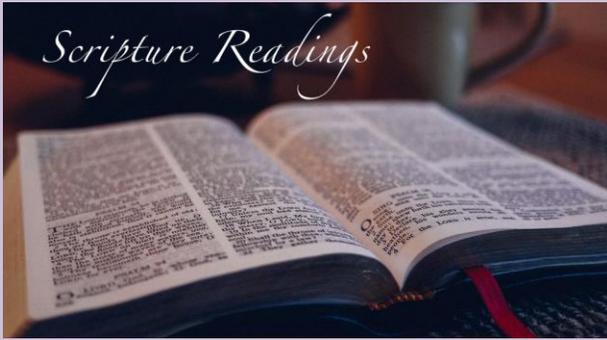


# Crosstalk

April 2021



## April 4 (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

## April 11

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1—2:2  
John 20:19-31

## April 18

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

## April 25

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

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Alleluia Christ has risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The Easter season is my favorite. Advent and Christmas are a distant second. There is nothing that compares to the Good News we celebrate during the Easter season; the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year was different for us, mostly because of the pandemic. But it was also my first year leading

this community of faith. Please know that I consider it an honor to be called to server this wonderful community.

In preparing for Lent, I learned that one of our traditions here is to “tune down” worship services during Lent. This involves things like, speaking the Holy, Holy, Holy, omitting the Hymns of Praise, and offering our confession with hearing words of forgiveness. This year I also added a Lenten Daily Devotional to our Facebook page. All of this led to a very contemplative Lenten journey that made this year’s Holy Week one of the more powerful Holy Weeks I can remember.

And then we were able to celebrate Easter morning in the sanctuary. Thanks be to God! What a wonderful morning it was to gather, to worship, and to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. What a wonderful day to be reminded that we no longer live in a Good Friday illusion, but that we live in an Easter reality.

As we continue to journey through this Easter season, please consider joining me on Facebook every Wednesday morning, for a mid-week devotion. I will be using “Christ in Our Home” as the starting point for our devotion time. I hope you will engage in the devotions by sharing your own thoughts by using the comment section.

We will conclude our Easter season with a celebration of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a celebration that is long overdue. Thank you, pandemic! (he says VERY sarcastically) Our 6 young people and their families will have waited a full year to celebrate their confirmations. I pray that we are able to make this celebration as “normal” as possible for them.

Most of all, as we continue to through this season, I look forward to seeing all of you back in the sanctuary for worship. I am thankful for the worship experiences we were able to provide during this last spike in the pandemic. There were many people who played key roles in helping produce meaningful and purposeful worship opportunities, via radio, Facebook, and the parking lot. I admire their hard work and dedication to this worshipping community. Again, I thank them for the time and talents they shared so that we could provide these worship experiences.

Alleluia Christ has risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Share that world changing news with a neighbor this week. Go, be awesome!

God’s Peace!  
Pastor Barry



As many of you all know, Council approved a recommendation from the Safety and Security Team to return to in-person services on Easter Sunday. Although Wyandot County has not yet downgraded from a red to orange emergency level, there were many factors considered for this recommendation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with the Ohio Department of Health have recently amended their recommendations for the County Emergency Levels. The multiple criteria points that were required earlier in 2021 that needed to be met before changing the county's color have been redefined in a more conservative manner. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now considers 100 cases per 100,000 people over a two -week period to be a high incidence of the virus (red county level). On July 28, 2020, Council approved an addendum to the Plan of Return. This addendum applied the Ohio County Emergency Level plan (for the Covid Pandemic) as a guide to the implementation of Phases defined in our plan of return. Upon learning of updated criteria for counties to change from Red to Orange, the Safety and Security Team met on March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss this issue.

Through this discussion, several considerations were used as a basis for this recommendation.

1. The implementation of administering Vaccinations within the county is well under way. The age group currently eligible for the vaccination is that of 40 years and older.
2. The number of active cases in the county on the day the team met (114) was significantly lower than the number of active cases last fall when the county was in the orange status and in-person services were permitted.
3. Safety protocols will continue to be implemented per the plan.

Many people have asked, and currently, there are no meetings permitted in the building as well as Sunday school and Jr. Church.

Where do we go from here?

The Team, along with Pastor Barry, will continue to monitor the Covid statistics and criteria to consider further actions. We are hopeful the team can make additional recommendations to Council in the near future to remove restrictions on activities. We ask for your continued support through patience and prayer.

Your Safety and Security Team



- 4 – John Grafmiller
- 6 – Madeline Webster
- 9 – Michelle Ohler
- 15 – Gary Ault
- 15 – Roger Hetzel
- 16 – Morgan Wenger
- 23 – Paul Baum
- 23 – Maranda Stansbery
- 24 – Konner Holloway
- 25 – Bruce Decker
- 26 – Doug Weaver
- 29 – Bill Bricely
- 29 – Kelsey Collins
- 30 – Barb Martig



- 20 – Larry & Madeline Webster
- 28 – Bill & Jane Bricely



**We are collecting PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP for the Christian Food Center this month. Place your donations on the table in the vestibule. Thanks for your help!**



We're collecting...



Please drop off in the vestibule at the back of the church.



April's Mission Outreach dollars will go to  
**our local Habitat for Humanity house.**

Wyandot County is served by the Buckeye Ridge affiliate of Habitat,  
which also serves Marion, Morrow, and Hardin counties.

Buckeye Ridge is preparing for a new build—their first—in  
Wyandot County, at 433 W. Hicks Street here in Upper Sandusky.

The hope is to begin construction in the spring of 2022.

It is anticipated that 'dry in' will be completed in two months and the home be ready for  
the family to move in within 12 months.

The vision of Habitat for Humanity:

A world in which everyone has a decent place to live.

The Mission of Habitat for Humanity:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to  
build homes, communities, and hope.

Please mark your offering envelopes accordingly.

The women have faithfully sewn 250 quilts since mid-October. Many, many thanks to Sandy Hemmerly; Diana McDonald; Meg Sunderman; and our dear, late friend, Jackie Graeser. April through August we are taking a break from sewing. In the meantime, we are asking for your help in finding old blankets, bed spreads, mattress pads, flannel/cotton sheets, and used curtains which we use for the middle of quilts. We have exhausted our huge supply of nursing home bath blankets give to us by the Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Also keep in mind that school and health kits will be completed this fall. The following items are needed:

- light-weight, dark-colored, bath size towels
- bath size bars of soap individually wrapped
- adult size toothbrush in original packaging
- sturdy comb
- metal nail clippers
- 70-80 sheet notebooks
- black or blue ballpoint pens
- ruler with centimeters and inches
- a box of 16 or 24 crayons
- pencil sharpener
- 2½ inch eraser
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- blunt scissors



**Lutheran  
World  
Relief**

There is a box in the vestibule for your donations. Thank you for all of the generous support you give to this mission!!!

# Harlan's BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**\$10.00 per meal**

**DRIVE THRU ONLY at  
Wyandot County Council  
on Aging: 127 S.  
Sandusky Ave. Upper  
Sandusky, OH**

**Dinner includes: 1/2 grilled  
chicken, scalloped potatoes,  
baked beans,  
roll, bottled water**



# SPAGHETTI

## *Dinner*

Support WyandotCARES while enjoying spaghetti (meatless sauce available), salad and garlic bread!

**April 16, 2021**  
4:30—7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Trinity Evangelical Church (west entrance)

108 Malabar Dr., Upper Sandusky, OH

**What:** Salad, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread

**Suggested Donation:** Adults—\$6.00

Ages 6 and Under—\$3.00

A fundraiser to benefit WyandotCARES, a released time Bible education program offering classes to students from elementary through high school age in Wyandot County. More information about the program will be available at the Spaghetti Dinner or visit us online:



**#BeAHero** in YOUR community.  
Become a volunteer with the **American Red Cross**.

Join us for a virtual volunteer information session!



**Our greatest need for volunteers in Northern Ohio:**

- ✓ **Disaster Action Team Members** respond to local disasters and provide immediate assistance, including shelter, food and comfort following a home fire or other emergency.
  - ✓ **Volunteer Drivers** transport and deliver lifesaving donated blood.
- ✓ **Donor Ambassadors** welcome donors and take their temperature before entering a blood drive.
- ✓ **Service to the Armed Forces** volunteers offer support to military members, veterans, and their families.

Experience the mission and find out if the **American Red Cross** is the right **volunteer** fit for you.

**Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month from 12 – 1 pm.**  
**(March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13)**

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting (conference line option will be available)

**RSVP to [melanie.collins4@redcross.org](mailto:melanie.collins4@redcross.org) or 330-204-6615**  
**and the meeting link will be sent to you.**

[www.redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday)



**American Red Cross**  
Northern Ohio Region