

FAWN TALES

April 2022

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What is Lent and why does it last forty days?



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on **Ash Wednesday** and ends on Holy Saturday. **Lent** comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, **fasting** and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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Sunrise worship symbols

The cemetery was an important part of that first gathering. As the women went to the tomb on the first Easter Sunday, these celebrations happened at the graves of the faithful. Some of the early worship services included a time of caring for the cemetery grounds.

While a cemetery may seem to be a morbid place for worship, it serves to remind the congregation that Jesus' **resurrection** is a foretaste of the resurrection of the faithful still to come (**1 Corinthians 15:20-28**).

If possible, congregations will gather facing east to watch the sunrise. With the coming of a new day, and especially during the early days of Spring, we are reminded of new life.

Some will remember the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined" (**Isaiah 9:2 NRSV**). Sometimes the world around us can seem very dark, but in Christ we have a light of hope, the very presence of God in the midst of us.

Today, United Methodists **gather in a variety of places**. Some outside and others indoors. Some will bring lawn chairs to a nearby beach. Others will bundle up and gather around a fire to counter the cold of the morning. Still others will enter their church's sanctuary for a special worship experience. Wherever the faithful come together, we gather in the presence of God, to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of our resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Hello Church,

You have probably come across people in your life that have certain characteristics that are not just part of who they are, but it really defines who they are. That the characteristic or personality of the person is so strong that it's hard to imagine the person without it. For good or bad it really becomes their identity.

What defines you in your life? As Christians the resurrection of Jesus is not just another part of the story, nor is Easter just another holiday in the year. The Resurrection of Jesus is a powerful defining event for Christians. Christians began to worship on Sunday's, rather than the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) because they were defined by Jesus' resurrection. Even through the season of Lent where we are contemplative on our sin and Jesus' death, we pause each week for a celebration of the resurrection day each Sunday.

While our worship life is characterized by Jesus Resurrection, the greater question is whether or not our life is characterized by Jesus' resurrection. Does our life hold to, affirm, and proclaim that God is able to make the broken to become whole, the sick to be well, the lost to be found, and the dead to find life? Does our life hold to the wonderful truth that no matter what we are going through there is hope and life offered to us because of Jesus' resurrection?

May we not just be resurrection people during the season or day of Easter, but may His resurrection define who we are so completely that we are nothing without it. This hope of resurrection is not just for when we die, but to be lived out in life as Paul says in Colossians 3 *"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."*

Let us rise with Him and together bring this hope of resurrection to our world!

In Christ, Pastor Dave

Contemporary Service

9:30AM (Sanctuary)

Kids for Christ

9:30AM

Traditional Service

11:00AM (Sanctuary)

Adult Growth Groups

8:30AM (Parlor)

9:15AM (Social Hall)

10:30AM (Parlor)

Palm Sunday Service

April 10, 2022

Maundy Thursday Service

April 14, 2022

7pm

Good Friday Service(Prospect)

April 15, 2022

7pm

Sunrise Service Easter

April 15, 2022

7am

Easter Sunday Service

April 17, 2022

Combined Service Begins

May 29, 2022



HE IS RISEN!

PRAYER MINISTRIES OF FAWN CHURCH

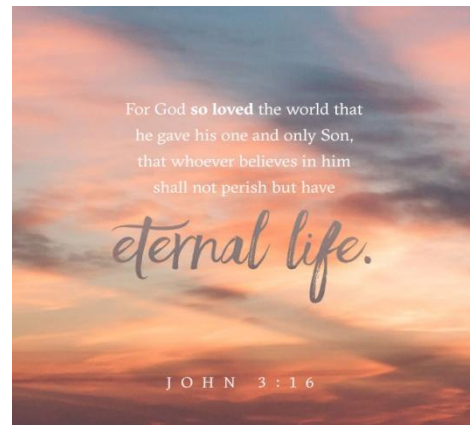
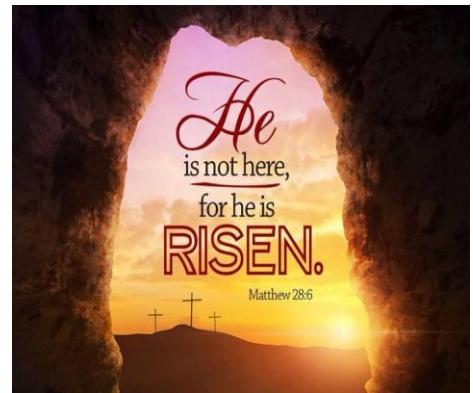


Anointing and Pastoral Care: Our church family wishes to pray for anyone before surgery or at a time of illness. Anointing with oil and laying on of hands is offered and especially encouraged during Worship.

Prayer Book: Please see our prayer book on The stand in the lobby for names of those to Pray for and where you can request prayer.

E-mail Prayer Chain:

Call or email Church Office (717)382-4573
fawnumchurch@gmail.com



Wendell & Elizabeth Hostler, Helen North, Raymond & Ella Mae Thomas, Amanda Strumsky, Taylor Howell, Jennifer Marino, Kimberly Glass, Jackie Delgado, Nick Zell, Helen Stewart, Ben Boyles, Roland Family, Annie Kurtz, Crizer Family, Tim Jarrett, Kim Thompson & Family



Fawn UMC Mission/HUB Update:

Thank you to those who volunteered to prepare and serve the meal at the Delta Community Center on March 27th. The Delta Community meal went great! We served 120 meals (*total for on site and carryout*). Everyone was very thankful and appreciated the delicious lasagna and cookies! We enjoyed great fellowship with the community.

Mission Opportunities:

- If you are cleaning out your closet and have shoes you no longer need, please consider donating them. Mission Central collects them for international micro-enterprise programs; small businesses such as repair shops, small shops or individuals able to sell shoes to provide income for their families leading to economic stability. Please drop them in the box provided in the lobby,
- Also, please remember to donate any medical equipment no longer needed (i.e., walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, knee scooters, etc.). Mission Central works to be sure anyone in need of medical items will have access - at NO COST.
- **The HUB Sewing Ministry** will meet on Saturday, **April 2nd from 9 Until 11 AM**. Please consider joining us as we continue to make blankets and other items for those hurting, healing and in need.

Note:

- We are no longer collecting Campbell's Soup Labels for Red Bird Mission as Campbell's has stopped the label program.
- We will continue to collect Box Tops for Education. Please be sure to check the expiration dates. They CANNOT accept Expired coupons.
- We are no longer collecting Men's sweat pants for KD. The need has been fulfilled at this time.
 - Thank you all for your faithful donations in these ministries



Save  **Please!**

Every clip counts



God's Mission:
Unstoppable



thank you ♥

UKRAINE PROJECT

Over \$100,000 in goods have gone to Ukraine

Mission Central continues to supply Ukraine. Items include: gauze pads, medical dressings, antiseptic treatment, alcohol pads, adult diapers, catheters, masks, isolation gowns, syringes, Tylenol and flu medications, sutures, medical needles and more.



Mission Central has partnered with Teknika based in San Jose, CA, who had to close a Ukrainian warehouse in Kharkiv because of the war. Teknika is now collecting and sending items for Ukraine via cargo van to Chicago, and from there by plane into Poland; however, they were struggling to sort through the donations.

Mission Central has a huge base of volunteers and therefore has the ability to supply and sort goods including medical items, disaster recovery supplies and more. God has brought these teams together.

- **What can you do to assist?**

The most important things to do now are praying for those impacted, donating money and spreading the word about what we are doing here. (The more support we can get, the more people we can assist.)

- **Where do the items go?**

The items go to soldiers on the front line, those assisting with war efforts and those who are living in Ukraine.

- **Are you helping refugees?**

We are not assisting refugees now, although that will be our focus later. We are shifting priorities as needed. Some churches and nonprofits have picked up items to go to refugees, and we will continue to support these efforts.

If you would like to make a donation to Mission Central's UKRAINE PROJECT to help them obtain supplies, here are some options:

- 1) Donate thru the **Mission Central Website** (missioncentral.org)
 - 2) Place a check in the offering plate payable to **Fawn UMC** with a note designating it for the Ukraine Project. We will then be sure your donations are sent directly to Mission Central.
 - 3) Contact any of us on the Mission Team (Gayle, Pat, Jo Ann, Carolyn, Jean or Pattie) with any questions. Your gifts can go a long way in helping us to Connect God's Resources with Human Need. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ,
- Fawn Mission/HUB Team

**"Whatever you have done for the least of these,
my brothers and sisters, you have done for me." Matthew 25:40**

Backpack Program

Friday, April 1, 2022	Jen Scott	443-528-5260
Friday, April 8, 2022	Johnny Ayres	717-487-9283
Thursday, April 14, 2022	Cindy Hall	717-968-7447
Friday, April 22, 2022	KD FFA	
Friday, April 29, 2022	Joanne Sliger	birdiesliger@gmail.com

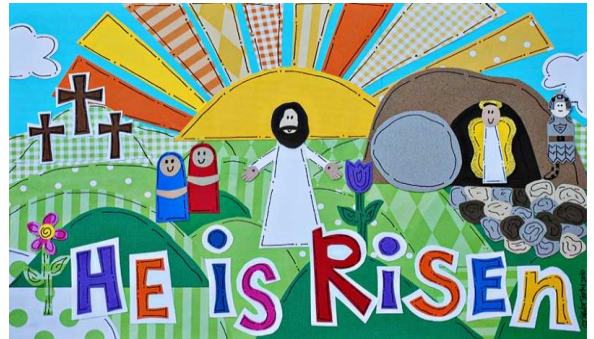
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Thank you for your continued
Support of our ministry.

Kids for Christ Worship

This is available for children in preschool thru 5th grade. Please come and join us as children, each Sunday morning at 9:30am.



Our Youth meet every Sunday from 6-8pm during the 2022 school year. Please contact our Youth Director, Jeffrey Billings if you have any additional questions.

Jeflynbila@aol.com
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Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning @ 7:00pm. Please invite anyone in the church to join us as we prepare our Lent and Easter music.



We will be singing on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday

Spring 2022 Sound/Projection Schedule for April

4-Apr Ben Lowe 717-891-0380
11-Apr Whiteford Bev 717-818-0225
18-Apr Ayres 717-487-9283
25-Apr Hall 443-562-8607

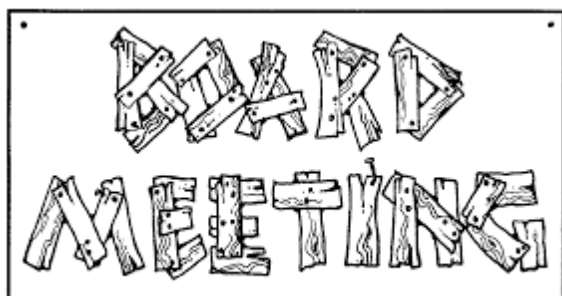


Meetings will be held on:

April 12th,

May 10th,

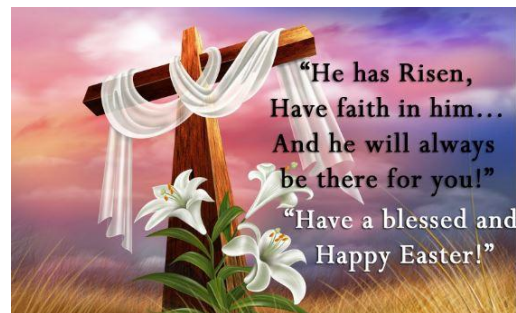
June 14th at 7:00PM



Trustee meeting April 12th 2022
SPRC meeting April TBD

Easter Lilies

*Our Lilies should arrive on the 8th or 9th of April.
The flowers will be here for Palm Sunday and
Easter Sunday. Our Good Friday Service this year
is at Prospect.*



April 22, 2022



Easter Flowers

In Memory of "My Dave" and friends, Don & Mike Morris
Given By Charlie & Phyllis

In Memory of Eddie & Gary Crizer & friend Lee Tobin
Given By Charlie & Phyllis

In Memory of Ed Bulette, Mary & Willis Bulette, Evelyn & Wilmer Towson,
Carrie Towson, Bill Towson, Audrey & Dick Towson
Given By the Family

In Honor of Richard & Eleanor Hall
Given By the Hall Family

In Honor of George & Priscilla Knight
Given By the Hall Family

In Memory of Bob Zimmerman
Given By Wife Arlene Zimmerman

In Memory of Loved Ones
Given By Arlene Zimmerman and Family

In Memory of Connie Cooper
Given By Jean Hostler

In Memory of Loved Ones
Given By Pat Tschudy

In Memory of Lee Tobin
Given By Charmaine Tobin

In Memory of my Grandmother
Given By Amber Spencer

In Memory of Milford Allen & Peggy Ann Wales
Given By Robin S. Wales

In Memory of Don & Mike
Given By Carolyn (Mom)

In Memory of Our Parents Alberta & Weaver Ruff,
Audrey & Merryman Roger
Given By Ron & Mary Ann Ruff

In Memory of Our Mommy Ashley Ayres
Given By Audrey & Sarah Ayres

In Memory of Steve Reid
Given By the Parents

In Honor of Toni & Riley
Given By Ann Frey

In Memory of Loved Ones
Given By Marlene and Andrew Manifold

In Memory of Pop-Pop and Mom-Mom Brown
Given By Lance and Lauren Cooper

In Memory of Father, Mother and Brother
Given By Chris, Leisa, Lance and Lauren Cooper

In Memory of Our Parents
Given By Dave & Martha Gemmill



In loving memory of our parents and grandparents:
Joseph and Dorothy Herbert
Dale & Violet Shanberger
With Love,
George and Lucille Shanberger & family

In loving memory of Jonathan Shanberger
With Love,
Mom, Dad, Dylan, Kaitlyn & family

House of Worship Program

Small donations from a committed congregation can make astounding impact on the lives of those around them. If your church is able to round up 20 participating members, they could receive on average a donation of \$600 a year. Following the 2020-2021 heating season, Aero Energy was able to donate **\$18,511.36** to churches, and with your help we can top that number this year!

Common Questions

1. If I become a House of Worship Program participant, will I pay more for my fuel?

No, you pay the same price per gallon you are paying now. This is a donation from Aero Energy to your church. Aero Energy donates 4 cents for every gallon of fuel you use, that is all.

2. Does my church need to use propane or heating oil to receive the donation?

No, your church does not need to use propane or heating oil to receive the annual Aero Energy House of Worship Program donation.

3. Does my church need to be an Aero Energy customer in order to receive an Aero Energy House of Worship donation?

No, but they are welcome to switch to Aero Energy and receive four cents in donations for every gallon they use.

Church family this is a win win!! Please consider calling Aero Energy to enroll for their free program. This is a wonderful way to donate to our Church. Information can be found on their website or in our Lobby.



