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Journey in grace.

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have Sunday School at 9 AM

3rd - 5th Grade

can enjoy AWE during Worship

Infants & Toddlers have the Nursery Available

Talk to Cristi Laukhuf

YOUTH

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6th - 12th grade

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Youth Group takes place at 11:45AM

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PALM SUNDAY SERVICE | MARCH 29 | 10:30 AM

Service at First UMC

BAKED POTATO BAR | MARCH 29 | 11:45 AM

\$10 for Adults & \$5 for Kids

MAUNDY THURSDAY | SERVICE APRIL 2 | 6:15 PM

Service at Ohio City UMC

EMPTY TOMB ESCAPE ROOM | APRIL 3 | 10:00 AM

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Fountain Park

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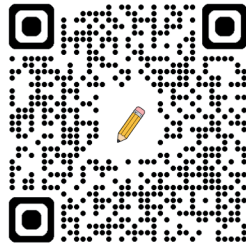
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