

St. John's  
United  
Church  
Of Christ, Bem

# The Scoop!

April, 2009

"...no matter who you  
are or where you are  
on life's journey, you  
are welcome here in  
the United Church  
of Christ..."

## *From the Pastor's Keyboard...*

## *"Acting Up"*

*As a parent, I have to admit that "acting up" is not as appealing as it used to be. When I heard the term "acting up" as a youth, I would think of speaking out for justice; making myself heard; differentiating my voice from others in the world; speaking out. Now when I hear the phrase, "acting up", all I can think of is getting a phone call from the principal about one of my children! Ah, for the innocence of youth!*

*As I focus on the scriptures for Holy Week and beyond, however I am awed at the "acting up" of our ancestors as Jesus' message of Good News spread throughout the Ancient World. Jesus brought Hope, Peace, Love and Joy to a world that needed it so badly; through his birth, life, and ministry; even through his death and resurrection. But this message of Good News was not always well received by the powers that be. Jesus and his friends often had to "act up" when the ills of their society threatened to silence the Good News of their ministry.*

*Like Jesus and his friends, our society often tries to silence us. We are assailed every day by "Bad News:" economic doom and gloom; threats of war, both in our streets and abroad; climate challenges; and an increasing disregard for one another as children of God. In this era of "Bad News", it is up to us to spread "Good News"; God's message of Justice and Peace.*

*The Book "Acts of the Apostles" (or- "Apostles Acting Up!") is my current focus. Check it out sometime. In it you see our early church ancestors scattering about, confused as far as what to do next; trying their best to do what they think is right in a world that has often gone so wrong. In the end, they have no economic security, no stimulus packages, no national alliances, no lock boxes, no guarantees. They just have God's love, Jesus' ministry, and the Good News to guide them. (Check out Acts 2:37-47)*

*All they have to do is "Act Up!"*

*-Pastor Rick*

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What is **FREE** to you and me, and can help us daily connect to the realities of God's world in just a few short minutes? Where can you find a daily dose of meaningful wisdom that is not only life-changing but also **FREE**? Have I used the word **FREE** enough in this paragraph to get you to read on?

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### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2009**

Vicky Huebner, President; Doug Shockley, Vice President;  
Jackie Mitchell, Treasurer; Dee Ruegge, Secretary;  
Curtis Aytes and Keith Glaser, Trustees;  
and Diana Halmick, Pastor Parish Relations Committee Representative.

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## **SCRIPTURES FOR APRIL, 2009**

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of April. Read ahead! It is always beneficial if you read these before Sunday morning; you will get much more out of worship that way!

### **April 5<sup>th</sup>- Palm/Passion Sunday “Entrances and Exits”**

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-11

### **April 12<sup>th</sup>- Easter Sunday “In the Beginning”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2,14-24  
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel Lesson: Matt. 28:1-10; 16-20

### **April 19<sup>th</sup> “Mission Living”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 133  
Epistle Lesson: Acts 4:32-35  
Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

### **April 26<sup>th</sup>- Emmaus Bell Choir Here “Road to Emmaus”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 4  
Epistle Lesson: Acts 3:1-16  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT BEM CHURCH**

**Maundy Thursday- April 9;** Tennebrae Service; communion in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm  
**Good Friday- April 10;** Ceremony of Nails and the seven last words of Jesus at 7:00pm  
**Easter Morning- April 12;** Sunrise Service outside at 7:00am; Celebration worship at 10:00am  
**Easter Morning Breakfast** served in the Fellowship Hall right after the Sunrise Service!  
**Easter Egg Hunt** and festivities sponsored by the Youth Group; be here at 9:00am!

## **SAVE YOUR ENVELOPES**

When you receive your offering envelopes in the mail each month, there is a white envelope included that is addressed to Bem Church. Don't throw this envelope away! If you are just throwing it away each month, bring it to church and leave it on Carole's desk, or in the pew pocket in front of you. If you use it to send your offering in, then please continue to do so.

## **CHOIR NOTES**

Come to Choir Practice! The Bem Church Choir will be rehearsing during the week- one Monday night a month! They will meet at 6:30 on April 6 and May 4. At this time, they will choose and practice the anthems for the upcoming month, and rehearse any special music that is coming up in worship. Come praise the Lord in song!

## **BEM CHURCH GERMAN MEAL IS ALMOST HERE!**

Our next big event will be on April 4<sup>th</sup>; as again we host a German Meal! The sausage will be ground, mixed and stuffed by master meatcutter Glen Mercer and his loyal crew; and it will be ready for you on April 4<sup>th</sup>! Come up and enjoy a German Meal with all the trimmings- Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Green Beans and the works! Serving from 5:00-7:00pm.

## **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN- A HOME FOR LOOSE CHANGE**

The Penny Jar is back! Pairs and Spares has revived the Penny Jar and is putting it to good use in ministry in our community. The Penny Jar will be at back of the Sanctuary each week, awaiting your contributions of loose change. The funds raised in the penny jar will be forwarded to the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance, for much needed services in our community.

### **EMMAUS HOMES- APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Emmaus Homes is our April Mission of the Month; and we will be thrilled to host the Emmaus Homes Bell Choir here in our Sanctuary on April 26<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to be present that day as their bell choir treats us to some fantastic music, praising God.

Emmaus Homes serves a much needed ministry in our community, providing services to adults with developmental disabilities throughout Eastern Missouri. Emmaus' main campus is located in Marthasville, MO; they have another campus in St. Charles; but they also have off campus group homes in Jefferson City, St. Louis City and County, and Washington, MO. Their support is maintained through various sources, including the contributions of churches like ours. Come get into the spirit of Emmaus Homes; our April Mission of the Month!

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The Bem Church Cemetery Committee met recently to make plans for the clean up day on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and to discuss other business set before them. As of printing day for The Scoop, we are looking forward to our clean up day; thank you to all! We have also been discussing matters of policy, plans for the future, and ways to help our cemetery serve the needs of our congregation into the future. Our next meeting will be in May.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for Scholarships to be awarded for the fall semester of 2009. Anyone planning to attend college or graduate school next year is invited to apply. Applications are located in the church narthex (the back of the church where you come in) or you can get one from the church office; contact Carole Dotson. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting again April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Acts, the "hinge" of the New Testament, is a particularly fascinating book. It focuses on a dynamic church guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Acts begins with Jesus instructing his followers to go back to Jerusalem and wait for "the gift from on high"; that is, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Then the Spirit comes, empowers the new church, and the whole world is changed. Come spend time with us as we investigate the ways the Book of Acts speaks to us today.

We will gather for six Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, starting April 22 and concluding on May 27<sup>th</sup>. During this time we will begin our sojourn into what is perhaps the most influential book of the New Testament. Come see why it is a "hinge;" come and see how the Holy Spirit empowers us all; come and see why the Book of Acts is Still Speaking to us today. There is no charge for this class; we will be using materials provided free to us by the **United Church of Christ Church House** in Cleveland; materials that are made possible by our contributions to **Our Church's Wider Mission**.

### **PAIRS AND SPARES NEWS**

Pairs and Spares will host their monthly carry in meal/meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Come and join us! We have also set the dates for our summer **Rummage Sale- June 11, 12, & 13**. Start saving up your goodies! You can start bringing items to church beginning June 7. **The Church Picnic** is right around the corner, too- **May 23**. **Remember the Pairs & Spares country store!**

**THANK YOU!**

*(Some thank you notes may be edited due to space limitations)*

**Thank you to our Anonymous Donor-**

Thank you to the anonymous donor who gifted the church with a changing table for the narthex restroom. With the baby boom in our congregation, it is very much appreciated by the parents of these young ones! Thank you!

**- Families of Bem Church Babies**

**Dear Rev. Oberle and the Congregation of St. John's United Church of Christ**

On behalf of the wider church, I thank you for your support of **Our Church's Wider Mission**; and for increasing your giving by \$184 (2008 \$ over 2007 \$). It is good to be covenantal partners with you in God's ongoing mission through the church!

**-Blessings and Joy! Rev. Krista Betz**

**Dear Friends at St. John's UCC (Bem),**

Thank you for your recent gift of \$36.50 to Eden Theological Seminary. Your congregation's continued commitment and care for Eden and those men and women preparing to serve Christ's church are a source of strength for us. Your gift helps to "keep the lights on" and fill our classrooms with the best teaching theologians. Thank you for joining us as partners in this important ministry! With thanksgiving,

**-Doni Driemeier-Showers  
Director of Development, Eden Theological Seminary**

**TIME PASSAGES...**

***Births...***

Brooke Parker Echols was born on March 10, 2009 to proud parents Kristen (Adams) Echols and Cody Echols. Proud grandparents are Lori and Steve Adams. Congratulations to all!

***Baptisms...***

Gregory Russell Aytes was baptized into the Christian Faith on Sunday, March 8, 2009 in the Sanctuary of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ. Gregory is the son of Christina and Curtis Aytes, and is the brother of Bryan, Morgan and Veronica Aytes. Welcome, Gregory!

***Funerals...***

God's promises of New Life and Resurrection were fulfilled in the life of Bill Miller, who died on March 10, 2009. Bill was a friend of Bem Church and a faithful fixture in the community. Bill was Nancy Kohrman's brother. Funeral services for Bill were held at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home on March 13, 2009 with Pastor Terry Knight officiating.

We also celebrated Resurrection promises fulfilled in the life of Blanche Lewis, who died on March 16, 2009 at Gasconade Manor Nursing Home. Blanche lived in Owensville for the latter half of her life, raising eight children here. Blanche was Chris Lewis' mother; Tina Wnuk's grandmother; and mother figure for many in our community. Funeral services for Blanche were held at Gottenstroeter Funeral home on March 18, 2009 with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating.

Alexis Mackenzie Bay arrived into the world in a bit too much of a hurry; born too early to survive, she rested in God's loving embrace shortly after arriving here. In her brief life, she touched so many so deeply. Alexis was born on March 17, 2009, and only lived a short time before her loved ones had to say goodbye. Alexis was Michelle Huelinghoff and Jeremy Bay's daughter. A private celebration of Alexis' life was held graveside at St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ on March 20, 2009 with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating.

## **GRAPE COUNTRY CLUSTER- CHURCHES IN MISSION TOGETHER**

The Grape Country Cluster of United Church of Christ Congregations is going to town with their activity in the Franklin/Gasconade County Communities. Here are a few things coming up:

**GENERAL SYNOD FORUM-** This summer we will be celebrating the 27<sup>th</sup> General Synod of the United Church of Christ, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. General Synod is a gathering of people every two years from across the United Church of Christ to discuss issues pertaining to our mission as Christians in God's world. General Synod discusses issues as a forum and communicates these issues *to* the local churches; it does not speak *for* the local churches. On **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm at St. James, Charlotte**, delegates who will be attending General Synod will be on hand to brief us on the discussions that will be taking place this year. This is an important meeting for all to attend; come join the discussion!

**SHANNONDALE MISSION/FLOAT TRIP-** The Grape Country Cluster is planning a float trip to Shannondale the weekend of **June 5-7**. More information will be forthcoming; but mark your calendars now, and let's join in the fun!

**MISSION FAIR-** The Grape Country Cluster is putting together a Mission Fair to be held at the UCC churches in Berger, MO the evening of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Laura Shore will be one of the speakers, talking about her trip to Kenya. The Emmaus Home Bell Choir will be there, too. A great event!

## **EASTERN ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING**

*Please join us for the Eastern Association Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Zion United Church of Christ in Union.* We will begin with worship in the church sanctuary, then divide to attend the workshops which interest you the most. All churches are encouraged to send at least four representatives so that information from each workshop can filter back to the local church. Workshops include: medical needs, food pantry operations, job retraining, and economic counseling. *The gathering begins at 2:00pm on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>; dinner is provided at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.*

The theme of this gathering is *“Facilitators of Hope: Equipping Faith Communities to Work for Economic Justice”*. This is the Eastern Association Spring Meeting, and it is like a family reunion for Eastern Association Churches. Come reunite with your friends from other United Church of Christ Congregations in the area, network together on situations of interest, and have fun as Christians United. If you would like to attend this gathering, talk to Pastor Rick. Let's see if we can get a large group from Bem to attend!

## **RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

The Mission and Social Concerns Committee of Bem Church is starting a new initiative to respond to the needy in our community; we are working with *Helping Hands Food Pantry* to collect healthcare items in addition to our regular food collection. We will have a rotating list of healthcare items to collect for *Helping Hands Food Pantry*; our goal is to collect 300 of each item. The current item is: **Shampoo!** Bring a few bottles of shampoo with you to church when you can; our goal is to collect 300 bottles. When we do, we will deliver them to *Helping Hands*, and begin another collection. *Helping Hands* helps almost 300 families every month.

Healthcare items are often overlooked as necessities in the lives of the economically disenfranchised. By addressing this need, we can continue God's mission in our community.

**APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*Flowers: Fran Huebner*

<b>Nursery Workers:</b> 4/5: Kim Oberle & Jodi Layman	<b>Greeters:</b> Chris Blankenship Family	<b>Lay Reader:</b> Alyssa LaValle	<b>Acolytes:</b> Andrew Carey & Kelsey Baxter
4/12: Nancy Kohrmann & Tammi Branson	Doug Shockley Family	Dee Ruegge	Andrew Carey & Tanner Goodman
4/19: Leann Smith & Brooke Johnson	Larry Branson/ Tammi Branson Families	Erin West	Sable Huebner & Kelsey Baxter
4/26: Erin West & Judene Huellinghoff	Sal Parker Family	Suzan Wilson	Sable Huebner & Tanner Goodman

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

4/1- Robin Adkison; 4/3- Patricia Hohn, Nick Altemeyer; 4/4- Charlie Shore; 4/5- Amelia Shockley; 4/6- Jacob Adkison; 4/7- Tracy Behrens; 4/8- Josh Littrell, Nicholas Smith; 4/10- Jay Copeland; 4/11- Devin Baxter; 4/12- Alexis Branson; 4/13- Don Koepke, Ali Carey, Christine Rosenbaum; 4/17- Jimmy Ley; 4/19- Hero Schmidt; 4/21- Trisha Rehagen; 4/24- April Jardes, Andrea Glaser; 4/25- Pat Branson, Sarah Parker; 4/26- Nobby Ota, Judene Huellinghoff, Emmett Steinman; 4/29- Linda Richardson; 4/30- Larry Branson  
**...Happy Birthday!**

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

4/8- Dawn & Dean Kreter; 4/14- Pam & Bobbie Keeney; 4/25- Becky & Tom Dotson; 4/28- Paula & Doug Shockley  
**... Happy Anniversary!**

**ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship:
Sunday, March 1	122/34	Wednesday, February 25	47
Sunday, March 8	125/50	Wednesday, March 4	45
Sunday, March 15	146/49	Wednesday, March 11	46
Sunday, March 22	125/30	Wednesday, March 18	45
<b>Total:</b>	<b>518/163</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>183</b>
Average:	130/41	Average:	46

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

Congratulations to **Dawson Clark** who went to the state wrestling finals in his division. *Way to go, Dawson!* Congratulations also to **Kristen Smith** for receiving the Starbuck Award for Good Character. *Great Job, Kristen!*

Congratulations to **Zach Morris** for receiving a very significant academic scholarship to attend Mizzou next year. *Zach* has worked hard to achieve this; *Congratulations, Zach!*

Congratulations to **Aimee Hansel** for making it to the State Competitions in Columbia for her 4-H project this year! *Aimee* was also pictured in the Cuba Free Press marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rolla. *Congratulations, Aimee!*

## BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Special Offering Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$2099</b>	<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$839.</b>
Income:		Income:	
Offering	\$9239	Mission Fund	\$510.
Interest	\$84	Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$45.
Tower	\$550	Eden Seminary	\$235
Other	\$583	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$338
Dinners	<u>\$2034.*</u>	Flowers	<u>\$20</u>
Total Income	\$12,490.	Total Income	\$1148.
Expense: Budgeted Items	(\$8269)	Disbursements:	(\$914)
<b>Balance as of 3-15-09</b>	<b>\$6320.</b>	<b>Balance as of 3-15-09</b>	<b>\$1073.</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>Memorial/Gift Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$2507.</b>	<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$9504.</b>
Income:	\$50	Income:	
Expense:	(\$138)	New Century Hymnal Fund	<u>\$100</u>
<b>Balance as of 3-15-09</b>	<b>\$2642.</b>	<b>Balance as of 3-15-09</b>	<b>\$9604</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>		<b>Youth Fellowship Account</b>	
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$2940</b>	<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$595.</b>
Income:		Income:	
Lois Kreter Memorial	\$250	Donations	\$220
Envelopes	\$71	Souper Bowl	\$130
Interest	<u>\$147.</u>	Soda Machine	\$82
Total Income	\$468.	<b>Balance as of 3-15-09</b>	<b>\$1027.</b>
<b>Balance as of 3-15-09</b>	<b>\$3408</b>	<b>Etta Licklider VBS Fund</b>	
<b>Quilters</b>		<b>Balance as of 3-15-09:</b>	<b>\$1503</b>
<b>Balance as of 2-15-09</b>	<b>\$484</b>	<b>CD Balance:</b>	<b>\$9891.</b>
Income:	\$100	*Chicken & Dumplings dinner income was \$1854; expenses were \$537; profit \$1317	
<b>Balance as of 3-15-09</b>	<b>\$584</b>		

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: HOW ARE WE DOING IN 2009?

Year to Date income as of March 15, 2009 is \$26,225; Year to Date goal is \$30,250. *As of March 15, income is behind by \$4025, or 13%.* We have made an incredible progression this past month. Go back and look at last month's Scoop; at that point we were down by **28%!** We have closed the gap considerably in just the past 28 days! The first quarter of 2009 ends on March 29, 2009. At that point, our Year to Date income goal is \$35,750. That is another large gap to cover by the end of the month. We may not quite hit that mark, but we will come very close! *This congregation has done a great job of recovering from those January doldrums!*

We are holding steady with the finances, but we have some big bills coming up at the end of March. Three big quarterly insurance bills are due March 31, which will take a huge bite out of that \$6320 balance you see listed above! The ministries this congregation is doing with the tools at our disposal are incredible. Let's continue to grow and thrive as we wrap up the first quarter of 2009 and head into spring!

*Check out Eden Seminary's website for news, downloads of Theological Discussions, and information about programming for the community! Check it out at [www.eden.edu](http://www.eden.edu)!*

**ST. JOHN'S UCC PRAYER LIST**

...as of 3/19/09

*Please keep in your prayers...*

*Prayer Joys and Concerns...*

**The Family of Blanche Lewis...** on their loss  
**The Family and friends of Bill Miller...** on their loss  
**The Hullinghoff/Bay Families...** on their loss  
**The Family of Vi Miller...** on their loss (*Memorial Service 4/4 2:00pm at Oak Hill*)  
**Susan Dickmann...** healing from injuries sustained in a fall (Jan Yamnitz's mother)  
**Bob Blackwell...** medical issues  
**Healing, Wholeness and Forgiveness...** for families of Bem Church members in need  
**Don and Mary Baker...** health issues with Don

*Recovering from surgeries & other procedures...*

**John Kreter; Esther Hollander; JoAnn Glaser;**  
**Art Knehans** (Bill Knehans' father); **Janice Spurgeon** (recovering from ankle surgery);  
**Hero Schmidt** (recovering well at Gasconade Manor from hip surgery 2/23)

*Health Issues...*

**Jim Honse** (Dee Ruegge's friend); **Remi Bruning** (Paula Shockley's friend);  
**Norman Blankenship; Betty Raack; Joe Smith** (Carole Dotson's nephew); **Pam Crider;**  
**Til Knobbe** (Kim Oberle's grandmother); **Hap Eddens** (Jackie Mitchell's cousin);  
**Don Koepke** (knee problems); **Lawrence Pankey** (Courtney Shockley's grandfather)

*Challenges in Life...*

**Fran & Dan Graham; Ken Wittich; Richard & Pam Koepke; Noe Guzman**

*Living with Cancer...*

**Mary Ackermann; Mary Spurgeon; Sue Sassman; Gary Spurgeon; Eddie Tayloe;**  
**Joyce Elsperman** (Lori Adams' friend); **Dustin Quirouet** (C. Blankenship's friend)  
**Karen Willimann** (Armin Enke's daughter); **Diane Hughes** (Judene's friend);  
**Joy Schneider** (Nancy Carl's Friend); **Casey Lamb** (Darin Layman's cousin);  
**Brian & Heather Sample** (Friends of Brenda Sieckmann & Debbie Adams);  
**Norman Stumpe** (Hester Tayloe's brother);

*Our family members and friends in care facilities...*

**Geneva Schaefferkoetter** at Gasconade Manor;  
**Ira Licklider** at Sunset Health Care in Union; **Bernice Licklider** at Frene Valley

*Serving us in the Military...* **Tommy Creedon, Landon Freeman, Page Neville, Jason West**

**Brendan O'Very, Erik Laudahal & JR Lackey**

*Pregnancies in our church family...*

**Renee & Brandon Shaw & Ashlee**  
**Brandi & Chris Lauth & Will**  
**Tina & George Wnuk & Molly**  
**Jessica & Chad Mittelhauser**  
**Paula & Rick Copeland; Jay and Drew**  
**Ashley & Matt Spurgeon**  
**Layne Kreter & Megan Volker**

(Tommy is Suzan's friend, in Afghanistan; Landon is Paula Shockley's friend, now home from Iraq; Page is Fran Huebner's friend, now home from Iraq; Brendan is Kim Oberle's cousin, now home from Iraq; Erik is Nancy Carl's nephew, in the National Guard, serving in Iraq; JR is Judene's nephew, now home from Afghanistan; Jason West is Erin West's brother in law, now home from Iraq)

*This year's confirmation class...*

**Kelsey Baxter, Andrew Carey, Tanner Goodman & Sable Huebner**

**ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- APRIL 2009 CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am</b>		<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am</b>
March 29 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Keigan Glaser Baptism</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
March 30 <sup>th</sup> -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
April 1 <sup>st</sup> -	Confirmation/ Lenten Meal/Worship	5:00pm/6:00pm/7:00pm
April 4 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Bem Church German Meal</b>	<b>5:00-7:00pm</b>
	Confirmation	9:00am
	Scholarship Committee Meeting	11:00am
April 5 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	Pairs and Spares/Youth Meetings after worship	11:15am
April 6 <sup>th</sup> -	Choir Practice/Council Meeting	6:30pm
April 9 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation/Maundy Thursday Worship	5:00/7:00pm
April 10 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation/Good Friday Worship	5:00/7:00pm
April 11 <sup>th</sup> -	Youth Fill Easter Eggs	
April 12 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Easter Sunday!</b> Worship:	7:00am & 10:00am
	Breakfast	8:00am- ???
	Easter Egg Hunt	9:00am
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> -	Bible Study on The Book of Acts, Chapter 1	6:30pm
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	General Synod Forum at Cluster Meeting, Charlotte	7:00pm
April 26 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Emmaus Home Bell Choir Here</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	Eastern Association Spring Meeting in Union	2:00pm
April 27 <sup>th</sup> -	Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm
April 29 <sup>th</sup> -	Bible Study on The Book of Acts, Chapter 2	6:30pm

**QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH**  
**YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm**

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