



Join us every Sunday:

Worship 11:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

All are Welcome!

You can also join our live-streamed service on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)!

Please Join Us for Our Special Services in April

April 2nd-Palm/Passion Sunday 11:00am-This will be a special service of scripture and music focusing on Christ's entrance into Jerusalem and his trial and passion.

April 6th-Maundy Thursday 6:00pm-Meal and Communion in Mattox Fellowship Hall-The menu will include soup, cheeses, bread and fruit. Donations will be gladly accepted.

April 9th-Easter Sunday Service with Communion-11:00am.



Have a Blessed Easter!



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A Moment for Reflection

Greetings Church Family and Friends,

Palm Sunday is this coming Sunday, April 2nd, which means Easter is only a week away! Time certainly moves faster and faster every year! I read a very moving story on Facebook this week concerning Easter and I would like to share it with you.

Why did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded and placed separately from them. When Simon Peter arrived at Jesus' tomb and went inside, he noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Was that important? Absolutely!! Is it really significant? Yes!!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. Every Jewish servant boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure it was exactly the way the master wanted it. Then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.'

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because...The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

He is Coming Back!!

Thank you Jesus for that Easter promise!!

Blessings,

Stephanie

Upcoming Meetings

**April 11-Stewardship & Finance-6:30pm via Zoom
April 18-Session-6:30pm**

Speakers & Format for April Worship Services

**April 2-No speaker-Special Palm/Passion Sunday Service
April 9-Cameron Harkness-Easter Service w/Communion
April 16-John Feuchtenberger
April 23-Charles McNeel
April 30-TBA**

Lay Liturgist for April **Melinda Testerman**

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our members and others for whom prayer is requested:

Teresa Eckman, Priscilla & Ken Valko, Melinda & Greg Testerman, Betty Kincaid, Suzanne Compton, Robert Perry, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy, Tokita Webb, Chuck & Zella Denham, Randy & Jeri Snider

Eddie Kirk, Danny Brewer, Betty Colobro, Ralph John, Janice Raines, Nell Bath, Lauren Hicks, Louis Scott, Tamie Brence, Patti Gay Hartzell, Oleksiy Hodonavets, Zac Carter, Margaret Anne Ridlehuber and Ed Box

Blessing Box News

Our Blessing Box Outreach has been up and going for almost a year now. Many thanks to those who have made donations of food, clothing and money to keep our supplies up, and also to those of you who have tirelessly made sure to keep the box well-stocked. By blessing our neighbors in need, we receive many blessings in return. We are the hands and feet of the Lord!

REMINDER: If you have an addition for the **May Newsletter**, please have it to the church office by **Monday, April 24th**. Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office by **Wednesdays by 11am**.