

The Pastor’s Page

Dear Church Family,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter. Now, you might be saying to yourself, "Self, last Sunday was Easter Sunday." In the words of the great Ed McMahon to the even greater Johnny Carson, "You are correct, sir! [or madam]" Last Sunday was Easter Sunday. But much like you heard me say after Christmas, the church does not rush away from Easter and Jesus' resurrection.

First, recall what we spoke about during Lent: From the earliest days of Christianity, the church regarded every Sunday, "the first day of the week" as a little Easter. Even smack dab in the middle of Lent, or even Christmastime, we also proclaim Easter--Jesus lives! So, this is the Second Sunday of Easter, and at its most basic, every Sunday is an Easter Sunday.

However, we do have six or seven designated Sundays of Easter (in other words, "Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter," etc.), from now until the end of May. We call this The Great Fifty Days. In scripture, around fifty days seem to elapse between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension back into heaven. In other words, the Resurrected Christ "hung around" for fifty days before he went back home to heaven. The Great Fifty Days celebrate the life and the presence of Jesus, resurrected and present among those earliest believers, and us!

And consider this, sister and brothers: Our penitential season preparing for Jesus' suffering death and resurrection, Lent, spans forty days. Our celebration of his resurrection, our period of praise to God for life, lasts fifty days! We celebrate life longer than we wear sackcloth and ashes. I don't know about you, but I just love this!

Welcome, beloved, to the Great Fifty Days!  
Love,  
Jeff

PRAYER REQUESTS

Men & Women	Twila Hostutler	Pat & Jim Wobig
Serving in the Military	Larry & Anita Lemon	Unspoken Requests of our Hearts
The Homebound	Nettie Mason	The Lost
Jody Edgell	Lois & Norman Riggs	<i>The rose on the altar is a reminder to pray</i>
Dick Fonner	Bill & Rae Stuart	<i>for those in need.</i>
Charlene Hindman	Danny Winland	

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Today**  
4:00 Small Group Class  
**Monday, April 28**  
**Tuesday April 29**  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
5:00 Praise Team  
6:00 Chancel Choir  
**Thursday, May 1**  
8-3:00 Yard Sale  
**Friday, May 2**  
8-3:00 Yard Sale  
**Saturday, May 3**  
MPR Reserved  
**Sunday, May 4**  
9:00 Praise Worship  
10:45 Traditional Worship  
4:00 Small Group Class

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

30 Jared Alex Kocher, Trisha LeMasters Hartline  
May 1 Chris & Sherry Bachman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*The Youth will meet next Sunday night, May 4 at 6:00 here at the church.  
\*Gifts of Grace Room needs laundry detergent, bath towels, silverware, bath washcloths small sizes of girl's underwear toddler through size 12.  
\*Yard Sale Thursday & Friday 8—3 P.M.  
\*We will be honoring graduates on May 25 during the services. If you know of a graduate we should honor, please contact Debbie at the church office (304)455-1422.


HELPING HAND

Helping Hand is in need of macaroni & cheese and Jiffy cornbread mix.

FIRST AID KIT & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

There is a first aid kit and medical equipment in the cabinet near the water fountain.

GIVING

 Gifts to the Church can be made by using the following QR code, through the Realm App or by placing your offering in the box at the rear of the sanctuary.

New Martinsville United Methodist Church

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April 27, 2025

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M.  
Contemporary Worship

10:45 A.M.  
Traditional Worship

Communion First Sunday  
of Each Month

All are welcome to share  
Christ’s Table

"It is to Jesus and his followers that the ultimate victory belongs. The kingdom of God is and should be the goal for all, but only those who respond positively to the invitation and who remain faithful and loyal and who do not become apostate in the face of persecution will be participants in God's kingdom and final victory."

--James M. Efird

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. Christ’s Disciples in Classroom  
10:00 a.m.  
Elementary in Preschool room  
Middle/High school in Conference room  
Adult Classes  
Open Hearts in Library  
4:00 Small Group in Library  
6:00 Youth (schedule varies-see bulletin)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Welcome Guests

We are pleased to welcome you to the service of worship at New Martinsville United Methodist Church. If you are a first-time guest this morning, it is our hope that you feel at home and welcome among us. We are glad you are here!

Vision

A people who are being transformed by the Spirit of God into the likeness of Jesus Christ and are being sent out to transform their world.

Scripture

May 4 (Third Sunday of Easter) John 21: 1-19  
May 11 (Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day) Exodus 2: 1-10

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