

Thursday, March 28, 2024

## Our Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 a.m. - We will also be "live" streaming!



Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Mark 11:1-11
Administrative Church Council
Pastor....... Tim Hoover
Council Chair........im Loeffler
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Staff-Parish.....Diane Senger
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Youth...Lia Hackenberg
Young Adults ....................

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I am often shocked to hear people who do not believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior. I am even more shocked when I hear people who once believed, but now don't.

Belief in Jesus as the risen Messiah requires faith in what we cannot see. Belief requires us to accept the witness of people who lived about 2000 years ago. But people today, rely only on what they can see and hear. While many Christians today fail to exemplify the virtues of Christianity and all that entails, we must not base our belief in Jesus as Lord and Savior on the actions or inactions of those around us today. Mary, the Disciples, the men on the road to Emmaus, as well as others saw and experienced the resurrection of Jesus, and shared that experience with one another.

Let us believe today without hesitation and share our story with each other as well. May your Easter be filled with the joy and excitement of knowing the risen Lord.

## Gaster $\mathcal{O}^{\text {und }}$ ay



8:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
9:00 a.m. Donuts, Fruit and Beverage
9:40 a.m. Kids' Sing Rehearsal (a short practice before the Easter Celebration service)
10:00 a.m. Easter Morning Celebration


## Breaking News: Jesus Has Risen

Jesus is alive!
Matthew 28:1-10


## SAVE THE DATE!

The Refuge Golf Tournament will soon be here! Mark your calendar for Monday, June 17. If you have any questions, talk to Chuck Myers or Gary Faulhaber.

There will be no Adult Sunday School on Sunday, March 31 due to Easter.


Children grades kindergarten- $5{ }^{\text {th }}$ grade will have a short practice before the 10:00 am worship service on Easter morning.

Please meet Linda up by the piano at 9:40 a.m. so we can rehearse one more time.



The Shawl Ministry will meet in the multipurpose room on Saturday, April 6 from 1-3 pm


## PARSONAGE RENOVATION

The Administrative Church Council unanimously voted on March 18 to move forward with the parsonage project. The project cost will range from $\$ 100,000.00$ up to $\$ 150,000.00$. Although it is expected to finish closer to the low end of the range, we want to be sure the project is fully funded without the need to incur any debt as there may be unforeseen cost overruns.

The initial $\$ 100,000.00$ will come from current church cash reserves. The hope (expectation of answered prayer) is that the balance will come in through the generous giving of our church family. Many people have already expressed an interest in getting behind this project and the Council is very confident this financial need will be met.

Please be in prayer about how you might support this important initiative. Watch for more details in the coming weeks on how you can help. If you are ready to make a donation now, please designate your giving to the "Parsonage Upgrade Fund." Exciting days ahead for SHUMC!!


> Life and Hope School for the Deaf in the Dominican Republic

The School for the Deaf in the Dominican Republic needs to expand!
Read all about them on the next page.
If you would like to help make a "real difference" in the lives of these "specialneed" kids by donating, please make the check out to South Harborcreek UMC and in the memo write "D. R. Deaf School" and drop it in the collection plate. Thank you.


## HOW WE STARTED

Founder: Dana Alexander Co-Founder: Cathy Santana

Life and Hope School for the Deaf was founded by missionary Dana Alexander. Dana has served on mission trips to the Dominican Republic since the 1980s, and through serving she learned that the deaf children she encountered could not read. She began teaching sign language to the churches and different provinces in the country so they could educate these children. After she retired from mission work, Dana heard the Lord call her to start a school for the deaf in Hato Mayor.

Then Dana met Cathy Santana, a local resident in Hato Mayor. Cathy began going door-to-door through town to find the local deaf children to bring to the school.

With the encouragement of her husband, the support of a local Assemblies of God pastor in Hato Mayor, and the help of her co-founder Cathy Santana, Life and Hope School for the Deaf began in 2008 with 12 students.


## WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Over the years, Life \& Hope School has had to move to different buildings as the amount of students and staff grew. In 2014, the Ministry of Education in the Dominican Republic began to support the school through funding the salaries for the staff.

In 2016, Life \& Hope School moved into a building on the property of Meeting God In Missions (MGM) - a local non-profit in Hato Mayor. After two years, Jim McDonald, Founder of MGM, heard God tell him to construct a building on their property for Life \& Hope School to use as their permanent location. MGM began this project in 2018 with the help of the missionaries who stay at their camp, and today Life \& Hope is teaching their 34 students in this building.

The subjects currently being taught include: Spanish, English, reading, writing, geometry, natural science, human formation, and physical education. Life \& Hope School hopes to add a second floor to their building for their growing student body, and to add trade classes such as sewing and electrical.

## MARCH 2024

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| 39 AM Adult Sunday School COMMUNION Kids' Sing | 4 <br> Young Mom's Bible Stdy 6 p.m. | 5 <br> 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros 6:00PM Bible Stdy | 6 6:30am Men's Study <br> LENTEN BIBLE STUDY w/DINNER | 7 <br>  <br> Salty Bible Study <br> Praise Rehearsal | 8 <br> WOW Lauren Daigle Concert | 9 |
| 10 <br> 9 AM Adult Sunday School Kids' Sing | 11 <br> Young Mom's Bible Stdy 6 p.m. | 19.30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros 6:00PM Bible Stdy | 13 6:30am Men's Study LENTEN BIBLE STUDY w/DINNER | 14 6:30pm Sweet \& Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal | 15 | 16 <br> WCTL <br> Rejoice, Refresh, Renew Erie First Assembly |
| 17 <br> 9 AM Adult Sunday School Kids' Sing | 18 <br> Young Mom's Bible Stdy 6 p.m. Admin. Church Council 6:30 pm | 19 <br> 9:30AM Tues Stdy <br> 5:30PM Sm Grp <br> 6:30PM Bnd of Bros <br> 6:00PM Bible Stdy | 20 6:30am Men's Study LENTEN BIBLE STUDY w/DINNER | 2. 10 pm Sweet \& Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal | 22 | 23 |
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| 79 AM Adult Sunday School last class COMMUNION | 8 | 9 :30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros 6:00PM Bible Stdy | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text { 6:30am } \\ \text { Men's Study } \end{gathered}$ | 11 <br> 6:30pm Sweet \& Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal | 12 | 13 |
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| 21 | 22 <br> Council on Ministries Meeting 6:30 pm | 23 <br> 9:30AM Tues Stdy 5:30PM Sm Grp 6:30PM Bnd of Bros 6:00PM Bible Stdy | $24$ <br> 6:30am Men's Study | 25 <br> 6:30pm Sweet \& Salty Bible Study Praise Rehearsal | 26 | 27 |
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