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Mission Statement:
Growing Faith, Sharing Hope, Living Love!

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
10:30 a.m.

*Enter expectantly, pray reverently, greet each other warmly,
listen thoughtfully, sing joyfully, and leave faithfully.*

Chief Elder and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Pastors: Rev. Sayward E. G. Lippincott
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell
Trombone Choir & Handbell Choir Director: Marilyn Winfield
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Allyson Miller
Lay Ministry Assistant: Greg Bomberger
Office Manager: Courtney Hackman
Administrative Assistant: Jaime Weik
Sexton: Andy Weik
Treasurer: Barbara McKenney
Financial Secretary: Mary Sweger
Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

****Stand, if you are able.***

Prelude: Selections from *Wassermusik* (Water Music)

Hornpipe, Minuet, Bourre', No Marking

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Due to flu concerns, it's okay not to shake hands. Just greet your neighbor with a smile, a word of greeting, fist or elbow bump. Please pass prayer request cards to the aisle for the ushers during the first hymn. Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it through the pew. If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to scan the QR code on the 'Connect Card' located on the cover of the Friendship Register. We are so glad you are here! Please see an Usher or Sacristan if you would like headphones to assist the hearing-impaired, large print bulletins, walker, wheelchair, or activity bags.

***Hymn:** 358

Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today

***Liturgy for Easter, page 90**

***Hymn:** 447

90th Birthday for Jean Elser on April 10th

With your presence Lord, our Head and Savior,

Bless her now, we humbly pray;

Our dear heavenly Father's love and favor

Be her comfort every day.

May God's Spirit now in each proceeding

Favor her with His most gracious leading;

Thus shall she be truly blessed both in labor and in rest.

Shared Joys, Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did

not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Children’s Chat Hymn: 723

I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb

Children’s Chat:

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

***Hymn:** 362

Christ is Alive!

Message: *Declare It! Proclaim It!*

Pastor Sayward Lippincott

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem: *Christ Is Risen*

Music based on *Nettleton* from
John Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music* and
Beach Spring by Benjamin Franklin White
Arr., Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

*Christ is risen! See the stone is rolled away.
Christ is living! This is Love’s triumphant day.
Let us raise our alleluias. Let us praise the glorious Son.
Christ is risen! Tell the world what God has done.
Christ is risen! Gone is death’s dark mystery.
Christ is living! Love has won the victory.
Let us raise our alleluias....
Christ is risen! See, the garden greets her Lord.
Christ is living! Joy has come and hope restored.
Every flower bursting open, every robin as she sings tells the story,
Shares the glory of the victory of our King!
Christ is risen! Let the song unending start.
Christ is living, resurrecting every heart.
Let us raise our alleluias....
Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!*

Text: Joseph Martin

***Offertory Response:**

Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: 359**

Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today

***Benediction**

Anthem: "Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become

The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ,

And of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude: *Toccata on "Old Hundredth"*

Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

The white rose that was on display last Sunday was in
memory of Rev. Dean Jurgen,
who entered into the Church Triumphant
on March 27th, 2026.



Visitation will be on Saturday, April 25th
at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.
Service will be held at 10:00am in the Sanctuary,
with luncheon immediately following.

Please keep the Jurgen family in your prayers.

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Serving Today:

Sacristan: (6:00 a.m.) Don Stoner; (10:30 a.m.) Don Stoner
(8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion; Don Stoner)

Co-Sacristan: (8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion) Ginny Journey

Head Usher: Russ Weidman

Scripture Reader: Greg Bomberger

Sound Booth Personnel: Thaddeus Lippincott

Nursery: There will be no nursery available on Easter Sunday.

Orchestra:

Flute: Jessica Kistler, Diane Bainbridge

Trumpet: John C. Grisbacher

Violin: MaryLee Yerger, Corinne White, Elizabeth Hess, Venona Detrick

Viola: Emily Sheffer, Brooke Mead

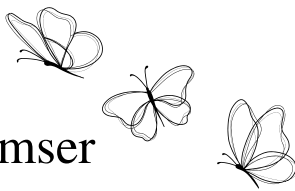

Cello: Ai-Lyn Hsieh

Bass: John Yerger

Be sure to swing by The Elbow Room
and check out our church puzzle project—
each piece a reminder that we all
belong and are stronger together!

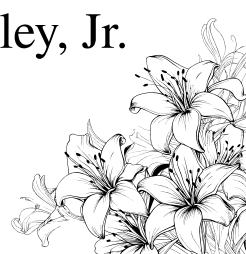
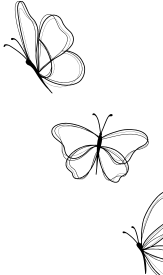

The project was completed during our
Mr. Rogers Lenten Study last month.

In Memory Of

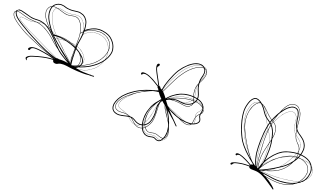


Harold Kremser, Jr. from Jonathan & Heather Kremser
Wes, Jean & Wes, Jr. from Barbara Snader
Reuben Z. Stoltzfus from Elmer & Barbara Stoltzfus
David J. Jenkins, IV (Brother) from Deborah Jenkins Dunn
Peter Chomo from Grace Victoria Chomo
Anne Chomo from Grace Victoria Chomo
My Husband, Vince Mizeras from Carole A. Mizeras
My Son, Craig Mizeras from Carole A. Mizeras
Our Parents from Anne & Tom Wentzel
George & Ruth Smith from Russ & Carolyn Weidman
Russel & Bebe Weidman from Russ & Carolyn Weidman
Helen & Harry Adams from Bobbi & Lloyd Groff
Our Parents from William & Margery Gardner
Bob Heron from Helen Heron

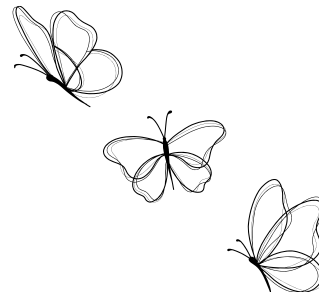
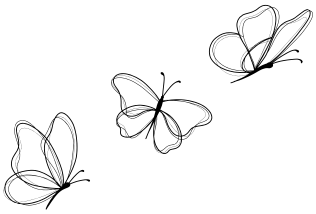
Theresa & William Santoro from William & Jill Santoro & Family
Barbara & Bruce Freed from William & Jill Santoro & Family
Our Grandparents from William & Jill Santoro & Family
Bob & Peg Reidenbaugh from John & Jan Reidenbaugh
Richard & Alta Myer from John & Jan Reidenbaugh
Mick & Susie Sload from Kenneth Gerhard
Edwin & Adeline Gerhard from Kenneth Gerhard
Ed & Phyllis McClure from Kenneth Gerhard
Our Parents from Bill & Doodie Charles
My Mother, Esther A. Watt from Heidi Bair
Glenn A. Bergman from Jane Bergman
Debra Bergman from Jane Bergman
Glenn A. Bergman, Jr. from Jane Bergman
Our Parents from Patti & Earle Cornelius
Parents, Elizabeth & Frederick Whitley from Frederick H. Whitley, Jr.
Frank Stump from Marcia Hirneisen



In Memory Of



Son, Timothy D. Nolt from Sam & Joyce Nolt
Parents from Sam & Joyce Nolt
Irma & Randy Bricker from Randy & Susan Bricker
Tim Callahan from Barbara Callahan
Franny & Tony Hoyt from Jeff & Julie Gemmell
Patricia & Isaac Gemmell from Jeff & Julie Gemmell
Peg & Fred Walter from Dave Walter
Muth Family from Dave Walter
Jane Swope from Paul Swope
Connie Manzolino from Paul Swope
Charles & Anna Krick from Ann Bowden
Nelson & Dorothy Bowden from Ann Bowden
C. Mervin & Mary H. Balmer & Anna Coates Eckert
from Dick & Janet Coates
Norma Wike, Rachel Miller, & Charles M. Balmer, Jr.
from Dick & Janet Coates
Sydney Coates Long from Dick & Janet Coates
Carol Siebert from Daihn, Steph, Mara, & Myla Moyer
Louise Denk from Daihn, Steph, Mara, & Myla Moyer
Sis Derrish from Daihn, Steph, Mara, & Myla Moyer
Francine Moyer from Daihn, Steph, Mara, & Myla Moyer
Lynda & Bill Scholl from Kathy Mock
Reading Moravian Church from Kathy Mock





In Honor Of

Elmer Z. Stoltzfus Love, “His Girls”

Our Children & Grandchildren from Anne & Tom Wentzel

Dianne Zimmerman from Gayle Ray

Courtney Hackman from Gayle Ray

Jaime Weik from Gayle Ray

The Wertz Family from Helen Heron

The Crawford Family from Helen Heron

Barbara Stump from Marcia Hirneisen

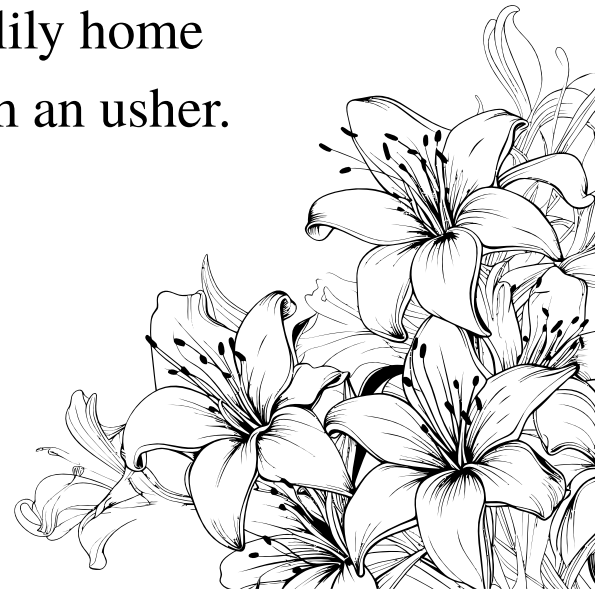
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ from Don & Kim Stoner

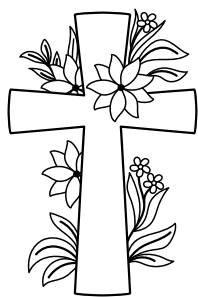
Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter Lily.

You are welcome to take your lily home after the 10:30am service.

Plants that are not taken home after the service will be given to our shut-ins or given to Random Acts of Kindness.

If you would like to get your lily home later in the week, please inform an usher.





Announcements April 5, 2026

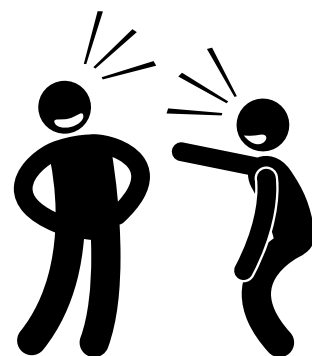
Will You Be Joining Us?

Everyone needs a good laugh once in a while!

Join us for Holy Humor Sunday next week,
Sunday, April 12th!

Ha Ha
Ha Ha
Ha Ha
Ha Ha

Wear fun, bright colored
clothing!!



Copies of the
Church
Square
Journal
located in the
Star Room or
Elbow Room

Congregational Watchword for 2026:
**Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in
the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.**
John 15:4

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week all of our nursing home residents and shut-ins at home.

Please remember in your prayers:

Serving our country in the military:
Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army;
Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves;
Lt. Cdr. Dain Bomberger, US Navy;
Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock

Prayers of Healing for:
Barry Erb
Jeff Bamberger
Meda Hostetter
Erelene Deist
Marilyn Diener
Susan Yeagley
Roger Groce
Melissa Hostetter
Carol Dague
Greg Laubach
Marilyn Copenhaver
Charlene Van Brookhoven
Joyce Nolt

Pastoral Visitation:

*Please contact Pastor Sayward
to schedule a
pastoral visit for yourself or
family members.*

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Completed Month of January 2026

	2025	2026
Tithes & Offerings	\$60,517	\$50,380
General Fund Other Income	\$11,648	\$10,829
General Fund Expenses	\$76,862	\$73,083
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5, 2026

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service with walk to God's Acre - Sanctuary
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion in The Chapel - The Brothers House
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Resurrection Celebration - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Resurrection Day Celebration - Sanctuary

Monday, April 6, 2026 - Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 -

- 9:00 a.m. Quilting - Nursery
- 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting - Liquid Classroom

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 -

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous - HDR

Thursday, April 9, 2026 -

- 6:30 p.m. Vigil Candle Prep - Craft Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. CIS - Outlook Library
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Zoom

Friday, April 10, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Beginner Community Yoga - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 11, 2026 -

- 9:00 a.m. Vigil Candle Prep - Craft Room

Sunday, April 12, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary (Holy Humor Sunday)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - All Ages
- 11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall



Wear Bright
Colored, Fun-
Patterned
Clothes

Out for a Run

Mary is shocked by her discovery of an empty sepulchre. Jesus' body is nowhere to be found. She hurries to tell the disciples this frightful news: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" (John 20:2 NIV). Her words sound like the crack of a starter's pistol, as Peter and John run to the tomb.

I find John's approach to the Easter story much more down to earth and concrete. Peter and John race to the tomb. John wins the tomb race, but his conviction questions the moment, and he does not go inside. John waits for Peter. When Simon Peter arrives, he confidently enters the sepulchre. Soon after, John follows.

After the disciples leave, all of Mary's troublesome questions are answered by the tender mercy of a Risen Savior. Mary rushes back to tell the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

To me, faith formation with Jesus is not a sprint but a marathon run. God calls us. God leads us. We listen, accept, and choose to follow in God's steps. So lace up the Chucks or buckle up those Birkenstocks, and join the vibrant path of believers, wearing out their soles to serve the Lord and the Lord's children.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that . . . entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1 NIV). Out for a run, walk, or saunter, friend travelers, remember that Mary Magdalene returned to tell the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

The Lord is risen. Share this Good News with those you meet on your journey of faith. Alleluia!

John Wallace, retired pastor, Dover, Ohio

The Moravian Church

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 2026

