

# Nashville United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 399  
Nashville Ohio

**April 2017**

## Newsletter

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*An offering will be collected to assist our UM Missionaries in the Democratic Republic of Congo, to "provide 250 mattresses for the UMC orphanages in Kinshasa and the two vocational schools for girls." The mattresses will be produced at a local factory at cost of \$35.*

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Spring District Conference is April 23, 2017 at Coshocton Grace UMC at 3:00 pm. Those expected to attend include the Pastor, Lay Leader, Administrative Council Chair and Lay member of the Annual conference.

### **Discipleship Committee**

Discipleship committee has been very busy! This committee plans educational events for the church including vacation bible school, after school program, Sunday school classes, bible studies, training for acolytes, confirmation classes, church camp and children's church. They began the year by reviewing members' job descriptions. Youth group will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during worship. Children's Church is going to be renamed as Children's Worship. Our camp coordinator has signed up 2 children to attend church camp so far this spring. The after school program has been serving approximately 50 children. Bibles were purchased and given to 24 children as rewards for meaningful participation with funds provided from the mission committee.

Minutes of meeting 2/14/2017

### **Trustees**

The trustees have finished the Youth room, except for some small trim items and thresholds. We may do some additional painting. The parsonage received new vinyl flooring in the kitchen, dining room and bathroom. They are projecting that there will be some big projects to complete in the near future. The original church is sided with aluminum siding and it is beginning to peel. They will need to reside it soon. The basement carpeting also needs replaced. It is over 12 years old and is showing stains and signs of wear. To begin collecting funds for this, the trustees noted to again hold their annual mother's day flower sale.

Minutes of meeting 3/22/2107

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*Please see one of the trustees to order beautiful overflowing hanging baskets of flowers – perfect for Mother's Day! Delivery by May 6.*

## Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00PM April 13  
 Good Friday Service - 7:00PM April 14  
 Easter Sunrise Service - 7:30AM April 16  
 Breakfast - 8:30AM  
 Sunday School - 9:15AM    Worship Service- 10:30AM

## Mission Committee

The Mission committee met on March 20 to discuss church missions. The outreach fund helped and unknown number of persons with Electric, gasoline, medicine and rent. They are looking at planning another trip to Mexico sometime in the future. They are also researching local mission projects.

Minutes March 20, 2017

## To Discipleship from Membership

April 15, 9:30 to 3:30 will be a mini conference/training session. This event is open to the public. There is a \$10 charge for the materials and a lunch is provided. Kelly Brown will be the speaker. Please spread the word. Those interested in joining the April 15<sup>th</sup> workshop need to register with Kelly Brown 1-800-831-3972 ext: 129, or [kbrown@eocumc.com](mailto:kbrown@eocumc.com)

## Message from the Pastor

Easter is right around the corner! I always begin reflecting on how holidays were celebrated when I was younger, and compare them to the way they are celebrated today. I remember as a child that everyone wore fancy clothes on that day. It was the only Sunday that all the kids had new shoes and pretty hats. Some of the girls even wore white gloves. Several of the moms and dads had a flower on their suits or dresses. An excitement was in the atmosphere! We knew an Easter egg hunt for all the children would begin after the service. There would be lots of beautifully colored hard boiled eggs, jelly beans inside plastic eggs, hard candy coated marshmallow eggs, and a very special large chocolate covered candy egg. At home I had a wonderful Easter basket filled with lots of candy and other goodies waiting for me too. It marked the coming of spring. Pastel colors were everywhere. Flowers were blooming and the air was much warmer than a few

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*For the first Quarter of 2017,  
 the church took in \$33,579.90  
 and spent \$32,981.99 Ad council –  
 treasurer's report March 2017*

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weeks ago. It was such a happy time.

Now that I'm older, and I know Easter Sunday in a much different way, I realize now, Easter is about death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus the Son of God was born so that one day He would die. He chose to become the sacrifice for your sins and mine. His love is so amazing. By faith we simply believe in the great price that was paid for us. We sinned; Jesus died on a cross to pay for our sins, and on the third day rose from the grave. He is seated at the right hand of God making intercession for us.

He paid the highest price! He gave His life!! He suffered so that we can live forever with God. If we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, we are saved. There is no condemnation for the things we have done. And with each mistake we now make, forgiveness is still ours to receive.

The tomb where Jesus was buried was left empty! Only the grave clothes were left behind. Because of His great love for us, and the power of God living in us, we too will one day be caught up with Him in the air. *"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever"* (1 Thessalonians 4: 17). Jesus is coming again for those of us who have asked Him to forgive us our sins. We are waiting for that day when the heavens will open and we will meet Him in the skies.

So you see, Easter isn't at all about Easter baskets full of candy, pretty clothes, or spring flowers. It's about an empty tomb. Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed!!

in His grip, *Larry*



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