

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302

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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

Sunday, April 21st, 2024

8:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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to grow in our commitment to Christ,
to serve others, and welcome all people.”**

4th Sunday of Easter

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Pastor Josh Freshour

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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*PRAISE SONGS

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
“Revelation Song”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Why the Good Shepherd is good”

Pastor Josh

PRAYER SONG

“In Christ Alone”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*CLOSING SONG

“Our God”

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

**God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

Greeter: Hollie Freshour

Next Sunday Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 & Sermon Title: “Seize today for Christ”

The clear candle burning on our altar signifies our appreciation for the men and women serving our country during this time of national concern.

Marion Music Club – today at 5 p.m. in our sanctuary.

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

Fish Fry Fundraiser will be held again on **Thursday, April 25**, from 4 – 7 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the Stained Glass Window Fund. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer and you can stop by the table in the foyer for tickets today. Ticket prices are \$13/adult and \$7/child if purchased by noon on Thursday. The price at the door will be \$15/adult and \$7/child. The menu will be: All-You-Can-Eat Fried Fish and Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, green beans, dessert, and drink.

Free Community Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, April 27**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This community outreach is sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and the S.K.I. Group. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted). 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.

Noisy Collection will be on **Sunday, April 28**, for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, April 28**. Suggested donations: **dry beverage mixes**. 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!

The **Marion Concert Band** presents “Let Us Entertain You!” on **Sunday, April 28**, at 3 p.m. at the River Valley High School Auditorium. No admission charge!

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, April 29**, at 2 p.m.

Laundry Love Ministry will be **Monday, April 29**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. If you would like to help, please contact the office.

The **Martha Horne Circle** is selling tee shirts. Set up to look at the shirts and order forms are in the atrium or see a circle member through **May 1**.

National Day of Prayer “Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World” is Thursday, May 2. Help us to pray for our nation and leaders by taking a time slot on our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil chart located in the foyer. It is not necessary to be “at” the church building. The sign-up sheet has a reminder tab to take and is your reminder to pray in your time slot. Just be sure to sign your name after you’ve taken the tab. Prayer Guides are on the table next to the sign-up sheet.

Life Line Screening - We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, in our Fellowship Hall on **Friday, May 3**, to conduct valuable screenings. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>

If you or someone you know is **graduating from high school or college**, please call the church office.

We are looking for **volunteers** to cover some of Erika’s work duties when she is out of the office. Please contact Marci DeWitt at 740-972-9730.

Stained Glass Window Maintenance Fund – We still need to complete the North side, which will cost a total of \$30,304 if we don’t have any extra expenses. We currently have \$20,954.97. Keep your eyes on our Fundraiser Thermometer throughout the church for the progress on completing the goal.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive - If you would like to continue supporting this mission, please drop off your donations in the Church kitchen.

The **New Beginnings Sunday School Class** has begun a three-month study of Exodus. The Class is located on the bottom floor, right off the elevator and alternates quarterly between studies from the Old and New Testaments. Dave McCartney

Memorial Pavers can be ordered for summer installation. If you would like to purchase a paver for the Memorial Park, forms are available on the library table located in the south alcove. Cost of a paver is \$75.00. Order forms can be turned in to the office.

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.

Watch our services on YouTube! Go to our website www.prospectstreetumc.com and click the YouTube link.

Service DVD’s for Shut-Ins! We have DVD’s available of all our Sunday Services for anyone who would like to borrow them or have a copy. We are delivering DVD Players and the DVD’s on Monday mornings! Call Erika in the office for information.

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Attendance April 14: Sunday School - 22 Worship Services – 31/78

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