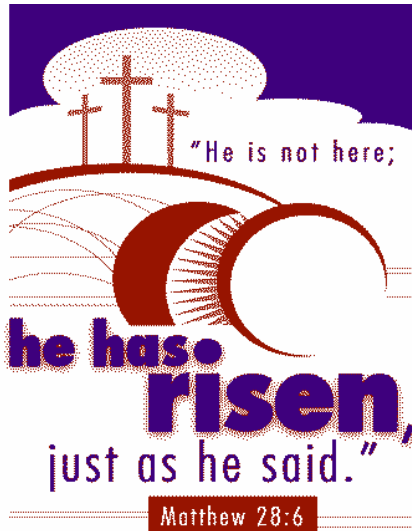


# THE AMBASSADOR

April 2007



*Dear Friends,*

*Many of us have been surprised with the sudden appearance of Easter on our calendars. It just seems like it 'sneaked up' on us! Perhaps we're experiencing much the same emotions as those in Jerusalem. Easter 'sneaked up' on them, too.*

*The Jews weren't prepared for the Messiah. His followers were not prepared to meet Jesus as the Living Lord of all creation. The world wasn't prepared to be changed forever by the One Perfect Man. Certainly those who saw Jesus die on the cross weren't prepared for his resurrection.*

*But, the Messiah **did** come to the world. And, for those who believe the Living Lord **has** truly come. And, Jesus **was** raised from the dead, and declared by God to be the Living Lord of all creation. The world still isn't ready, but it's beginning to come around, and we're the generation which has been given the privilege of sharing that good news with those we know today.*

*During the Seventy Days of Purpose we've been preparing in new ways for this wondrous day, and now it's time to put our preparation into action. The world is waiting for us to share the Good News in effective, soul-winning ways. There is no better time than now to begin to fulfill our call to bless folks by leading and loving them into the Kingdom.*

*Millennia ago people were waiting for the Messiah. Centuries ago they were surprised by His appearance. Now the Risen Messiah waits for us to introduce Him to a new generation. There can be no more precious gift we can give, and no more exciting news we can share. In a divine partnership with God let's help those we know, meet and love experience the soul-depth of meaning from those two simple words, **HAPPYEASTER**. And, may the full power of those words be yours today and always.*

*Your Pastor,*

*Jim*

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 1**

## **Palm Sunday**

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Potluck Breakfast and Easter Egg  
Hunt to follow immediately after worship



**April 5**

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



**April 6**

## **Good Friday Worship Service**

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**April 8**

## **Easter Sunday Events**

**Community Sunrise Service** at Memorial park (by the river behind the old Elementary school)  
7:00 a.m. hosted by the First Presbyterian

**Community Breakfast** at the First Presbyterian Church,  
611 Farnsworth Rd., Waterville

**Easter Worship Service at WUMC** at 10:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
(no Sunday School)



## Couples of Young Children

You are invited to an evening of **Bunco!**

When: Saturday, **April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30p.m.-9:00p.m.** (During the Parents Night Out)  
We'll meet in the Sunday School rooms to go over the rules of the game before we play.  
Bring \$1.00 per person and an appetizer to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board.  
Friends are welcome—invite them all!

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## Palm Sunday Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt

Family Life is hosting a Palm Sunday Potluck Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Both will take place immediately following worship service on Sunday, April 1st. Children are welcome to bring Easter baskets for the egg hunt. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring a breakfast item. If you would like to donate filled Easter eggs, please bring them to the church before Wed. March 28th.

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## Movie Night a Big Score!



On March 4th the aroma of popcorn was in the air (Thanks to Jerry and Melva!) and Fellowship Hall was buzzing with energy. The youth group was manning their fabulous bake sale, which proved successful in earning money toward their mission trip. Families settled in their chairs with baked goods and popcorn as they anxiously awaited the start of the movie. As the chairs filled up, the children gathered at the front with sleeping bags and bean bags. The youngest children went to the nursery for play and a Veggie Tales movie. Stephanie Shelton and Kris Kahl so graciously watched over our smallest children, and there were many of them! Thank you to Adam and Stephanie for the great Movie Night. "Facing the Giants" was not only entertaining, but inspiring and uplifting. A must see. We hope to do this again!



## Ice Skating Party a Brilliant Success

WUMC returned to Bowling Green on March 17th for their 2nd Ice Skating Party. There were 37 participants, many of them children. There were no Leprechaun sightings, but the few that did not wear green did get pinched. We enjoyed great food and company. Thank you to The Nightingale, Marshall, Kirby, Plassmann, Croy, Wagner, Pritchett and Galton Families for attending. It was also great to see young Katie Martin from Ann Arbor and Rosie Kendall and her friend Morgan. Everyone was fantastic on the ice, and Penn looked great in the bleachers!

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CAPS (Children of Aging Parents) will meet on Wed., April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a discussion on care giver mental health issues. Our facilitator will be Dawn DeFalco.

## IT'S COOKIE TIME AGAIN!



No, not Girl Scout cookie time, Kiaros cookie time. Rob Greenlese and Eric Ramlow will once again be on the Kiaros prison ministry team this spring. They each need 160 dozen cookies to take with them. Bags and instructions are available at the church on the table outside the office. One of the very inspiring events that take place during the Kiaros weekend, is the closing ceremony. Along with some great singing and inspiring worship, the inmates are allowed to speak on their newly found walk with the Lord. This ceremony is opened to the general public, but you must have a simple background check to attend. If you would like to attend on Sunday, May 6th, please contact Rob, Eric, or the church office to obtain a form to have a background check. There is no cost involved for this. You will be moved greatly by this service.

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## Church and Community Outreach Report



Outreach committee is gearing up for **Parent's Night Out** on **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** from **6:30 till 9:00**. It is open to children 12 months to 10 years but we do limit it to 25 children because of space and the safety of the children. We are anticipating a large group, so there will be a need for lots of volunteers. Please take time to sign up to help. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. It is always an interesting but fun evening.



We also want to remind you that we have camp brochures and registration forms for any who want to attend church camp this summer. The church pays \$60.00 toward each child's camp registration. Please consider attending church camp this summer.

Thanks to each of you for supporting our Welcome a Neighbor ministry, this would not be possible without you. We have delivered over 500 loaves of bread to new families moving into our area. This is a good example of being disciples for Christ.



We also want to thank the first through third grade Sunday School class for putting our WAN bags together last month. You did a great job, and because of you we were able to deliver 8 bags to new families. Thank you!!!

**And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.—John 6:35**

## Are You Our New Bell Choir Director?



We have been waiting for you for several months. Please let yourself be known to us and we will pick up our bells and ring with happiness and thanksgiving.

Hey kids! We are waiting for you, too. Just come to the church on Wednesdays at 5:15 in the choir room and sing with us. We try to sing in worship about once a month. You can join any time during the year. All you have to do is show up!



# THEATRE FOR THE WORLD

Coming soon to a theatre near you: **Heaven Can Wait**, a comedy-fantasy by Harry Segall. We're taking our theatre troop on the road and all proceeds will benefit the Otsego Food Pantry. There are a few changes to the routine. This year the show will be performed on **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 and 7:30, in the historic town hall theatre in Grand Rapids, Ohio.** There is **no Sunday performance...**so please don't wait for the last minute reminder in church. There are no advance tickets, but a free-will offering will be accepted as people leave the theatre. Canned goods and non-perishable food items will also be welcome at the door. Our youth group is involved again, with a lasagna dinner fundraiser at 6:00 before the Saturday performance. Reservations for the dinner are required and can be made by calling the church at 878-3645.

We are very excited about this year's production and our new theatre space. This script was made into an Oscar winning movie in the 1930's called "Meeting Mr. Jordan." We've cleaned up any foul language so this is another good, clean show, but there are a few more adult themes related to this production. Certainly nothing compared to prime-time television, but we want parents made aware of the storyline.

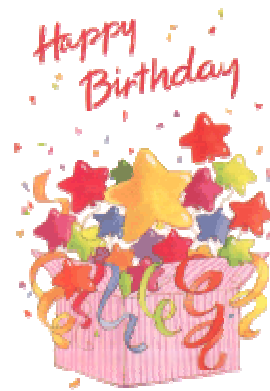
The Story: "Mr. Jordan is checking in passengers to depart for the Hereafter. The routine is interrupted by the arrival of Joe Pendleton, a prizefighter, who refuses to admit he is dead and induces Jordan to check the 'records,' which reveal that Joe is not scheduled to arrive for another 60 years! As Joe returns to earth to reclaim his body and continue his fighting, word reaches Heaven that Maxi Levene, Joe's manager, had it cremated. With Joe no longer having a body, Mr. Jordan promises to find another suitable shell. He is soon informed that the wealthy financier, Jonathon Farnsworth, is about to be murdered by his wife and her love interest. Joe suddenly finds himself in the home of the financier, visible as Joe to the audience, but apparently as Farnsworth to Mrs. Farnsworth, and the public. The comedy begins when the pompous 'Farnsworth,' now Joe, decides to share his wealth and fix the wrong he did to the charming Bette Logan's father. Bette, having despised Farnsworth, finds herself falling in love with him and he with her. Just as Joe (still in Farnsworth's body) has a chance to get back into the boxing ring, Jordan reports that the real Farnsworth does not approve of Joe's mistreatment of his body (and money) and is raising a fuss." What chaos!

What body will Mr. Jordan place Joe in next? Will Joe remember his past? What happens to Bette and Mrs. Farnsworth? Will Levene figure out which body Joe is going to jump into next? To see if Mr. Jordan can get this mess resolved you'll have to see the show. Sound complicated? Fortunately, it is very humorous and easy to follow when performed on stage. We hope you'll enjoy our efforts and in turn support the local Otsego Food Pantry.

# April 2007 Birthdays

## Day ADULTS

3 Larry Sheridan  
6 Jim Pease  
8 Fred Stover  
13 Betty Becker  
16 Chris Marshall  
18 Pastor Jim Stewart  
19 Steve Crandall  
19 Bob Hires  
22 Beve Styers  
24 Harry Neumann  
30 Elnora Mathewson



And what does the lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.—Micah 6:8



<u>Day</u>	YOUTH
8	Joel Smith
16	Nicholas Martin
19	Taylor buskey
19	Cheyenna Lipinski
24	Lisa Morlock
25	John Henry
25	Isabella Marshall
25	Nathan Schultz
26	Adam Ramlow
28	Sarah Plassmann



Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child,  
the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whosoever shall  
receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.—Matthew 18:4-5

## Women's Ministry



The Women's Ministry is now selling **Anderson Gift** cards along with the **Kroger** cards. The cost of each Anderson card is \$25.00. Since this is a gift card, it is different from the Kroger card and is not rechargeable. So you may want to purchase a few at a time. As with the Kroger cards, the Women's Ministry gets a percentage of money spent on the cards. This helps to build our treasury that we use to donate to local and national organizations that help those in need and bringing the word of Jesus Christ into their lives. If you would like to purchase an Anderson card, or a Kroger card, please contact Cindy Nowak, Karen Caldwell, or the church office. Many different gift cards are available, if there is something special you would like, please let Cindy or Karen know.

### SCRAPBOOKING AND MORE...

Ladies, where have you been? I know you have lots of projects that need working on, whether it is scrapbooking, sewing, knitting, painting, cross stitching, or just organizing your photos. So why not join us this month in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 16, & 30 and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22. Even if you don't get anything done, you are guaranteed to have a good time.

The **Cooking Group** will be meeting at Lisa Galton's on **Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m.** The theme will be Mexican food. All ladies are welcome. Contact Lisa for directions. (419) 878-8374.



The **Card Ministry** will meet Tuesday, April 17th at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Join us as we send cards to our members and friends to let them know they are thought about.



THE LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Wednesday, April 18, at 12:45 p.m. at Max and Erma's Restaurant on Dussell Dr., in Maumee. If you need a ride, call Tehya Collinsworth at 419/878-8616.

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## United Methodist Men



On **Saturday, April 14th**, the United Methodist Men's Group will host a program on Habitat for Humanity at its April breakfast meeting at **8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**. Chuck Thayer, Executive Director of Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity will be the guest speaker to discuss how Habitat works, what we can do to participate and how we can become a part of the Habitat program if we should decide to go that way. This program is open to all members of WUMC and everyone is encouraged to join us for breakfast and an interesting presentation.



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### NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received on Sunday, April 29th. If you would like to join our membership at that time, please contact Pastor Jim or the church office.

## Church Calendar Goes Cyber!



We now have a master calendar on our web site thanks to Adam Shelton and Ted Myers. You can view all the church's events and scheduled activities for the remainder of the year by going to our web site at [www.watervilleumc.org](http://www.watervilleumc.org) and clicking on calendars. If you haven't been to our web site lately, you need to check it out. It is full of very useful information and happenings at our church. We are very thankful to Ted Myers for maintaining it each month.

### Thanks to All Who Host Fellowship Hour

We would like to thank those people who have graciously given their time to help prepare, set-up, and clean-up the food and snacks for the fellowship hour. For the past few months many thanks goes to the Kirkmans, Galtons, Pritchetts, Kahls, Pages, David and Nancy Stafford, Croys, Spychalskis, Robinsons, Mays, Squire Young, Chris Major and the Gribbles. For those of you that would like to help with fellowship you will find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. Please remember to label food items which contain peanut products. Thank you!



### SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

At least we hope it has and no more snow this year. So, this is a good time to say **THANK YOU** to all the many members of our church who helped with snow removal this winter. The walks and driving areas were clear of snow and ice almost immediately after a snow fall. We appreciate all your help!

### ANTHONY WAYNE RELAY FOR LIFE

Help us find a cure! The AW Relay for Life will be held at A.W.H.S. from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1st through 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 2nd. We are currently looking for teams to participate in the Relay's fundraising efforts. If interested or if you want more information, please contact Melanie Ogrodowski at 419/887-1004 or [mogrodowski@glasscityfcu.com](mailto:mogrodowski@glasscityfcu.com), or call Jennifer Phleger at the American Cancer Society, 888/227-6446, ext. 5207.



### STATISTICS

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	SUNDAY SCHOOL	
			CHILDREN	ADULTS
March 4	183	\$6,063.64	31	n/a
March 11	176	3,733.00	27	10
March 18	157	9,159.00	16	15



### CHOIR ROBE FUND

Thank you to everyone who donated to our choir robe fund. The balance has been paid off! The robes were worn for the first time on Sunday, March 25, when the Sanctuary Choir performed their Easter Cantata "Behold the Lamb." If you weren't able to attend, you missed a wonderful inspiring worship service. If you would like to have a recording of the service, please call the church office.



*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.—Philippians 4:6*

**HOSPITALIZED IN MARCH**

Lucile Conrad      Twig King  
Bill LaRue          Marilyn Mayer  
Joan Rigal

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*Christian Hope and Sympathy* to Bill LaRue, Karen and Tom Wiggins & family, Robin and Frank Lipinski & Family, and Doug LaRue upon the death of *Jean LaRue* on March 8. Jean and Bill have been very active members at Waterville UMC and she will be deeply missed.

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Dear Church Family,

Once again, I am so blessed to be the grateful recipient of your many acts of love and kindness to me as I await God's answers to the paralyzed cranial nerve which has let my right lid and eye unresponsive. However, the medicine is easing the pain, and I am very thankful that I see with one eye (and amuse kids with my "pirate-eye" patch.) Thank you for the prayers, hugs, cards, and food when I was in such pain. The beautiful ministry of compassion that is so real here is truly heart-lifting.

Love in Christ, Delores Young

Dear Church Family,

Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Jim and all of you following the death of our Mother. We have been overwhelmed by your prayers, cards, kind words and thoughtfulness. It has been a great comfort and support to us during this time of sadness to share memories with all of you. It keeps her alive in our hearts and minds. We know Jean is in the hands of the Lord and was greeted by a host of other church family members when she arrived. We can just hear her saying, "Oh Gosh! How good to see you again!"

The LaRue Family – Bill, Karen, Robin, and Doug



Rev. Caldwell & Friends,

Thank you for the hospital visit, and well wishes while I was in the hospital recently for surgery. I'm gaining more strength slowly.      Larry & Grace Russell

Dan and I want to thank everyone in our church for the love and prayers that we sincerely felt through my surgery and recovery.

Every thoughtful gesture was also greatly appreciated.

Through this experience, we were humble recipients of the nurturing love, peace and warmth, that is the heart of our church.

God's love abounds!

Joan and Dan Rigal



# Scripture and Prayer Calendar

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.—John 6:40

<i>Scripture</i>		<i>APR</i>	<i>Prayer</i>
Deuteronomy 29 & 30	Acts 2	<b>1</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Sheridan
Deuteronomy 31 & 32	Acts 3	<b>2</b>	The Tom Shoemaker Family
Deuteronomy 33 & 34	Acts 4	<b>3</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Simpson
Joshua 1 & 2	Acts 5	<b>4</b>	The Doug Smith Family
Joshua 3 & 4	Acts 6	<b>5</b>	Ms. Katherine Smith
Joshua 5 & 6	Acts 7	<b>6</b>	The Brian Snyder Family
Joshua 7 & 8	Acts 8	<b>7</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Spychalski
Joshua 9 & 10	Acts 9	<b>8</b>	The David Stafford Family
Joshua 11 & 12	Acts 10	<b>9</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Stafford
Joshua 13 & 14	Acts 11	<b>10</b>	Robert Stearns
Joshua 15 & 16	Acts 12	<b>11</b>	Lowell Steusloff
Joshua 17 & 18	Acts 13	<b>12</b>	The Dan Stevens Family
Joshua 19 & 20	Acts 14	<b>13</b>	Fred Stover & Barbara Korecki
Joshua 21 & 22	Acts 15	<b>14</b>	Mrs. Carolyn Strayer
Joshua 23 & 24	Acts 16	<b>15</b>	The Steven Suchocki Family
Judges 1 & 2	Acts 17	<b>16</b>	Mrs. Joyce Thomas
Judges 3 & 4	Acts 18	<b>17</b>	The Ed Thompson Family
Judges 5 & 6	Acts 19	<b>18</b>	Mrs. Meredyth Tilton
Judges 7 & 8	Acts 20	<b>19</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Utz
Judges 9 & 10	Acts 21	<b>20</b>	The Beryl Van Houtte Family
Judges 11 & 12	Acts 22	<b>21</b>	The Craig Varner Family
Judges 13 & 14	Acts 23	<b>22</b>	The Dann Wagner Family
Judges 15 & 16	Acts 24	<b>23</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Warner
Judges 17 & 18	Acts 25	<b>24</b>	Mrs. Loraine Welker
Judges 19,20 & 21	Acts 26	<b>25</b>	The Wendell Welker Family
Ruth 1 & 2	Acts 27	<b>26</b>	Mrs. Helen Welsh
Ruth 3 & 4	Acts 28	<b>27</b>	The Neil Westfall Family
I Samuel 1 & 2	Romans 1	<b>28</b>	The Tom Wielgopolski Family
I Samuel 3 & 4	Romans 2	<b>29</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wiggins
I Samuel 5 & 6	Romans 3	<b>30</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams



*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.—*

*1 John 5:11*



Following each daily Scripture Reading are the names of the families and individuals for our daily prayer list. Please read your Bible and pray for these persons for the month of February. If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the Prayer Chain: Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail [gwilliams@tbbs.com](mailto:gwilliams@tbbs.com); Diana Cox 419-823-3110 or [gcox@wcnet.org](mailto:gcox@wcnet.org).

*Wishing you a very Blessed Easter and joyous spring!*

*From the staff and their families of Waterville United Methodist Church*

*Pastor - Jim and Karen Caldwell*

*Youth and Education Directors –  
Adam and Stephanie Shelton and family*

*Music Director - Jennifer and Randy Reihing and family*

*Pianist – Olga and Arthur Meade and family*

*Kinder Choir Director - Barb and Jim Page*

*Band Coordinator – John Nicholson*

*Secretary - Penny and Rob Greenlese*

*Assistant Secretary – April and Jason Born and family*

*Nursery Attendant - Elaine Reecer*

*Nursery Attendant - Katie Allison*

*Custodian – Quenith and John Doyle and family*