

MARION SALEM

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

April 2025

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10 am Worship 9 am Sunday School



To the church of God as found at Marion Salem Church, called to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: You are miracles of God's grace and mercy!

We are fast approaching Holy Week, remembering the last week of Christ's life. Maundy Thursday is April 17th and will commemorate the Last Supper. Good Friday is April 18th and "once again (we) look upon the cross where (He) died." Yet the glorious day of Resurrection is not far away, Easter Sunday is April 20th. You likely do not need me to remind you. If anything, major retailers are so desperate to sell their candy supply, they're advertising markdowns have reached you. We know that Easter is coming, have you made plans?

COVID-19 brought with it disruption in worship patterns. Barna's surveys from 2020 found that a third of people stopped worshipping, and follow-up surveys indicate that they have not returned to worship virtually or in-person. Some virtual worshippers have considered returning in-person, yet have not made the leap. Out of the habit and comfortable with the virtual offerings, it's difficult to step out and return. Many found virtual offerings unsatisfying and do not participate actively.

So let me offer that if you have been thinking about worshipping this Easter—stop thinking about it and just do it. And here's how. Get involved in worship by:

- Worship virtually and be active. Sing the songs. Pray the liturgy. Comment and react to the video.
- Make an active plan to be in-person. Set out clothes the night before—even know what your breakfast is going to be. Remove the obstacles that would keep you from going.
- Ask a friend who is attending worship virtually or in-person. Their support can help get you going again.



Ready to go? Just haven't done it in a while? It's hard to get back into a habit. The good news is that for many of us we get to sleep in on Sunday still and make it in time for worship. Here's some suggestions to rebuild the habit:

- Review the previous week's service. Our services from previous weeks are on Facebook. This can help prepare you and relieve anxiety regarding expectations.
- Go with a friend! Having someone else to go with increases the odds you'll actually do something. It's called support and is one of the main purposes of the Church. (Bonus points if you invite someone who hasn't been attending too!)

Thinking about someone who hasn't been in a while? Over 80% of people in Ohio are not in worship on any given weekend. We all know someone and care about them. So, let's be invitational:

- Ask, don't tell.
- Share your Sunday service video with them and invite them to join you for worship.
- Offer a ride.
- If they counter with an offer to go to another congregation (and you know they haven't attended in a while), go with them (just let your pastor know you're on a mission!).
- If they aren't comfortable with in-person worship, help them get connected virtually.

Let's be like Hebrews 10:25. Get back in the habit of gathering for worship and encouraging one another!

Blessings ,


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Mark your calendars for these upcoming opportunities for worship:

Lenten Sermon Series: The Seven Last Words of Christ starting Sunday, March 2nd

Palm Sunday, April 13th: Easter Cantata 10am

Maundy Thursday, April 17th: Service 7pm
End of Seven Last Words Series

Good Friday, April 18th: Tenebrae Service 7pm

Easter: Sunrise Service 8am, Breakfast 8:30am

Basic Christian Faith Wednesdays 7pm

Join Pastor Jason for an engaging time of discussion as we explore basic teachings of Christian Faith. This is a paced study and you can drop in anytime.

No study 4/16



MITES MESSAGE: Anyone interested in sharing with the children during worship for the mites' message should see Pastor Jason. Available dates: 4/6, 13, 20, & 27

Columbus East Circuit Newsletter

Our circuit (the new district) has a semi-monthly newsletter that introduces the various congregations from southeastern Franklin county all the way to Marion county.

If you would like to receive it, scan the QR code to sign-up.



The Gospel LIVE! Mondays 4pm

Discover the Gospel of Matthew in a whole new way with the Visual Bible. This portrayal of Scripture is taken directly from the 1984 New International Version, word for word. Every line of dialogue spoken is either by the narrator (Matthew) or the individuals in Scripture. The screenplay follows the Gospel as closely as possible. We'll work slowly through the Gospel, comparing to the other Gospel texts and the rest of Scripture. We will also explore the historical and cultural elements that the Visual Bible highlights as we dive into Scripture together. **No Study, 4/7.**



Missed a Sunday or really want to catch a replay? Have you been to our Facebook page... it's all there facebook.com/MarionSalemChurch. You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch, it's livestreamed each week and the replays can be found there immediately.



Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 12th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

This free event is for children of all ages and families.

Invite a friend or two!

Come any time, stay as long as the party lasts.

Fun for the whole family

Photo booth

Games and prizes! Crafts and cookies!

There are not enough words to express how thankful we are to the Marion Salem congregation for the prayers, cards and financial support you have blessed our son Jamie's family with since his accident. We are so thankful that we are a part of this church family and love all of you.

The Marquis family



Wed. 30th—Noon



Next peanut butter
sandwich making
April 27

Food Pantry

Hours: Monday 10-noon



Thank You



for your Kindness

Helen Denton

Judi Myers

Mary Wickersham

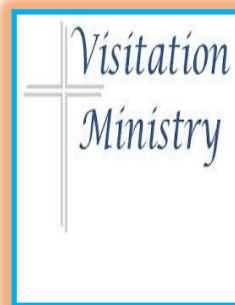
Donna Dietsch

Bob & Dorothy Barker

Martha & Bill Crabtree

Donna McKinnis

Flora Mae Ulsh



There is a weekly e-news for Salem Church that is sent out via email. If you have not signed up for this yet, please go to <https://mailchi.mp/8fbobebd8448/sign-up> to sign-up. You can also scan the following QR code.



Salem Strivers

**Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness
without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14**

Strivers do all they can to seek
after the Lord. Part of that is
sharing Christ with others.
Remember to invite someone to
youth.

Calendar of Events: April

6th: Bowling Night 6:30 pm & Cooper's bowling

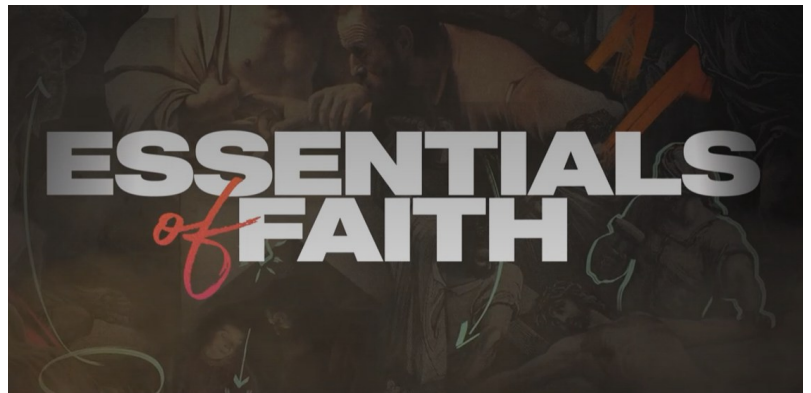
13th: Youth Group 6:30 pm

20th: No Youth, Easter Sunday

27th: Youth Group 6:30 pm

Looking for meals
and chaperone help
during youth on
4/13 & 27.

**The Strivers are still looking
for a mature disciple of Christ
who will help lead their
meetings on a weekly basis.
Please pray for and help us
find this person by sharing it
word of mouth.**



Essentials of Faith IV: What Is the Church?

Everyone seems to have something to say about the Church. But what is the Church, exactly? Is it a nice building with a steeple? An experience on a Sunday morning? A group of people aligned around certain issues?

In this series, author and pastor Derwin Gray examines Acts and Paul's letters to explain what the Church is, how it began, what it does, and its mission. This series will inspire you to learn from the rich history of the Church and will motivate you to act as an empowered member of the family of God.

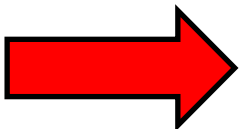
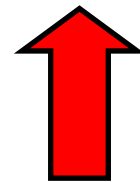
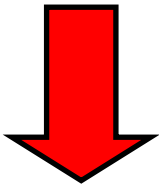
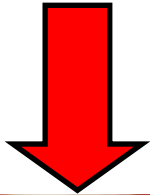
Have you prayed lately:

For the youth in the congregation?
For the youth in our community?
For our youth director search?
For the kids in our congregation?
For the kids in our community?
For families and their spiritual
growth, as well as protection?

Youth Group Bowling Night

Sunday, April 6th @ 6:30 pm

Meet up at Cooper's Bowling for a fun night of knocking down some pins! Pizza and drinks provided. Students planning to attend must come to youth group at least once in March and return a permission slip by Sunday, March 30th. (Those needing rides need to speak with Pastor Jason as soon as possible.)



To all who donated in a
hundred ways to the
Spaghetti Dinner & Auction!!



Open Houses

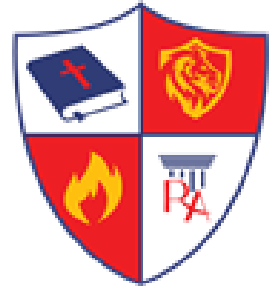
At Salem Church

Sun. 3/30 (12 --2 pm)

Mon., 4/14 (5--7pm)

Rhema Academy Update

Our friends at Rhema Academy continue to advertise and seek students enrolling in next school year '25-'26. There are parent information packets at the information table in the sanctuary as well as in the gathering space outside the offices. If you or anyone you know is interested in this Christian, classical, and chartered opportunity for education, please check out rhemaacademyk12.education or reach out to Brian Sparling brians@rhemaacademyk12.education



Living a Life of with Gratitude

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Phil. 4:6

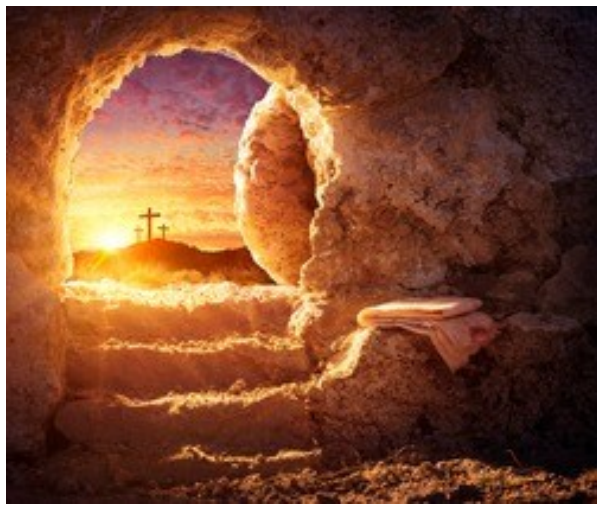
Have you noticed the changes in the gathering area? Step by step it is being transformed into an area where you may want to meet—for coffee, for a small group, for a Bible study, for a chat. While it's still in progress, it's important to give thanks to those who have given of their time and talents to make it come together. Pastor Jason designed and built the Prayers & Praises board. The hope is that we will post our prayers and praises on a regular basis to petition the Lord and to give Him praise! Anyone is invited to take a tag, write their praise/prayer with a date, and hang it on the corkboard.

The beautiful coffee table has been repurposed from Marion Salem by Robin Schelb. In addition, Robin, Pastor Jason and Curt Galloway worked to complete the wood baseboards which give the room a finished look.

Everyone loves the update to the west walkway! Special thanks to Brian Oliver who persevered with A-1 Printing to get the lettering to stick, which was no small feat. Cindy Fuller donated her talents to sew the lovely pillows that add a cheerful touch.

Funds used were from the memorial fund and there are a few more changes coming. Thank you to everyone for your hard work!!





Trail of Easter—April 1-20

The “Trail of Easter” provides a fun way for families to experience the story of Holy Week and the Resurrection from the convenience of their own car. The route is mapped out for you and will take you past different locations where objects relating the story are placed for you to find as you drive by. You’ll stay in your car and spot the items from the road, Scripture passages will be available to read on the map handout. Maps will be available March 30.

— Credit to Lockport Mennonite Church for the idea.

The Great Lent Attendance Rally—2025

The rally continues! As of Sunday, March 16, Team 1 has a slight edge. Remember the teams will earn a point for:

1. Members attending and turning in a connection card (used to track attendance).
2. Members attending the livestream and checking in (no double counts for in-person).
3. When you invite someone to worship, your team will receive two points on the first Sunday they attend (one for the successful invite, and one for the visitor). Future Sundays the visitor will be a member of that team.

The last Sunday for points will be Easter Sunday, April 20th. The winning team will be announced on Holy Humor Sunday and gets to go through the line for ice cream treats first.

An attendance rally is a fun way to encourage people to be in worship and invite new people to be with us. What’s better than this? Well, by being in worship more we are becoming deeper disciples and by inviting others to worship we are helping to make new disciples. That’s definitely a great thing.

*Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God
making His appeal through us.
2 Corinthians 5:20a*




**HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
APRIL 27th
SERMON IN A BOX**

Holy Humor Sunday is the Sunday after Easter, when God’s people get to laugh at the devil because Jesus rose from the dead and the devil lost! Pastor Jason invites the congregation to participate in this service through the creation of an on-the-spot message utilizing images that the congregation provides.

A box is in the sanctuary marked “Sermon in a Box.” Everyone is encouraged to place a picture of an object (no words) in the box (photographs can be sent to marionsalem1640@gmail.com to be printed). Keep these secret from Pastor Jason! He will not be looking at the photographs prior to the service.

One picture will be drawn randomly on Easter Sunday for Pastor to start working on ideas for the message on Holy Humor Sunday. On Holy Humor Sunday another 4 pictures will be drawn at the beginning of the service. Pastor Jason is challenged with incorporating all 5 pictures into the message. At the end of service we’ll enjoy some ice cream treats together.

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Choir 6:30pm	2 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	3 AHG 6 pm	4	5
6 Communion Youth Group 6:30p	7	8 Choir 6:30pm	9 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	10	11	12 Easter party 2 pm
13 Easter Contata 10am Youth Group 6:30p	14 Bible Study 4p Rhema 5-7pm	15 Choir 6:30pm	16 Knitting/Craft 1pm	17 Maundy Thursday 7pm	18 Tenabrae 7pm	19
20 Easter! Sonrise 8 am Breakfast 8:30 am 	21 Bible Study 4p	22 Choir 6:30pm	23 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	24	25	26 
27 Youth Group 6:30p	28 Finance 6:30p Ad C 7p	29 Choir 6:30pm	30 Sr. Lunch—12 pm Bible study 7 pm			



1st Sunday every month in the
Family Center at 8:30 AM.

April—Upper Room Class
May—Genesis Class



Greeters

4/6 Ruth Lutz & Becky Oliver
4/13 David & Jennifer Pinkerman
4/20 Susie Williams & Robbi Smart
4/27 Leslie Jordan & Becky Oliver



Anniversaries

4/8 Jerry & Karen Marquis
4/10 Curt & Mary Galloway
4/28 Bob & Dorothy Barker
Mark & Valerie Schrote

Nursery Schedule

4/6 Jennifer & Piper Croskey
4/13 Charisse Smith & Susie Williams
4/20 Susan Rockwell & Marilyn Shroyer
4/27 Conni McChesney & Karen Marquis

Children's Church

4/6 No Children's Church
4/13 Jennifer Croskey & Cheryl Slack
4/20 No Children's Church
4/27 Mary Galloway & Karen Marquis

Birthdays

4/10 Steve Crock
4/13 Parker Smith
4/19 Scott Kimes
4/21 Peggy Smith
4/28 Carol Crawford

Ron VonAlmen
Janet Schelb
Jude Stitzel
Sheryl Campbell
Donna McKinnis
Vicki Adams
Israel
Judi Myers
Rick Hicks
Haiti
Steve Crock
Mike Dilsaver
Paul Messenger
Donna Dietsch
Kelly Marsh
Cassidy Starkey
Jamie Marquis
Dave Gerfen
Inda Lama
Janie Wooten
Doug Burkhart
John Wiseman
Joni McCray
Nathan Cedric
Bobbi Jones