

Faith Community Church (UMC)
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**Serving
our
Neighbors
in the
footsteps
of Jesus**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Now that our Lenten Journey has concluded, we find ourselves standing at the threshold of April. The echoes of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the empty tomb still resonate in our hearts. We've witnessed the powerful words spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins" (Mt 26:28). We've stood at the foot of the cross, hearing His lonely cry: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mk 15:34). And we've rejoiced at the empty tomb, where the angels declared: "He is not here, but has risen" (Lk 24:6).

But now what? The Day of Resurrection is behind us, yet Easter is more than just one day. It's an "every Sunday" celebration—a time when we gather to receive the fruit of the cross and the resurrection: forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal life with God. But it's also an "every day" celebration—a life lived in trust, knowing that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25) for us.

We too are "every day" witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus:

- We believe and are baptized.
- We hold the hope of eternal life.
- We carry the joy of the Resurrection within us.

Our abilities and talents are gifts from God. As we go forth from the empty tomb, let's proclaim the good news, not only within our church walls but also in our workplaces, homes, and communities.

A New Beginning, Again

We, too, are being "resurrected" and transformed. In the coming months we will be making changes to our building, our worship, and our forms of communication. All so we made better share our Resurrection stories with each other and our community. It is a scaring prospect, change, yet if we remember the purpose of this resurrection is so we can better follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and know he walks with us, there is nothing to fear.

I am looking forward to our new sign, my first Rummage sale with FCC and planning for Spring and Summer.

So hang on to your hats, we are in for a ride. I pray it will be one with minimal bumps and will continue the current revival in our congregation.

Let us continue to be revitalized by the resurrection, remembering what God has done for us already. May we proclaim His Word in the best ways we can.

May this April be a season of resurrection stories—both ancient and new—as we live out our faith, empowered by the risen Christ.

Resurrection Stories



Overview Greetings, friends! Welcome to an Easter Season series that proclaims that we are a people who believe that “do-overs” are possible! The stories of Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances live alongside modern-day turn-around stories to inspire and encourage us to live fully as “Easter people.” We all experience the death of something in our lives. Of course, there are the deaths of people we love and the grief that seems to engulf us, and eventually the resurrection of hope to live on without them. But there are other kinds of death that we experience as well... death of a dream, death of an image of ourselves that we always thought we would be, death of connections and identities, death in the midst of life that involve being captive to death-dealing circumstances or substances. If the church is to be “Good News,” then telling “Resurrection Stories” is part of the Easter message and it’s a good thing the season of Easter lasts seven weeks until Pentecost because we need these hopeful stories so much!

April 7	Guest Speak Jim Nyquist	John 3:16
April 14	Freed	Romans 8: 12-25, Luke 24: 13-32, Acts 16: 16-34
April 21	Released	Psalms 121, Nehemiah 9: 9-15, John 20: 19-23
April 28	Found	Psalms 84, Luke 24: 36-43, John 14: 18-28



*Church Rummage & Bake Sale April 27th
9 am – 1 pm.*

You may start dropping your items off after church on April 21st. All sales are by donation. We will need volunteer’s, to help set up, break down and work the sale.



Face Book Page

Check out Faith Community Church's Facebook page by following it (**see instructions below**). You must have a Facebook account and be logged in. The page includes inspirational messages related and unrelated to current sermon series, special event and church service announcements, etc.

To follow FCC's Page:
Click Search Facebook in the top left of any page on Facebook.

1. Enter the name of the Page (Faith Community Church, Perry, MI) and choose from the results.
2. Go to the Page you want to follow.
3. Click.
4. Click **Follow**.

Prayer Concerns



Joys

Weddings, Anniversaries, and Birthdays, Those traveling to see family or watch family participate in events, Grandkids and Adult Children visiting with their parents and grandparents, Family get together, Church Game night and Potlucks, Families moving into new homes, Palm Sunday-the laying of the palms, Sandy White is feeling blessed Dick is doing good

Concerns

Safe travels for those coming home, Upcoming surgeries, procedures and appointments, Healing and recovery from surgeries, Loved ones and neighbors who are going through treatments, Passing of family and friends, Loved ones that are in Hospice, Unspoken requests, Prayers Globally for upheaval, natural disaster and loss of loved ones.

April 2024

*Music Prelude:
Sue Hammond*

Greeter: Bill A

Liturgist:

Meet and Greet:

4/7 – Simple Spread

4/14 –

4/21 – Potluck

4/28 –

Flowers:

4/7 – Simple Spread

4/14 –

4/21 – Potluck

4/28 –

Food Box:



Janet Graham 4/1
Savannah Rankin 4/4
Roxane Benjamin 4/17
Amy Southwell 4/18
Fred Kline 4/19
Nancy Somers 4/23
Bonnie Dunn 4/25



Jerry & BJ Rosen 4/4
Jack & Roxane Benjamin 4/27



*Worship Committee
meeting Tuesday April
16th @ 6:00 pm
WE will be looking at
ways to revitalize how
we share worship with
those outside of the
building and how to
make new traditions
which honor the
past but belong to
Faith Community
Church.*



*Missions meeting
dates TBA*



*If you would like
to become more
involved in church
activities and/or
committees and
have questions,
please see Pastor
Coleen.*

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pastor Coleen on Vacation 3/31 (pm) through 4/7. Off on 4/8; back on 4/9	1	2 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am cooking 8:00 am eating
7 Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am	8	9 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm	10 Bible Study – 6:30 The Chosen	11 7:00 pm – Ad Council	12	13
14 Worship 10:00 am Communion Noisey Change – Next Generation Ministries Sunday School 11:15 am	15	16 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm	17 Bible Study – 6:30 The Chosen	18	19	20 5:00 pm Dinner & Game Night @ Jimmie Carroll's
21 Worship 10:00 am Potluck	22	23 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm 4/23-5/3 - UMC Gen. Conf. in Charlotte, NC	24 Bible Study – 6:30 The Chosen	25	26	27 9 am-1 pm Rummage & Bake Sale
28 Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Noisey Change – Next Generation Ministries	29	30 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:00 pm	<u>Website</u>			Noisey Change – Next Generation Ministries Formerly Haiti Children's project
			Our website has been updated. One important new feature is an up-to-date monthly calendar, with changes made in real time. You can visit the website by using the following URL:			
			https://wearefaithcommunitychurch.weebly.com			

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



Blood Drive
Perry Church of Nazarene

3100 Ellsworth Rd.

Monday, April 15, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment log onto RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code Perry Naz) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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