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### **Holy Week Schedule**

**Community Easter Egg Hunt:** April 9 from 11 am—  
Noon at Jerry Cross Park

**Palm Sunday w/ KHS Chorale:** April 10 at 7 pm

**Tenebrae Service (Maundy Thurs.):** April 14 at 7 pm

**Good Friday:** April 15 Online viewing of the Passion  
Play at Noon & after

**Community Sunrise Service:** April 17 at 6:45 am at  
Boy Scout Lake (small pavilion) - bring a chair

**Children's Egg Hunt & Activity:** April 17 at 9 am

**Traditional Easter Festival Service:** April 17 at 10 am

All are welcome to join us as we walk from  
darkness into the light of the empty tomb!



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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Amidst rising inflation, war in Ukraine, potential conflicts around the globe, COVID fatigue, and a myriad of social issues within our borders, a group of US senators took action on March 15th of this year. The Senate unanimously agreed to keep America on Daylight Saving Time permanently. (At the time of this writing, there was no action taken by the House of Representatives.) Of all the things besetting our world, it seems like a trivial thing, but at least it brought our senators together, which is a rare occurrence.

With all the things going on in the world, it may seem like a trivial thing to talk about time. After all, future generations may read this newsletter as some ancient artifact of our times and think I ignored all the greater social issues to fixate on pie-in-the-sky spiritual ones.

When it comes to time, I have often believed that a perfect calendar would be much like this year's. Ash Wednesday would fall late in February or early March. It seems that people are more attuned to going on a spiritual journey after the holiday fatigue sets in from hopping from one special day to the next from late November into March. Again, in years like this one, it seems people are more prepared spiritually to celebrate Easter than in years where it feels as though it is found on the heels of St. Patrick's Day.

On another note, when Easter falls much earlier, it feels rushed with holidays compressed and falling on top of one another. Ash Wednesday can occur before Valentine's Day. St. Patrick's Day can be on Palm Sunday or during Holy Week, and it doesn't seem right—even to the least observant Christians—to indulge so much the week leading up to the commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion.

Not so this year! We have had a bit of time to prepare for this Easter. We won't have to worry about pulling down the shamrocks to put up the Easter decorations. Even though we are pulling out of our COVID fog, our Palm

Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter celebrations may seem a bit more subdued when compared with other years.

Like our Christmas Eve service this past December, we want people to focus less on the pageantry and production of the worship service and to focus more on worship and service.

The sermons in our Sunday worship of 2022 has consisted of contemplating spiritual gifts in January and February to journeying through the Parables in Lent. The Parables have helped to teach us some biblical principles and doctrines while pushing us to think about how we apply our faith in Christian service.

Hopefully, our Easter worship services will find themselves nestled into a beautiful Spring day. The likelihood

of such a good day increases the later the date. March teased us with days in the 70s followed by temperatures falling below freezing. I went from sunshine greeting me in the morning to what felt like interminable darkness when I left my home after Daylight Saving Time asked me to spring forward once again.

Such swings in weather conditions and time changes create confusion for the body. The many issues referenced at the beginning of this article likewise create confusion for the mind, the emotions, and the soul. We need to find clarity of heart and mind and spirit in these days. We need to do more than walk toward the solution—we need to run.

Running will be the theme of our Easter worship services. Don't worry, you will not need to bring your track shoes. To get to Easter worship, we will travel through Jesus' last moments with a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service. After a brief opening of scripture, short sermon, and Communion, we will hear of the



events that led Jesus' to the Cross. On Good Friday, you will be able to meditate on Jesus' Last Words on your own (those scriptures are printed in this newsletter), or you may watch the Passion Play from a previous year through the churches website and social media.

While those events will harken back to earlier times (some farther back in our history than others), they are meant not as laments for what we have lost but as touchstones that will help propel us forward to future service in the light of God's love, which brings us back to the theme of running on Easter.

This year, when you think of running, due to this (in my opinion) near perfect calendar, I hope you are not running a mad dash to find the perfect ingredients for the dishes on the dinner table. I hope you are not running from one holiday to the next or running to decorate the perfect way.

Rather, I hope you are running to see what the Lord has done. Whether you meet us at Boy Scout Lake at 6:45AM for the sunrise at the Sunrise service or gather at 10AM for Easter worship, I hope you are running to find the tomb empty and the promise of Christ's Resurrection fulfilled. When worship is done, I hope you find yourself running. Instead of running to get a good seat at the local Easter brunch or meet family, I hope you run as the first disciples did: to share the Good News with those whose faith was shaken, to proclaim release to those still captive in their sins, and to bring mercy and grace to people who live in a world devoid of both.

In some ways, having Easter fall this late in the year, makes me feel as though I have missed out in the sense that I should have already arrived at Easter and forgot to stop at my destination. In other words, the weight of Lent and Easter has not fallen on me in the way that I think it should. Still, in the middle of Easter, I know I will feel the deep darkness of Maundy Thursday fall on my soul as the shadows and darkness of the Tenebrae service will en-

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CHURCH:  
MAKING AND MATURING  
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST**

roach onto the corners of our sanctuary. If I keep moving on with the times, I will stumble into the light of Easter until I can gather myself, regain my composure, discover my form, and run for my Lord.

I hope to see you as you do the same. There is a weight to these days that can seem like a burden to our souls, but that same weight, if we allow the Holy Spirit to direct it, can slingshot us forward into the Light. In that Light, the weight falls away, In that Light, we cannot help but to sing our Alleluias as we joyfully proclaim, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" In that Light, we are not confused or fixated with unnecessary or trivial things.

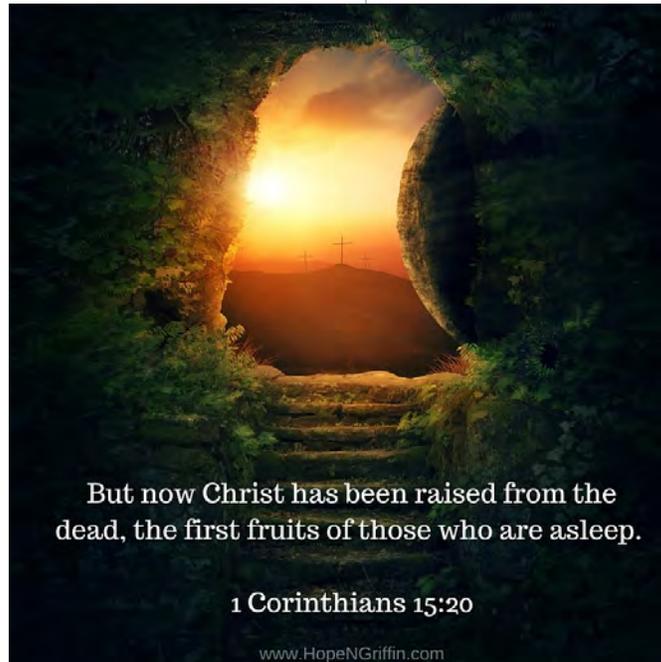
Instead, in that Light—the Light of the World—we find that by loving our God and our neighbor brings peace and prosperity that reaches beyond our locale and our current time. If we want to impact the world, we have to begin hear in our

church. If we want peace in Europe, Asia, and Africa, we have to work for it here in the US of A. If we want it in our country, we start in our town. Before that, we start in our homes. Before that, we begin in our church. Before that, we work on our own hearts. Before all that, we fix our minds on Christ and what He has done for us on the Cross and through the Empty Tomb.

I look forward to going on that journey with you in these strange and wonderful and weighty times for God's glory.

With Christ's eternal love,

*Pastor Randall*



## Preaching Series

In April, we will complete our Lenten journey through some of the parables of Jesus. We will continue to listen as they teach us about aspects of our faith.

Maundy Thursday will be commemorated with a Tenebrae service—its outline is contained on page 5. For Good Friday, there are scripture readings starting on this next page on which you can meditate. Also, a former Passion Play will be posted online for you to watch. On Easter Sunday, we will have a Sunrise service at 6:45AM along with our 10AM service. In the Easter season, we will study selected passages of **Revelation** as we move towards Pentecost. We are living in a time when people think this is the end. As God's children, we want to listen to what His Word truly says, and we want to continue to celebrate what He has done for us, which we will do on **Pentecost Sunday** and **Trinity Sunday**.

03 April

Scripture **Romans 8:26-39**  
**Matthew 13:44-46**  
Sermon **The Treasure:  
The Hidden Treasure  
and the Pearl of  
Great Price**

10 April

**Palm Sunday**  
Scripture **Judges 4:1-7**  
**Luke 15:11-32**  
Sermon **Forgiveness:  
The  
Prodigal  
Son**



14 April

**Maundy Thursday**  
Scripture **Isaiah 25:6-9**  
**Luke 14:7-24**  
Sermon **How to Give  
and Receive a Banquet**  
Communion **Luke 22:14-23**

15 April

**Good Friday**  
Scriptures for Meditation  
**The Seven Last Words of Jesus**

### 1) Jesus Speaks to the Father

**Luke 23:34**

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

### 2) Jesus Speaks to the Criminal on the Cross

**Luke 23:43**

And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

### 3) Jesus Speaks to Mary and John

**John 19:26-27**

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

### 4) Jesus Cries Out to the Father

**Matthew 27:46**

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

**Mark 15:34**

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli,

lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Here Jesus quotes **Psalm 22:1**.

**5) Jesus Is Thirsty** **John 19:28**

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

Jesus refused the initial drink of vinegar, gall, and myrrh (**Matthew 27:34** and **Mark 15:23**) offered to alleviate His suffering. But here, several hours later, we see Jesus fulfilling the messianic prophecy found in **Psalm 69:21**: "They offer Me sour wine for My thirst." (NLT)

**6) It Is Finished** **John 19:30**

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Jesus knew He was suffering the crucifixion for a purpose. Earlier He had said in **John 10:18** of His life, "No one takes

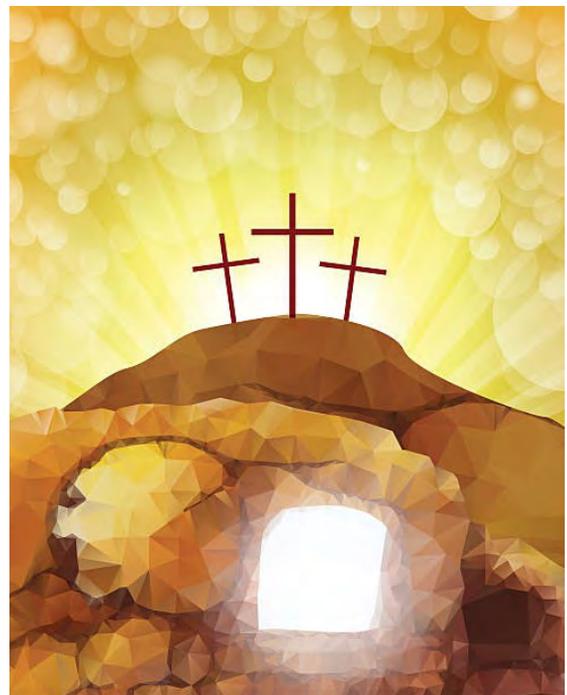


it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

**7) Jesus' Last Words** **Luke 23:46**

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

**Psalm 31:5**: "Into Your hand I commit My spirit; You have redeemed Me, O Lord, faithful God."



17 April **Easter Sunday**  
**Sonrise service** 6:45AM  
Lower Pavilion, Boy Scout Lake  
Scripture **I Corinthians 15:19-26**  
**John 20:1-18**  
Sermon **Everyone Is Running**

**Festival Service** 10AM  
Scripture **Isaiah 65:17-25**  
**Luke 24:1-12**  
Sermon **A Reason to Run**



As part of our Maundy Thursday worship, we will close with a Tenebrae service where we will remember Christ's final hours as He journeyed to the Cross. Our Council members will lead this time of reading scripture and extinguishing the candles on our altar. The music, likewise, will cause us to reflect on God's great love for us as He allowed His Son to be the sacrifice for our sins.



The Passion of our Lord

Lesson I—**Matthew 26:36–46**  
Jesus' disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane.

First Candle Extinguished  
Response—stanza 1  
*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Lesson II—**Matthew 26:47–56**  
Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.  
Second Candle Extinguished  
Response—stanza 1  
*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Lesson III—**Matthew 26:57–68**  
Jesus before the Sanhedrin  
Third Candle Extinguished  
Response—stanza 3  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lesson IV—**Matthew 26:69–75**  
Peter's denial  
Fourth Candle Extinguished  
Response—stanzas 1 and 2  
*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Lesson V—**Matthew 27:15–26**  
Jesus before Pilate  
Fifth Candle Extinguished  
Response—stanzas 1 and 2  
*Were You There*

Lesson VI—**Matthew 27:27–44**  
The soldiers mock Jesus  
Sixth Candle Extinguished  
Response—all stanzas  
*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Lesson VII—**Matthew 27:45–50**  
The death of Jesus  
Christ Candle Extinguished  
(Silence will be observed while the bell tolls.)

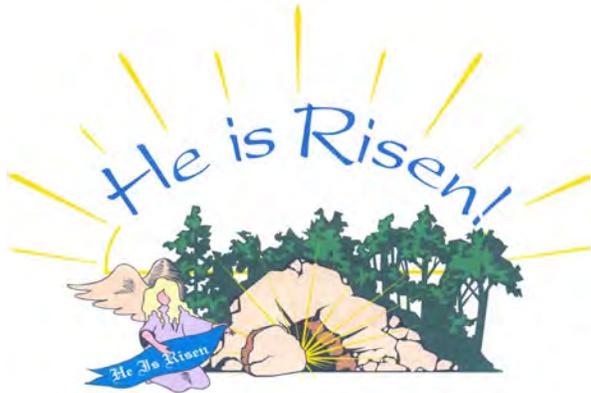
Lesson VIII—**Matthew 27:51–54**  
Surely He was the Son of God

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## Preaching Series

In the Easter season, we will travel with John through His Gospel and the book of His Revelation until we move to Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Here are the scriptures and sermon titles for that time. In the Summer, there will once again be opportunities for you to share ideas (be that scriptures, topics, or songs) for our worship.



24 April	Scripture	<b>Revelation 1:4-8</b> <b>John 20:19-31</b>
	Sermon	<b>People Get Ready</b>
01 May	Scripture	The Family of God <b>Revelation 5:11-14</b> <b>John 21:15-19</b>
	Sermon	<b>Feed My Lambs</b>
08 May	Scripture	<b>Revelation 7:9-17</b> <b>John 10:22-30</b>
	Sermon	<b>E Pluribus Unum</b>
15 May	Scripture	<b>Revelation 21:1-8</b> <b>John 13:31-35</b>
	Sermon	<b>All Things New!</b>
22 May	Scripture	<b>Revelation 21:9-22:5</b> <b>John 14:22-31</b>
	Sermon	<b>Our Final Destination</b>

29 May	Scripture	<b>Revelation 14:6-13</b> <b>Revelation 22:6-21</b>
	Sermon	<b>Blessed are They</b>



05	Scripture	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>Romans 8:14-17</b> <b>John 14:8-17</b>
June	Sermon	<b>The In-Dwelling of the Spirit</b>



12 June	Scripture	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Romans 5:1-5</b> <b>John 16:12-15</b> See Proverbs 8:1-4
	Sermon	<b>The Great Unifying Purpose!</b>



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# COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 9th**  
**11 AM - 12 PM**



**Jerry Cross Park**  
**234 N Main St. Kenton**

**(Behind the first United Methodist Church)**

**Egg hunts for ages Preschool-5th grade**



Piano Concert by Teresa Second Broseke will be Saturday, April 23 from 4-5:30 pm at St. John's Evangelical Church. A free will offering will be taken. Proceeds will benefit Child Evangelism Fellowship. You can also donate directly to CEF on their website: <https://www.cefofwestcentral.org/>  
You can watch the concert online: church website: [stjohnskenton.org](http://stjohnskenton.org); Facebook: St Johns Kenton, Ohio; or Youtube: St. John's Evangelical Church.



We invite everyone to stay for our church family Carry-In luncheon on Sunday, April 24 following the morning worship service for a time of great food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

## **Church Family Photo— Come As You Are**

On Sunday May 1, we are planning on taking Church Family Photos after the morning worship service. We want to show our diversity in the photos by our outfits. Please wear something that shows something about you. It could be related to your job, hobby, sports team, or just showing a unique characteristic that you have. You can wear items such as scrubs, uniforms, hard hats, sports jersey, fishing or hunting vest & gear, any other outfit that shows something about you, or just come as you are and be apart of the picture. Let's have fun with this project!

## **Office Changes**

As some of you already know, I started to sub for Kenton City Schools as an educational aid. The office hours remain the same right now as Michele and/or Randall are here to answer the phones. I have been asked to fill in at the middle school for someone on maternity leave for the rest of the school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I usually come to the church after work for a couple of hours on those days. The rest of the week should remain the same. Thank you for your understanding!

Kathy

## **Graduation Sunday**

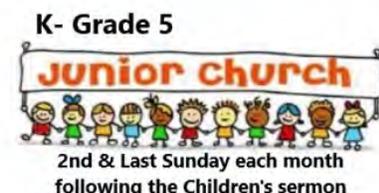
On Sunday, May 22, we will honor our graduates during the worship service. Please contact the church office with your information. Congratulations to all!

## **Nursery & Jr. Church News**

The Nursery is now open during Sunday services for Children Infant – Kindergarten

Jr. Church will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Sunday of each month. Children that are K- grade 5 are eligible to go to Jr. Church following the children's sermon on those weeks.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted outside of Michele's office door for those weeks. Everything is prepared for you. Please see Michele with questions.



# St. John's Church

## Upcoming

# EVENTS

[www.stjohnskenton.org](http://www.stjohnskenton.org)

**April 9**

Community  
Easter Egg  
Hunt  
11 am - Noon  
Jerry Cross  
Park

**April 10**

Community  
Palm Sunday  
Service w/  
KHS Chorale  
7:00 pm

**April 14**

Maundy  
Thursday/  
Tenebrae  
7:00 pm

**April 15**

Good Friday  
Passion Play  
Viewing  
Online - Noon  
& after



**April 17**

6:45 Sunrise- Boy  
Scout Lake  
9:00 Sunday  
School Egg Hunt  
10:00 Traditional  
Easter Service

**April 23**

Piano Concert  
by Teresa  
Broseke  
Benefits CEF  
4-5:30 pm

**April 24**

Carry-In  
Luncheon  
11:15  
following  
worship

**WOW**

**Summer**

(Word on  
Wednesday)  
June 8, 15, 22, 29  
6-8 pm

## Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications

Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at <https://forms.gle/BxSY59hvCfpdEM2J6>. A copy of the application can also be found on the church website at [www.stjohnskenton.org](http://www.stjohnskenton.org). Deadline to apply is April 22.



### Blanchard Place Nursing Home Ministry (First Tuesday)

We will be starting a nursing home ministry at Blanchard Place on May 3 at 1 pm called "First Tuesday." We plan to visit Blanchard Place the first Tuesday of the month to provide a time of song, scriptures, reflections, and prayers. If you would like to participate, please contact the office. You can lead parts of the worship service, visit the residents, or come to be supportive of this outreach.

### Friday With Friends

Friday With Friends is a wonderful group of widows, widowers, and single seniors who meet twice a month for a special time of food, fellowship, and fun. We meet the first and third Fridays of every month. Please join us if you are a widow, widower, or single senior adult. This is not exclusive to St. John's, so pass the word along to someone that you know who could be blessed by this special group. For more information, contact Ethel Koch at 419-674-6344.

#### Forthcoming outings will be as follows:

If out of town, meet at St. John's, corner of Wayne St. and E. Carrol St. to carpool. They leave sharply at 10:45. Still eating at 11:30 am.

April 1—South Side Buckeye (Findlay)

April 15—Belle Center Diner (Belle Center)

## Positions available

We are looking to fill the following openings, if you are interested or would like additional information, please contact the church office: Children's Choir Director, Sunday School Teacher, Praise Team Leader, Nursery attendants.

### Drivers needed for Sunday mornings

We would like to provide transportation for adults and kids to church on Sundays by either the church van or carpool. Please contact the church office if you are able.

### St. John's Care Team

We have a group of people that make calls to members to try to keep in touch with each other and to just check in. If you would like to participate in any way, please let the church office know or contact Carol Wilcox. If you are not receiving a call and would like one periodically or know of someone who would, please let us know.



### Celebrate Recovery Meal Sign Up

St. John's would like to supply a meal for Celebrate Recovery once a month. The meals will be the second and Fourth Tuesday of each month for approximately 10-15 people. If you are able to provide food, please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary. Please have the food at the church at 6 pm in the kitchenette across from the chapel. Any questions, please see Anna LaWarre or Jerry Pfister.

### Weekly Family Ministry Schedule

**Community Men's Bible Study:** Saturdays at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

**Community Women's Bible Study:** Sundays at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall

**Youth Group (Grades 6-12):** Sundays from 5-7 pm

**Wednesday Night Kids (K- Grade 5):** Wednesdays from 5-7 pm.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7 pm

**Intercessory Prayer:** 2nd & 4th Friday at Noon in the sanctuary



We've got a couple of special events happening for you and your kids! Keep reading to learn more about them!

**Here are a few things coming up in our ministry...**

**April 3rd:** Youth HCC at Christian Missionary Alliance Church 5-7PM

**April 9th:** Community Easter Egg Hunt @Jerry Cross Park 11AM

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**- Sunday School (after children's message)

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**- Sunday School Egg Hunt 9AM

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**- Sunday School (after children's message)

**W.O.W Summer-** Word on Wednesdays will be from 6-8pm and will start June 8<sup>th</sup> and end on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be ONLY on Wednesdays. Kids will have dinner, lesson, craft and games. Similar to VBS just in a different schedule and format.

**Youth Summer Mission Camp-** June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at Camp Common Grounds in Dunkirk. Mark your calendars, more details to come! 😊

**What we're Teaching this month...**

**Wednesday Kids-** A 4-week series from the New Testament on Easter. Did you know that the largest Easter egg in the world lives in Vegreville, Canada? Did you know that the most popular Easter candy in the world is Reese's Peanut Butter Chocolate Eggs? There's a ton of fun trivia around the theme of Easter but the best questions to ask kids are about Jesus. Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything? Did you know Jesus is king over everything? Did you know Jesus is alive? Did you know we can trust Jesus? Whatever their answer, invite kids to go beyond the facts and win the grand prize of knowing Jesus for themselves!

**Sunday Youth-** The first Sunday of each month, our Youth group meets with Hardin County Collective. This past month we met here at St. Johns for a movie night, and showed the movie Breakthrough. We had 44 here in attendance.

The Youth are continuing through the study called Freedom Ride. This is a 12-week study. The Youth have done lessons over, how to talk to God, hearing God's voice, three reasons we don't hear God and following God's lead. We have 8 more weeks in this study.

**Tip of the Month**

We're already here in April looking towards the last few months of this school year. It's been an amazing year already, but we still have so much more we want to accomplish! Let's evaluate some of the most important things we can all be doing to maximize our time with kids over these next couple of months.

**Volunteers NEEDED**

Nursery Attendees on Sunday Mornings (every other Sunday)

Sunday School teachers (sign-up sheet outside office)

Kids Choir

Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions or ways you would like to help out in Family Ministry. I

am always open to new ideas and would love to chat with you about how we can better serve here at St. John's.

Many Blessing to you and yours,

Michele

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*



## ABOUT THE ARCHIVES

As everyone knows our Church has been buffeted by Covid and the resignation of our Contemporary Worship Team. Since then, we have been having a combination of traditional services with a monthly contemporary. Rest assured that one thing is for certain; that there will be change as we go through the process of rebuilding. This year we again will have a Good Friday Service so I thought it might be informative to look back 75 years to the program for our Union Good Friday Service at St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Church. Settle in and enjoy a service that lasted from Noon until 3 P.M. Keep in mind that this service was the joining together of eight congregations which packed the Sanctuary, balcony and overflow.

### **Order of Worship** **The Words to the Cross**

#### Call to Worship

Minister: Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by?

People: Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

Minister: God commanded His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

People: Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

#### The invocation (Minister and people)

Almighty God, our Father, in this hour of solemn remembrance we acknowledge with sorrow and shame that our sins are such as sent our blessed Lord to the cross. We come beseeching Thee mercifully to guide us in these our meditations, supplication and prayers and to dispose our minds and hearts and the minds and hearts of all men everywhere, towards the attainment of everlasting salvation. Thru Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen  
Hymn (142)

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine own crown;  
O Sacred Head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet tho despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine!

The reading of Scripture: Luke 23:32-38

The Mediation: "He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God."

A Prayer followed by a moment of silence.

Hymn: What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain,  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior, 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

The reading of Scripture: Luke 23:39-43

Solo: He was Despised (from the Messiah) .. .. . Haendel

The Mediation: "Lord remember me when Thou comest to Thy Kingdom."

A prayer followed by a moment of silence.

Hymn: What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to Thee.

The reading of Scripture: Mark 15:39-42

The Meditation: The centurion said: "Truly this man was the Son of God."

A prayer followed by a moment of silence.

Hymn: When strength one day shall fail me, Lord, fail me not, I pray;  
When pangs of death assail me, Beside me, Jesus stay;  
When head and heart I languish, And hardly draw my breath,  
Deliver me from anguish, By virtue of Thy death.

(Intermission)

### The Words to the Cross

The reading of Scripture: John 19:25-28

The Mediation: "Behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

A prayer followed by moment of silence.

Hymn: In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story Gather round its head sublime.

The reading of Scripture: Matthew 27:45-50

The Mediation: "My God, my God, why has Thou forsaken me?"

A prayer followed by moment of silence.

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of  
Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour  
Contempt on all my pride.  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, That  
were a present far too  
Small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands  
my soul, my life, my all.

The reading of Scripture: John 19:28-30

Anthem: I Walked Where Jesus Walked -----  
-----O'Hara

The Mediation: "It is finished."

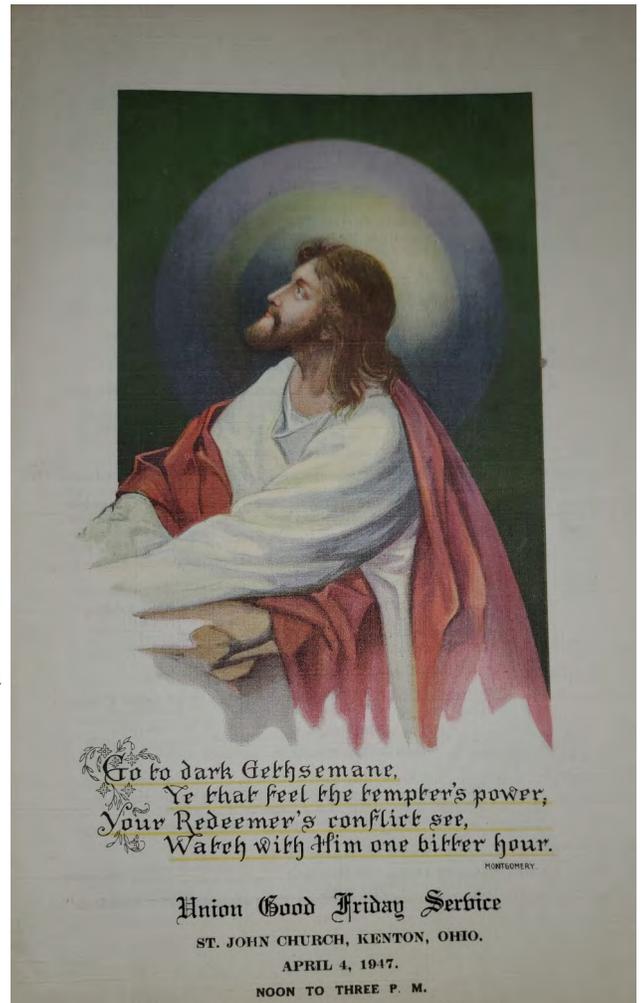
A prayer followed by moment of silence.

The Benediction

The Postlude.

What a beautiful service! Note the flow through Scripture and the inclusion of the Congregation. What a wonderful time when Churches came together in mutual worship of our Lord. Can you imagine a three-hour service today? I fear we as a society have allowed our "busy lives" to water down our worship commitments. Can the "Faith of our Fathers" be revived? Your comments are always appreciated.

Jerry Pfister, Historian



St. John's Evangelical Church  
Church Council Agenda  
Thursday, February 10, 2022  
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Terry Hord, President

OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Randall

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Pastor Randall

OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary's Report - Heather Erwin

- January 13 & 30 minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Jerry Pfister

2) Christian Education—Michele Sherman

- VBS: will not be called VBS It will be call it WOW Word on Wednesday. Starts June 8, 2022-June 29, 2022.

3) Women's Ministry

- Lamb Banquet– March 5
- A motion was made and seconded to allow the Pork Royalty to use a couple of rooms to use for interviewing. Motion passed.

4) Worship, Arts & Music—LeVern Weaver (Council representative)

- Tasha Dyer spoke on the importance of keeping a single service and maybe running a blended service with the traditional music and contemporary music that is warm and inviting.
- Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022
- Palm Sunday service with Chorale April 10, 2022
- Tenebrae/Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Sunrise service (Easter) 6:45 @ Boy Scout Lake
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Traditional Service 10:00

5) Personnel Committee—Hal Elsasser is now the chairperson

6) Pastoral Relations - Anna LaWarre (chairperson)

- Next meeting—February 13, 2022

7) Trustees

1. Audio Visual—Jerry Pfister

2. Van—Anna LaWarre (Shane Harkenrider/Shawn)

3. Farm—Greg Martin

- 3 year lease for Hunting Lease with annual payments. A motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.
- Building: \$2888.14 extra things that need done with the elevator. General maintenance: \$905.05

8) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin, Anna LaWarre

- Spring Clean Up: April 24, 2022

9) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

Old Business

- Local Church Survey Results – completed
- NCD Survey – 26 returned so far
- New Committee Members named
- Safety of Church/Alice Program - tabled
- Church inventory – Heather Erwin working on

**Church Staff:**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester  
Youth Ministry: Michele Sherman  
Financial Secretary: Kay Rush  
Church Secretary: Kathy Forester  
Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley  
Organists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke and Linda Zeigler, Cinda Shea

## New Business

- Annual Fire system tested & inspected every year—our security system sent a quote of \$495

## Correspondence:

- Thank you
- Kenton Fire Department- Annual Fire Safety Education Program –looking for sponsors. Missions will donate \$105.00 toward
- Tim and Maria Castle request membership removal -Motion to accept and seconded. Motion carried.
- Kone – received a letter that effective March 1, 2022, they will increase their maintenance prices 4.78%.
- Kone – also sent a Recommended Maintenance to be completed on the landing doors & door operation maintenance modules on the elevator. The price is \$905.81 plus tax if applicable.

A motion was made and seconded that we start Council meeting at 6:00 instead of 7:00. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM

## LORD'S PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT – Motion and seconded to adjourn, Council Vote, motion carried.



### **Birthday Blessings (over 80 yrs. Young)**

#### April Birthdays on File:

- April 12 DiAnn Weaver  
c/o Blanchard Place  
825 Richard Lane Room 107  
Kenton, OH 43326
- April 15 Dana Musser  
363 N. Barron St.  
Kenton, OH 43326
- April 29 Marilyn Pemberton  
8168 CR 150  
Kenton, OH 43326

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Facebook: St Johns Kenton, Ohio  
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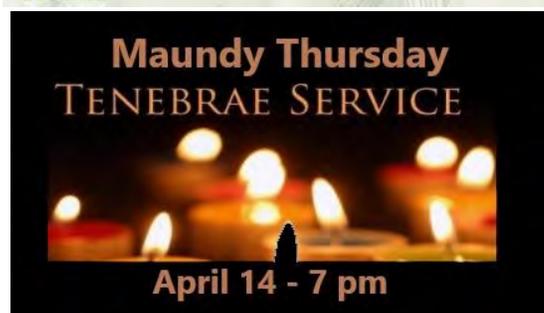
### **Mission of the Month— Helping Hands Outreach**

Helping Hands is a nonprofit, Christian-based outreach for Hardin County. Their mission is to help families rise up out of the economic struggles. Helping Hands has many different facets of ministry. No one associated with Helping Hands is on payroll. Countless people of our community donate their time. They are continually looking for new people to lend a hand at the different events. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the ministry, they can be reached at 419-673-8650. They are located at 100 Cleveland Avenue, Kenton.

**Community Palm Sunday Service**  
featuring KHS Choral  
Sunday, April 10 at 7 pm  
St. John's Evangelical Church



**Maundy Thursday**  
TENEBRAE SERVICE



April 14 - 7 pm