

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

1 Corinthians 15 : 3 — 4

In the first congregation that I served as Pastor, there was a man who was very well respected and looked up to. His name was Richard, and by the time I was appointed there, he had retired from a long teaching and coaching career. He had taught science to generations of middle schoolers, and had coached track for so many



years, he had lost count. Even in his retirement, he was continually called upon to help out the track coach at the local school, and to officiate track meets at the local, district, regional and, even the state level. He was ultimately inducted into the OHSAA Track & Field Hall of Fame. It seemed that every student, whether they had him for class or not, loved Richard. They knew that he really cared for them, that he wanted them to be successful, and that he would be there for them if they needed help with school, track, or personal issues.

One year, Richard was called upon to speak at the Jr. High graduation. I remember attending that particular event, and some of the things he shared with those who were preparing to move on high school the next fall. During his speech, he talked about doing homework. A very audible groan emerged from the graduates, but they listened intently as Richard shared some sagely advice. He told them, “When you sit down to do your homework each evening, do the hardest topic first. For some of you, it may be that Math is your most difficult subject. For others, it may be History. Whatever is the most difficult for you ... Science, Math, whatever ... tackle the homework assignment that is most difficult for you first. Once you



have completed that one, then do your next most difficult. Continue that pattern until all of your homework is complete. If you make this your habit, you will find that homework will not be something that you will dread ... or groan about!”

As I listened, I was also looking around the auditorium at the parents and community folks who were gathered there. Many heads were shaking “Yes!” in agreement as he spoke, and I realized that they weren’t hearing this particular advice for the first time. It turned out that there were a lot of folks there that day who had been some of Richard’s students or team members in previous years. They had heard him give this speech before. And they knew what he said was true.

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Church Committee Meetings

It's important that all committee members be present at scheduled meetings. Be sure to contact the Chairperson if you are unable to attend.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Monday, April 4 @ 7:00 PM
CHAIR:

Administrative Board

Monday, April 11 @ 6:30 PM
CHAIR: Tim Renn

Trustees

Monday, April 25 @ 6:00 PM
CHAIR: Roger Cunningham



Easter Flower Orders Now Being Accepted.



In order to make our Sanctuary look more like a garden this Easter, we have ordered a mixture of Easter flowers. An order form is available at the church or you can send a check to the church at:

Nauvoo UMC
1403 5th Street
West Portsmouth, OH 45663

The cost is \$12.00 per flower and don't forget to include your in honor or in memory of requests. If you have any questions contact the church at 740-858-2621.



Happy Easter!



Please help us update our prayer list in regards to “Friends Dealing with Cancer.”

Look at the list of names below, if they need to remain on the Prayer List, please let Linda Horner know or you can email Rhonda at secretary@nauvooumc.org and she will pass it on to Linda. Thank you for your help.

<u>Friends Dealing with Cancer</u>			
Greg Call	Ms. Martin	Terry Thron	Telena Cassidy
Christine O'Brien	Jim Kirks	Christa Riley	Paul Blair
Rodney Pennington	Christan Pulliam	Jim Wyatt	John Conley
Alice Newman	Florence Kinker	Kay Kern	Tim Taulbee
Jamie Brown	Juanita Campbell	Wm Darrell Oliver	Patricia O'Kelly
Vickie Johnson	April Adams	Larry Matiz	Mr. & Mrs. Russ Dil-
inger Gary Mead	Linda Donahoe	Roberta Maynard	Scott Howard
Tina Perko	Beth Wines	Jonathan King	Ruth Ann Riffe
Scott Battle	Janet Tatman	Elizabeth Stevens	Gary Powell
Vicki Crabtree	Linda Messer	Anne Humphrey	Martha Norris
Steve Bledsoe	Penny Gilliland	Carmen Rayburn	David Trunkey
Connie Snyder	Doris Vollmer	Kimmy Sparks	Jon Daniels
Larry Sparks	Will Mault	Dave McNutt	Bill Smith
Amy Williams	Kim Tilley	Carol Spencer	Teresa Hatfield
Julie Walters	Mike Reed	Grace Inboden	Scotty Brown
Jim Folsom	Craig Castle	Alex Nolan	Diana Ross
Dexter Warnock	Mrs. Hufford	George Wolfe	



DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of eggs, candy and toys to fill the eggs are needed. Also small prizes to give all the children would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Leichia Davis at 740-858-6455 for more



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16th

at the Fire Station

12:00 PM



**Liturgists
Needed**

Would you like to help Pastor Pete lead the Sunday Morning Worship Service?

Let him know and we will get a schedule started.



INFORMATION NEEDED....PLEASE!!!

I am updating our Nauvoo UMC Directory and I need to have any corrections or additions, as soon as you can. If you have any address, phone, cell phone or email address changes or need to be added to the church directory, please send them to me at secretary@nauvooumc.org

I will also take any Birthday or Anniversary additions or changes to the same email address. There are Directory Information sheets on the information table at church that can be filled out and put in the offering or left on the information table if you prefer.

Thank you all for your support!

As of April 1st, 22 Directory update forms have been turned in.. I have had several emails returned because email addresses have changed. If you have had any changes to your information in the Church Directory or Birthday/ Anniversary list in the last 2 years, please fill out a form or just email the corrections to secretary@nauvooumc.org. I will be doing a new Church Directory in May, so please get this information to me sometime in April or the information that is currently in the Church Directory will be in the new Church Directory. *Thanks again!*





Easter Morning Sunrise Service

7:00 AM

April 17th

In the back parking lot, bring a chair or grab one from the Fellowship Room.

Breakfast of donuts, juice and coffee to follow in the Fellowship Room.



- 1 Victoria Castle
- 4 Chloe Lucas
- 6 JR Holsinger
- 6 Amelia Wartluft
- 10 Maddie Entler
- 13 Cindy Hurley
- 16 Alec Cunningham
- 21 Kate Entler
- 23 Jennie Entler
- 26 Rod Prater
- 28 Alex Davis
- 30 Nicole Persin
- 30 Paul Conley



Anniversaries

- 6 Morgan & Lee Wartluft
- 19 Tim & Cinamon Lester
- 28 Rod & Jamie Prater



It's Time to Save Seeds!

JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES GARDENING PROJECT

HELPS PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

DESIRED SEEDS:

Corn and Bush Beans in bulk
would be greatly appreciated

WE HELP
Persons who have lost jobs,
Senior Citizens
Families on Low Incomes
Families on Fixed Incomes

DEADLINE:
April 10th

LAST YEAR'S REPORT

Donations from 13 states
24,000 tomato plants
32,100 lbs. Seed Potatoes
10,350 Baking potatoes
2,306 gardens

15 southeast counties in
Ohio were helped to grow
gardens in 2021



Beets	Herbs
Broccoli	Lettuce
Cabbage	Melons
Carrots	Peppers
Cauliflower	Radishes
Corn	Spinach/Greens
Cucumbers	Squash/Pumpkins
Green/Bush Beans	Turnips

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How about you? Does Jesus' resurrection from the dead really matter more than anything else? When all is said and done, do you truly believe that Jesus is alive today, and that he came back from the dead? Quite honestly, Paul said that if we don't believe that, then we are just fooling ourselves. He told the Corinthian believers that if Jesus hadn't risen from the dead, then we were to be pitied more than anyone. Everything we teach and preach, everything we proclaim as gospel truth, everything we live and stand for means nothing if Jesus is still dead and in the grave. But, Glory to God!! Jesus **IS** alive! He has risen from the grave! He has conquered death and Hell!

In the early church, the disciples viewed every Sunday as a Resurrection celebration! Why can't we have that same attitude? I cordially invite you to worship with us this Easter as we commemorate the greatest event in history. And then, I encourage you to make it your practice to come each week, as we renew our commitment to the truth of the Resurrection. Come and lift your voice in praise to the One who walked out of a grave! Come and join with others who claim this truth for themselves. Come and find out how we can all join together to share this glorious news with those who have never heard about it. Come and worship our risen Savior!!



Pastor Pete



Nauvoo United Methodist Church

will be celebrating



in 2022!

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION THIS SUMMER.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THE CELEBRATION?

**IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES",
CONTACT JENNIE ENTLER AT 740-858-2595.**



CELEBRATION



Easter Story

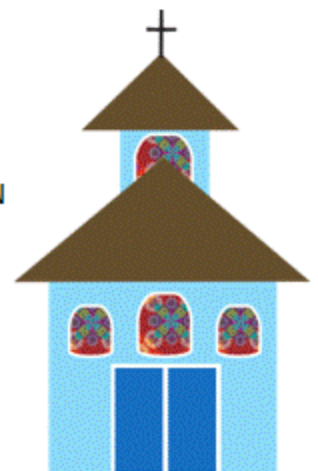
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APOSTLES
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GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
JUDAS
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LAST SUPPER
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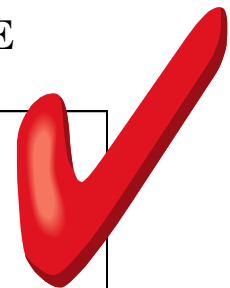


OFFERINGS

February 27	\$3,241.25
March 6	\$3,491.06
March 13	\$2,565.00
March 20	\$1,806.34
March 27	\$3,014.00

ATTENDANCE

February 27	71
March 6	75
March 13	47
March 20	76
March 27	61



**Scioto County Right
to Life presents**

Abby Johnson

April 26, 2022
7 p.m.

**Vern Riffe
Center for the Arts
Portsmouth, OH**



abbyj.com

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- **Former Planned Parenthood Clinical Director/Employee of the Year**
 - **Now an advocate for the dignity of every single human life**
 - **Author of *Unplanned***
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**Get your tickets today
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at: <https://bit.ly/AbbyJ042622>**

Administrative Board Highlights for – Monday, March 15, 2022

Attendance (6): Pastor Pete Shaffer, Tim Renn, Paul and Sondi Conley, Linda Horner and Jennie Entler. Tim called the meeting to order and Pastor Pete said the opening prayer.

TREASURER REPORT:

Beginning Balance:	\$34,447.68
Offering:	13,412.25
Expenses:	<14,229.51>
Ending Balance:	\$33,630.42

- It was stated by Pastor Pete that the trustees had elected not to pay Otis Elevator any more payments as we will be changing to different company.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

- Pastor Pete reported that at last meeting it was discussed about elevator, mowing grass, and a couple of electrical outlets placed outside of the church. It was noted that Dakota will not be able to mow the grass this year. Paul and Roger have agreed to take care of it.

CHILDRENS:

- Sondi reported that she is trying to do different things to get more children to attend.
- It was also discussed to have people available for nursery each Sunday if needed.

PPRC REPORT:

- Pastor Pete reported that at last meeting his schedule was discussed, an update on the Refocus gatherings, having a Gideon speaker and also the Wesleyan Covenant/UM Church.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 16th at the Fire Station.
- 100th Anniversary was discussed. Pastor Pete will make an announcement to see if anyone would be interested in being on a committee or even to head a committee to make plans for this even.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastor Pete asked if we were interested in having a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. It was agreed that we would have a service in parking lot. A light breakfast, ie donuts, coffee, juice will be provided following service.
- Mike Lovenguth from the Gideon's will come to speak. No date had been set.

Paul closed the meeting with prayer.
Minutes submitted by Jennie Entler.

Next meeting will be April 11th at 6:30 PM.

*With
Thanks*

I so enjoy reading the monthly newsletter and watching the weekly sermons on your website. Even though the sanctuary is different, the service reminds me so much of the years we lived there and attended. Nauvoo Church will always be my home church. May God continue to guide each of you in spreading his love and his message. *Sandy Meeker*

I am writing on behalf of the Red Bird Missionary Conference, inc. and Staff, Pastors, Churches, and Outreach Ministries. Thank you for your generous support for the ministries of RBMC. We try in every way to be good stewards of what we are given for the work of the Kingdom of God through Red Bird Missionary Conference. *Rev. Jim Savage*

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



COMMUNITY

Lenten Services

6:00 PM

4/3 Minford UMC

4/10 Valley UMC

with Rev. Rob Krebbs

with Rev. Greg Carter