

THE CIRCUIT WRITER



Sunday Service

Service times

8 am Worship
9 am Adult Sunday School
10 am with Children's Church

We will remain with 1 contemporary service for the near future on the 4th Sunday of the month

Celebrating the newness of life in Christ.

Dear beloved people of God, grace and peace to you all, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord! We are marching forward for this fourth month of the year, April. Always when we receive new month our immediate action is to plan and long for good things: we renew our plans, our dreams, our successes. Also, we pause to look back in order to understand why we have failed to achieve certain goals, or what prevented to reach a certain desired outcome.

I am suggesting Isaiah 65:17 as our reflection verse of the month: *"I will create new heavens and new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."* Our loving God avails himself to be our continuing companion, as we enter this new month. He assures us that he has not yet done with his creation; he is at work to bring forth new things in our lives and in our faith journey.

This month's reflection verse has to be understood in relation to Revelation 21:1, where John, the Apostle, taken by the Spirit's power, in his marvelous vision in the Patmos island, is given to envision the new earth and new heaven, with the clear assurance that God "makes new everything!" This year of 2026, April is the Resurrection month. Christ rose from the dead, conquered death by new life; the tomb did not keep him, he is alive forever. You need to reflect on how this victory of Christ over death speaks and strengthen your faith? How the new life that he offers to all who believes in him impacts your present and your future? What do you need to seed dead with Christ so that you can witness the power of his resurrection in your life?

In this month of resurrection, make a list of all that may still be dead in your life. Having done that, claim resurrection power in Jesus' name to put deadness behind you as you make ready for the journey to your final destination. May God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bless your life and guide your path throughout this month, for the honor and glory of His name.

Yours in Christ

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This Month Events



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April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			ZUMBA Cub Scouts	3:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	10:30 am Cross Walk 7 pm Good Friday Service	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7 am Sunrise Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	6:30 LAHS Board meeting Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	Hungry for More	ZUMBA 3:30 pm GFWC Cub Scouts	7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	3:30 pm United Women in Faith 7 pm Church Council	ZUMBA Cub Scouts	7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Contemporary Worship	Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	6:30 pm Historical Society	ZUMBA Cub Scouts	7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team		
26	27	28	29	30		
8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	6 pm Boy Scouts Leader meeting	ZUMBA Cub Scouts	7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team		



To the wonderful people of Barts Centenary:

My mom loved you all, you took care of her and for that I'm forever grateful. After her fall, she had so many "Get Well" cards from the people who go to Barts that they wouldn't all fit in the large windowsill in her rehab room. And so many of you sent multiple cards, pictures, wrote her notes and came to visit. The best part of each day was when the mail was delivered. She would open the cards right away and read them. She would tell me who all of you were, your children or grandchildren and there was always some story to go along with it. She would re-read them and when she got weaker, she would have me read them to her and then re-read them to her. I want you to know, she cherished all of you and I know you made sure she was loved.

Mom was a believer. Before she died, she told me that she was ready to see Jesus's beautiful face and feel his love. She would say, "Every time I asked, God would provide." Many times, that was because of you. And I thank you for that.

The Sunday after she died, I came to Barts. You sang Great is Thy Faithfulness in her memory—Her faithfulness was great for sure. And you all embraced me in my grief and shared wonderful stories.

I never knew she made oatmeal cake. It wasn't something she made when I was a kid, but when I went back to her apartment, I found her recipe and saved it so I can make it one day.

Cathy Hobbs

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The UWF thanks everyone who supported our Spring Sandwich Sale. Your support helps us support all the areas we donate to during the year. We support Local Missions as well as World Wide Missions such as: UMCOR, Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Ministry, Ruth's Harvest, New Hope Ministries, Alpha Fire Company, BCUMC Kitchen Ministries, BCUM Church and Conference.

For our April meeting, we will have **Justin Myers, Fire Chief from Alpha Fire Co. 20** as our speaker on **April 14 at 3:30**. He will be speaking about safety in our homes. All are welcome.



Dear BCUMC family,

I am resigning as the BCUMC Music Director/Choir and Praise Team Director/pianist. My last day will be Easter Sunday. It was not a decision taken lightly, but it's time for me to go. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the years, especially within these last several months. I've been attending this church since I was a toddler, and involved in the church music program for the past 50+ years. Even when I was active duty and far away, I would come home to play the piano for the Christmas Cantatas because I just couldn't stay away.

I want to give a special thanks to those that were here in my teenage years and "tolerated" my inexperience as a church pianist and organist. Those that are left and remember that time period of my life are Ted and Amy Debman, John and Joanne Bennett, Ken Thomas and Gloria Gouker. Because of your patience and support I am the pianist I am today. Of course Tom Kittinger (God rest his soul) was a big part of that too and I am eternally grateful for all the opportunities he gave me. I grew up with all of your kids, and I will always remember those times. Thank you for those memories.

A very special thank you is to my choir/praise team. We have seen each other through thick and thin over the years and created a very special bond. You will always be considered my music family and always have a place in my heart.

Thank you church, for everything. I will miss you all.

Sharon Hedges

Worship Volunteers

SERVING THIS WEEK

Date	Special Dates	Greeters	Counters	Communion	Liturgists-10:00
5 Apr 2026	EASTER SUNDAY & COMMUNION	Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Davis/Carter		Terri Cartwright
12 Apr 2026		Penny & Rob Segessenman	Davis/Carter		Penny Segessenman
19 Apr 2026		Joanne & John Bennett	Segessenman/Bennett		Barb Herman
26 Apr 2026	Praise Team	Barb Herman & Gwen Updyke	Updyke/Carter		Praise Team
3 May 2026	Communion	Ted & Amy Debnam	Davis/Carter	Hauswald & Debnam	Dave Wolf
10 May 2026	Mother's Day	Penny & Rob Segessenman	Segessenman/Bennett		Penny Segessenman
17 May 2026		Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Davis/Carter		Dave Wolf
24 May 2026	Praise Team	Laura Fair & Lisa Wolf	Updyke/Davis		Praise Team
31 May 2026					Gloria Gouker
7 Jun 2026	Communion	Penny & Rob Segessenman	Carter	Laura Fair & Dave Wolf	Dave
14 Jun 2026	Father's Day	Ted & Amy Debnam	Segessenman/Bennett		Penny Segessenman
21 Jun 2026		Barb Herman & Gwen Updyke	Davis/Carter		Barb Herman
28 Jun 2026	Praise Team	Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Updyke/Carter		Praise Team

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



Walking with Christ
from the Temple to the Empty Tomb

Palm Sunday: 8 am, 10 am

Maundy Thursday: 7 pm

Good Friday: 7 pm

Easter Sunday: 7 am, 10 am

Join us on the faith journey!



- 1 Bob Rebert
- 1 Paisley Clabaugh
- 2 Barb Herman
- 2 Ken Thomas
- 3 Kristen Thomas
- 9 Joe Carlson
- 15 Dave Beaston
- 19 Yvonne Davis
- 22 Sharon Hedges
- 26 Linda Mills

Date	What is Happening
3/30-4/5	Holy Week
4/02/26	Holy Thursday 7 pm
4/03/26	Good Friday Cross walk starting 10:30AM
4/03/26	Full Good Friday Service at Church 7 pm
4/05/26	Easter Sunday Morning Service 7 am
4/05/26	Easter Breakfast
4/05/26	Easter Service Celebration 10:00AM

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The Deadline for the May newsletter will be Wednesday, April 22nd

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Worship In Person Sunday mornings at 8 am and 10 AM

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