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Palmyra Day

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Epworth is planning to participate in Palmyra Day this year. The date for this town event is **Saturday, May 6**. As part of our Family Ministries program, our hope is to reach out to the community and share with them some of the exciting things we are doing here at Epworth. Volunteers are needed to be there to help represent us and meet our neighbors. Holly Garemore is heading up our team and welcomes your help. A signup sheet will be in the foyer or you can sign up [here](#) to add your name to this exciting and important outreach event.

Easter Flowers Order Form

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Easter flowers are \$10.00 each. Tulips, lilies, and daffodils are available. Flowers must be ordered by Palm Sunday and can be purchased “in memory” or “in honor” of those special people in your life. For more information, please contact [Terry Neas](#).

Holy Week Schedule

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sun, Apr 9 **10 am** Palm Sunday Service

Thurs, Apr 13 **7pm** Holy Thursday Service of washing, communion, Tennebrae

Fri, Apr 14 **12 pm-3pm** at Asbury UMC will be open for prayer and meditation

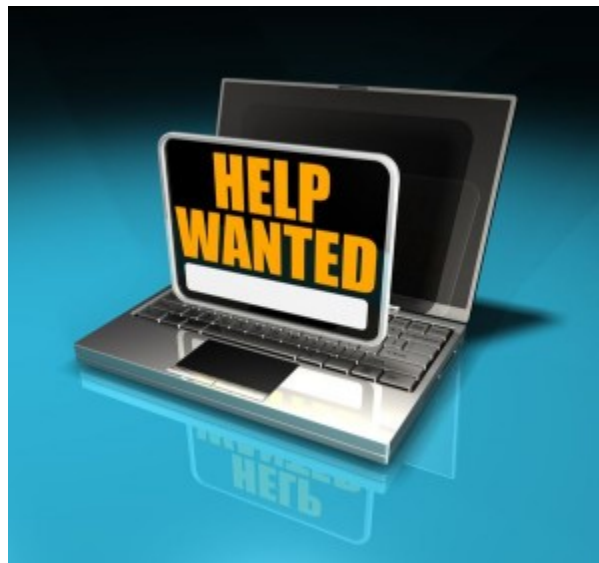
7 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Service of Tennebrae

Sun, Apr 16 **6:30 am** Easter Sunrise Service at Lakeview Cemetery

10 am Easter Worship Celebration

Worship Tech Needed

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On Sunday mornings we project the service so it makes it easier to participate without fumbling through the bulletin and hymnals. Our live stream of the service reaches several people at home who might otherwise not be able to be part of our worship. A new sound system is working to give all a better experience. While not difficult to operate, more help is needed to work with the technology on Sunday mornings. If you can use a mouse or aim a camera you are perfect to join the tech team. Our hope is to have enough help so we might set up schedule so the same individuals do not have to run the equipment week after week. Please let Pastor Charlie know if you might be interested.

Family Activity Center

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As part of our spring cleaning the goal was to clean and organize the second floor. A major corner of the large room had become a catch-all for all kinds of items. Chime tables took up another large section of floor space. After a busy Saturday morning we have reclaimed all the space to create a home for our Family Ministry activities.

The main room offers several activities such ping pong, air hockey, foosball, bumper pool and a pool table. There is a sitting area for conversation and can accommodate showing a movie. The open floor space allows us to have some active games as well.

We are not done yet! We hope to repaint the room to brighten it and make it more welcoming. (Watch for an upcoming “paint party” later this spring.) Ideas for painting this area are welcome. In addition, we hope to purchase a large flat screen tv to be used for movies, studies and other programs. Lighting will be updated. We are also looking to see how we might be able to better heat and cool the area.

All of this is being undertaken to demonstrate our commitment to our children and their families. None

of this takes place without the support of each us willing to do our part through our time, energy and resources. Donations can be made simply by noting your gift to “Family Ministries”.

Be in Worship from Anywhere

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If you are unable to attend service on Sunday mornings you can still be part of our worship experience. Simply go online to our website, www.palmyranjumc.org, and click on Watch Worship Live. The live stream begins about 10:10AM Sunday mornings with the call to worship. Later you can watch too as each service is archived to be watched whenever it is convenient for you to watch.

Lenten Soup Suppers

By Amy | April 2017



Epworth Sunday Evening Lenten Soup Suppers

Sundays: March 5 through April 9 5:00 p.m.

What a fellowship! Meetin' and greetin' and eatin' and watchin' and talkin'-it-over on Lenten Sunday evenings with Epworth family!

Lenten Soup Suppers continue through Palm Sunday. We enjoy fresh rolls from DeLuca's Bakery. How fresh are they? - baked that morning! Our very own chefs bring homemade soups, sometimes stepping up to the plate at the very last moment. A series of Nooma films with Rob Bell have been followed by inspired discussion led by Pastor Charlie. We all go home having been fed in many ways.

Many hearts and hands make these suppers possible, from choosing the topics, to shopping, to setting up, to making soup, to serving and to cleaning up. *We whole-heartedly thank all of you* as individuals and as groups. These suppers began more than 30 years ago and were originally held on Wednesday evenings.

Everyone is invited. Bring a friend, bring family, bring a neighbor.

Are you or your group willing to make soup? Are you willing to help set up and clean up? ***Sign up in the narthex or contact [Jo Malessa](#).***

Tri-boro Lenten Soup Suppers

The Tri-boro soup suppers that are held on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm during Lent, suggested donation of \$3 per person. Children under age 12 are free.

The schedule for this year:

- March 8: [Sacred Heart RCC](#), 103 4th St., Riverton, preacher John Doll, “Giving Up Control”
- March 15: [Bethany Lutheran Church](#), 617 Morgan Ave., Palmyra, preacher Joel Buckwater, “Giving Up Expectations”
- March 22: [Asbury United Methodist Church](#), 2492 Andover Rd, Cinnaminson, preacher Tristan Shin, “Giving Up Superiority”
- March 29: [Central Baptist](#), 514 Maple Ave., Palmyra, preacher Joe Donadieu, “Giving Up Enemies”
- April 5: [Covenant Presbyterian Church](#), 2619 New Albany Rd, Cinnaminson, preacher Wes Allen, “Giving Up Our Lives”

Family Ministries Take Flight

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Over the past few weeks, a group has gathered to discuss and organize our family ministry program. There is a consensus of all of us that expanding our family programming is an important aspect of church vitality and future growth.

Several new programs are being planned for our families and be intergenerational activities. These include Second Saturday Social which will be an event of fellowship meant for the entire congregation can participate. On April 8 The Great Surprise of Easter will take place and be an alternative to the typical Easter Egg Hunt. On May 13, a “game show” type fun event will be held involving our kids, parents and grandparents. This is sure to be a night filled with some laughs and insights.

We will also be holding Friday Night Sports events. In the past we have held hockey nights. Going forward we will be playing kickball, have picnic nights at Riverton Park where we can play soccer, Wiffle ball and other sports. We welcome those of all ages to join in the fun.

An effort is being made to create a Family Activity Center on the second floor. The main room offers several activities such as ping pong, air hockey, foosball bumper pool and a pool table. There is a sitting area for conversation and can accommodate showing a movie. The open floor space allows us to have some active games as well. Our hope is that this area can be a home for many of our future family activities. If you haven't been upstairs lately you might want to check it out.

Additionally, we will be participating in Palmyra Days on May 6 and possibly the July 4th parade. Each of these events bring Epworth out into the community and all that is happening here.

There are also plans for a church retreat in late September or early October. More information will become available as we get closer to the date.

We are appreciative of those who are stepping forward to be part of the Family Ministry Team. Currently Tina Weiler, Sandy Grimes and Charlie Soper are leading the team and welcome your participation, input and ideas.

The Great Surprise

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This is a Family Easter Event! At The Great Surprise, kids and their families will experience hands-on fun with a variety of surprising activities. Through these **WOW** experiences, everyone discovers the amazing surprise that **Jesus is alive!** Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 8th at 6 pm for this fun event!

Movie Night

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"RISEN" ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 6PM

Roman military tribune Clavius remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he's tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus following the Crucifixion. Accompanied by trusted aide Lucius, his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth that he's been seeking. Join us for this intriguing film and invite others to join you.

Friday Night Sports

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There has been excitement about the turnout for our hockey nights. We are going to keep up the momentum and continue to schedule Friday Nights Sports throughout the year. Every few weeks we will plan to gather for some fun and exercise. On *Friday, May 5*, join us at *Riverton Park* for an evening of varied activities starting around 6pm. There is a playground and picnic tables. Even if you don't play come on out and cheer us on. Invite your friends to be part of the fun!

Lenten Offering

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This year we are designating our Lenten Offering to be used for sidewalk repair along Morgan Ave. A few years ago we were able to replace the sidewalk on 5th Street using our Lenten Offering together with help from Planned Giving. We recognize that the Morgan sidewalk is a hazard and several have fallen as a result. Your generosity will help make this a safe walkway for our congregation and community.

Youth Group News

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For youth in 6th to 12th grade:

Youth Group is meeting biweekly on Sundays after worship. We will be working on answering questions of faith and life that the youth have raised. Mixed with mission and fun, we look to make each time together meaningful as we move deeper in our faith and life journey. All youth grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join us for fellowship. Our meetings are scheduled for 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, & 5/21.