

# Parish of the Hills



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8:00 a.m. Sunday School  
(see scheduled dates)

First UM Church: 400 Doty Street, MP  
9:15 a.m. — Worship  
Handicapped Accessible

Linden UM Church: In the Village on Hwy. 39  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
(see scheduled dates)  
10:45 a.m. — Worship

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Enjoy  
The  
News



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# PARISH VISITOR

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Dear Easter People:

Oddly enough I sit at my computer to write this article on a Sunday morning. Due to some crazy vertigo, I missed in-person worship service today (3/26/23).

I did however have the opportunity to participate in a couple worship services via the avenue of social media. What a wonderful time in which we live. With the click a “button” one can instantly procure a vast quantity of information. There is so much data at our fingertips that it’s almost impossible not to get pulled down the periodic digital rabbit hole. I’m a sucker for a video involving just about any adorable creature, be it a cat, dog, goat, bunny, or the occasional llama. I’ve become, as I think much of our world has, dependent upon this on-demand digital download. Next to me, suspended in air by means of a flexible tripod is an Alexa enabled tablet. Having the knowledge of the entire internet at my voice-command disposal has proven itself invaluable. During the day I speak out (well, just today... How old is Christopher Lloyd? How is anathema pronounced? ‘Which was funny because it corrected me’. What does anathema mean? What essential oil aids in alleviating vertigo? Does Cindy Crawford really use the Meaning Beauty products? What scripture verse talks about saints coming out of their tombs at the time of the resurrection of Jesus? Can beef stock be frozen? What’s a synonym for marvelous? – I could go on....Oh wait, I did ask it to tell me a joke.) Dozens of questions, and it has yet to disappoint. Please don’t take this as an endorsement to believe everything you see or read on the internet. (Nor is the internet always a safe place. **MONITOR CHILDREN**, set safeties for them and you!)

My point is that this generation of people, this generation of Christians has at its ever-present beck and call everything needed for learning, understanding, and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to send that IM or text message that is

thoughtful, encouraging or just plain nice. I dare you to install the “Bible” app on your smart phone, tablet or computer. Once you have it installed on the device of your choosing, go to “Plans” and then, “Find Plans”. There are thousands of good Bible study plans to use as part of your time in God’s presence each day, and it helps keep you accountable. Also, you can invite a friend to read/study a plan with you. It can be great for couples, parent/child, friend/friend, the list is endless. You can sample the plan first. Usually, they last about 5 days and cover topics, such as faith, marriage, dating, work, leadership, prayer, worship, forgiveness, addiction. I’m betting there is something for you. One I am reading, along with a young friend of mine, is “How to study the Bible”. The app shows the people going through the plan together (whomever you invited and they accepted) the progress of the other. You can even share and exchange your thoughts within the app/plan concerning that day’s devotion.

Use the tools. I guess that’s my point. If you are stuck in a rut, bored spiritually, think that maybe you could still learn a thing or two, take action! Challenge yourself. Discipline yourself. Encourage yourself. Seek out tools and resources that will fill you with Faith and build you up in *your walk with God* (The only thing that really matters! The one thing that touches and affects all other aspects of your life.) Be in charge of your soul’s data download.

By the way, the joke Alexa told - What did people do before sand paper was invented? They just ruffed it. 😊

Have a blessed Easter, Pastor Chris Droste

**Mineral Point News**  
*By: Donna Toay*

As I go for my daily walk, I am starting to see daffodils and tulips peaking through and the Red Wing Black Birds and Robins have arrived! The first day of spring was April 20<sup>th</sup> but seems slow in coming with all our snow showers. The sun is

a welcome sight and I am sure you are as tired of winter as I am! As of this writing winter and Lent is almost over and Palm Sunday and Easter are coming up fast.

Bible chats start up again on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at First UMC for five weeks. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a friend for this casual discussion hour. Bring your questions! You can attend all or as many as you like. Every chat is different. Try to come to all or at least one! This is a perfect time to attend before yard work begins! It’s fun too! Please bring your Bible.

The Choir is busy preparing special music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. They rehearse at 8:30 before our 9:15 service on the second and fourth Sundays each month. We would love to have you join us – we can always use more singers and would love to enlarge our choir!

Our sympathy to the Mary Knudson and Don Darrow families. Mary’s funeral was at First UMC on February 12th and the funeral luncheon was in Fellowship Hall. Don’s funeral luncheon was served by the ladies at First on March 16th. Thank you to all that helped work at both of these luncheons. Please call Carol Paynter if you would like to help with funeral luncheons.

Ad Council (7:15) and Trustees (6:30) meet on April 13th and May 11<sup>th</sup>

City wide garage sales are coming up April 13-15! Time to spring house clean and get ready for summer. Construction has begun in our town!

**Upcoming Dates of Importance:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Palm Sunday  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Communion service at First UMC  
April 7<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter

“On the wings of a snow white dove,  
He sends His pure sweet love  
A sign from above.  
On the wings of a dove!”

Have a Blessed day knowing how very much  
God loves you.

**Happy Easter! Happy Spring!**



**Linden News**  
*By: Dixie Edge*

The Men's Soup Supper was held on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> after a three year break it was a welcome event and drew a great crowd. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thank you to the cooks, workers and everyone that helped make this a great success!

The Sunday School children are singing on Palm Sunday. What a great reminder, Jesus loves ALL the little Children of the World, big and small. Sunday School has been going great. Sunday, May 21st will be the last day of Sunday School before Summer break. The Promotion class has been working very hard all year on learning the books of the Bible as well as many other Bible verses and they will be presented their Bibles during the Church service on May 21st and the children will also be singing.

A funeral luncheon was held in the Church vestry for Kathy Thomas on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Sympathies to her children; Pat and Brenda, grandchildren, her siblings, family and friends.

Sympathy to Bob and Delores Stevens and family. Bob's Aunt Ethel from Milwaukee passed away at the young age of 103. Ethel was raised in Linden.

Condolences to the Stan and Lynda Cutler family on the loss of their son-in-law, Glenn Rose. Glenn was married to Tammy Cutler and they live in Arena.

Condolences to Errin and Chad Vivian and family on the loss of Errin's brother Ian on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone is interested in purchasing; Church Cookbooks, Ice Cream Scoops, Knives, Choppers, Cards or Picture of the Church they are still available. There will be a display in the entryway or please feel free to contact Dixie 608-623-2719 or Diana 608-623-2523. The cards are blank so can be used for any type of correspondence, and the other items make great gifts.

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 am on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be followed by a continental breakfast with rolls, beverages and fellowship in the vestry. Please pass the word as it's been a few years since we've had a Sunrise Service. There will not be any service at 10:45 on Easter.

On April 19<sup>th</sup> Tony Hoffman will be back at the Dodgeville High School to speak about mental health, addiction and stigma. Tony is back by student request. He will speak to over 1,400 area students in the morning and give another presentation to the community that afternoon at 5pm. This young man has a powerful message coming from experience. This program is sponsored by the Iowa County Substance Misuse Prevention Committee.

**REMEMBER:** Every morning is Easter morning from now on! Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!



*Bethel News*  
*By: Cindy Reynolds-Doyle*

Finally winter is winding down and we can feel spring in the air. This new season arrives bringing hope and much anticipation. We begin to think about what we want to accomplish in this time of new beginnings. Catch this good feeling and spread sunshine to others. Reach out in friendship, encourage others and be reminded that Love given reflects Love received. Plant Love wherever you go and reap the joys it brings back to you. May your spring blossom with God's Love each and every day.

#### **BAPTISM AT BETHEL**

The baptism of Charlie James Noble took place on Sunday, March 26th, 2023 during the 8:00 a.m. worship service at Bethel Church. Charlie is the son of Alex and Abbie (Baker) Noble and the grandson of Perry and Jennifer (James) Baker. A beautiful breakfast took place in the church dining room following the service and was well attended by family and friends. Rev. Barb Cook filled in for Pastor Chris Droste.

#### **PALM SUNDAY POT-LUCK**

We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 2nd for our potluck breakfast following the 8:00 a.m. worship service. Beverages, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils will be provided. Just bring a dish to add to the breakfast buffet. Come and be part of this special morning at Bethel when together we share the anticipation of spring as we feast on good food and enjoy fine fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday School Spring Session started on Sunday, February 19th . The class meets in the church dining room at 8:00 a.m. taking place during morning worship service. We are most thankful to Lynn and Chris Freeman for taking on the role of Sunday School Teachers. The children will learn about God's love by experiencing exciting activities much loved stories and songs of faith. We welcome interested families and children to join the Bethel Sunday

School Family. All are welcome! Call Marcia in the Church office for more information regarding the schedule.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Pastor Chris Droste will conduct our Easter morning 8:00 a.m. worship service held on Sunday, April 9th. Special music will be included in the service and everyone is welcome to attend. The congregation will joyfully sing a traditional favorite song titled "Every Morning Is Easter Morning." The chorus "I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun! Every morning is Easter morning, Every morning is Easter morning from now on!" This uplifting and heartwarming melody has become an unforgettable tune to many.

#### **CARE AND SHARE MISSION**

Our winter wear children's clothing collection filled two large totes. The clothing items were donated to the Mineral Point Elementary School for students as needed. Thank you to everyone who so kindly donated items for this collection. Very much appreciated!

#### **MEMORIAL GIFT**

The U.S. Flag and the Christian Flag once again have a place in the Bethel Church Sanctuary. The flags stand proudly on either side of the altar. They were given in memory of Merton Reynolds (my uncle), by his family. This memorial gift is indeed a precious gift to our congregation. As a young child attending Bethel, I remember having both flags at the front of our church. Many years ago the old worn flags were removed and never replaced. After a great deal of time the two flags have returned and are bringing great joy to our congregation. A sincere Thank you to Nancy Reynolds and family for this special gift.

#### **IN SYMPATHY**

A friend of the Bethel Church Family, Gordon Whitish passed away on March 5th , 2023. Gordon was the Father of Emily Fitzsimmons a member of our congregation. We extend our sincere sympathy to Scott, Emily, Morgan, Katie and Graham Fitzsimmons in the loss of their loved one. Gordon attended our church events and was a faithful bidder at our fall auction. He

was a good- hearted person and will be greatly missed.

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SHINE

We are proud of our two outstanding high school seniors, Graham Fitzsimmons and Cooper Palzkill. Graham had a very successful year on the Pointer Wrestling Team and Cooper was a key starter on the Mineral Point High School Basketball team. Great job!

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Bryce Terrill (2nd ), Nancy Prussing (4th), Cindy Reynolds-Doyle (4th), Kathy James (11th), John Christianson (14th), Nancy Reynolds (17th), Jack Oellerich (17th ), Ralph Freeman (18th), Justin Doyle (25th), Christopher Freeman (25th), Julee Reynolds (28th), and Elaine Schaaf (29th).

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Alex and Emily Rolli (11th).

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Livia Doyle (3rd), Shirley Flesch (5th), Jennifer (James) Baker (10th), Greg James (17th).

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

Perry and Jennifer (James) Baker (21st) and Dennis and Elaine Schaaf (31st).

May God continue to bless you. May you continue to be a blessing to others.

**HAPPY SPRING!!**

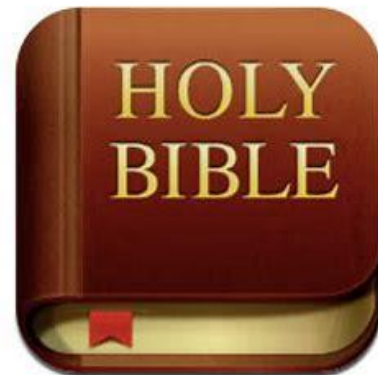


The ABC's of love: A – Accepts, B – Behaves, C – Comforts, D – Defends, E – Empowers, F – Forgives, G – Grows, H – Helps, I – Invests, J – Joins, K – Kneels, L – Listens, M – Mentors, N – Notices, O – Overlooks, P – Provides, Q – Quiets, R – Rejoices, S – Supports, T – Tries, U – Understands, V – Volunteers, W – Welcomes, X – eXpects, Y – Yields, Z – adds Zest to life!



*When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings—especially the joy of making a difference in someone's life.*

April 02	Improvement Fund (Palm Sunday)
April 09	Apportionments (Easter Sunday)
April 16	MPCC Resident's Fund
April 23	Boiler Fund
April 30	Kitchen Fund
May 07	Apportionments
May 14	Golden Cross Sunday (Mother's Day)
May 21	MP Rescue Squad
May 28	Improvement Fund



Bible Chats start April 25th for five consecutive weeks

Pastor Chris will have five casual chats held in First UMC's

Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

April 25:	10am & 5:30
May 2:	10am & 5:30
May 9:	10am & 5:30
May 16:	10:00 & 5:30
May 23:	10am & 5:30

Please call Pastor Chris at (608) 359-8180 or

email: [darling8180@gmail.com](mailto:darling8180@gmail.com) if you have any subjects you would like to discuss.

Please feel free to attend any or all chats. Bring a friend!





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These are Christian Radio Stations to encourage and uplift you. Pastor Chris would like you to start your day by listening to one of them for just a few minutes of your time.

LOVE

Ten Ways to Love: LISTEN without interrupting, SPEAK without accusing, GIVE without sparing, PRAY without ceasing, ANSWER without arguing, SHARE without pretending, ENJOY without complaint, TRUST without wavering, FORGIVE without punishing, PROMISE without forgetting.

GRACE

God will meet me where I am in order to take me where I want to go.

ALSO for Lent

*"I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."*

Meditate: Lent is a time to focus on Jesus' death and resurrection, but don't forget about yourself. Read the Bible, pray and reflect on yourself to inspire a Christ-like attitude.

Volunteer: Help others in the same manner Christ did. It could be anything from walking a neighbor's dog to picking up a friend's kids from school, working in a food pantry, church garage sale, or any church fund raiser. The important thing is to go out and serve to God's glory.

Feast: Prepare a Seder meal and celebrate the Passover as Jesus and his disciples did at the Last Supper. It's a good way to relive Jesus' final hours before his crucifixion.

Holy Week Schedule 2023

April 2nd Palm Sunday

8:00 Bethel Service with Communion and Breakfast Potluck following service (no Sunday School today)

9:15 First Service with Choir in Sanctuary

10:45 Service at Linden with Communion and Sunday School Children singing

April 6 7:00 Holy Thursday Service at First UMC with Choir and Communion

April 7 Good Friday

April 9th Easter Sunday

7:30 Linden Sunrise Service

8:00 Bethel Service

8:30 Choir Practice at 1st

9:15 First Service with Choir (NO 10:45 Linden Service)

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW:

FEAR NOT

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. – Matthew 6:34



Reminder or now you know: here are some common flowers that deer don't like: American holly; bleeding heart; buttercup; cactus; daffodil; flowering tobacco; gladiolus; lavender; lily of the valley; peony; sweet alyssum; and thyme – Heloise



ROSES

Did you always wonder what the color of a rose meant? Well according to Heloise here is what the colors mean:

Orange: passion and enthusiasm  
 White: purity or sympathy  
 Pink: fondness or gratitude  
 Lavender: love at first sight and grace  
 Yellow: cheerfulness and friendship  
 Red: romance and love

**NOW**

I am stronger because I had to be.  
 I am smarter because of my mistakes,  
 happier because I've known sadness,  
 and wiser from all my lessons.

*Your Mind is a garden,  
 Your thoughts are the seeds,  
 You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds.*

**LETTERS**

Hate has four letters, so does Love.  
 Enemies has seven letters, so does Friends.  
 Lying has five letters, so does Truth.  
 Negative has eight, so does Positive.  
 Under has five, so does Above.  
 Cry has three letters, so does Joy.  
 Anger has five letters, so does Wrong.  
 Hurt has four letters, so does Heal.  
*It means life is like a double edged sword... so transfer every negative side into an aura of positivity... We should choose the better side of life.*

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”  
 – John Quincy Adams

“To ask the right questions is already half the solution of a problem.” – Carl Jung

“Neither a wise man or a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him.” – Dwight Eisenhower

“What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.” – Joseph Addison

“The best luck of all luck you make for yourself.” – Douglas MacArthur

“The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done.” – Arnold Palmer

“The world only exists in your eyes. You can make it as big or as small as you want.” – F. Scott Fitzgerald

“At the end of the day, I want to be able to say I contributed more than I criticized.” – Brene Brown

“Invention is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration.” – Thomas Edison

May the sun bring you new energy by day,  
 May the moon softly restore you by night,  
 May the rain wash away your worries,  
 May the breeze blow new strength into your being,  
 May you walk gently through the world and know it's beauty, all the days of your life.



Below please find the Parish Visitor Rotating Church Collation Schedule for 2023. Our goal is to mail our newsletter out by the last week of every other month:

<u>Parish Visitor:</u>	<u>Article Deadline:</u>	<u>Church Collates:</u>
Feb/March-First	Jan 17	Jan 26
April/May-Linden	March 20	March 30
June/July-Bethel	May 15	May 25
Aug/Sept-First	July 17	July 27
Oct/Nov-Linden	Sept 18	Sept 28
Dec/Jan-Bethel	Nov 20	Nov 30

**HERBS FOR BEES, BUTTERFLIES & HUMMINGBIRDS**

Herbs are among the most useful plants in nature. They can tantalize the taste buds, help cure what ails you, oil the body, perfume the air & their scent can attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. You can use fresh herbs from the garden for culinary purposes to help pollinators. It is mostly the abundant nectar that brings the bees in. Some of the more attractive herbs to bees are thyme, oregano, bee's friend, lemon balm, rosemary, hyssop, sage, lavender, catnip and chives. Others include cilantro, basil, fennel, & dill. Annual herbs tend to be more important to butterflies. Avoid wearing fragrances while gardening!

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Mineral Point Gospel Music Fest  
 Saturday, June 17, 2023 11am-5pm  
 Iowa County Fair Grounds 4H Bldg.**

“Ode to Spring”

Spring, spring, beautiful spring, the sight makes my heart sing: All the beauty God has prepared for our eyes to behold, the daffodil, pussy willow, forsythia so gold. First the crocus, hyacinth, the tulips in lovely array, I want to say “Thank you Lord, for this beautiful day”. The peach blossoms, cherry, the apple and the pear, but the redbud’s beauty none other can compare. The little frogs sing their continual song, while the bluebirds build on their nest all day long. They raise their young; watch, but let them be. Oh, yes, Lord, thank you for the trees, they put forth their buds, then the tender green leaves; you forgot nothing, Lord, such a sight to see. The grass on the hillside, the valley in the dell. This scene is too beautiful for any tongue to tell. As I thank you God, for everything, especially do I want to thank you for SPRING!



**ATTENDANCE**

<b>February</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
Bethel	17	13	24	20
First	19	25	22	25
Linden	11	15	10	09
Facebook	21	23	28	26
<b>5 Day Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
Bethel	22	09	23	45
First	23	16	17	NS
Linden	11	06	17	10
Facebook	26	28	24	N/A
<b>5 Day Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>N/A</b>



**Second Harvest Food Bank**

*This Mobile Food Pantry is for people from the area struggling to pay the bills each month.*

The 4th Monday of the Month  
 Start drive-up at 4:00 until gone  
 Ss. Anthony & Philip Church  
 726 Main Street  
 Highland, Wisconsin

Please bring your own bags/boxes.

**Interchurch Emergency Food Pantry, 400 Doty Street, Mineral Point, Wisconsin**



Breakfast cereal, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, TUNA, canned fruits, canned meats, Sloppy Joes, chili, beefaroni, hash, spaghetti, beef ravioli), muffin mixes, soups, Ramon noodles, crackers, jellos, puddings, cake mixes, brownie mix, cooking oil, cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, paper towels, shampoo, deodorants, lotions, facial tissue, hotel toiletries, dog food, cat food.



**Mineral Point Rescue Squad:** Dear First UMC: We want to express our gratitude for your recent donation to the MPRS. Your support is very important to us. Thank You Again! The Officers and Members of the MPRS.

**Hodan Community Services:** Dear First UMC: Thank you so much for your contribution to Hodan Community Services. Your donation will be used to support our mission of serving people with disabilities in SW Wisconsin. Your ongoing support is truly appreciated. Thank you!

**Community Connections Free Clinic:** Dear First UMC: On behalf of the Community Connections Free Clinic, I would like to thank you for your donation which helps to support our mission to provide basic health care for those who cannot afford or access medical services in Iowa County & the surrounding areas.

**American Red Cross:** Dear First UMC: We wish to thank you for your gift which will be applied to where it is needed most. During their darkest hours, people know they can turn to the Red Cross for comfort and care. Thank you once again.



## HISTORY OF A FAVORITE EASTER HYMN:

**“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”**

**1739**

*And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 1 Corinthians 15:14*

John and Charles Wesley soon found themselves out of favor with many fellow Anglican ministers who spurned their fiery evangelistic preaching. Many pulpits were closed to them.

A friend from his Oxford days, George Whitefield, 22, who was having the same trouble, began preaching in the open air. In London, he asked Charles to stand with him as he preached to thousands in the open air at Blackheath, and Charles, too, got a vision for reaching the multitudes.

He made his first attempt in the outskirts of London. “Franklyn, a farmer, invited me to preach in his field,” he wrote. “I did so to about 500. I returned to the house rejoicing.” Soon he was preaching to thousands. “My load was gone, and all my doubts and scruples. God shone upon my path; and I knew this was his will concerning me.”

A man named Joseph Williams heard Charles in Bristol: “I found him standing on a table-board, in an erect posture...surrounded by, I guess, more than a thousand people, some of them fashionable persons, but most of the lower rank of mankind. He prayed with uncommon fervency... He then preached about half an hour in such a manner as I have scarce ever heard any man preach...I think I never heard any man labor so earnestly to convince his hearers they were all by nature in a sinful, lost, undone, damnable state; that notwithstanding, here was a possibility of their salvation, through faith in Christ...All this he backed up with many tests of Scripture, which he explained and illustrated, and then by a variety of the most forcible motives, arguments, and expostulation, did he invite, allure, quicken, and labor, if I were possible, to compel all, and every of his hearers, to believe in Christ for salvation.”

Charles Wesley still preaches today in much the same way through his ageless hymns which are sung around the world each Sunday. Perhaps his most exuberant anthem is the one he simply called, “Hymn for Easter Day,” published in 1739. It originally consisted of eleven stanzas. The “Alleluia’s” were added later, but appropriately, for this is a hymn one never gets tired of singing:

## **HYMN NO. 302**

Christ the Lord is risen today,  
Earth and heaven in chorus say,  
Raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,

Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won,  
Death in vain for bids him rise,  
Christ has opened paradise,

Lives again our glorious King,  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once he died our souls to save,  
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head,  
Made like him, like him we rise,  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,







Hail the Lord of earth and heaven,  
Praise to thee by both be given,  
Thee we greet triumphant now,  
Hail the Resurrection, thou,

King of glory, soul of bliss,  
Everlasting life is this,  
Thee to know, thy power to prove,  
Thus to sing, and thus to love,

Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**WORDS:** Charles Wesley, 1739  
**MUSIC:** *Lyra Davidica*, 1708  
**FROM:** “Then Sings My Soul”  
by Robert J. Morgan

# APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRID	SAT
<p>26</p> 	27	28	<p>29</p>  <p>APRIL</p>	30	<p>31</p>  <p>April</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Gallery Night</p>
<p>2</p> <p><u>Palm Sunday</u></p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc &amp; potluck breakfast 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc with Communion &amp; Choir 10:45 Linden Svc with Sunday School children singing</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>Spring Elections</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Passover begins</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 Holy Thursday Service at 1<sup>st</sup> with Communion and Choir at First UMC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 MP Health Services, 109 N Iowa St. Kiwanis &amp; MPHS Key Club</p>
<p>9</p> <p><u>Easter Sunday</u></p> <p>7:30 Sunrise Service at Linden UMC 8:00 Bethel Svc 8:30 1<sup>st</sup> Choir practice 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc &amp; Choir</p>	10	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>City Wide Garage Sales</p> <p>6:30 Trustees 7:15 Ad Council at First UMC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>City Wide Garage Sales,</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>City Wide Garage Sales</p> 
<p>16</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc 9:30-10:25 Linden Sunday School 10:45 Linden Svc</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Yom HaShoah/ Holocaust Remembrance Day</p>	18	19	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p> <p>7:00 pm MP Opera House LunART Chamber Music Collective</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc 8:30 1<sup>st</sup> Choir practice 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc &amp; Choir 10:45 Linden Svc</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 &amp; 5:30 Bible Class at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm MP Opera House MP Schools' Honors Recital</p>	<p>28</p> <p>National Arbor Day</p> 	29
<p>30</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc 9:30-10:25 Linden Sunday School 10:45 Linden Svc</p>	1	2	3	4	<p>5</p>	6

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>30</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>May Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 &amp; 5:30 Bible Class at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo</p> <p>May Friendship Day</p> <p>Children's Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Mineral Point Market Opens Water Tower Park</p> <p>Wedding of Matthew Wersal (Bethel) &amp; Erin Guler at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc with Communion 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc 10:45 Linden Svc with Communion</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 &amp; 5:30 Bible Class at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 Trustees 7:15 Ad Council meet at 1<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Uplands Plant Sale at Dodgeville's Farmer's Market UMC Parking Lot</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc, 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc with Communion &amp; Choir 10:45 Linden Svc</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 &amp; 5:30 Bible Class at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ascension Day</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc, 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc 9:30-10:25 last S/S at Linden before summer break 10:45 Linden Svc</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 &amp; 5:30 Bible Class at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Aldersgate Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Shavuot</p> <p>Collate Parish Visitor (Bethel)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 Bethel Svc, 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Svc with Choir 10:45 Linden Svc</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>