

Welcome!

ALL WHO COME TO WORSHIP GOD ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE.

This is Christ's Church and together we are seeking to love the world as the Beloved did. We also seek to be as embracing as Jesus was. Therefore, everyone is invited into full membership and ministry regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, or worldly condition.

A SPECIAL WELCOME If you are visiting us for the first time today, or you are a returning visitor, we're glad you are here! **Please be sure to sign the pew register, where you will also find nametags.** We hope you'll use them so we can introduce ourselves and get to know you during Social Hour. **We use nametags too, so you can get to know us!**

Join us for Social Hour, downstairs in the Social Hall, following worship.

	<u>Serving this Morning</u>	<u>April 21 (Easter Sunday)</u>
Liturgist	Patricia Boone	Heather Graden & Teegan Ernst
Sound System	Janet Lowry	Ben Marston
Offering Assistant	Margaret Champion	Lisa Foster
Ushers	Lisa Foster, David Chalk, Pat Basler, Ruth Anne Van Loon, Carolyn Gutjahr, Anne Marciniak, Teegan Ernst	Communion/Ushers: Pete Tuff, Dave Simon, Margaret Champion, Salvador Leavitt-Alcántara
Coffee Hour	Earl Apel Agape Group	David Foote Agape Group

OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

Carolyn Gutjahr and family upon the passing of her aunt Irene Ehrmann at age 99; John Wegener in rehabilitation at Bayley Place, 990 Bayley Dr., Cincinnati 45233; Amy Grady, health issues; Yvonne Meichtry and her mom, Eileen, who is currently in a rehabilitation center; Jane Kenney; Ellen Kobe (Lynn Hailey's niece); Gary Midge (Pastor Stacey's dad) chemotherapy; Abigail Gutjahr (Carolyn's Niece) undergoing chemo; Anne Steinert's sister-in-law, Rachel Smith-Steinert and Amanda Kuhn, whose mother, Sue Ann Smith, was moved to hospice care; Jonathan Ross and family (Pat Timm's nephew); Michael Harper; Pat Lefeld; Gwen Ramgobin; Brian Tansey; Seth Currier; Steve Ingmire (Susan's brother); DJ Chalk (Dave's son); Kathy Pentz (Jean Snyder's sister-in-law); Jessica Snyder (Jean Snyder's granddaughter); Bonnie Bohn; Jan Gallagher; Jose Cabrera; Bob Jones; Bill Porter; Peter E. Tuff (Pete's dad); Margaret Standriff and Sandee Ernst & family; Yvonne Hailey (Lynn's mom); Caz (Dave Chalk's grandson); Billie (Lew VanderNaald's mom); Mary Ann Ignatius; Bill Rogers.

Please contact the church office with updates.

HELP WANTED!

MAPC WORKDAY

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9 A.M. – NOON, PLEASE COME!

- ✓ We need volunteers to work **inside** to clean kitchens, fridges, microwaves, change lightbulbs, perform minor repairs, etc.
- ✓ We also need help **outside** (weather permitting) to pick up litter, do yard work, wash windows, etc.
- ✓ Everything you do around your own homes we need help with at MAPC.

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

You don't have to stay the full 3 hours! Any help is appreciated.

Donuts and a light lunch provided.



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BULLETIN BOARD

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – The Presbyterian Hunger Program and - Self-Development of People – are the three programs supported by the OGHS offering. The offering will be received **today**. Our 1st Sunday loose change offering also supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the OGHS.

SECOND SUNDAY DONATIONS

- ☞ During the offering, **today**, we will collect items for the St. George Food Pantry. The **April** requested items are: **Easter candy, healthy snacks**. They are of course grateful for all donations. Make checks payable to MAPC and note **Food Pantry**.
 - ☞ The Board of Deacons will offer for purchase, lunches for those less fortunate. The suggested offering is \$2.50. They will be on sale in the Social Hall. Look for Sara Bick and Anne Marciniak. Thank you for supporting those in need.
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MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

The service will be held this Thursday, April 18, at **6:30pm (NOT 7pm as in previous years)** in **the Social Hall**. Enter into the story of Christ's final meal with his disciples in this multi-sensory worship service including a light supper and Communion.

PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION COMMUNITY

Adult Encounters meets on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Geier Room.

April 21 (Easter): We will be considering the Easter sermon *Preparing to Preach on RESURRECTION: Giving up the notion of a physical resuscitation*, by the Rev. Dawn Hutchings. Copies of the sermon are available today in the Social Hall for you to read ahead of the session but are not necessary for attendance. Come and discuss this thought-provoking idea. Coffee and holiday treats will be served.

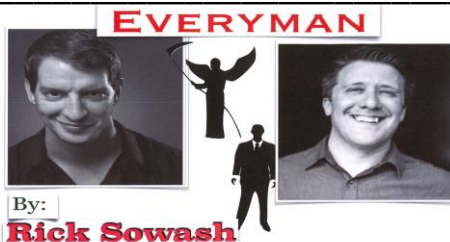
April 28: Justice Seeking Community presents Samantha Searls from the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center. Her work there has been focusing on the issues of human trafficking and immigration. She will have been on a witnessing trip to the Tucson/Nogales border region from March 23-28. She will be speaking about the situation she found there as it pertains to the separation of children from their parents and the immigration process.

Godly Play

Following the time with the youngest disciples, the children leave for the Education Wing, with the Godly Play storyteller, for a time to learn about the Christian faith through stories and play. **We are always in need of Doorpersons who help in the classroom and support our Godly Play Storyteller, Bess Lindeman.** No experience is necessary; only a commitment to our young children is required. See Bri Leavitt-Alcántara if you can help or sign up today on the Progressive Ed whiteboard outside the Social Hall.

Nursery Care is provided from **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** for infants and children to 3 yrs.

If you have any questions about our Encounters programs, please contact Ruth Anne Van Loon.



MID-OHIO MUSICAL OPERA MADNESS!!!

MAPC INVITES YOU TO THE OPERA

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 28 (the Sunday after Easter)** and join us for worship! On that Sunday, in place of the sermon, a small ensemble from the Mid-Ohio Opera will perform Rick Sowash's short operetta, "God's Messenger Comes to Everyman."

Appropriate for a post-Easter Sunday, it is based on the medieval morality play "Everyman" in which two soloists (Death and Everyman) reflect on the gift of life, the journey and its ephemeral nature.

FROM JUSTICE-SEEKING COMMUNITY - Mark your calendar!

LUNCH + Small Table Discussion on US Immigration Reform

Sunday, April 28, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Social Hall

The Justice Seeking Community invites you to participate in small table conversation about the crisis at the Southern border and the policy changes that lead to fair and just pathways to citizenship. A JS community member will be seated at each table to facilitate conversation, but this gathering is really a chance for all in attendance to have civil and compassionate dialogue on one of today's most challenging and heart wrenching human rights issues.

ALL ARE WELCOME! You do not need to make a reservation for lunch BUT if you know that you plan to attend, it would be helpful in terms of food preparation to let Linda Ford know in advance of the date. You might also find it helpful to watch Separated: Children at the Border (55 minutes in duration) prior to the luncheon. This video is available at <https://www.pbs.org/video/separated-children-border-b-maznib/>.



FROM THE EARTH CARE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., we will collect the following:

- Block Styrofoam packing material – white only, must be clean
- Styrofoam peanuts (noodles) – white and colored peanuts separated, must be clean
- Styrofoam egg cartons
- Plastic plant containers (garden store type)

Recycling collection is in the parking lot – if bad weather, we will be in the Social Hall

OPEN STACKS BOOK CLUB Celebrates Its' 15th Anniversary

And what a way to kick it off! **Note: different day of the week! On Wednesday, May 1st,** we will gather in the Geier Room to discuss Michelle Obama's book, ***Becoming***. And we are proud to announce that her dear friend, Verna Williams, will be our special guest. Verna traveled to the White House twice yearly to assist Michelle with recording her White House memories. Verna was named Dean of the UC Law School. In the acknowledgements, the First Lady wrote that she didn't keep a journal but did rely on the twice a year meetings with her friend, Verna Williams.

We are meeting on the first Wednesday of May to accommodate Ms. Williams' busy schedule. This is such a privilege and one we are sure you won't want to miss.

As usual, we will gather at 7pm and start the discussion at 7:30. We have received permission from session to serve wine. We request that you bring a simple snack, appetizer or dessert and wine to share. We will provide coffee, tea and soft drinks.



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!!

FROM THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR - SEEKING SPACE SHARER!

We are looking for a non-profit organization to lease the MAPC office space on the ground level facing the parking lot. **It is 525 square feet, two rooms, freshly painted and carpeted and includes built in shelves, a restroom and direct outside access.** If you know of an organization that may be interested, please let Dave Simon know, or have the interested party contact him directly.

MAPC CALENDAR**April 14 - 21**

Date	Time	Group/Purpose	Room
Sunday April 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 12:30 PM	AA Encounters Worship Social Hour Welcoming Community	Geier Rm Geier Rm Sanctuary Social Hall Conference Rm
Monday April 15	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	GLSEN Meet-up Support Group Heidi Middendorf Recital	Social Hall Geier Rm Sanctuary
Wednesday April 17	11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Staff mtg. Joint Operations Group Building & Grounds Finance & Stewardship Amber Monroe Recital	Conference Rm Conference Rm Geier Rm Conference Rm Sanctuary
Thursday April 18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Choir	Sanctuary Music Rm
Saturday April 20	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Church Workday Set-up for Easter AMOS Early Learning Project	Kitchen for assignments Sanctuary Education wing
Sunday April 21 <i>Easter</i>	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	AA Encounters Worship Social Hour	Geier Rm Geier Rm Sanctuary Social Hall