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Dear friends,

We are drawing to an end in our journey through Lent as we enter into Holy Week. I invite you to these worship opportunities:

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

7:00 at Gunnisonville

This service will wrap up our exploration into the mystery and wonder of the sacrament of Baptism. At the original Last Supper Jesus offered an example of humble service as he washed his disciples' feet. Before we share communion we will share in this experience. But instead of washing feet we will wash hands.

Good Friday, April 2

1:00 at Gunnisonville

7:00 at Bath

At both of these services we will remember the incredible sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross and we will hear dramatic readings of a story called *Pilgrim's Quest* which will reveal the wonderful gift that Jesus has given to us.

Holy Saturday, April 3

1:30 at Gunnisonville

Children from both churches are invited to Gunnisonville where they will bake pretzels, an ancient symbol of hands folded in prayer. We will have the opportunity to taste some of these freshly baked treats but the primary purpose of this activity is to prepare bread that will be shared in communion on Easter morning.

Following the pretzel bake all the children will go to the Kelly's at 13559 Wood Road, just north of the church to enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt. This promises to be an exciting and fun filled afternoon.

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:15 at Gunnisonville

We will celebrate the glorious news of the resurrection of our Lord with a stirring presentation of the Cantata: *Were You There?* This musical experience will be concluded with the Sacrament of Communion offered by two of the children who baked the bread along with their parents.

This promises to be a meaningful week of reflection and celebration!

Your pastor,
Mark

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04 Laurel Headley	16 Allen Holcomb
07 Margie Dickson	20 Robert Cable
08 Gary Horning	21 Marvin Boyle
09 Bill Fillwock	26 Elsie Gariepy
10 Faye Hagy	28 Bea Shirey
11 Jeanne Baker	28 Ursula Glasmacher
14 Bruce Omundson	29 Thomas Glasmacher
14 Jim Walker	30 Barbara Wicker
15 Maggie Boyle	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

13 Harold & Thelma Hayes	16 Dennis & Jean Johnson
30 Mark & Johnie Johnson	

APRIL HOSTESSES

04 Easter (no coffee hour)	18 Phyllis Rhynard
11 Not Determined	25 Barbara Price

APRIL 1 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 PM

APRIL 2 Good Friday Worship
1:00PM at Gunnisonville
7:00 PM at Bath

APRIL 3 Easter Children's Pretzel Bake at 1:30 PM followed by Easter Egg Hunt at the Kelly's 13559 Wood Road.

APRIL 4 Easter Cantata "Were You There" at 9:15 AM

APRIL 5 Taize Worship University UMC at 7:30PM

APRIL 6 Seven Habits Study Group 10:00 at church

APRIL 14 SERVICE CLUB

The next meeting of the service club is Wednesday, April 14 at 12:00. Guest speaker will be Laurie Baumer from Ele's Place. Bring a sandwich. Everyone is welcome.

APRIL 18 Birthday potluck. Bring a dish to pass and own table service

APRIL 25 We will be taking a tour of the Historical Museum downtown Lansing. We will meet at the church at 12:30 PM. The tour will be at 1:00PM. Afterward we will be eating at a restaurant nearby. Let Nancy Drolett know if you are interested in going so she can make reservations.

SCHEDULING CHURCH EVENTS

To schedule events please contact Florence Hartman at (517) 333-3616

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Sunday, April 18, 2010 bbest@4wbi.net



*Grace and Maggie Boyle, Alex Proux, Sean and Katey Kelly
Nicholas Reed*

GUNNISONVILLE'S YOUNG ACOLYTES

In recent weeks, our congregation has been treated to a new and charming addition to our Sunday Morning Services. Under the direction of Al Holcomb our young boys and girls have joined our weekly services as Acolytes as they light and extinguish the altar candles at the opening and closing of each service. Both the children participating and our adults who view the process are enjoying their willingness to become a part of our time together.

The young people who are currently assisting during our services each Sunday are: Gracie and Maggie Boyle, Dustin Cable, Philip Chalfant, Clayton Coulter, Ursula Glasmacher, Katey and Sean Kelly, Ariana Medoza, Alex Proux and Leif Swanson. (Note: The above picture was taken following last Sunday's service and thus fails to include everyone who participates in this offering of their service to our church, but they represent the importance of including our young people in our services.)

Although I earlier indicated that this is a new development, this happy practice also has its roots going back into my growing years from the late 1930's on into the early 1950's. In past newsletters you have heard me relate a number of anecdotes concerning memories of the "old time" services and community activities which my family and I experienced here at Gunnisonville United Methodist Church during those earlier years.

My older brothers, Dale and LeRoy first functioned as Ushers/Acolytes here at Gunnisonville in 1937. I don't remember them being identified as Acolytes though, it was just a duty assigned to them back then and as they outgrew the role, my sister Lila Kay and I, Lois Rae took over the responsibilities.

Our understanding of the significance of our role in participating in the act of bringing the light as a "symbol of the entry of the spirit of the Lord" into our services was obviously seen from a much more limited perspective at that age. However, I still recall the pride with which we undertook the duty and being a part of it created a sense of being an important part of our church.

My family is now scattered and I am the only one remaining here, but we still share those special memories as an inherent part of growing up in Gunnisonville. Hopefully, giving our young people a like opportunity will strengthen their ties to our church family and the church's message.

For the Historical Committee

Lois Rhynard Baumer



Congratulations to Bernice Green and her family celebrating five generations.

In the picture from left to right:

Kevin Hanson, Grandfather
Carol Hanson, Great Grandmother
Nicole Hanson, Mother
Bernice Green, Great, Great Grandmother with baby Owen.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Marv Rhynard, Barbara Best, Darlinda VanEtten, Austin Proux, Alex Proux, Alta Reed, Billie Gladstone, Johanna Balzer

Sunday School Update

EASTER EGG HUNT

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3. The children will make pretzels for Communion with Pastor Mark at 1:30 pm at the Church. The Egg Hunt will begin around 2:30 at Dawn, Jeff, Katey and Sean Kelly's home. They live in the first house north of the church on Wood Road.

Please bring your family and friends to join us! There will be activities for all ages. The Bath Methodist Church has been invited to join us as well this year. A sign-up sheet for supplies, volunteers and the plastic eggs is on the table in the fellowship hall.

Sunday School Lessons for April

April's B.i.G. Theme

Jesus Is Alive!

April's B.i.G. Idea

We believe that Jesus is alive and is always with us.

April's Bible Verse

Truly this man was God's Son! Matthew 27:54

April 4, 2010	The Resurrection	John 20:1-18
April 11, 2010	Jesus and Thomas	John 20:19-29
April 18, 2010	Breakfast on the Beach	John 21:1-17
April 25 2010	the Great Commission	Matthew 28:16-20

Collecting Campbell's Labels and Box Tops for Education

Each of our children's school districts collects Campbell's labels and Box Tops for Education. Campbell's returns the soup labels for cash and the Box Tops are exchanged for equipment. Bath Elementary PTA has raised \$700 this year so far from the Campbell's labels. We will be placing collection containers in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in collecting these labels for us off from their grocery purchases. The labels will be divided equally between the school districts represented in our Sunday School. Examples on how the labels are to be cut out are below. Any questions please ask Kathryn Reed.



Easter Blessings