

# CONNECT

## “The Last Supper”

What is the significance of The Passover? It is a question I hear often. Exodus chapter 12 gives us the Biblical definition of the Passover. The whole chapter is presented like a conversation between God and Moses and Aaron while the Israelites were still in Egypt. The significance of it is explained in the details given to us throughout this whole chapter. Exodus 12:26-28 simplifies it even further. These 3 verses explain it this way,

*"And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron."*

From this we get the idea of what the Jesus wanted the disciples to understand by sharing in the Passover Meal with them. This meal was to be called The Last Supper.

Matthew 26:17-29 illustrates this for us, *"On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He replied, 'Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

The Passover was meant to be a festive time. It was a chance to remember that moment of freedom and becoming one people. Even with that note there was something else present. An apprehension of the tension between Jesus and the religious leaders. They all were wondering what was going to happen...to Jesus...to them. Yet in this moment Jesus' statement cuts the uncertainty..."One of you will betray me." When have we betrayed him? The statement might well have been, "All of you will betray me." Because we do. Each and every day we look at our lives and can see the betrayal as it creeps in.

Yet this statement is what begins this beautiful moment. This moment of ritual that we celebrate often. This gift we receive from our Savior. In Adam Hamilton's book "24 Hours That Changed the World," he says, "When we commemorate the Last Supper in the act of receiving Communion, we would do well to recall this part of the meal...I suspect this is why the church has traditionally called for confession and repentance before we receive the bread and wine."



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**Sunday Schedule**9:00 a.m. *Ignite Service*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Wesleyan Choir

10:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. CT Students Grades 5–8

6:00 p.m. CT Students Grades 7–12

Childcare provided each Sunday 8:50 to 11:30 a.m.

Handicapped parking available at North entrance of parking lot

**Office Hours**

Mon. – Thu. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closed Noon – 1 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m. – Noon

Continue After announcing his betrayal, Jesus then took the bread gave thanks, and broke the bread saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." A reminder that Jesus regularly spoke in parables, using analogies or similes and metaphors. The disciples would have been used to this, but as usual they neither understood, nor realized what was coming. But even so, they did as the Master had asked. The Jesus took the cup and said, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." This statement was probably lost on the disciples...except the part about the blood of the covenant. This was from Jeremiah the prophet reminding the people of God's covenant with them.

Did they understand it? Up until that point and time what they were participating in reminded the people of their liberation from slavery. Now what Jesus was saying was not just meant for the Israelites and their release from Egypt...but the inclusion of "all of you" meant the new covenant granted all people (you and I included) liberation from sin and death!

So do you see now the significance of this meal. The Last Supper would now become a perpetual reminder of God's love and grace by the sacrifice of his only Son. Hamilton leaves it this way, "It (communion) would be the meal by which we as Christians remember our story. By means of it, our lives would be reshaped." The next time you partake Holy Communion may you have a better understanding of its significance. May you be reshaped in God's love and grace. May the Savior fill you!

Pastor Jonathan Exman

**Why a Mission Trip?**

The simple answer is—Discipleship! But what is discipleship or a disciple? Check out this definition:

"A disciple is a learner, and the disciples of Jesus learn from him (Matt 11:29; Eph 4:20). But merely to learn is not enough. They must put their learning into practice and maintain a consistent obedience if they are truly to be Jesus' disciples (John 8:31). They give visible proof that they are Jesus' disciples through practicing genuine love towards each other and through bearing spiritual fruit in their lives (John 13:13-15,35; 15:8). This practical love extends beyond the group of fellow disciples to all people everywhere (Matt 5:44-46). Jesus' disciples are therefore to take his message to others in order to make more disciples, no matter who the people are or where they live (Matt 28:19-20).<sup>1</sup>

The ultimate goal for CT Student Ministry is to continue the process of making disciples! This mission trip will assist in that endeavor. The organization, Student Life, that we are using this year is the same organization that was around when I went on mission trips as a student! They serve churches through inter-denominational Christian summer camps, conferences, and resources. Their goal is to support our student ministry with Gospel-centered experiences that transform our students into devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Allow me to quote them:

"Student Life exists to help people know Christ through His Word. We believe God's Word is relevant and instructive for the challenges students face today. Our camps inspire students through engaging worship, sound biblical teaching, and community-building in small group Bible studies. Discipleship best occurs within the context of the local church. Relationships formed at camp between students and their leaders serve as a catalyst to discipleship that continues long after camp ends."<sup>2</sup>

It is my desire, drive, and heart to make Jesus known in the lives of our students. All of life truly comes down to just one thing—and that is to know Jesus and make Him known. Please pray for the students of CT!

-Pastor Jon Carter

<sup>1</sup> Don Fleming, "DISCIPLE," in *The AMG Concise Bible Dictionary*, (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1990), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, 97.

<sup>2</sup> www.studentlife.com

## “Children’s Ministries”

What do you think of when you think of Easter? When I ask our children, they usually respond with big smiles on their adorable faces the Easter Bunny and lots of candy. I love the conversations that take place about their favorite candy, toys etc....I have found through the years that one of the most challenging things is getting children to add Jesus with the same excitement as the Easter Bunny. As the children’s education team, we will spend this next month teaching our children of all ages about Jesus and the gift of the cross. Our older children will be learning about Holy Week and the different events that happened. I encourage you to spend time with your children this season talking with them about Jesus’ gift of life and love. I encourage us all to take a moment and remember the sacrifice Jesus made for you and me. May we never take the cross for granted and may we always lead our children on a path towards it.

Lesa Exman



## Volunteers Needed

We are excited for our **Easter outreach Event**. We are hopeful for a large turnout and would **love your help!!** We will need several volunteers. We need some to hide and help with the Easter Egg Hunt, the Bunny Hop which is a visual story time walk through for kids to the empty tomb, prepare and serve food, clean-up and as always to walk around and show the Love of Jesus and Central Trinity.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Lesa Exman at 419-605-6858.

We will be meeting at the church at 9:00am Saturday April 16. The event ends at 12:00pm and I am hopeful that clean-up will be done by 1:00pm.

Thank You to everyone that has already donated candy, stuffed easter eggs and attended meetings. These events truly couldn't happen without each and everyone of you. I love being apart of a church that shows up and shares the love of Jesus whenever needed.

Get ready for an egg-citing day of fun!

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Sat 4/16/22  
10-noon  
Central Trinity  
62 South 7th Street

Prizes - Free Food  
Easter Hop  
Gift Cards - Crafts

Rain or Shine | kids to 6th grade

 The poster features a central illustration of a wicker basket filled with colorful Easter eggs (pink, yellow, blue, red, and white with a floral pattern). The basket is set on a green lawn with a path leading to it. Several colorful butterflies (blue, pink, and purple) are scattered around the basket. The background is a light green gradient.

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## United Women in Faith



United  
Women  
in Faith

Beginning this year, United Methodist Women will call ourselves United Women in Faith. Our new name is part of a refreshment of our organization that includes a new look, new feel and new and improved programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood to put their love into action too.

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Faith, action and sisterhood are our calling cards as we reach out to invite new women to join us on this wonderful journey and find new ways to support one another and women, children and youth.

More information can be found at [uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org) or contact Janice Deal.

**United Women in Faith** meet Monday, April 4, 6 p.m. The program is "One with Each other, One with the World." We will celebrate Easter through celebrating resurrection in the natural world and all of the things we have to praise God for!

The last day to bring vegetable seed packages for Jackson Area Ministries Green Thumb Gardening Project is Sunday, April 10.

**Angel Wings Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues to knit or crochet prayer shawls, baby blankets, and support shawls. All are welcome for stitching, praying, and fellowship.

## Mission Team

Each of the Gospel Books tells of Jesus' mission to the twelve and Luke tells of his mission to the seventy. Jesus instructed them to go into every city and place. He said the harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. Go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Jesus directed his followers to go in mission outside the safety of their homes and places of worship. You should be proud that CT has many persons and teams in mission. The Mission Team's goal is to enhance and grow that mission service.

This article is a restart from the article that was printed just days before everything shut down in March of 2020. Although the pandemic still lingers, the future now looks much brighter. We realize that being in mission service is a growth experience. There are many reasons to limit service: do not have the time, do not know anybody, do not have those skills, cannot take time off work, cannot be away from home that long, etc. It takes time and experience and trusting in God to grow in service. The team proposes that we consider mission service as a series of steps. The first step could be service of a few hours or a day. This could be a day with Habitat for Humanity, serving at Christ's Table, Crop Walk, etc. Maybe we call this Get-N-Wet. A second step might of 2-3 days such as Mission u, Good Works in Athens, a weekend project, etc. This step might be Step-N-Out. And the third step would be a week or longer such as becoming a Lay Leader, a Youth Leader, a Hospital Volunteer, mission trips for youth and adults, etc. This might be called the Serve-N-Full phase. Each step has different time and resource commitments. Each step has significant rewards. You have heard reports from mission workers who feel a great sense of fulfillment from their mission experience. We ask that you prayerfully consider your level of mission service and make the moves you are called to make.

Two programs at CT currently in a holding pattern are: Neighbors in Need and the Congregational Emergency Program. Each of these programs is in need of a shepherd to lead them. Prayerfully consider if being that shepherd may be your calling.

Contact any Mission Team member for more information

### **Birthday!**

Please join us as we celebrate Robert Reed's birthday  
Sunday April 24th from 2pm—4pm in Fellowship Hall.

### **Many Thanks**

Thank you to my CT family for the kind words, calls, prayers and cards.

Brenda Mackall

### **Grateful**

Thank you for the condolences and thinking of our family during his difficult time.  
Warmest thanks to everyone for helping me in the office the month of March.

Bonnie Gerdau, Admin Assistant

### **Help by Recycling!**

We are still collecting **aluminum cans** for the youth ministry. A can has been placed in the hallway beside the back entry door.

You may leave your empty **printer ink cartridges** for recycle on the counter in the church office. **Recycle your eyeglasses, hearing aids & cell phones.** This is an ongoing project for the Duncan Falls Lion's Club, and a box has been placed in the hallway next to the parlor for your use.

**The Ronald McDonald House** pays its electric bill with money raised through recycling of pull tabs from aluminum cans. Please save your tabs and bring them into church and place in the bin in the hallway next to the parlor or give to Sandy Holbein.

**Series of Lenten Sermons:****April 3****Holy Communion  
"The Seven Last Words"**

Message: "I Thirst"  
 Scripture: John 19:28  
 Special Music: Chancel Choir

**April 10****Palm Sunday  
"The Seven Last Words"**

Message: "It is Finished"  
 Scripture: John 19:30  
 Special Music: Chancel Choir

**April 14****"Maundy Thursday  
Traditional Service**

Special Music: Chancel Choir

**April 15****Good Friday  
Family Communion 9am-11am & 4pm-6pm****April 17****Easter Sunday  
"The Seven Last Words"**

Message: "Father into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"  
 Scripture: Luke 23:46  
 Special Music: Chancel Choir & Carillon Bells

**April 24****Confirmation Sunday  
Children's & Wesleyan Choirs****"80 Plus Club"  
Happy Birthday**

Barbara Amstutz, April 7

Norma Nichols, April 8

Margaret Baker, April 15

Robert Reed, April 18

Barbara Welker, April 22

Nancy Moose, April 29

Marilyn Willey, April 29

If we missed anyone or do not have the date right, please call the church office.

**Game Night**

CT Friends:

Game night the month of April will be Saturday April 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Come join us for fellowship, card games, and other games.

**Average YTD attendance:**

**March worship attendance** (through 03/27/2022): 151

**February 2022  
Financial Report**

YTD Budget	\$76,696
YTD Income	\$66,535
YTD Expenses	\$69,671

**April Calendar of Events is subject to change**

<b>3 Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>15 Friday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
9:00 a.m.	<i>Ignite Service</i>	11a.m.-1p.m.	Family Communion
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	4p.m.-6p.m.	Family Communion
9:45 a.m.	Wesleyan Choir		<b>Connect Articles Deadline</b>
10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>		
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	<b>16 Saturday</b>	
10:30 a.m.	CT Students (Grades 5–8)	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
6:00 p.m.	CT Students (Grades 7–12)	6:00 p.m.	Game Night
<b>4 Monday</b>		<b>17 Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
6:00 p.m.	United Women in Faith	9:00 a.m.	<i>Ignite Service</i>
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:45 a.m.	Wesleyan Choir
<b>5 Tuesday</b>		10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
7:00 p.m.	Civic Chorus	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	CT Students (Grades 5–8)
<b>6 Wednesday</b>		<b>18 Monday</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
11:00 a.m.	Bible Study		
<b>7 Thursday</b>		<b>19 Tuesday</b>	
5:00 p.m.	Angel Wings Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.	Verla Moore Service Club
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir practice	7:00 p.m.	Civic Chorus
6:00 p.m.	Carillon Bells practice	<b>20 Wednesday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Suicide Survivors Loss Support	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir practice		
<b>8 Friday</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	<b>21 Thursday</b>	
		5:00 p.m.	Angel Wings Prayer Shawl
<b>9 Saturday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir practice
7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	Carillon Bells practice
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir practice
<b>10 Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>24 Sunday</b>	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
9:00 a.m.	<i>Ignite Service</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Ignite Service</i>
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	Wesleyan Choir	9:45 a.m.	Wesleyan Choir
10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	CT Students (Grades 5–8)	10:30 a.m.	CT Students (Grades 5–8)
5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class		
<b>11 Monday</b>		<b>25 Monday</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>12 Tuesday</b>		<b>26 Tuesday</b>	
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Civic Chorus		
<b>13 Wednesday</b>		<b>27 Wednesday</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Bible Study	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Trustees
<b>14 Thursday</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>28 Thursday</b>	
7:30 p.m.	Service	5:00 p.m.	Angel Wings Prayer Shawl
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir practice
		6:00 p.m.	Carillon Bells practice
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir practice

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### Special Dates This Month

- April 3** Holy Communion
- April 4** United Women in Faith
- April 5** Civic Chorus
- April 7** Suicide Survivors Loss Support
- April 8** Office Closed
- April 9** Men's Breakfast
- April 10** Palm Sunday
- April 12** Civic Chorus
- April 14** Maundy Thursday
- April 15** Good Friday  
Family Communion Day  
ConnecT Articles Deadline
- April 16** Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17** Easter Sunday
- April 18** Office Closed
- April 19** Verla Moore Service Club  
Civic Chorus
- April 24** Confirmation Sunday
- April 27** Trustees

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