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2022

WORSHIP

Easter Sunrise Services available:

Hanover

Sunrise Service at 6:30am in their outdoor chapel. Please bring your folding chairs, breakfast to follow in the dining room.

2nd Presbyterian Church Newark
7:00am on the front side in the street (they close the road), bring a lawn chair.

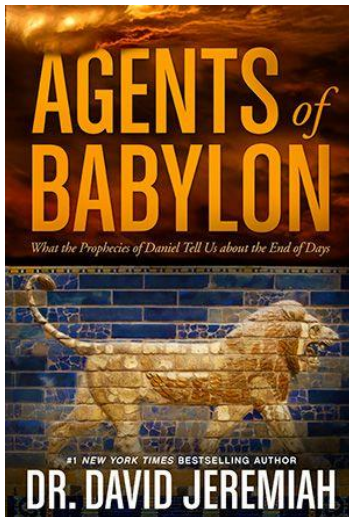
Utica Presbyterian Church
8:00am Sunrise Service on their grounds.

Tom Mackey will be bringing the message on Easter Sunday morning.

Karen Fish's Elder installation will be held on April 24th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Agents of Babylon – What the Prophecies of Daniel tell us about the end of days



April 3rd through June 19th 2022– including Easter Sunday

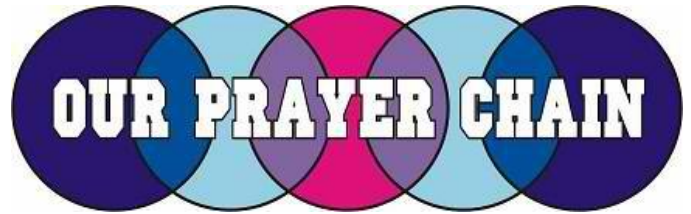
God began speaking to Daniel in dreams, visions, and wise understandings during his time of captivity in Babylon in 605 B.C. His prophecies were delivered to and through a cast of characters whom Dr.

Jeremiah refers to as the "agents of Babylon." All of these agents play a part in the unfolding story of Daniel in Babylon.

In this series, Dr. Jeremiah provides a great tool for study on the book of Daniel. Through it, you will gain new understanding about our culture and the future of God's people, and you will grow in your confidence that the Lord will fulfill the remaining prophecies of Daniel.

Dr. Jeremiah does the teaching in this 12-week DVD study with a focus on the application for us today as we live in an increasing secularized culture.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Prayer Chain Updates – Please send all prayer requests to Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net. Please state whether requests are for Prayer Chain Only or should also be distributed to the church body. You can also do a reply all on one of your prayer chain emails and send out a new request to the prayer team.

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

As a church worshiping in the reformed tradition, Wednesday, March 2 begins our Lenten journey. This journey prepares us for the celebration of Easter. It is a season to observe and commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, our Redeemer and Savior, and is a season of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Since just after World War II, our church has collected monetary gifts for the One Great Hour of Sharing. The Session has once again approved receiving these sacrificial gifts. They will be evenly divided between World Vision International and the local Salvation Army. The gifts will be collected between Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 and Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.

World Vision International is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid, development and advocacy organization, which was founded in 1950. Their focus is on helping the most vulnerable children and their communities overcome poverty and experience fullness of life. Children of all backgrounds are helped, even in the most dangerous places, inspired by Christian faith. They seek in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, to seek justice and bear the good news of the kingdom of God, to the children and their communities.

The Newark Salvation Army, part of an international movement, is an evangelical part of

the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Resources in Newark and Licking County are focused on alleviating poverty. The corps' centers provide the needy with hunger relief. They accomplish this from the soup kitchen, choice food pantry, community dinners and summer feeding programs for children. Other programs include programs for the homeless, adult education, job service programs, senior and elderly assistance, programs for teens and children, clothing distribution and worship services.

Envelopes for this offering and collection banks will be available at the sanctuary doors. The offering is to be dedicated on April 10th. Last year we received \$1085.00.

Hebrews 13:16 reminds us - "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." May we please God in this holy season.

The E&O Committee

The Wilson Gift Card fundraiser was a success!

We were able to sell 62 gift cards and the church makes \$5.00 on each gift card. The fundraiser brought in \$310.00 additional funds for the church.



Thank you to all that participated in this fundraiser.



Operation Christmas Child Collection April - the suggested item is Easter stuffed animals or small toys. The box will be up front in the sanctuary.



Tuesday, March 22, this crew went to **Candlewick Commons** and served a meal. They had about 12 in attendance and Ann Marie Robinson came and played some music and everyone enjoyed listening to the music. Thank you so much for ministering in Jesus name to the residence at Candlewick Commons.

Starting Strong

Starting Strong Ohio is an organization spun out of Fostering Further, a local Licking county Organization whose goal is to support foster kids and fostering families. Starting Strong Ohio works to support kids aging out of the foster system and transitioning into adulthood. They provide classes, mentoring, and some help with housing. Licking County has an average of 25-30 kids aging out of the system every year.

We are gathering items to create apartment kits that will be given to youth as they move into their first apartments. We have a few items left on the sign-up sheet if you are able to participate still. We are gathering the items in the storage room across from the bathrooms in the basement. Last year Starting Strong Ohio gave out 46 apartment kits in Licking County and surrounding counties. Our goal is to donate 10 kits. We have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for the items requested to make the kits. (Gently used pots and pans are acceptable as long as they meet the requirements for the kit.) You may also donate money designated to the apartment kits. If you have any questions or would like to shop for items please contact me, sarah@bowlesfamily.us

Please bring in all items by Sunday April 24th

Blessings Box is in need of items if you are able to contribute. Pop top cans, breakfast bars, orange juice, tuna, small jars of peanut butter, boost, v-8 juice, granola bars, beef stew, progresso soup, etc. Thank you to all that continue to contribute.



Y-Healthy Kids Backpack Program
 We hosted 16 members of the Lions Club for a packing party Wednesday March 30th. They packed 60 boxes.
 Thank you so much for your participation!!

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### St Patrick's Day Luncheon

We had a nice turn out for our St. Patrick's Day Potluck. We had lots of good food and great fellowship. Thank you to all that came and brought food.



The scrip program is continuing the **first Sunday of each month**. Please see Gaye Gibson in the front of the Sanctuary before or after the Worship services on Sunday.

## CHURCH LIFE

**Good Morning Bible Study** meets on Thursday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00-12:00.

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Women's Bible Study

Tuesday night at 6:30 pm in the F.H.

Call Priscilla for more details.

All women are welcome. Ring the bell if you don't have a key.

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**THANK YOU TOM AND KEEGAN!!**

A big thank you to Tom Cumminskey from Park National Bank for letting us know our hatch on the top of the roof had blown off. With the sky getting blacker and the Church mice in the house, Priscilla called Keegan Hare and he so graciously came and put the cover back over the hole in the roof. Thank you both! Gary was with Deb for her surgery.

## April Birthdays

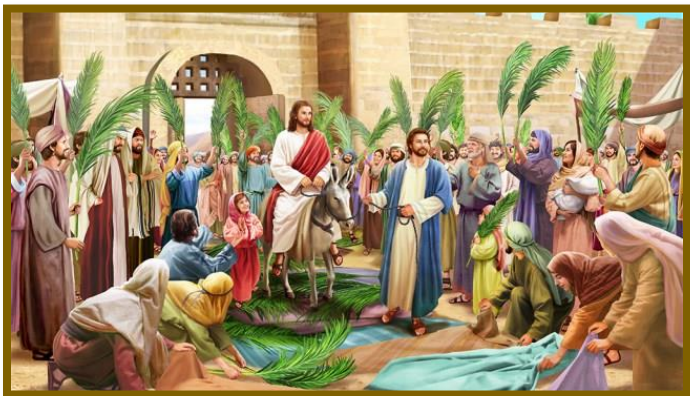
Sam Lieb 4/11  
Priscilla Hare 4/12  
Chris Bowles 4/16  
Barb Jobes 4/28  
Carolyn Durr 4/30



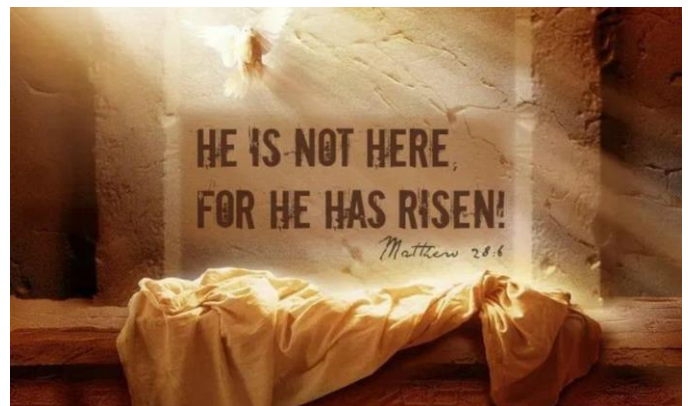
## April Anniversaries

Forrest & Thelma Smythe 4/8  
Chris and Sarah Bowles 4/16  
David and Kay Kittel 4/16

He makes a grand entrance into the city **on a donkey** to fulfil the prophesy of Zechariah, **“Tell the city of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you! He is humble and rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”**  
The crowds throw palm branches and put blankets on the road before Jesus.

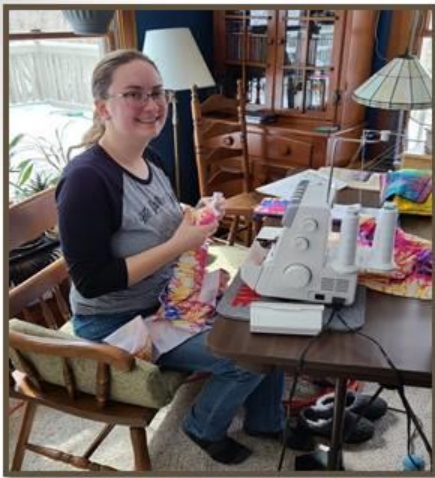


On Easter Day the lilies bloom,  
Triumphant, raised from their tomb;  
Their bulbs have undergone rebirth,  
Born from the silence of the earth  
Symbolically, to tell all men  
That Christ, the Savior, lives again.  
The angels, pure and white as they,  
Have come and rolled the stone away  
And with the lifting of the stone,  
The shadow of the cross is gone!”  
—June Masters Bacher






**As part of a joint mission project with Athens First and Amesville Presbyterian,** we held another sewing day on March 12. The finished product will be hygiene kits for girls that are distributed through the Healing Art Mission clinic in Dumay, Haiti. If you would like to be part of the kitting party (we have all the pieces from the other churches gathered here), call the church office and let Sheri know so we can make sure you hear when it is scheduled. We will stage this in the fellowship hall as soon as the last bit of surging is completed, date yet to be determined. Also somewhere down the road we will stage another sewing gathering. Washing and ironing are prep steps that could happen in your home if that is a way you might like to participate.



**Thank you to all that had a part in this ministry project.**



# April 2022



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| 10 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9:15 Adult SS in FH & Zoom<br>10:15-10:45 Coffee Hr. FH<br>11:00 Church – Sanctuary<br>Last day for OGHS Offering |  11  | 12<br>10:00 am Church Mice<br>6:30pm Women's Bible Study FH | 13        | 14<br>10:00 Good Morning Bible Study -FH | 15     | 16   |
| 17 <b>–Easter Sunday</b><br>9:15 Adult SS in FH & Zoom<br>10:15-10:45 Coffee Hr. FH<br>11:00 Church – Sanctuary                            |  18 | 19<br>10:00 am Church Mice<br>6:30pm Women's Bible Study FH | 20        | 21<br>10:00 Good Morning Bible Study -FH | 22     | 23   |
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**Please check page one of the April Newsletter to find places that are hosting an Easter Sunrise service. Everyone that is hosting one of these events would be happy to have you attend and stay for breakfast if they are providing that at their site.**

The Birth Flower  
of May:  
Lily of  
the Valley



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