

The Steeple



CHIPPEWA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2024

We Speak the Word of God...

We Share the Love of Christ....

We Make the Kingdom of God Visible...

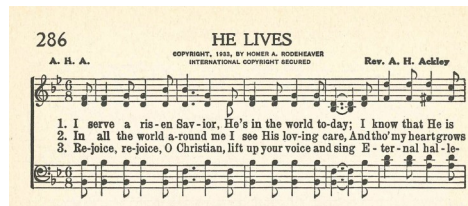
Easter Remembered and Re-Lived

So many of our holidays start with remembering. Remembering what happened long ago or remembering holidays gone by.

Easter is no different for us Christians. It is remembering Jesus rose from the dead when we sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." Remembering the tomb was empty when we belt out "Up from the Grave He Arose."

But then it switches from remembering to something different when we sing the words, "I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today He walks with me and talks

with me ... You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart."



Yes, this is something quite different all together. It is not just remembering something that happened long ago or remembering Easter's past. It is not bunnies and eggs or chocolate and peeps.

No, it is far more powerful, and it is what we are called to live today. Celebrating Jesus rising from

the dead is not just for one day or for a season but for life. And when I say for life, I mean for eternal life. Like, forever and ever. Until the cows come home and then some. Till the moon melts into the sea plus a little bit more. Forever and a day then another day or two.

Can we serve our Risen Savior who is in the world today, moving and shaking the earth and sky? Can we know that He rides the bus to school with us? He talks with us at work. Do you know that He lives within your heart?

Pastor Allan



Schedule of Events

April 1	"No Other Gods" Bible Study Begins	April 14	Rise Against Hunger Event
April 2	Missions Meeting	April 14	Youth Group
April 3	UWF Board Meeting	April 16	Church Council Meeting
April 7	Youth Group	April 19	Friday Night Fun-Craft Craziiness
April 9	Finance Committee Meeting	April 21	Youth Group
April 10	UWF Call to Prayer & Self-Denial Program and Lunch	April 23	Book Review Group
April 10	VBS Meeting	April 28	Youth Group
April 11	Trustees Committee Meeting	April 29	Kitchen Cleaning
April 13	Agape Baby Blanket Bee		
April 14	Spring Cantata		

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Children's Ministry



Starting in April, our older Sunday School students will be working through some fun curricula to finish off the school year. These curricula have some unexpected themes of science and crafts. While they are going to bring the kids great joy, how will the kids be learning about God while making slime or doing a Coke and Mentos volcano in the parking lot?

Oftentimes, we like to put God into an ordinary box. We remember our well-known Bible stories, say our usual bedtime prayers, and attend our usual church services every week. But God is anything but ordinary, He is extraordinary! Through making magnetic slime, our kids will learn that God draws us close to Him, and a potato clock shows us that God gives us the power to do great things.

So, I challenge you as you walk through the ordinary of life to look for the extraordinary of God! Take in the vastness and beauty of the world He created for us, draw close to Him, and use your God given power to do great things for those around you. I have a feeling you will notice and do more extraordinary things than you ever realized.

Abby Helmick

Friday Night Fun: Craft Craziiness - April 19



Join us for a fun night full of crafts! Make a clay magnet, a beautiful canvas masterpiece, and choose your own DIY project! While we make our beautiful creations, we will learn about how God created all the beauty we see in the world around us!

**Friday, April 19
5:30-7:30pm
Chippewa UM Church
Fellowship Hall
\$15 Registration Fee**

Registration will be available on the church website starting Friday, April 5. Spots will be limited, so pre-registration is suggested. Walk-in registration will be avail-

able if space is still available. Check our Facebook page for details of walk-in registration. Scholarships are available to help with registration fees. This is a drop-off event for children in 3-year-old Preschool through 5th grade. All PreK age children must be fully potty trained.

Friday Night Fun: Kids in the Kitchen



Save the Date!! We will finish out our Friday Night Fun events for this school year with another Kids In The Kitchen.

**Friday May 10
5:30-7:30pm
Registration will open
Friday April 26.**

More information to follow.



VBS Planning Meeting - April 10

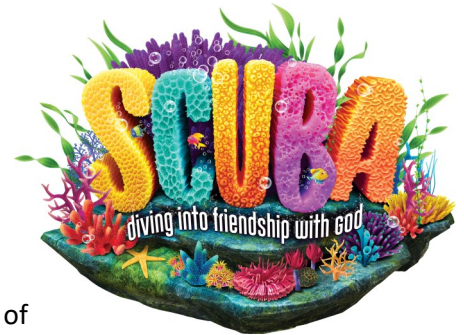
Our first planning meeting for Vacation Bible School is set for Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30pm in the cafe. All who are interested in helping with planning are invited to attend!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

This year we are preparing to dive into friendship with God at SCUBA VBS! Our Vacation Bible School will be June 17 to 24. We will be looking to recruit some strong swimmers, underwa-

ter explorers, and lots of great volunteers to make this an awesome experience. Volunteer registration and recruitment will begin Sunday, April 6, so keep your eyes out for

more information. Lots of positions both during VBS week and beforehand are available. We would love to have you join our team! We will need lots of help to make VBS a success!



School Prayer Ministry from Prayer & Witness

As our schools are now in session, the School Prayer Ministry would ask that we all be in prayer for our schools, all those who are a part of the schools, especially our children. Please be in prayer for all of our teachers, administrative personnel, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, custodians, in fact all

those who are a part of the students' learning process. Below is a prayer that you can use if you wish:

Almighty Father, we claim your destiny for each and every person in all of the school systems throughout your world. Give all students wisdom for edu-

cation and career choices that are in line with your perfect will. Thank you that you have called each and every person who is working in our schools as well as our students for a purpose in your kingdom. If you are for them, who



The Best of John Wesley on Prayer

God only requires of His adult children that their hearts be truly purified, and that they offer Him continually the wishes and vows that naturally spring from perfect love. For these desires, being the genuine fruits of love, are the most perfect prayers that can spring from it.

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God grant that I may never live to be useless!

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On every occasion of uneasiness, we should retire to prayer, that we may give place to the grace and light of God and then form our resolutions, without being in any pain about what success they may have.

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Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth.

John Wesley

**From
Prayer &
Witness**



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AXIOS YOUTH GROUP

AXIOS YOUTH GROUP (NEW DAY AND TIME!)

SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:30-7:30PM

ALL YOUTH GRADES 6 -12

This month's theme:

Back to Basics

How much do you know about the Bible? With the Bible literally at our fingertips with the use of technology and apps, it is easy to lose basic knowledge of the Bible. How to navigate through it, the order of the books, The Old and New Testament, where to find chapters and verses, and so much more. It's great having the Bible on our phones and tablets, but we still need to spend time holding the Bible in our hands, flipping through it, discovering it, and feeling the words of God in our hands. The next few months we will be doing some fun hands-on activities that will help us regain focus on the Bible, and its stories. Exploring the Bible is its own little adventure. I am excited to start this new journey with our youth.

Steph Corless

Important Dates and Information:

Sunday, April 7th – ALL YOUTH (5:30-7:30)

Sunday, April 14th – ALL YOUTH (5:30-7:30)

Sunday, April 21st – ALL YOUTH (5:30-7:30)

Sunday, April 28th – ALL YOUTH (5:30-7:30)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! - With the number of youth increasing every week, volunteers are in high need. Please contact Steph Corless (scorless@chippewaumc.org) if you wish to volunteer!

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!!

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/CUMCAxiosYouth/>

INSTAGRAM: https://www.instagram.com/axios_youth_ministry/

Book Review Group

Book Review Group Selections:

April - Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

May - Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

June - The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

July - Happy Place by Emily Henry

August - Happiness Falls by Angie Kim

The Book Review Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Wells Room. Feel free to join us anytime. Contact person is Marcia Parkhill.



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United Women in Faith - Upcoming Events

- April 10** 12:00-2:00pm, Prayer and Self-Denial program and salad luncheon. Bring a salad to share. Drinks provided.
- April 27** 9am to noon, Butler/Franklin District Spring meeting at Branchton Community Church (Near Slippery Rock).
Program: Rev. Alex McConnell-Topic Ukraine
Registration needed as there will be a light lunch served. If interested in attending, call Judy Rogers 724-495-3850.
- May 17** 6:00-7:30pm, Family Spring Banquet. All are invited.
Program: Cindy Speck, Ventriloquist.
Dinner will be catered by PJ's Catering. Chicken, pasta, vegetable, salad, roll and dessert.
Tickets will be on sale in the church office by mid-April. Watch for more information.



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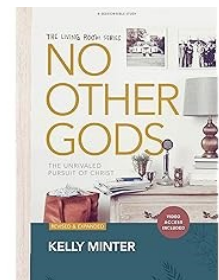
No Other Gods Bible Study for Women

Inviting all women to consider joining in this Bible study that will begin on April 1.

Often, idols are obvious—money, power, fame. But subtler idols can sometimes take the form of sweet loved ones, Instagramable interiors, and

busy seasons of ministry. But if your heart is prioritizing any of those pursuits before God, they are taking up space meant for Him alone. In this 8-session study, learn to identify the functional gods you are serving daily and the lies

they tell. Only when you learn to dethrone modern day idols can you pursue a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus. Register now online or in the church bulletin.



Spring Rummage and Bake Sale

The Spring Rummage & Bake Sale will take place Tuesday, May 14 9am-6pm and Wednesday, May 15 9am-2pm at the Community Life Center.

Items can be dropped off at the CLC Monday, May 5 through Sunday, May 12, 12 noon until 5pm. Please bag or box all items, except standalone items. **Please do not leave items at the church!**

The Committee could use help all four days of the sale, an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated; we especially need help on Sunday with the setup and Wednesday with the cleanup. Also, help is needed with the intake. If you would like to help, call Marilyn Balderson @ 724-843-0896. Men are welcome to help.

We need bakers. Please bring your baked goods individually packaged to the CLC Monday, May 13 9am-6pm or Tuesday, May 14 no later than 8:30am. Thank you in advance for your donations and any help you can give us. Contact Helen Fabyanic 724-846-6736 with any questions.

united women in faith
Rummage



Schedule

Intake Sunday May 5-12
12-5pm

Sunday, May 12 Sorting & Setup 11am - ?

Monday, May 13 Sorting 9am – 6pm (Pot luck)

Tuesday, May 14 9am – 6pm—Bake sale 9am until sellout

Wednesday, May 15 \$2.00 bag sale. 9am – 2pm

Church people can shop Monday May 13 from 1pm-6pm.



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April Monthly Mission: Ashes to Life Ministry

Our Monthly Mission for April is Ashes to Life, a Methodist congregation and mission in Beaver Falls, that focuses on recovery from addictions.

It is a place where the last, the least, and the lost can find hope, healing, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.



Rise Against Hunger - April 14



Rise Against Hunger is just a few short weeks away. Do not be surprised that at the writing of this article we are just shy of our goal of \$5,000.

Please join us on Sunday, April 14 at 12:30pm in the CLC as we fill bags with rice, dried vegetables, and a protein pack. We'll seal and box them up to be

sent around the world to help fight hunger. It is a great way for all ages to come together to serve.

Easter Food Bags



Thank you to everyone who donated to and helped with the Easter Food Bags. We had about 30 people helping sort after church on the 17th. Between

church members, the youth group, and scouts we had about 40 people packing the bags that Monday. Every pew in the sanctuary was filled with grocery

bags ready to be picked up by almost 40 families in the community. It was truly a blessing to all who received them.



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Our Church Family

Baptisms

Luca Rodney Bradshaw baptized on March 10, 2024. Parents are Dana and Alexander Bradshaw. Godparents are Nathan Porter and Savannah Vernet.

Emersyn Grace King baptized on March 10, 2024. Parents are Kelly and Eric King. Godparents are Karissa and CJ Seitzinger.

New Members

Eric and Kelly King joined the church on March 10, 2024.

Donation given to the Memorial Development Fund

Given in memory of Richard Wiggins (Bill Wiggins' brother) by Nick and Sheila Trusch.

Donations given to the Choir Memorial Fund

Given in memory of Kim Pflugh-Lacey by Walter Lacey, Jenn Allen, Nick and Sheila Trusch.

Donation given in honor of Luca Bradshaw's baptism by his mom and dad, Dana and Alex Bradshaw.



Thank You

We want to thank our Advent and Lenten video participants. Graham Corless, David Gettemy, Maddie and Cecie Hill, and Megan Onuska participated in the Advent videos. Jonathan Shackelford and Kenny Bates are the two gentlemen who spoke to us for Lent. We also want to thank Chad Lewis, Media Director, for filming and putting the videos together.

Thank you for sharing your talents with the church.

Your Church Family

Chippewa UMC Family,
As difficult as these times seem to us now, our sorrow turns to strength because of friends and family like you. Thank you for your kindness and the lovely sheaf of wheat.

Helen Fabyanic & Family



Baptism Baby Blanket Bee

Agape Circle is hosting a baby blanket bee on **April 13, 9am-12pm** in Fellowship Hall. Everyone who is interested in helping to make baby blankets for baptisms is invited to come.



Save these Dates

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