

April 2010

Winds of the Spirit

Lindenwald UMC . . . a Stephen Ministry Church

Our Mission Statement: The LUMC exists to make disciples!



Dear Members and Friends,

As we enter Holy Week, I invite our church family to participate in the meaningful activities and services that help us journey through the last week of our Savior's life. We remember that Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into the Holy City called Jerusalem, when the crowds waved palm branches and hailed Him as a leader from God. Then, as this meaningful week unfolds, we remember Jesus' passion—betrayal and trials, condemnation and crucifixion. Finally, we will gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate that Christ lives! The tomb is empty! Christ has risen!

Please join me for all of the life-changing Holy Week activities and special worship services which include:



✦ **Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010, Seder Service, 7:00 pm, LUMC Fellowship Hall:** Our Adult Choir will sing and we will move through the "Seder Meal" and then transition into understanding the Sacrament of Holy Communion that our Savior gave us. We will take reservations for this meaningful "Seder Service".

✦ **Good Friday, April 2, 2010, "The Way of the Cross", Noon, Hamilton Ohio:** We will join other downtown churches in walking the path that Christ took on His way to the Cross. At each station a brief liturgy will be read and a short prayer lifted up. We will begin at the old courthouse across from the former Elder-Beerman store which will be the first station and then walk across the street to the Presbyterian Church and then on to other churches in downtown Hamilton. Lindenwald UMC will have the station in

front of the current government building (corners of High and Martin Luther King.) All are invited.

✦ **Good Friday, April 2, 2010, "A Service of Tenebrae", 7:00 pm, LUMC Sanctuary:** We will tell the story of Christ's passion and we will move from light to darkness remembering Jesus' suffering and death. At the end of the service we will remove everything from the altar symbolizing the crucifixion of our Savior. Our Adult Choir will sing during this powerful service. All are invited.

✦ **Saturday, April 3, 2010, Breakfast with Peter, the Disciple, and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Lindenwald UMC:** 10:00 am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the breakfast, around 11:00 am outside in the front parking lot.

✦ **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010, 7:00 am Sunrise Service, Vora Technology Park, 101 Knightsbridge Drive, Hamilton:** Please bring a lawn chair to sit upon. Members of our Praise Band will sing. We will join First UMC and Park Avenue UMC for this service. If raining, we will go to First UMC for the service. Breakfast will be served immediately following at First UMC in their fellowship Hall.

✦ **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010, Lindenwald UMC Sanctuary:** 9:30 am Traditional Service with Hand Bells and our Adult Choir.

✦ **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010, LUMC Fellowship Hall:** 11:40 am Contemporary Service with our Praise Band.

I look forward to sharing in these activities and special services with you as we journey together to Easter Sunday and the wonder of the Resurrection.

See you in Sunday School and Church!



Blessing of the Animals

Pastor Valerie Waibel will again bless all animals and pets on Sunday, April 25, 2010 beginning at 4:00 pm in the front parking lot on Pleasant Avenue. Please bring your pets for this very special time of prayer and blessing. Everyone is welcomed! Please tell your neighbors and friends about this special time of prayer and blessing.

**Oh Magic Eight Ball,
who will win the pool
championship at
Berkley Square?**



Roy Peters is the new 8-Ball Pool Champion of the annual Berkley Square Pool Tourney held on Saturday, March 28. Betty Handley, the only female entrant was eliminated by the eventual champ in the first round!

Roy was so excited, since this year, the winner actually got something other than a "dust-gathering" trophy — a \$40 gift certificate to the Berkley Tavern!

Good going Roy!

FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

In case of pastoral emergency and you are

unable to reach Pastor Val or Pastor Roy through the church office, you may contact them by using their home phone numbers:

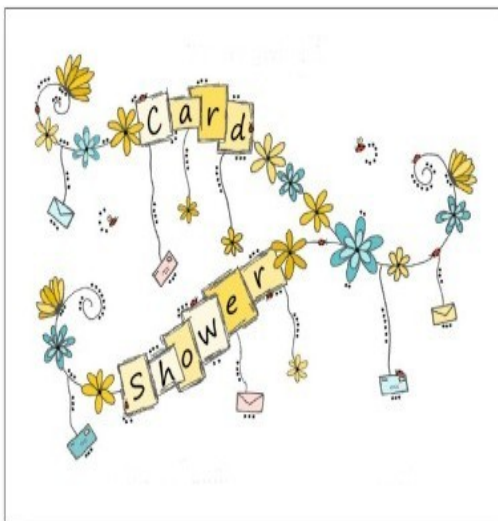
Pastor Val ~ 513-863-6733

Pastor Roy ~ 513-932-7915



Did you know that the church van is available to provide transportation to church on Sunday? If you need a ride to

Sunday worship (or any other activity here at church) call the church office and we'll arrange to have the van pick you up. Call the church office (863-8822) Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or on Saturday, contact Patrick Rimer (545-6861).



**L e t ' s H a v e a
B i r t h d a y C a r d
P a r t y !**

Please mail a birthday card to the following church members this month:

Dorothy Ruoff and Louise Neal

Due to privacy issues, please use your church directories or call the church office for addresses.

United Methodist Women



The purpose of this article is to provide the congregation of LUMC with an over view of the activities of the United Methodist Women in this church and invite any woman to be part of this group. This year Debbie Johnson is president of the

executive committee and circle leaders are Cathy Daniels, Dottie Morris, Virgie Mahan and Barbara Pond. Any woman in the church interested in joining the UMW may contact Debbie or any of the circle leaders.

Most people think of the Annual Cookie Sale or bake sales when they think of the UMW; however, our activities in our church are far reaching.

Our purpose is to know God and to that end our members are involved in Bible studies both as participants and as teachers. We serve as Worship Leaders, as Prayer Team members, as members of the choir and the praise band. We are Stephen Ministers, we serve on the Membership Care Team and are members of the Altar Guild.

We develop a creative and supportive fellowship.

UMW was one of the first "Small Groups" here at Lindenwald. In our circles we provide a supportive Christian fellowship for any woman of the church.

We participate in the Global Ministries of the

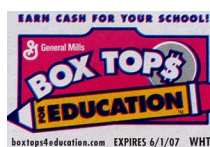
church. As individuals and in groups we participate in outreach activities such as Treat Street, Living Waters, Pathways, Summer Shine, the Community Meal and the Prayer Drive Thru. We are members of the Evangelism/Mission committee and volunteer for various other church teams and offices including church treasurer. Each year we prepare and deliver Christmas gifts for the shut in members of our church.

Locally our group supports charities such as The Salvation Army and the Emergency Money Fund. We also make significant contributions to Red Bird Mission and Henderson Settlement in Kentucky and support the Otterbein Home in Lebanon. In 2009,

our contributions to our local church increased as we contributed to Brothers Keeper, The Nursery Fund, and purchased flowers for the building exterior.



The UMW, with the help of our congregation, continues to support Red Bird Mission through collection of Campbell labels. Remember that we are collecting the UPC label not the front panel. The Campbell labels have purchased a van for the mission as well as school equipment.



We also collect "Box Tops for Education" from Kimberly Clark, SC Johnson and General Mills products. The box tops brought \$27,698 for the Mission Center last year.



The Tyson Foods project "A+ Labels Program" is also supported by our group. We can redeem up to 50,000 labels for 24 cents each. **Note: The entire flap must be sent in.** The flap is slightly different from one product to another.

Box tops, labels, etc. may be placed in the container on the mantel in the Parlor.

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church has declared that "In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women" (The Book of Discipline on the United Methodist Church, 2008). The first woman's group was organized here at Lindenwald in 1940 as the Woman's Society of Christian Service (WSCS) and later became known as the United Methodist Women. Our membership now stands at 38 with four small groups known as Circles. Circles meet monthly and as a group meet two times annually.

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United Methodist

Women (continued from prior page)

As part of the 800,000 member body known as United Methodist Women, we strive to fulfill the purpose of our group which states, "We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative and supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

UMW Potluck Luncheon April 21, 2010 — Noon

On April 21, 2010 at noon the United Methodist Women will hold a potluck luncheon followed by a program and business meeting in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend and learn more about what the United Methodist Women organization



United Methodist Women 3rd Annual Flower Sale

Orders will be taken for our beautiful hanging baskets during the month of April. Delivery is the week of Mother's Day. Cost is \$20 per basket due with order.

QTY.	PLANT NAME	COLOR		QTY.	PLANT NAME	COLOR
	BACOPA	WHITE			IMPATIENS	PINK
	BEGONIA, REIGER	ASSORTED				PURPLE
	CALIBRACHOA	BLUE				RED
		ORANGE				WHITE
		PINK			NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS	ROSE
		RED				MAGENTA
	EUPHORBIA	DIAMOND FROST				RED
	IVY GERANIUM	PINK				WHITE
		LAVENDER			SUPERTUNIAS	PINK
		RED				PURPLE
	BOSTON FERN				VERBENA	PINK
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Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

UMW Circle Meetings for April

Alpha-Seven Circle

April 1 ~ 10:00 am
Church Library

Friendly Circle

April 7 ~ 11:15 am
LaRosa's Restaurant

Mizpah Circle

April 8 ~ 11:30 am
Manor House at Maple Knoll

Genesis Circle

April 13 ~ 6:30 pm
Mimi's Cafe

Welcome New Members



On Sunday, March 14, 2010 at the 9:30 am worship service, we welcomed two new members into our Lindenwald Church Family.

Lisa Dronberger and her daughter, Lauren, joined our church by Letter of Transfer from the Bethany United Methodist Church. Lisa works in the Butler County Prosecutor's office. Lisa was raised in this church and

confirmed here, as well. Her daughter, Lauren, is a Freshman at Miami University majoring in Education.

Lisa has another daughter, Tera, who is married to Kyle, and they have a month-old son named Brady. We welcome both Lisa and Lauren into our Lindenwald Church Family.

Men's Saturday Breakfast



The Methodist Men will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 9:00 am at The Ohio Lunch, 332 High Street in downtown Hamilton.

Special speaker this month will be Mr. Mike Day who will speak about the YMCA's Arthritis Program. All men are welcome to attend.

The UM Men would also like to thank all those who attended their recent Pancake Breakfast.

Mark Your Calendars Lil's Comin' to Town!



Lil Gaskins will be staying at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 896 NW Washington Blvd., Hamilton, Ohio, 45013, 513-893-9000, just down the street from her old house from April 1 thru April 11. She will be available to receive visitors as well as leave the facility with you. Please take this opportunity to come over and sit a spell, go out to lunch, dinner, church, shopping, ice cream, Bible study, knitting club or just give a hug! Her family wants this to be a week filled with old friends and old fashion fun. If you want to commit to a day and time, please call Jill at 398-9413. If not, please call or stop by during the week. Enjoy!

Lindenwald Food Pantry – A Fresh Idea!

Stocking the food pantry is a continued struggle. Meeting the needs of the families who attend our Community Meal, alone, has been very difficult. We have come up with an idea that may be easier and help us to stock better.

We are asking that each time you come to church, for worship, meetings, Bible studies or volunteering, that you bring **one pantry item** with you to donate. There is a box in the parlor, and we will be placing one in Fellowship Hall also. This seems to be an easy, affordable way for all to be able to help.



Items needed include:

- Canned meat: for example, tuna, salmon, beef stew, chili, chicken, Spam
- 16 oz. canned fruits/vegetables
- Boxed rice/potatoes/pasta
- Hot cereal/chocolate
- Personal care items: for example, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, hairbrushes, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, sanitary products, soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes, dish soap
- Baby items



Free Community Meal

Feeding the Body & Soul offers a free meal to those who may be hungry and have no food. This meal is free and open to the public and will be served on the third Saturday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. If transportation is an issue and you live within the limits of Butler County, Ohio, we will arrange to have our church van pick you up and take you home.



Prayer Drive Thru

We hold our Prayer Drive Thru on the first Friday of each month from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm in our front parking lot. As you're driving home for the evening, stop in and our prayer team will listen to your request and pray with you. Volunteers are always needed to help with the drive thru. Call Bruce (863-8822) if you'd like to help.



Dear Pastor Val and Church Family,
 Thank you for letting Brownie Troop #44039 use the preschool room. We appreciate your support.

Brownie Troop #44039

Autumn, Marissa, Caralyne, Matty,
 Allison, Natalie, Madison, Sarah, Hailey
 and junior helpers, Amanda and Julie.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap ... but by the seeds you plant!

~ Robert Louis Stevenson

Did you know?

Serve City wants you to know that they have several opportunities to volunteer for preparing meals at Chosen for the month of April.

It's a wonderful experience if you have never done this before. Many church groups have been doing this monthly for years and really enjoy it!

The dates available are April 7, 9, 21, 22 and 29. If you'd like to volunteer, you can contact Greg Plowman at 779-6823 to make arrangements.

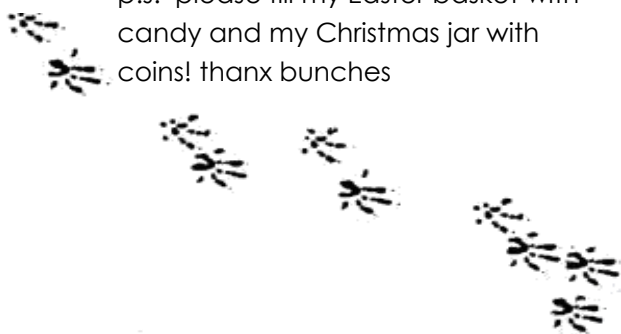
hey, chester the church mouse, here!

how-lay-loo-ya! He is risen! amen! happy Easter! the season of lent, 'em 40 days before the resurrection, is one of my favorites! (although, i gotta confess, i don't give up nuttin'). 'em prayer journals we been writin' in to keep us focused were the bestest. hugs and kisses to linda stephens and kim newcomer for the awesome idea. heard the kids of the church decorated the covers. weren't they purty! i write in mine every day. now, i must report that those whacky women who assembled the journals laffed and carried on the entire time. but since they shared their lunch with me i won't tell on linda, marirose, sue, nancy, judy, sis, and cheryl. "just a closer walk with thee" is the song that I sing most at Easter time and our lenten spiritual journey of writin' and prayin' guaranteed that! been right nice to see dorothy ruoff, barb pond, and evie ogden back in church! i miss 'em when they're sick! okay, so it's spring! time to CLEAN! that greg albright dude is cleanin' the church ALL the time! hope SPRC hires that church custodian real soon so greg can help nancy do their own spring cleanin'. surely she's jealous! i would be! that thar spiritual vision team sure is holdin' some philosophical powwows. i accidently on purpose overheard 'em discussin' the church book of discipline on the rights and responsibilities of church membership. looks like being members entitles us folks to "give" and not necessarily "get." whew, too heavy for me! i'll need to chew on that one for awhile. however, remember the words of our Lord Jesus, Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." too much ponderin' fer me. i must consider consulting a prayer warrior on that one. gotta go search fer lunch. . .



yer furry friend in Christ,
 chester

p.s. please fill my Easter basket with candy and my Christmas jar with coins! thanx bunches



Children's Ministry



He lives! What a joyous time of the year to live in the light of our Savior. Jesus Christ is calling all of us to be His light in the community. I continue to ask my Lord, how do you want me to be your light in Hamilton? Try asking the Lord this question next time you pray and hold on tight, because the Lord is going to use you in a mighty way!

Thank you all for the filled eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. It has been very tempting to taste some of the eggs! The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for April 3, from 10-11am. Come join us for breakfast with Peter the disciple. Thanks also to the Missions/Evangelism Committee for their support with the egg hunt.

We only have two months left of Pathways for the school year and we are trying to finish up learning about the life of Jesus Christ.

Sunday school continues to grow! Please pray that God will send people who have a heart and a passion for working with children and who want to teach them about the love of Jesus Christ. We have children, but no adults to teach!

Blessings,

Dawn Trapp

Are You God's Wife?

While working at a shoe store in downtown Truro, Nova Scotia, I noticed a little boy standing on the hot-air register outside the bakery shop next door in his bare feet, trying to keep warm.

I was unsure whether to invite the boy into the store, or just what to do with him, when a [woman] came by. After a few words with the barefoot boy, she brought him into the shoe store. She bought him new shoes and heavy woolen socks, for which he tried awkwardly to thank her. "Are you God's wife?" he asked his benefactor.

Taken aback by the question, she took some time before replying, "No, son, I'm just one of his children."

"Well, I knew you must be some kin to him," he said as he thanked her again and ran out the door.

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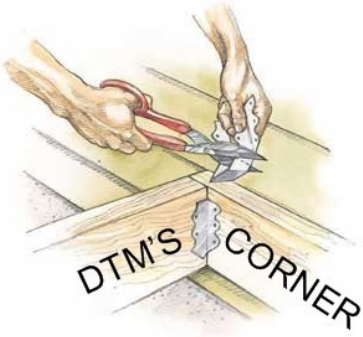
Do You Want To Go To Heaven?

Sunday school teacher: "How many of you children want to go to heaven?"

Everyone raised a hand except one little boy.

Teacher to the boy: "Johnny, don't you want to go to heaven?"

Johnny: "I can't. Mother told me to come home right after Sunday school."



Director of Transformational Ministries . . . Bruce Dickerson

As we have traveled through Lent, into holy week, and now look forward to the Easter celebration, I have been reflecting back over all of the meetings, conferences, one on-one-conversations, and numerous other events that have happened in the life of the church since last Easter. I remember all of the emotional trials and tribulations, as well as all the celebrations and joys. It would be easy to become stuck in the past, it is a place of comfort where we have survived and know the outcome, but we must not remain here in these thoughts, we must use these reflections to launch ourselves forward into the future life of the church. In the same way that our Lord Jesus Christ traveled through his final week, knowing what must be done, we are called to travel forward and live out the future as the body of Christ. We do not know what is going to happen, but we, like Christ did, must trust in the Father. We must struggle through always knowing that no matter what happens we serve a risen savior! HE IS RISEN! Bless all of you during this Easter season, and I look forward to serving our risen Lord and savior as one of the Body with you all!

Things to remember!

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 2:00-4:00PM

Day Off: Thursday

Wednesday Bible Study: Fellowship starts at 6:30; Study runs from 7:00 – 8:00

Help Wanted Director of Adult Ministries

Bethany United Methodist Church, located in Liberty Township north of Cincinnati, is looking for a part-time staff member who will guide and direct our ministries to adults within the church. General areas of ministry include: offering support, encouragement, and resources for Sunday School classes and small groups; assimilating new people into the church through classes and groups; and contacting and encouraging those whose attendance in worship has lapsed, to reconnect them with the church. Questions and resumes should be directed to:

Dr. Brian Straub at 777-4448,

Email: BStraub@BethanyUMChurch.org



The Real Meaning of the Cross

“At the cross we understand what God means when he talks of loving us, begin to take it in that there is nothing that he will not do, no sacrifice he will not make, no suffering that he will shirk, if only he can help us. ‘He loved me,’ said Paul, standing upon Calvary and gazing in a stunned way at the cross, ‘I who was a persecutor, and a blasphemer, and injurious, and yet he loved me and he gave himself for me.’ And with that [Paul’s] heart broke, and the old life was gone.”

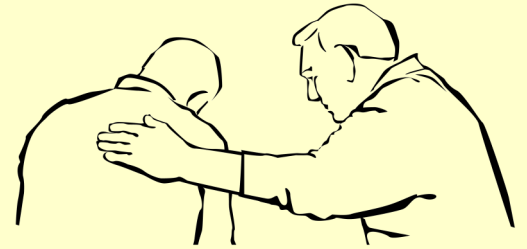
—Scottish preacher Arthur John Gossip,
in a 1926 sermon titled “What Happens at Calvary”

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Stephen Ministers Care About You

A Stephen Minister is a Christian lay person who offers a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. The care givers are matched with persons in need and meet with that person once a week for an hour. The care giver offers a ready ear and extreme confidentiality in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

If you are going through a tough time and would like to have a Stephen Minister assigned to you or would like more information on how to become a Stephen Minister contact Neil or Julia Hayes @ 867-1027 or Pastor Val @ 863-8822.



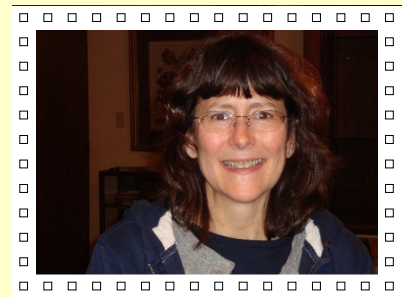
On Sunday, March 21, 2010 in the first worship service, three new Stephen Ministers were commissioned. Each of these Stephen Ministers (pictured below) completed 50 hours of training at The Presbyterian Church in Hamilton.



Cheri Palmer



Cheryl Barrett



Denise Davis

The Value of a Smile . . .

It costs nothing, but creates much.

It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash, and the memory of it sometimes last forever.

It cannot be begged, borrowed or stolen, but it is of no earthly good to anyone until it is given away.

So, if in your hurry, you run across someone too weary to smile, leave one of yours.

No one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give.



Ohio Quiz by Damaine Vonada

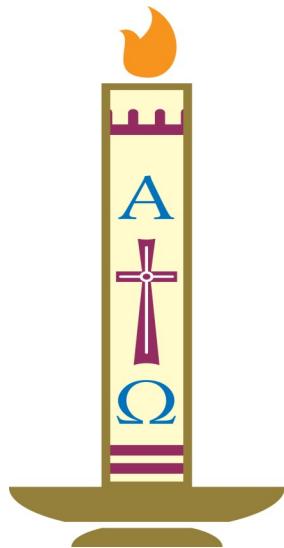
The month of April is filled with noteworthy events involving Ohio or Ohioans. Below you will find 11 clues and you try to guess the answer to them. The answer key is at the end of this article.

1. April 1, 1853: Cincinnati becomes the nation's first city to switch from volunteers to paid, full time personnel in this department.
2. April 3, 1974: More than 30 people were killed when a tornado strikes this city.
3. April 4, 1841: After catching pneumonia during his inaugural address, this old Indian fighter from North Bend becomes the first US President to die in office.
4. April 4, 1974: This Atlanta Brave ties Babe Ruth's home run record by hitting his 714th homer on Opening Day in Cincinnati.
5. April 7, 1788: Ohio's first permanent settlement begins with the arrival of 48 New Englanders at this present-day river city.
6. April 8, 1992: This Yellow Springs author wins the Hans Christian Andersen Award, the children's literature equivalent of the Nobel Prize.
7. April 13, 1986: At 46, Columbus native Jack Nicklaus becomes the oldest golfer ever to win this prestigious tournament.
8. April 14, 1910: Cincinnati-born William Howard Taft starts a major league and Presidential tradition at the Washington Nationals—Philadelphia Athletics game.
9. April 21, 1930: A blaze at this Columbus facility claims 322 inmates in the most deadly prison fire in the US history.
10. April 26, 1900: The seismologist who developed the earthquake intensity scale is born in Hamilton.
11. April 29, 1918: The Columbus aviator who later wins the Congressional Medal of Honor gets his first "kill" during World War I.

- Answer Key**
1. Fire Department
 2. Xenia
 3. William Henry Harrison
 4. Hank Aaron
 5. Marjatta
 6. Virginia Hamilton
 7. Masters
 8. Throwing the season's first ball
 9. Ohio Penitentiary
 10. Charles Richter
 11. Eddie Rickenbacker

The Paschal Candle

This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.



Good Friday?

At first glance, Good Friday appears to be a misnomer. It seems inconsistent that the day of Christ's crucifixion should in any way be described as "good." But that seeming inconsistency vanishes when we understand that the ancient meaning of good was "holy." The word *holy* is entirely consistent with the suffering and cross that Christ endured for us. Hence, Good Friday is also known as Holy Friday.



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