

SIGNPOST



College Care Ministry

Thank you for supporting this special ministry.

Our next collection will be our special Easter package— Knowing God’s love.... Collection dates are: March 21 and 28. – this will be the last package sent for this academic year. Look for the square postal boxes...

Suggestions: cookies, candy, magnets... anything to support their faith filled journey while they are away at school. We have 20 boxes to send. Our students are traditional students, graduate students and adult continuing education students.

Ongoing opportunity for the Harlem Road Church family: College Care Scripture and Story Sharing. This is an opportunity to share with our college students a faith-filled story, or special scripture. You can send your stories or scriptures to mcmains5@yahoo.com or drop them off in the church office. Thank you to Jenny Hecker and Judy S-K for remembering the Lent stories from years ago...

Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they continue their journeys.

College Care Ministries
Peggy McMains

EASTER CANTATA

We are putting together an incredible worship event for Easter Sunday this year, and we need to gather a choir! The Easter Choir will practice on Sundays from 12:15pm to 1:30pm, each Sunday between now and Easter. Childcare will be provided during practices. All people who love to sing are invited to participate!! Please call Jen Leskovac at (614) 580-6834 if you have any questions.

Girl Scouts Troop #1569

Big Walnut Girl Scouts Troop 1569 is teaming up with the Sunbury Kroger store, as well as Genoa Baptist Church's Troop Ministry, to initiate the Scouts4Soldiers program. Community members are being asked to make donations that will become part of "care" packages shipped to military members throughout the world.

Genoa's Troop Ministry packs and ships care packages monthly to soldiers across the globe.

Items can be donated at the Sunbury Kroger on State Route 3, or at Harlem Road UMC.

Donations needed for soldiers in February include:

- Small Squirt guns, foam water balls
- NERF footballs & basketballs
- Decks of cards
- Beef Jerky
- Slim Jims
- Tuna Salad & Crackers (packages) \$.99
- Chicken Salad Crackers (packages) \$.99
- Father’s Day cards for them to send back home
- Birthday cards for them to send back home

The program also seeks to gather contributions to send special items to children living in the war-torn Middle East.

The items for the children include:

- * Balls;
- * Stuffed animals (new or gently used);
- * Happy Meal toys;
- * Dolls;
- * Small cars and trucks (not military);
- * Coloring books, crayons, and colored pencils;
- * Brushes and combs;
- * Socks and underwear for boys and girls, sizes 3-18;
- * Clothes, new and used, sizes 3-16;
- * Playdough and plastic Playdough cutters;
- * Jump ropes.

Buy Caring & Sharing Girl Scout Cookies from local Girl Scouts!

Harlem Road United Methodist Church

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Ironworks Gathering

Saturday, March 6

8:45 am



New video study based on Lee Strobel’s best selling book, “A Case For Christ”

All Men are invited. Bring a Friend!

Messenger Youth Group Junior & Senior High Youth

We meet every Sunday at the Church, 5-6:30 pm unless an event has been planned for that weekend. Beginner Guitar lessons are available every Sunday, 4-4:45 pm.

We are trying to reschedule the TUBING at Mad River Mountain!

Also a return visit to Adriel House for foster kids is being planned.

The Movement of Dying and Rising With Christ

by Pastor Bud Leskovac

It is said in a multitude of ways: "Time sure flies!" "Time is slipping past!" "The days are moving faster and faster!" And even, "Time sure zooms when you're having fun!" If you stand anywhere near the "over 40" crowd you'll surely hear one of these phrases or one with the same awareness. The older you get, the more time seems to move at the speed of light.

Just think about it. It seems to me like just a few weeks ago we celebrated the birth of our Savior at Christmas, and already it is the beginning of the Lenten Season. And in just a few short weeks we'll celebrate the resurrection of Christ which brings us the assurance of eternal life. And what a glorious day that will be!

Yes, time moves on. And Lent is an amazing season of movement in our spiritual lives. It's a season of reaching up and out of the ashes we have created in our lives toward the goal of a renewed life of faith and a deeper commitment and walk with the Resurrected Lord. During Lent, we become more aware of our movement from hope-less-ness on our own, to nothing but hope-ful-ness in all that Christ has done at the Cross on our behalf.

For Jesus, the journey, his movement to Jerusalem, was a movement toward death. But the goal was more than death because His purposeful movement led to life in all of the fulness of Resurrection.

For us too, Lent can be a season of movement. Through this season of study, prayer, reflection, and even repentance, we learn more about God's will for our lives. These next six Sundays of Lent will be very special opportunities for learning and sharing the meaning of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. We will all gain a greater understanding of Christ's love for us as we learn the meanings and challenges of His path of obedience and begin to apply those to our daily lives as never before. I can't wait to share with you what I've learned from the Word of God in a new Lenten series, that may even go past Easter, entitled, "Marks Of A Mature Believer". We will take a very serious look at the life of Christ and consider how we can work toward being more Christ-like in our lives.

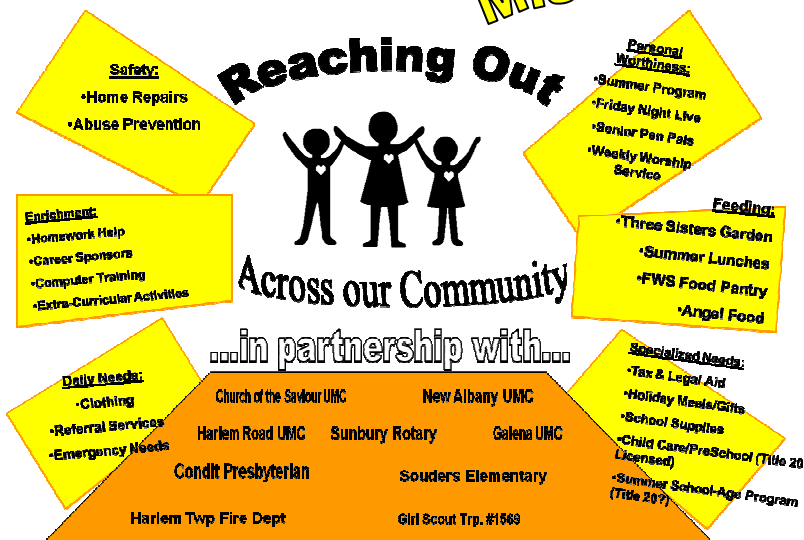
Then finally on Easter morning we'll celebrate and worship together through the beautiful Cantata, "I Will Rise!" It's going to be a wonderful season of movement that will lead us toward the goal. For you, it may be a goal to renew your faith, or a goal to gain a deeper understanding. Maybe it is a goal of deepening your ability to love, or maybe strengthening a goal of greater Christian servant-hood. You may have a different goal, but just begin this movement of Lent by considering the goal you would like to reach, then get to worship service and join me in this prayer: *"You, O God, call me to a closer walk with you; closer than I've ever dared before. Help me during my Lenten journey to grow in wisdom and faith, and to gain a greater clarity than ever before regarding the direction you want my life to take. So that as I move from ashes to light, I will move straight toward the goal you set before me. In the name of the One I follow to the cross then on to resurrection glory, I pray.*

Amen. "

Blessings,

Pastor Bud

Mission Opportunities



Watch What you Throw Away!!! Many of the items we all toss in the trash are really treasures! The HRUMC Mission team is collecting Box Tops for Education to help Souders School and aluminum pop tabs to help the Ronald McDonald house. These items can be dropped off on the table at the end of the main hallway. Bags of aluminum cans are being collected in the dumpster area at the end of the parking lot. Herb Wilson dutifully takes these to the recycling center and magically turns them into cash to help our Children reach their Capital Campaign goals.

Reaching Out Across our Community - The HRUMC Mission team is joining with nearby churches and organizations to make a difference in our neighborhood. The 'umbrella' structure of a very interconnected ministry is taking shape, and **your participation is encouraged...in fact, NEEDED!** Remember the Three Sister's Community Garden begun last year on the Church of the Saviour grounds? Well, that's just a piece of the picture. Our "Reaching Out" program wants to ensure that members of our community... **Feel Safe....Know they are Valuable and Loved by God...Have the Food they Need...Have all their Daily Needs Met...Have Enriched Lives...and Know Where they can Go for Specialized Needs.** As I said, the structure is still taking shape, but the diagram here gives a snapshot of what is developing....many pieces are already in place....let me know where you'd be interested in plugging in!!! Judy Sharpe-Kosmatka

Other Ways to Help - HRUMC will be filling the shelves at Big Walnut Friends Who Share during the months of **March and July**. Needed items are non-perishable food items, paper goods and toiletries. For more information, see their great website at www.bigwalnutfriendswhoshare.org. Karen Dodson's Girl Scout troop is collecting items to be sent to our brave soldiers. The list of requested items (which changes each month) is located on a table in the main hallway and their collection box is on the table at the end of the main hallway

Our Annual Garage Sale is in early May....so please start collecting your treasures. Thanks!!!



Haiti Relief - Our Conference has created a National Database for volunteers wishing to go to Haiti, when we are invited in. If you are interested, please go to this website and register your intent to volunteer in Haiti in the future. And, if you sign up on this database, please let Judy Sharpe-Kosmatka know also. <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/HaitiVolunteer/> And...the Conference has asked us to continue collecting Health Kits for Haiti. Health kits contain the following new items, placed in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"). No kitchen towels.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

Children's Ministry

"Connecting Kids to Christ!"

Grow in your faith - and get connected to Christ!

Join us for Children's Church!

8:30am: Children age 4 through 5th grade go to the Chapel after worship.

*Parents - pick your child up in the Chapel at the end of the worship service or drop by and tell the teacher that the children will be staying for the next hour.

9:45am: Children age 4 through 5th grade stay in the Chapel for music and then head to Promiseland Rooms for games/crafts.

*Parents - pick up your child in the Promiseland Room at 10:30am. Teachers need to be released to prepare for the 11am service.

11:00am: Children age 2 through 5th grade start and end in the Chapel.

*Parents - Drop off at 10:55am in the Chapel (make sure an adult is in the room) and pick up your child in the Chapel immediately following the 11am service.

Nursery Care

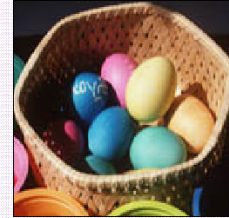
8:30am - for children 3 years old and younger

9:45am - for children 3 years old and younger

11:00am - for children up to 2 years of age.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN -

EASTER EGG HUNT!



**For kids age 2 through 5th grade
Join us on Sunday - March 28**

**in the Promiseland Rooms
during the 11:00 am service.**

We'll hear the Easter story - make some cool crafts and play some cool games!

You won't want to miss out on this fun-filled children's event!

Bring a canned food item to share with the local food pantry.

If you have any questions, please call Pam Leskovic at (740) 965-4543 or email: pam@harlemroadchurch.org

"FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE"

Join us on

March 12, 2010

(One week earlier than usual)

6:30pm-8:30pm

"Spring Open!"

FNL: for kids age 4 through 5th grade.

Join us for dinner and then fun, crafts, games and more!

Contact Pam Leskovic for more information. 740-965-4543 or email: pam@harlemroadchurch.org



Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT FEAR by Max Lucado " They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turn-overs at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, and upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word terror. Fear, it seems, has taken a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Wouldn't it be great to walk out?" Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision the day when you can trust more and fear less. CAN YOU IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT FEAR? Come join us as we learn how. We meet on Sunday morning from 9:45AM - 10:30AM. **This class meets in Classroom #107** Mark Peterson, facilitator.

What is all that noise in Pastor Bud's **office** on Sunday morning? It's Shaun and Iva O'Ryan leading a Bible study about the Armor of God. We will be studying the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit, the shield of faith, and our special shoes that help us take the gospel of peace with us everywhere. With the armor of God on, scripture tells us we can withstand the attacks of the enemy. Come learn how to put it on and why it's so important in our walk to have the right equipment. Just know you have to get there early to get a seat! Join us at 9:45 am.

The group meeting in the **fellowship hall** is studying Max Lucado's book on JOHN 3:16. Max describes the incredible message of John 3:16, one the most beloved Scriptures in the entire gospel. The book is a study of how much and how deeply God loves us all and His amazing grace that is given to everyone that will believe in Jesus. Glenn & Donna Evans, facilitators.

The Adult Class that meets in the Church office is studying the **Book of Philippians**. Judy Sharpe-Kosmatka is the facilitator.

Prayer Concerns

Dialysis Treatment:

Joyce Hurst
Donna Seeley

Rehab Therapy

John Ayers
Gary Ryan
Barb Morris

In the Hospital

Wade Huber

Special Requests

Ruth Johnson
Brooke Brewster
Ed Loughman
Timothy Smock
Kelly Hanlin
Pauline Peterson
Ted & Pattie Mong
Charles & Rena Boldosar
Margaret Huber
Carrie Klingensmith
Harriet & Jerry Lustenberg
Lauralee Bass
Grayson Motil
Melva Beckley
James (Lisa Danne's Dad)
Jim Greggs
Leslie Ryan
Mary Poling
Suellen Peterson
Joanne McKinley
Charles Good year
Tom & Pat Ayers
Jonah
Faith Pruden

Mothers-to-Be

Megan Wolfe
Dusty Morgan/Robertson
Marcy Ramey
Laura Ferguson

Upcoming Surgery

Leslie Lehner

Cancer Treatment

John Thomae
Elaine Baker
Adrienne Stebbins
Sharon Prinn-Conley
Mary Ann Calvert
Mary Jo Colligan
Margaret Huber
Flora Burney
Lisa Baluk
Dawnetta Donovan
Dwayne Moore
Bob Wilson
Kathy Hutchison

Nursing Home

Anna Mae Haycock

Recovering from Surgery

Sheri Lehman
Phil Soule III

Loved Ones Serving In the Military

Lt. Jeremy Ragan
Kevin Peterson
Nathan Brumbaugh
Wesley Gall
Jacob & Joshua Reissig
Nathan Vitartis
Mark Kemmerling
John Paul Smock
Zeb Coleman
Chris McCoy
Peter Jacobus
Scott Crowell
Frank Wharton
Catherine Whirlledge
Josh Frostic
Stuart David
Lorianne Benton
Joe Pasqua
Jeremy Trask

Families of: Virginia Simonsen, James Miller,
Jonathan Blusiewicz, Becky Bunker,
Gary Schumacher, Wade Huber

Harlem Township Bicentennial News

This year marks the 200th anniversary for Harlem Township. A committee of longtime residents and interested persons have been working since last September; updating history and recording current events all which will culminate in a celebration that will be held on August 20, 21, & 22 at Community Park in Center Village. Some of the featured events will help raise funds to help with the costs. Watch this space for monthly happenings.

February Features

Antiques Roadshow, February 27th from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Firehouse in Center Village. \$5.00 donation per item to identify, age and value your antiques. Appraisers are from Garth's Auction House in Delaware. Monies raised will help fund the bicentennial celebration in August.

A Museum of Antique items to be opened at the end of February and run through the end of August. To be located at the Firehouse.

Community Connection Groups

MEN'S GROUPS

Ironworks: First Saturday of month, 8:45 am. Breakfast, fellowship and study.

Our next gathering is Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 8:45 am. This group meets in the Family Life Center. Starting new study: "The Case For Christ" by Lee Strobel. Mark Peterson is the facilitator.

Men's Bible Study Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each Month at 7 pm The Book of Nehemiah. The Book of Nehemiah makes a great follow-up study for all who recently attended our Men's Retreat. Nehemiah, a worshipper of the Lord whose name means, "The Lord will comfort," responds to God's call to attend to the suffering and chaos in Jerusalem. He understands his call as a mandate to reconstruct Jerusalem's walls, increase its population, end economic exploitation, organize the temple, and expel enemies. Nehemiah quickly discovers that people are resistant to his ideas, reforms, and changes. He finds them unappreciative of his work. There's great life application here for men...And you are ALL welcome!

Wednesday night prayer has undergone some changes recently. You might have noticed we are only meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays instead of every week. We wanted to offer a healing service to the people in our body and the people in our community. That will be offered on the first Wednesday night of each month. Feel free to come if you would like someone to pray for you, if you need some quiet time with God or if you want to be anointed. The third Wednesday of each month will continue to be a time of prayer for anyone who wishes to come. We often pray for our leadership, prayer requests that come in to the church, and anything God lays on our hearts. Remember, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Women's Groups

Tuesday Group: Ellen Jacobs' small group will be studying 2 Corinthians throughout March, using a study by Kay Arthur, which examines the anatomy of a heart for God through Paul's eyes. 2nd Corinthians is considered Paul's most personal letter, and it contains some of Paul's most profound theology. This letter to the church at Corinth explains the purpose of suffering, references the veil Moses placed over his face after his encounters with God, the purpose of judgment for the believer and the well known scripture (5:17) if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation....Please come and join us as we go deeper in our knowledge of Jesus Christ and find out how his heart beats. Every Tuesday at 7:00. 148 Nicole Drive, Westerville.

Wednesday Group: "If we expect to enter wholeheartedly into the experience of the Spiritual Disciplines, we must understand clearly that these Disciplines open us to the Good Life. Their purpose is not to make life miserable but joyful, not to put us into bondage but to set us free, not to confine but to liberate." Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster will be our study guide for the next few weeks of our women's Community Connection Group. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Diana Robertson's home. There is still time to get your book and study guide.

Thursday Evening Group: We meet the first and third Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 at Barb Walberry's. **Life Lessons: 2nd Corinthians by Max Lucado.** Study the Bible with best-selling author Max Lucado. This book has intriguing questions, inspirational stories, poignant reflections, excerpts from Lucado's books and twelve lessons with space for journaling in each chapter.

Men & Women

Tuesday Evening Group: First and Third Tuesdays at 7 pm. The Ayers Small group will be studying the book of Jonah thru April. We meet the first & third Tuesday of the month. On March 2, we will meet at the Pasqua's for study. On March 16, we will meet at the Pasqua's for a Potluck Dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Pasqua.

Couples Group: The Couples Group will be held on Saturday, March 20th at 6:00pm in the home of Dan & Jennifer Shively. The lesson is TBD. For more information, please contact the Shivelys at (614) 901-9844 or ddsjrs@msn.com.



Dear Church,

Thank you for being so loving to my mom in the short time that she lived here. She had visited a few times previously, and always commented on how much she loved our church. She felt welcome and attached, and of course her small group meant the world to her. Please accept this small gift in her memory.

Wes and Ellen Jacobs

Dear Pastor Bud and Congregation,

Thank you very much for your gift to Otterbein College in memory of Elizabeth Marsh Rea. Betty was a very special person who touched many lives. Thank you for the thoughtful memorial gift.

I've thought about Betty's memorial service at Harlem Road United Methodist Church numerous times since Jan. 24th. From the moment I walked in the door I could feel the love and sense of community. Thank you for your warm reception! Harlem Road UMC is a very special place with special people.

Once again, thank you for your gift.

Sincerely,
Joe Neal

I am deeply touched that the church donated to Mom's church in her memory.

Thanks for all the prayers and concerns.

It has been a very very hard year for me. I watched my mom decline before my eyes. What was once a vibrant Christian lady became a weak, meek frail person. I will miss her deeply but I was truly blessed to have her for a Mom. She's with God now and has no more pain. I will see her again someday.

Sincerely,
Allen & Donna Piper and the Dodds Family

Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch. It's so great to wind down with family and friends after such a sad day. We appreciate everyone taking their time and talent to take care of us. We still need your prayers. Mom broke her hip on Wednesday.

Renda, Linda, Anna Mae and the Haycook Family

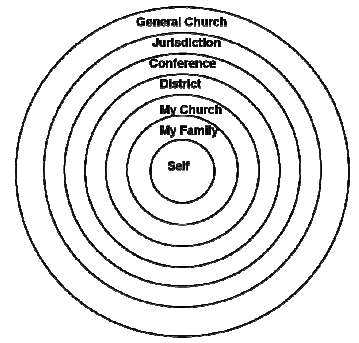
Dear Harlem Road Family,

Thank you all so much for your kind thoughts and prayers upon my Mom's passing. She is in a GREAT place now. The flowers were also much appreciated by us and her extended family!

Russ, Linda, Joey & Michelle Simonsen

What Are Apportionments Anyway??

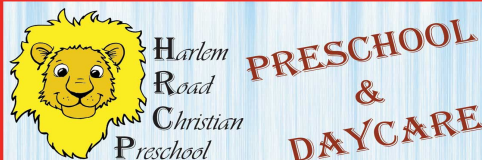
John Wesley has been quoted as saying, "The World is my Parish" and so the Methodist church structure is designed in a 'connectional' way, (see circle diagram) in which each person in each church is part of a larger network, all designed to carry out God's Will in our world. The thing called "apportionment" is the means in which we give our financial support. (Other types of non-financial support are given via efforts like UMCOR - United Methodist Council on Relief and UMVIM - United Methodist Volunteers in Mission). Each church's Apportionment dollars are based on the number of recorded members in the church. Apportionment dollars go in two basic directions.....1) Conference support in which our dollars go to pay things like Conference administration expenses (if churches didn't pay it, who would??), pastor's pension and benefit costs, aid to individual churches, UMCOR/UMVIM and Methodist global missionaries, 2) District support in which our dollars go to pay things like District administration expenses, camping/college scholarships, AND grants for Community Ministries, i.e. outreach ministries sponsored by individual churches. HRUMC has received grants from Community Ministries for our Friday Night and Summer Nights Live ministry! Other nearby churches have also received grants....Church of the Saviour is able to do a Summer Program for kids in the Westerville Estates Mobile Home Park, and New Albany UMC is able to run a program for Senior Adults.



Sweet Life Café

Where Women Savor Time With God

Mary Martha Ministries will meet on *Saturday, February 27 for Brunch from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.* All women at HRC are invited to join us for **"The Sweet Life Café."** Bring a coffee/tea mug for a prayer mug exchange. Please see Diana if you need child care. Mark your calendar today and gather with us for a fun time of fellowship; learn what Mary Martha Ministries is all about and find your place in the ministry of service.



5520 Harlem Rd. Galena, OH

Infants - 5 years
Daycare / Preschool / Kindergarten readiness morning & afternoon classes
7 am-6 pm Monday - Friday (daycare)

Please Contact Tiffany with any questions or to enroll:

740-965-9483

Job Opportunity



The Daycare/Preschool has a part-time job opening. The Daycare needs a person Monday - Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Tiffany Miller at 740-965-9483.



March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CCG Men's 7p @ Church CCG MN&WMN 7p at Pasqua's CCG WMN'S 7 p @ Jacobs Praise Team Reh 7p Boy Scouts 7 pm	3 Prayer & Praise Focus: Healing Prayer 7pm Harlem Boys' Break. 9a Weblos 7pm	4 CCG WMN's 7p @ Walberrys Financial Peace U. 7 p	5	6 IRONWORKS Men's Ministry 8:45 am
7 Communion Sunday Easter Cantata Rehearsal 12:15 pm Guitar Lessons 4 pm Messenger Youth 5-6:30 pm	8	9 CCG WMN's 7p @ Jacobs Finance Mtg. 7p Praise Team Reh 7p Boy Scouts 7 pm	10 CCG WMN's 7p @ Robertsons	11	12 Friday Night Live "Spring Open" 6:30 pm 	13
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21 Easter Cantata Rehearsal 12:15p Guitar Lessons 4p Messenger YG 5-6:30p	22	23 CCG WMN's 7p @ Jacobs Church Council 7p Praise Team Reh 7p Boy Scouts 7 pm	24 cccg WMN's 7p @ Robertsons	25	26	27
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Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Blended Service

9:45 am Education Classes

10:30 am Fellowship

11:00 am Contemporary Service

Office Hours: 8 am—5 pm

Monday—Thursday

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MINISTRIES:
Children's
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Adult Ed. Classes
Short Term Studies
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MISSIONS:
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Worship
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Evangelism
Nurture

*"Reaching
out to
all people
as children
of God"*

Bud Leskovac, Pastor