

Worship Our Lord

Pick up Daily Devotions: May Upper Room
along with Our Daily Bread located in the Café bookrack.

Opportunities This Week

Today, April 28 Welcome! Be sure to sign our attendance pads.

May Newsletter items are due by 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, May 1

6 p.m. Hand Bells Rehearsal

7 p.m. Worship Rehearsal

Friday, May 3

Kitchen Usage

Saturday, May 4

1 p.m. Hagerstown Thrift Shop Annual Meeting @ NC Brethren Church

6 p.m. Rick Peelle's Students Recital in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

The congregation is invited to attend.

Needs at the Township Pantry- Through May Township Trustee's Outreach-. Bring items to the church café or deliver to the Trustee's office on Main Street. (37 E Main St) Needed pop tarts, cereal, and canned goods. Phone # is 765-388-1917

Don't forget – Remember to pick up your past or current Church Newsletter copies in the Café Bookrack. Changes in Newsletters from the Church Office Two Options 1. Letters emailed to those who have emails. Make sure we have your correct one. Please use our attendance pads, our phone machine/Easy to leave a message 2. Newsletters in the Café Bookrack.

Prayers for our Members & Friends: (CRU) Audra Alexander, Heather Eckert, Pastor Nate Eckert, Marilyn Scott, Priscilla Sherry, Jo Johnson, Chris & Barb Beeson, Judy Hilbert Haisley, Bob & Dixie Fast, Craig Salhoff, Angela Cox, Carol Meyer, Christa's (Coleman) husband Mark, George Anderson, Nicole Foust, Sharon Howell (remember Sharon likes to receive mail), Ginny Ozbun, Linda Ford & Dan Ballenger's homes being redone after fire and water, Dottie & Marvin Culy

Sympathy to Dottie Culy and family at the recent passing of her brother, David.

Hagerstown Thrift Store Annual Meeting Saturday, May 4th, at 1:00

Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren Host

The Hagerstown Thrift Store Board of Trustees hold its annual meeting, Saturday, May 4th, at 1:00 at the Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren, just south of Hagerstown on Brick Church Road. **Everyone in the community is welcome to attend and participate.**

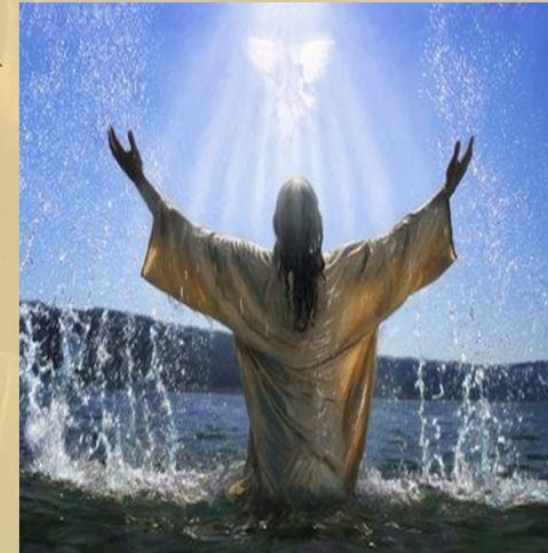
The program is presented by Dana Sinclair, Community Outreach Coordinator for the NATO Community Empowerment Center. They will be conducting a poverty simulation. This gives participants a sense of understanding of what it is like to live at or below the poverty level. Please join us to find out how your community Thrift Store has done over the last year and participate in learning other experiences.

First United Methodist Church

Worship Service

April 28, 2024

Acts 10:48



And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

CHURCH MISSION:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

CHURCH VISION:

As disciples who make disciples, we will connect intentionally, listen actively, and love deeply in our relationship with God and our community.

First United Methodist Church
April 28, 2024

Prelude *Holy Ghost, With Light Divine-Come Holy Spirit* Organist

Welcome and Greeting/Announcements

K.I.D.S. Kids In Divine Service (Upstairs in the Children's Wing (3rd Graders & Under)
Children may go with Teacher Mindy Smith

***Opening Prayer**

God of good news, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of the Easter season, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend, and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into a new life of your love. We offer this time of worship to you, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that the story of Easter provides. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Leader: Jesus invites us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love others the way God loves us.

People: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

People: We come to make our home with God and each other, bound together by Love and renewed by Joy. Amen.

***Song of Worship** *All Creatures of Our God and King* Hymn 62

Old Testament Scripture Deuteronomy 10:17-18 (NCV) Liturgist

Hymn of Praise *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* Hymn 384

Song of Prayer *Fill My Cup* by Andrew Ripp

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Offertory

Offertory Music Special Susie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of giving, pour your Spirit upon these gifts. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are searching for belonging, our brothers and sisters in this new life. Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving *My Gratitude Now Accept, O God* FWS 2044

Song of Reflection *God So Loved* by We the Kingdom

New Testament Scripture Acts 10:44-48 (NLT) Pastor

Sermon Series: The Story of Easter

Sermon **Easter Unity** Pastor Nate Eckert

Song of Commitment *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* FWS 2241

***Benediction** Pastor

May God bless you with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of you, so that you may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love. Amen.

***Postlude** *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door* Organist

If you do not have Facebook, all previous worship services can be found here. www.youtube.com/@firstchurchumc/videos Or simply listen to past sermons here: <https://firsthagerstown.org/category/sermon>

Worship Team

Music Director & Guitarist Rick Peelle

Organist Carol Meyer **Pianist** Susie Lewis

Song Leaders Donna Winters & Amanda Stainbrook

Ushers Nick Jarrett, Mike Reberger, Jeff Huffine

Nursery Carol Hormel & Linda Cowan

Greeter Debra Salhoff

The altar flowers are given by Betty Thalls.

Still Needed for our Sunday Worship – Ushers (3) & Greeter (1) for 52 Sundays
Sign-Up Sheets on Bulletin Board in hallway across Church Office.