crum
Kim Ferrel
Deedie Herndon
Sherri Howard
Rhonda Hundley
Janet Mennen
Jannine Rule

Membership Class

Pastor Jake is forming a new membership class this spring or summer. If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to learn more about United Methodism and St. Matthew, please give your name in the church office.



Change of venue: Martha Circle Tues., April 19

Please Note: This meeting will be at Nancy Harshbarger's home.

Scholarship Forms are in the church office for high school planning to further their education. All forms, including evaluations, are due to the church office on April 25.



Scholarships Awarded

If you are a Widow and would like to join a newly formed group, please call Nancy Raidy at 659-9088 to attend the planning session.

Library News

The library has recently added several new titles that are on the 2011 UMW Reading list. They are:

Following God's Call: Individual Volunteers in Mission

The Latehomecomer: a Huong Family Memoir

If You Know Who You Are You'll Know What to Do

Not Just a One Night Stand: Ministry with the Homeless

Middle-School Confidential: Real Friends vs. the Other Kid (Youth)

KiKi's Hat: Our Gifts Live On and On (Children)

Other new books include:

Just Hospitality: God's Welcome in a World of Difference

Unchristian: Finding Faith in a New Generation

All are ready to be checked out, so stop in and take a look.



St. Matthew Community Preschool In-House Registration

WHEN: Mon., April 18
Begins at 8:30 a.m.

For preschool children currently enrolled in the program and St. Matthew families.

**Enroll for 2- or 3-day classes.
Must be 2, 3, or 4 by Aug. 1, 2011**

St. Matthew Community Preschool Pizza Fundraiser

Pick up your order on
Sat. Apr. 9
between noon-3pm



Lenten Schedule

Lenten Breakfast Schedule

8 a.m. at the following churches:

- April 2 Kelley Crossing Church of God
April 9 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Churches
April 16 Wesley Manor

Holy Week Lunches

Noon - 1:00pm Monday - Friday
April 18 - 22

Hope United Methodist Church
300 E. Clinton St.

Company's Coming!

Who are you inviting to Holy Week??

It's time to make sure you have your nametag.
Please contact the office if you need a new one.

Stations of the Cross

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Holy Week, April 18-23

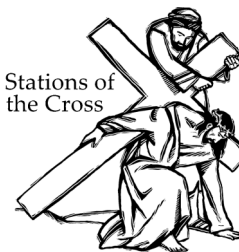
Mon.-Thur.:

11am-1:30pm and 3pm-9pm

Good Friday: 11am-9pm

Holy Saturday: 10am-4pm

Stations of
the Cross



Reflect more deeply on the passion of God revealed in Christ through a meditative art exhibit featuring the Stations of the Cross as interpreted by 13 artists. These artists come from local and surrounding communities.

St. Matthew will have 3 members exhibiting: Brenda Buckingham-Ehrmann, Nan Fullerton, and Barbara Kinsler.

Holy Week Services & Activities

Palm Sunday, April 17

Procession of Palms with children

8:45 - Traditional Service

11 am - Contemporary Service



Easter Egg Hunt

(Weather permitting)

Saturday, April 23

10:00 am.

Ages 3 yrs to 6th grade



The hunt will begin in the sanctuary with a special story!

Maundy Thursday, April 21

6pm

Light meal and service in Fellowship Hall, remembering Jesus' last supper.

Special music by the Praise Team and Jacob Barnes



Good Friday, April 22

7pm

"We Remember Calvary:

A Contemporary Tenebrae Service"

Presented by the Chancel Choir



Easter Celebration

April 24

Christ is risen!!

8:45 - Traditional Service

10am - Brunch (RSVP, please)

11am - Contemporary Service



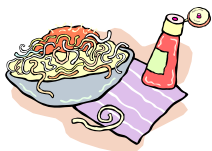
Please note: Childcare is available for children Pre-K and under at all of these services.

Coming to St. Matthew

GET YOUR
TICKETS NOW
from the church office or
from one of our
SR Crew!



Sunday, May 1
noon - 2pm



Proceeds from the dinner will go towards purchasing drum sets, headsets, and providing scholarships for OUR kids to participate in Sheltered Reality.

Meal includes:

Spaghetti or Fettuccine Salad
Breadsticks Desserts Drinks

Cost:

Adults \$8*

Children \$5 (can only buy at door)

Carry Outs Available

*We need to sell 100 tickets to have this event.

**St. Matthew's
Sheltered Reality
Crew:**

Charles Frey
Grace Stewart
Jordan Flora
Betania O'Brien
Emily Goodman
Caitlin Douglass
Elizabeth Pritchett

**A NEW Ministry
sponsored
through Children's
Ministries!**

Ladies

Under Construction Brunch



Saturday, May 7th - 10 am

in Fellowship Hall

Tickets: \$1.00

Join us for our Ladies brunch and hear why we are always "under construction" with our cooking, styles and health!



Our program includes:

- Physicians on women's health & eye care
- Healthy cooking ideas
- See the latest hair styles
- Shop with:
 - Pampered Chef
 - Blessings Unlimited
 - Mad Bags
 - Tastefully Simple
 - Mary Kay Cosmetics
 - Scentsy
 - Avon
 - 31
 - Tupperware

St. Matthew
United Methodist Church
1951 Wilshire Drive
Frankfort, IN 46041

Non-Profit Org
US Postage
PAID
Frankfort, IN 46041

Our Vision

*Make Disciples of Jesus
Christ*

Our Mission

*Worship God and
Experience God's Love
Invite Others to Faith in
Christ
Grow in the Likeness of
Christ
Love and Care for
Others
Go Forth to Serve,
Sent by the Holy Spirit*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mailing label
goes
here

Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning

8:45 a.m. Traditional
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Wee Worship

For children 3yrs-1st grade
Sundays 8:45 am & 11 am

Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W.)

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided up to age
3 for all worship services

