

Easter Events



EASTER BREAKFAST
APRIL 5 | 8:30 AM
Dining Room @ First UMC



EASTER WORSHIP
OHIO CITY UMC
APRIL 5 | 9AM



EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 5 | 9:45 AM
Fountain Park in Van Wert



EASTER WORSHIP
FIRST UMC
APRIL 5 | 10:30 AM

No Sunday School

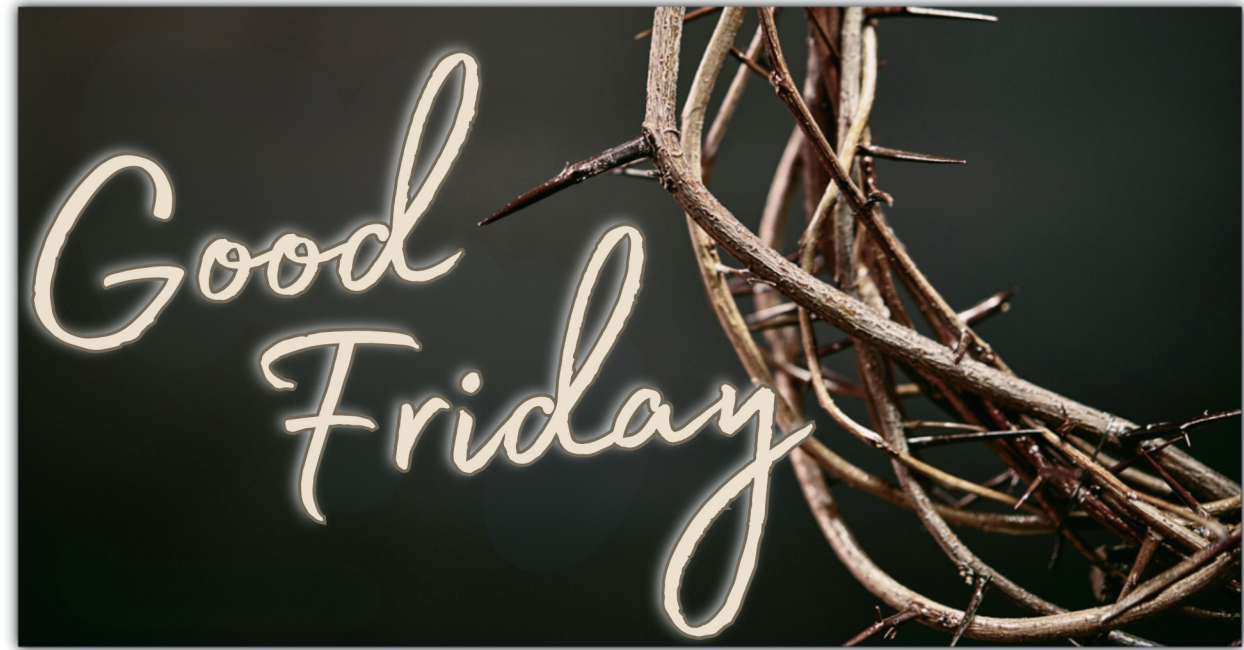
MONDAY, APRIL 6
Office and building closed
NO FOOD PANTRY



EASTER FAMILY PHOTO SPOT

On Easter morning, stop by the photo backdrop in the Narthex near the Jefferson Street entrance for a family photo or creative selfie!

Capture those memories when everyone is dressed up.



APRIL 3RD 2026

6:15PM

FIRST UMC

Pastor Christian Taylor



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CHURCH

OHIO CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING



The Goal: Kitchen Upgrades - specifically Stove Replacements
The Impact: From weekly fellowships to community outreach, our kitchen serves countless plates and creates a place for all.
The Ask: Please prayerfully consider a gift this Easter.

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

GATHERING & GREETING

Pastor: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

People: That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ was lifted upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #286 **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** | UMH

PSALM 22: 1 – 5 Hannah Kraner

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

Leader: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

People: by night, but I find no rest.

Leader: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

People: In you, our ancestors put their trust; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you they cried out and were saved;

People: in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Hebrews 10: 16 – 25** Hannah Kraner

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM **What Wondrous Love Is This** arr. Ivan Trusler

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY Pastor Christian Taylor & Grace Dowler

John 18: 1 – 19:42

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** arr. Gilbert Martin

SILENT MEDITATION *You are Invited to come Kneel before the Cross*

CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

Pastor: O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? I led you on a journey out of slavery in Egypt and carried you through the waters of baptism toward freedom. Yet when the journey brought us to this hill, you prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Reader: I led you through the wilderness for forty years and fed you with manna from heaven. I sustained you in every season of your journey and gave you my body, the bread of heaven. Yet when we reached this destination, you prepared a cross for your Savior. **continue**

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: I planted you like branches in my vineyard and gave you the living water of salvation. But when I was thirsty at the end of the road, you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced the side of your Savior.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Reader: I went before you as a pillar of cloud and fire, guiding you through uncertain paths. I brought you into places of renewal and hope, yet you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: I gave you the promise of a kingdom and entrusted you with the keys of grace. But at the end of this journey, you placed on me a crown of thorns and lifted me upon a cross.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Reader: I gave you my peace and washed your feet like a servant along the road. Yet you reach for power and draw the sword in my name and seek the highest places instead of the way of love.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: I accepted the cup of suffering and walked faithfully to this destination for your sake. Yet along the road you scatter, deny, and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, yet you close your hearts to my voice.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Reader: I called you to go and bear fruit along the journey, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you would be one, yet you continue to quarrel and divide.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: I grafted you into the living tree of my covenant people and made you heirs of my promises. Yet you turned against your neighbors with hatred and blame instead of walking together in mercy.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Reader: I came to you in the faces of the least of these along the way. I was hungry, and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, sick and imprisoned and you did not visit me.

People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

A Brief Silence Follows

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #288 **Were You There** | UMH

BLESSING

Pastor: We have walked the road with Christ to its destination – to the cross where love was poured out for the world. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you on every step of the journey, until the beginning God has promised is revealed.

People: Amen.

GOING FORTH *Please Depart in Silence*

