

TOWER NOTES - APRIL 2025

Prospect Street - A United Methodist Congregation

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It takes courage to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. What I mean by true, is to say, for most of us, almost all of us I should say, we follow Jesus half way, we really do. We follow Jesus until it gets uncomfortable. We follow Jesus and comfortably take passages like "it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" and say, "well, there's no way Jesus meant that literally." When we come across challenging passages in the Bible, we rush through them, ignore them, or rationalize their existence because we don't want to be made uncomfortable. It takes courage to be a true follower of Jesus Christ because Jesus Christ was never the norm, he was never status quo. Most Christianity in 2025, in America, is the norm, it is status quo. People might not agree with our Christian views but we are not being imprisoned because of them, we are not being killed for having these views. And that is perhaps for a number of reasons.

First off, we live in a country that values freedom of religion and so we can't even begin to comprehend what Christian persecution looks like. Now, this like anything else could change. My guess would be if anyone in the United States experiences faith persecution, it would be all the other expressions of faith not named Christianity. We would be the persecutor not the persecuted; a far cry from the gospels and Paul's letters. And so that becomes the second reason why Christianity is so comfortable and easy, it's the predominant faith. As I said, we live in a country that allows you to believe in whatever you want to believe and for most of us that is Jesus, at least when checking a box in a census. When there is push back to the faith, when you actually have to take a real stand for something because perhaps you are in the minority, faith is strengthened. The less resistance, the lazier our faith gets. So lazy that it begins to look less and less like Christianity. For a nation that claims to be under God, you could argue we look more like the Roman Empire than we do the early church. As Bono from U2 said, "I ain't trying to bug ya" because in truth, we have always been and Jesus knew this and the gospel writers knew this.

Throughout the gospels he is calling people out, and really what he is doing is calling out the fact that in the face of adversity, they crumble, they don't do the right thing. And why, because for the most part, we are cowards. We hang on grace because that's all we got. We aren't courageous enough to really take up the cross, which is why we desperately so needed him to take up his. This is an Easter newsletter article, but I am feeling snarky like Jesus. Jesus knew us better than we know ourselves, as much as we like to pretend to be holy and righteous, 2 out of the 3 of us if not more will pass to the other side of the road to avoid the man beaten by robbers. Jesus knew there would always be poor because humanity lacks the real courage to truly change the situation. God knows our fear is real which is why we are told so often in the Bible "do not be afraid" it's because we always are. Mark knew of our crippling fear and made it clear at the end of his gospel, even among the faithful women who stood by and watched Jesus die, in the face of his resurrection left in fear. Not joy, fear. The gospel is good news because with this news comes hope. But it's also challenging news, therefore it is frightening. If we really went out and stood for what Jesus stood for, it would put us in a world of trouble. We fear that, and so we make Jesus our norm.



Rev. Josh Freshour



- April 3 Zeta Deeter
- April 5 Kalyn Kubbs
- April 6 Suzanne Bess
- April 7 Elizabeth Lorenzo
- April 8 Richard Clingenpeel, Ava Boyd
- April 10 Hollie Freshour, Mason Long
- April 11 Bradley Flinchbaugh, Dean Pine, Landon Thacker-Wood
- April 12 Norma Stump
- April 16 Deborah Beveridge
- April 17 Stan Casey, Wyatt Deeter
- April 18 Uriyah Holsinger, Brian Miller
- April 19 Jennifer Imbody
- April 20 Molly Lu Balis, Michael Flinchbaugh, Karen Seckel,
Rebecca Roszman, Jennifer Tong, Derrick Mulvey
- April 25 Nicholas Hecker, Gloria McMahan, Kay Powelson
- April 26 Marilyn Miller
- April 27 John Haas, Jay Tong
- April 28 Samantha Stover
- April 30 Judy Williams

An Easter Prayer:

Lord God, You loved this world so much that You gave Your one and only Son, that we might be called Your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for Your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world. All for Your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

Attendance

Date	Sunday School	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 2	33	26	78
March 9	24	15	78
March 16	28	25	80
March 23	25	22	86

Please pray for our Shut-In Members: Darlene Beveridge, Virginia Chaney, Nettie Criswell, Pat Flinchbaugh, Betty Hampton, Kenneth Linstedt, Bob Lucas, Dave Maugans, Gloria McMahan, Neil Miller, Barb Parks, Brenda Rider, and Trent Standley, and Ed Zeisler.

Sympathy Notes

We express our deepest sympathy to Paula Kline on the passing of her husband Mike on Sunday, February 23.

8:30 a.m. Greeters & Sound Board Schedule

Greeters – 8:30 Worship

April 6 – Toni Sharrock
April 13 – Angie Stanforth
April 20 – Ralph & Ruth Ann Craig
April 27 – Lynn & Velma Clabaugh

	Sound 8:30	Camera 8:30	Slides 8:30
1st Sunday	Nate Freshour	Linda Mills	Sam Freshour
2nd Sunday	Ben Criswell	Gary Redd	John Lewis
3rd Sunday	Ben Criswell	Lynn Mullins	Sam Freshour
4th Sunday	Ben Criswell	Pam Larkin	Judy Stambazze
5th Sunday	Lleyton Holsinger		Sara McKenney

10:30 a.m. Liturgist, Greeters & Acolytes, Bell Ringers, & Sound Board Schedule

Liturgist – 10:30 Worship

April 6 – Terry Huff
April 13 – Faye Roszman
April 20 – Charlene Spillman
April 27 – Angie/Colin Boyd

Greeters & Acolytes – 10:30 Worship

April 6 – Keith Haas
April 13 – Stan & Jill Casey
April 20 – Faye Roszman & Family
April 27 – Mike & Linda Mills

Bell Ringers

April 6 – Trish Franklin
April 13 – The Deeter Family
April 20 – Trevinal McGlothlin
April 27 – Stan & Jill Casey

	Sound 10:30	Camera 10:30	Slides 10:30
1st Sunday	Ben Criswell	Addyson Holsinger	John Holsinger
2nd Sunday	Aurora Roszman	Janey Fassler	Joe Miller
3rd Sunday	Ben Criswell	Sara McKenney	Trevinal McGlothlin
4th Sunday	Ben Criswell	Janey Fassler	Colin Boyd
5th Sunday	Lleyton Holsinger	John Holsinger	Sara McKenney

Hospitality Center

1st Sunday – Guiding Light Circle
2nd Sunday – Faith Builders Sunday School Class
3rd Sunday – Serendipity Sunday School Class
4th Sunday – Martha Horne Circle
5th Sunday – New Beginnings Sunday School Class

Directory Change

Chandler Castle, 188 Grand Street, Marysville, OH 43040
David Haines Jr., 995 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Marion, OH 43302

Team Meetings

The Prayer Team will meet on Sunday, August 6th, after the second service.
The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, April 7th, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
The Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relations Team will meet on Monday, April 14th, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.
The Education Team will meet on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.
The Finance Team will meet on Thursday, April 10th, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on Sunday, April 6th.

The **Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt** will be held Saturday, April 12th, for ages 2 to 12 from 10:30 until Noon. Also, pizza will be served to the children at noon. Weather permitting, the Egg Hunt will be held outside, otherwise we will meet on the 3rd floor which is where we will play a few games, have story time, and make a simple craft.

The **Ladies' Lunch Group** will be meeting on Sunday, April 13th, at the church for the Palm Sunday Feast.



Palm Sunday Feast – Sunday, April 13th! The traditional meal will be noodles with chicken or beef, real mashed potatoes, green beans/butter beans, bread and butter, dessert, and beverages. The meal will be after the second service, and the cost will be \$8.00/adults, \$20.00/family, and \$4.00/kids 10 and under. This meal is sponsored by the Guiding Light Circle. Mark your calendar now for this event and joyfully plan to share in the loving kinship and fellowship with your church family.

April 17th at 7 p.m., we will be having **Maundy Thursday** worship at Prospect Street UMC.

Newsletter Deadline will be Friday, April 18th, for our April 2025 Tower Notes!

Neighborhood Supper will be Friday, April 18th, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

Neighborhood Supper Canned Fruit Drive - Neighborhood Supper is in need of canned fruit. Each month, this outreach sends approximately 150 meals out the door. Each meal has a 4 oz. cup of fruit in it, so we go through a good amount of fruit. Most months, we go through 3 to 4 GFS sized cans of fruit. If you have it in your heart to support Neighborhood Supper, now is the time. We will take any kind of fruit and any size can. All donations are appreciated. Also, we are looking for cookie bakers. Penny Rose and April Taylor make no bake cookies for us each month, but Molly Lu Balis is our lone “baker”. Each meal has 1 no bake cookie and 1 baked cookie, so Molly Lu bakes at least 12 dozen cookies each month. If you enjoy baking cookies and would like to become one of our “bakers”, please let Molly Lu or Judy Stambazze know. Thank you for your support.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

April 18th - Crosswood UMC will host the **Good Friday** worship service at 7 p.m.

April 20th - Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Free Community Breakfast will be held again on Saturday, April 26th, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This community outreach is sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and the UWIF's S.K.I. Group. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted). This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and support this effort to reach out into our community and build relationships with our neighbors and be fulfilled in sharing the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Bill Bess at 740-360-3965. Hope to see you there.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on Sunday, April 27th. Suggested donations: **Dry Beverage Mixes (instant coffee and tea, instant breakfast drinks, etc.)** They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Noisy Collection will be on Sunday, April 27th, for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck.

Laundry Love Ministry will be Monday, April 28th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. If you would like to head up this ministry, please call the church office.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** will meet every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Study – every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and every Friday at 10:30 a.m. We will not meet Holy Week.

The **Flower Calendar for 2025** is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers is \$46.95. Silk flowers are still \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. Make checks payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church.

Upcoming Event



The **National Day of Prayer** is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's

leaders and its families. On May 1, 2025, once again, we will hold a National Day of Prayer 24-hour Prayer Vigil! To accomplish this goal, your help is needed! The idea is a chain of praying people, each lifting our nation in prayer for a specific half-hour shift. The overall goal is one full day of prayer with someone from our "church family" praying for our nation and her leaders during each of the 48 segments, for a total chain of 24 uninterrupted hours of prayer. The sign-up sheet (with a post-it note reminder for you to place on your calendar!) will be in the foyer. Won't you prayerfully consider taking a time-slot to help us reach this goal?

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here at Prospect Street United Methodist Church on Friday, May 2nd, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001**
- **Online: <https://www.ilsa.social/hzca>**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**

CARDINAL CHORALE TO PERFORM

Once again, Prospect Street UMC has the honor of hosting **THE CARDINAL CHORALE**, under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder. This year's concert will be a joint effort with PSUMC, First Presbyterian and Emanuel Lutheran bringing 40 extremely talented, youth singers to Marion. The concert will be **Saturday, June 7th**.

THIS IS A CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY!! As in the past, we **ABSOLUTELY MUST** have assistance from our congregation in order for the concert to happen.

Please **MARK** the date on your calendars. We need to **FILL** the church for this beautiful musical performance. INVITE FRIENDS. It is a FREE concert.

HOUSING is a dire necessity. We must have approximately 10 homes from PSUMC. Host homes will have 2-4 singers. These people are some of the most kind and thoughtful people you will ever meet. Host families often feel like they have been more on the receiving end, rather than the giving end, after this experience. The singers aren't picky; they are willing to sleep on beds, air mattresses or couches! Hosts provide a light snack after the concert (water/fruit) bedding, shower/towels, and a light breakfast for the morning. You will need to pick them up after the concert and bring them back in the morning.

DONATIONS - If you are unable to attend the concert or host singers, you can support the Chorale through a financial gift. Money is needed to help pay for their week-long traveling tour. Donations of any size are truly appreciated.

Please contact the church office to let us know if you can assist with this concert in any way.

Staff-Parish-Pastor Relations Team



Thank you Neil Miller, for the blessings to PSUMC through the music of the orchestra that you helped to provide for many, many years! To express our appreciation to Neil for his talents and tireless efforts, please write a note or card of thanks for this kindness and service to our church. You may send cards of thanks to **Neil Miller at 543 Summit Street Marion, Ohio 43302** or you may place your card for Neil in the box at PSUMC that will be located at the back of the sanctuary. Let's "**shower**" Neil with cards, notes, well-wishes and thanks during the month of April. Thank you for your participation, *The Staff, Parish, Pastor Relations Team*

Prayer Team

We are gearing up for the Good Friday Prayer Vigil. It will be held on Friday, April 18th, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. On this day, we ask that you come to the church so we can pray corporately. If you are unable to come to the church, you may pray at home. This year, there is no sign up necessary. You may just come and go as you please. We will have devotional books for use and a small gift for you to take. If assistance is needed, someone will be available. This is a time to prayerfully remember what Christ has done for all of us and to be grateful for the gift of forgiveness of sins. For me, personally, this day brings me to my knees as I am so upset about what Christ endured, but also so thankful and grateful that the God who created the earth loves me and died to forgive my sins. We hope to see you on April 18th.

Please pray for us as we pray for you.



United
Women
in Faith

Any woman may attend any Circle meeting. You may just drop in to any meeting; each Circle is a welcoming group – come and experience the joy!

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. April Taylor and Anita Baker will serve as hostesses. April will be in charge of the program.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 8th, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Linda Kear will be the hostess and lead the program, followed by light refreshments. Judy and Mary continue to work on the saga of the curtains. In April, our Shoebox item will be boy's underwear.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet on Monday, April 14th, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Marilyn Sanderson and she will also serve as hostess.

The **S.K.I. Circle** members remain monthly servants at our Community Breakfast. At the April 15th, 6:30 p.m. meeting in the Upper Room, they will discuss Spring and Summer Mission Projects.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet Monday, April 28th, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Education Team

The Education Team met on Tuesday, March 18th, in the old basement. Only three persons attended besides the Team Leader which made it difficult to do much planning. In the future, Education Team meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise announced. Our next meeting will be on April 8th at 6 p.m. We will be assigning tasks for the Spring Fling/Easter Egg Hunt as well as filling treat bags for the children to take home. If you are willing and able to help with the Spring Fling activities, please try to attend this meeting.

The Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12th, from 10:30 until Noon (approx.). Weather permitting, the Egg Hunt will be held outside, otherwise we will meet on the 3rd floor which is where we will play a few games, have story time, and make a simple craft. Pizza will be served to the children at Noon. It requires several adults to make these activities flow smoothly. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

There will be baskets near the main entrance and outside the choir room for collecting candy donations. Candies need to be individually wrapped. Last year 45 children participated and we anticipate more this year. We plan to prepare 50 to 55 treat bags. Thank you in advance for your candy donations. Also, a special Thank You goes to the Martha Horne Circle for their donation toward purchasing candy and prizes.

The Education Team May meeting will be on May 13th at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room. We will be discussing and assigning jobs for the pre-VBS Carnival to be held on July 12th. We will also be discussing jobs and strategies for VBS although we are hoping most slots will be filled by then. It is just about impossible to have too many helpers!

Thanks to Pastor Josh for recruiting folks to work with our children on Sunday mornings and thanks to all of you who have agreed to help. We are hoping our new rotation system will go into effect beginning April 7th. From that date forward, we should have Sunday School classes available for all ages from toddlers to adults. We will also have Nursery care available. There is much that can be learned in Sunday School and we hope you will take advantage of that opportunity. Colleen McCartney, Education Team Leader

Sunday School

The ***New Beginnings Class*** will finish the Gospel of Luke on the last Sunday in April. The Class will not meet on Easter Sunday due to other Church activities. The final lesson in this study will be Chapter 24, the events immediately after the Resurrection, continuing through Jesus' ascension into Heaven. This should leave our hearts excited and looking forward to His Second Coming. On May 4th, we will return to the story we began in Genesis and be studying the Book of Joshua for thirteen weeks. These Old Testament stories are the history of our faith. They are fun to study and lead to so many more stories that we hope to visit in future quarters. If you haven't been in Sunday School since you learned to sing "This Little Light of Mine" you might enjoy trying our class. Our goal is to learn more about the Bible, what it says, the order in which events in it took place, and how it ties together. We're located in the basement, right off the elevator and won't put you on the spot in any way. Dave McCartney

The ***Faith Builders Sunday School Class*** meets in the Upper Room. Hollie Freshour is the facilitator.

The ***Teen Sunday School Class*** meets on the 3rd floor in the youth room.

The ***Serendipity Sunday School Class*** is completing a Lenten Study from the Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee. None of the weekly focus Bible verses say "YES" I recognize that verse as part of the Easter collection. The study causes self- reflection and gives action assignments for spiritual pursuit. Come give us a try, any Sunday. If you want a copy of the curriculum, see Linda Kear.

Thank You Notes

A Long Time in Coming..... In February 2025, I was blessed with many servants for two projects that I want to recognize. First of all, women from 3 circles helped prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal. We served the soup and sandwich meal to the Marion County Daughters of the American Revolution. Everything tasted good and the serving went smoothly and cleanup was quickly accomplished. Thanks to all 7 of the women who made this a great catered meal.

The sad news is that on February 16th, we did not get to go Valentine Caroling. The great news is there were 14 people willing to go Valentine Caroling!!! Thanks to all who were willing to spread the Joy!

Dear Prospect Street UMC Members, what a blessing your \$1,200 donation is to Leapin' Outreach Ministry. It will enable us to continue to serve many Marion area clients in need in this rising economy. We can offer many personal items such as laundry soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, etc. Thank you and God bless.

Nolan Hensel, Director, Marilyn Hottinger, Asst. Director

From Your Lay Leader

Hello PSUMC friends.

I challenge you to show love and kindness during this Easter season.

Blessings on you and on your friends and family.

Much love, Lynette

WAYS TO SPREAD LOVE AND KINDNESS:

1. Tell someone special you love them.
2. Give an acquaintance or family member a nice compliment.
3. Donate toys, clothes and other items no longer needed.
4. Do something nice for a family member.
5. Help a neighbor with a chore.
6. Write a letter or send a greeting card to someone who would appreciate a communication.
7. Put food out for the birds.
8. Bake cookies for and deliver to someone who is lonely.
9. Encourage a friend or acquaintance.
10. Maintain a courteous demeanor by saying please and thank you.
11. Acknowledge someone's strengths and positive qualities.
12. Share blessings & gifts that you have.
13. Respond with kindness.
14. Forgive anyone who has harmed you.
15. Take a meal to someone in need.
16. Give praise whenever possible.
17. Create care package for a family member, neighbor or someone in need.
18. Smile at others!
19. Send a letter to a grandparent or great-grandparent, a great aunt or uncle or to an elderly person.
20. Be kind to yourself!



May you enjoy the blessings of the season.

Please continue to pray for our church's financial well-being, for our growth in service to our God and to God's church, community and to the well-being of others. May God continue to guide us in all that we do.



From the Library

Remember our library has Voice of the Martyrs, Response and Good News magazines. The current Daily Bread is good through the month of May. Two prayer rings have been returned and can be borrowed. One is for our Pastor and the other for any individual. These can be helpful guides and provide food for thought for our brains in prayer.

I was drawn to this book simply because of the title. The author, Philip Yancy is a respected preacher and author. *Prayer Does It Make Any Difference?* - The title struck me with the thought – of course it does!!! Why would he pose such a question? (a little outrage, here) Well, it took me two weeks to wade through this book. My favorite chapters were “Keeping Company with God” and “Prayer Dilemmas” The book gave me several new perspectives and yes, I will keep praying!

God’s Vitamin “C” for the Spirit, compiled by Kathy Collard Miller and D. Larry Miller is a book you can read for 3 minutes or 3 hours. It’s like a daily devotional, with 2-3 page stories of God at work in the world, in us, in people like and people not like us. An enjoyable read that often times made me smile.

Church Finances

E-Tithing is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1st and/or the 15th of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

Kroger Community Rewards – Please enroll in the Kroger Community Program. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and all the details on creating an online account are there. Under Community Rewards make sure you search and select “Prospect St. United Meth. Chur” our Organization number is VF478. Thank you! If you have any questions, please call Erika.

Wesley Scholarship - Now is the time to pick up the application for the Wesley Scholarship that our church gives out every year. This one year scholarship is open to any member of Prospect Street UMC who is continuing their education beyond high school. You must pick up the application at the church and complete and submit it to the church by April 15th. After April 15th, a committee of six people will look over the applications with the applicant’s name removed. Then, using a scoring sheet, each committee member will work from the information that the applicant has provided and makes a selection. Then, the whole committee combines each person’s score and makes the difficult decision about whom and how many scholarships will be given that year. So pick up your scholarship application from the church and return it. You can also call Erika and she can mail an application to you! There is scholarship money waiting for somebody.

Wesley Scholarship Committee

If you have any question or concerns, please call Erika or see our Treasurer, Pete Stambazze.

Military Prayer List

I thought it might be more meaningful to know our church's connection to the military people we pray for.

In the Army:

Our church secretary, Erika Meligan's, husband has now retired after 30 years of service. Her son in-law, Waitman Kapaldo, is now stationed in Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Virginia Chaney's great grandson Brandon & his wife Page are both in the Army. Brandon is at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Page is in the Army's Justice Department.

John & Diane Row's grandson, Drew, is a green beret and was recently deployed to Syria.

Velma Clabaugh's great nephew, Luke Bushatz, is in the National Guard in Alaska. He is in charge of over 100 guardsmen there.

In the Navy:

Ralph Craig's son, Andrew, is in the Navy Reserve in Nevada.

Stan & Jill Casey's son-in-law Darren Mills is in the New Zealand Navy.

Anita Baker's granddaughter, Kaitlyn Crosby, is stationed in California.

In the Air Force:

Rick & Terri Highfill's daughter, Lydia, is stationed in Texas.

If you know of anyone else who should be on this list, please contact Norma Stump at 267-387-1251.



April

Prayer List

Please include these people and events in one of your daily prayers to God.
Please remember to pray for our service men and women, persons from the bulletin shut in list,
and those celebrating birthdays, listed in this newsletter.

1. For School Teachers
2. For our Choir as they practice this evening
3. Ed Zeisler, Bob Lucas, and Trent Standley
4. Marion County Sherriff Deputies
5. The unsaved in your family.
6. Sue and Bill Bess, John and Diane Row, and Barbara and Keith Sanderson
7. Pat Flinchbaugh, Virginia Chaney, and Nettie Criswell
8. Richard Clingenpeel, Neil Miller, and Kenneth Linstedt
9. Lucille Copus, Darlene Beveridge, and Betty Hampton
10. Hollie Freshour and family
11. Landon Thacker-Wood and his mom, Rachel
12. Norma Stump, Barb Parks, and Gloria Craig
13. For our musicians and Choir
14. Brenda and Kenny Rider, Charlene and Harry Niner, and Jennifer and Robert Imbody
15. Dave Maugans, and Dick Schwaderer
16. Deborah Beveridge and her family
17. Stan and Jill Casey, Barry and Patty Franklin, and Lynn and Velma Clabaugh
18. For the cooks and servers at the Neighborhood Supper this evening at our church.
19. For the men gathered at the Men's Prayer Breakfast this morning at our church.
20. Sing great Hallelujahs to the Risen Savior. (Birthday gals – Molly Lu Balis, Karen Seckel and Jennifer Tong join with Michael Flinchbaugh and Derrick Mulvey)
21. For ways in which you can serve the Risen Savior.
22. For those individuals addicted to alcohol
23. For the beauty of this created day.
24. For Pete and Judy Stambazze and Erika and Jonas Meligan
25. Gloria McMahan and Kay Powelson
26. For the servants providing breakfast at the Community Breakfast this morning at our church.
27. Marilyn Miller and John Haas
28. Semi-Truck Drivers
29. Our Pastor
30. Judy Williams, Marilyn Sanderson, and Phyllis Heineman

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting 5 p.m.	2 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study 7 p.m. Senior Choir	3 6:30 p.m. Martha Horne Circle 7 p.m. Children's Choir	4 10:30 a.m. Lenten Study	5
6 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Prayer Team	7 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Board of Trustees 6:30 p.m. BSA Scouts	8 1 p.m. Guiding Light Circle 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting 6 p.m. Education Team	9 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study 7 p.m. Senior Choir	10 7 p.m. Children's Choir 7 p.m. Finance Team	11 10:30 a.m. Lenten Study	12 10:30 – noon Spring Fling
13 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Ladies' Lunch at church Palm Sunday Feast after church	14 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 1 p.m. Hilda Weiss Circle 6 p.m. Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations 6:30 p.m. BSA Scouts	15 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting 6:30 p.m. S.K.I. Group	16 7 p.m. Senior Choir	17 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	18 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Prayer Vigil 5 – 6 p.m. Neighborhood Supper 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at Crosswood UMC	19 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
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