

**WEEKLY INFORMATION:**

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 101

Online: 35

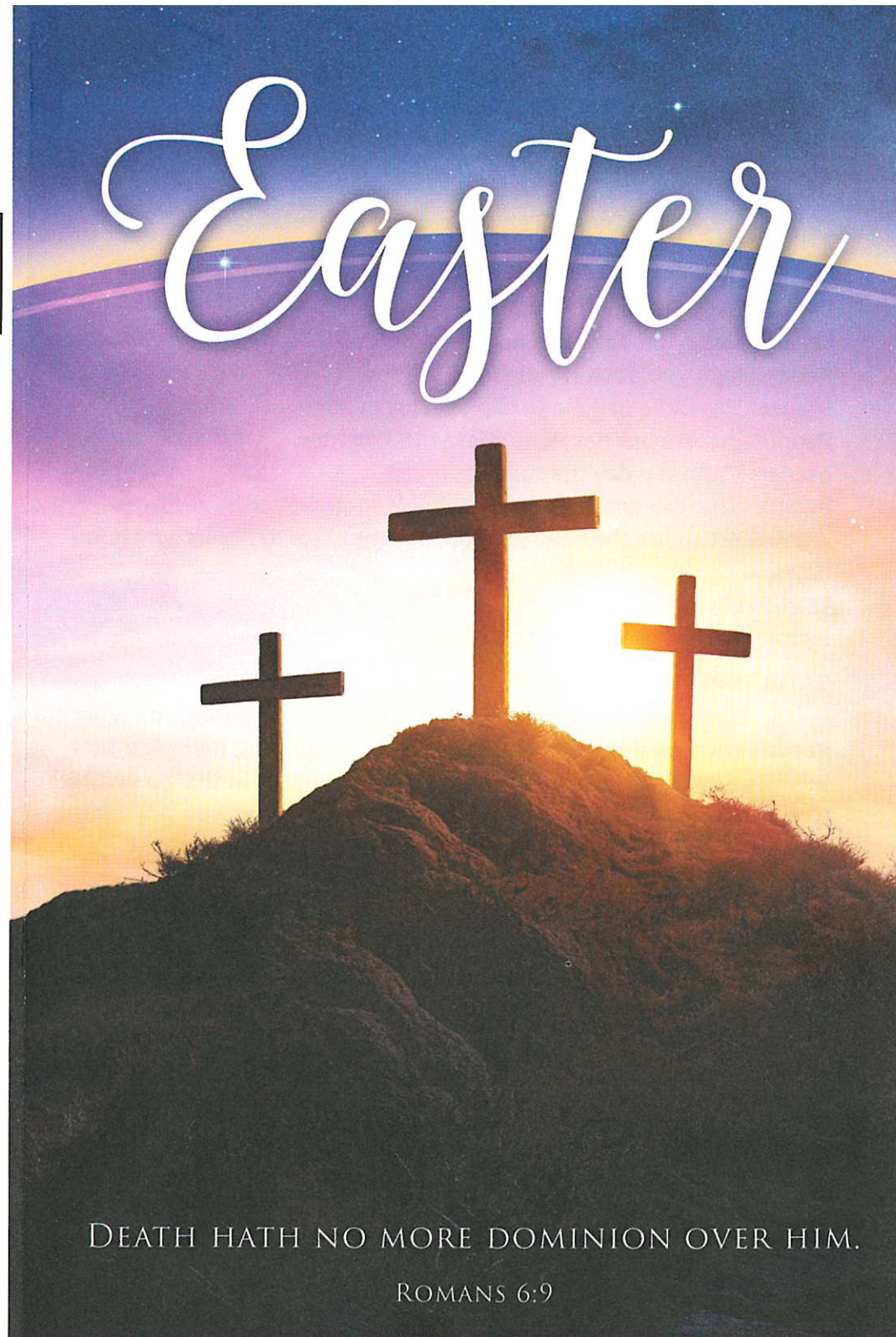
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 384

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 4,315

**LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

**Our home bound and nursing home residents:** Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon and Stevie Mider.

**Others:** David Forbes' Father and Kim Sevier.



**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**APRIL 9, 2023 - 6:31 A.M.**

**Thompson Park Pinnacle**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Rev. Leon ("Toby") Schilling is preaching**

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** This is the day hope tiptoes us awake;

**People:** light guides us through the shadows.

**Leader:** This is the day the Lord plants joy in our winter hearts;

**People:** drowns out despair's cries with laughter.

**Leader:** This is the day the Lord has made.

**People:** The day grace does cartwheels in graveyards; resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun; an empty tomb fills us with good news.

**Leader:** Christ has risen!

**People:** Christ has risen indeed.

**GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us in the garden of new life. Here, in this sacred place, we discover that you are alive, that sin and death cannot defeat you. Now our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among us. Today, we begin to understand that joy comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this good news. Lord, we hear your call and because we are not left alone our alleluias will be heard far and wide. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** "The Day of Resurrection" #303 (Insert)

**SCRIPTURE:** John 20: 1-18

**MEDITATION**

**CLOSING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are empowered and energized because a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a symbol of eternal life. And, Lord, we are thankful that you come to greet us in a garden of hope, trust, and faith, that a dark and empty tomb has emerged into a garden of light and living. In all our days, we shall live for Christ, the resurrected and risen Savior. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Because He Lives" #364 (Insert)

**THE SENDING**

**Leader:** Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed.

**Leader:** Now go quickly and share the news that he has risen from the dead and is going on ahead of you where you will meet him in the Galilee of your common, daily lives.

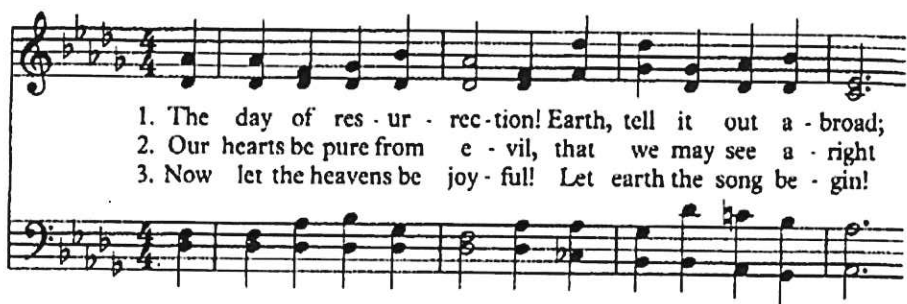
**THE BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great Pastor of the church, make you adept at all times in doing the loving thing, working in you that which is a delight to God. And the blessing of God most wonderful, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be with you now and evermore.

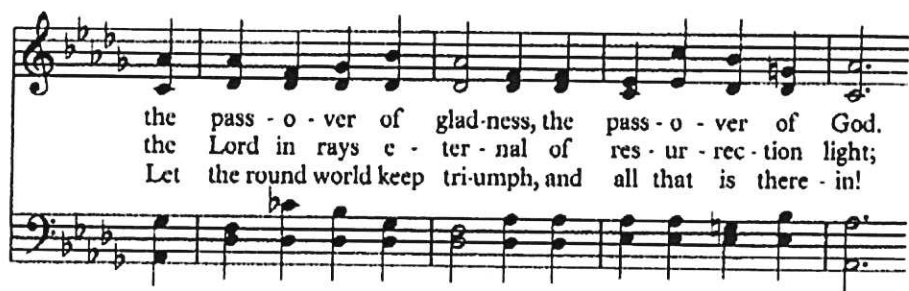
**All: Amen!**

**Thank you to all of you who have joined us in worship this morning. It is my true wish that as you leave here this morning your day has begun with the joy of the message of God's unending love for you. Thank you also to those who have participated with me in making this morning happen. Thank you particularly for Gerald Holder and Mark Smith for their generosity of heart and time in helping me prepare this place for worship this morning and in providing the refreshments we will enjoy following this morning's service.**

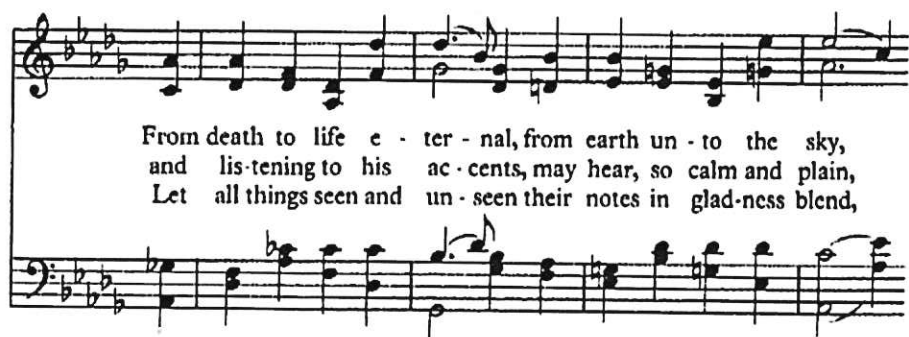
## The Day of Resurrection



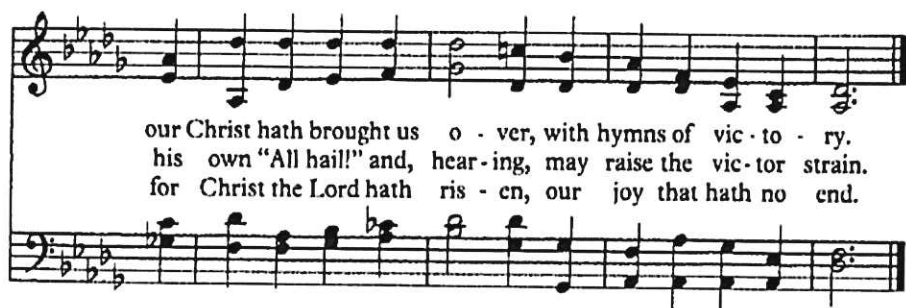
1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there - in!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.



## Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
 and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,  
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

*Refrain*

Bc-cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be-cause he lives, all fear is gone;

be-cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause he lives.



# ASBURY UMC

*Opportunities  
to Share Our Love  
for God  
and Each Other*



## This Week

*April 9 - April 16, 2023*

### Opportunities to Share

**Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Monday, April 10: 6:15 P.M.

**Prayer Circle @ Parlor**  
- Wednesday, April 12: 11:00 A.M.

**Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room**  
- Thursday, April 13: 5:30 P.M.

**Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Thursday, April 13: 6:15 P.M.

**Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**  
- Thursday, April 13: 7:15 P.M.

### Meetings

**Staff Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, April 10: 10:15 A.M.

**Missions Committee Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, April 10: 6:30 P.M.

**Trustees Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Tuesday, April 11: 6:30 P.M.

### April 30th - Contemporary Service

**THEME: "Alleluia Anyway"**

Enjoy Laura's special message, the Praise Team leading you in worship, and some children's music!

What a great time to invite a friend, a neighbor or a family member!

The service is intended to be a bit more casual so it is the perfect time to invite someone new!

If you personally have any interest in singing or playing an instrument, please feel free to contact the Praise Team at: 315-783-1105.

We hope to see you there!

### NURSERY NOW OPEN!

The nursery is now open on Sundays during the Main Worship service! It is located near the Parker Street entrance in the Sunday School room. Your children will be taken care of by our Nursery Care Worker, Anne Marie Gianfagna, and an assistant.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



**April 9** Marilyn Brown

**April 10** Lisa Smith

**April 12** Lorraine Irwin

**April 16** Jeffrey Sero



### Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

It's a great time to sign up for Coffee Hour!

You can host with a group or individually!

A sign-up sheet and Coffee Hour instructions are on the Coffee Hour table in the Rotunda.

**Sunday, April 30th** is still available to host if anyone is interested!

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*To Make Disciples for  
Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World.*

#### THE MISSION OF ASBURY

*To Inspire People of All  
Generations to Love, Learn  
and Lead Through Worship,  
Education, and Service.*

#### THE ASBURY MOTTO

*No Matter Where You Are  
on Life's Journey,  
You Are Welcome Here!*

## Join Us Next Sunday, April 16th

### Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

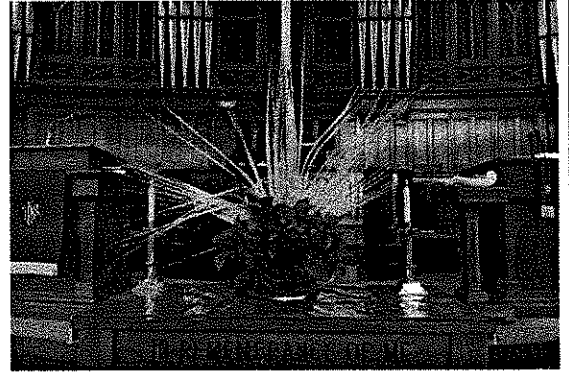
Jane Eastham is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Scripture: John 20: 19-29

Sermon: "I Will Not Believe"



### Asbury Book Club

Friday, May 5th at 9:30 A.M. in the Parlor

*The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman (2020)

"In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly finds themselves in the middle of their first live case. The friends might be septuagenarians, but they are cleverer than most. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?"

This book is available for purchase online if you are interested!

### Rummage Sale Donations Being Accepted!

Now is the time to start hoeing out! We accept everything except clothing and computers. Please clean your donations! Items can be taken downstairs to the room to the left of the stage Monday through Thursday from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. or on Sundays. Thank you!

The Asbury Spring Rummage and Plant Sale will be held on May 12th and 13th.

### Scripture of the Week

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower."

- Proverbs 18:10 -

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#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

#### PASTOR LAURA'S OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M. - NOON