



APRIL 2026 TIMELY NOTES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM • WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Holy Week Worship Schedule



Sun., March 29 - Palm Sunday

Please join in a Youth led service where they actively share the Gospel with us.

Thurs., April 2 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy

Thursday Service of Holy Communion at Orrville First Presbyterian Church

Fri., April 3 - 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship at Seville Presbyterian Church

Sun. April 5 - Easter - Sacrament of Holy Communion

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, USA
Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 3:00 PM

COME, CELEBRATE SONGS & HYMNS OF EARLY AMERICA AND PATRIOTIC FAVORITES OF TODAY!

This fundraiser program is free and an offering to benefit Flat Rock Homes will be received.
www.flatrockhomes.org

MILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
250 NORTH STREET,
RITTMAN, OHIO

With Rose Darling, Organist

Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 PM

Neighborhood Kids Club Bible Study!

On the third Sunday of every month from 4-6 pm we will be hosting a 'kids club' at the church for children ages 3-14. There the kids will be learning more about the Bible, and more about the apostle Paul and his missionary journeys. Some dinner will be provided. Let your friends and neighbors know.

Our next Neighborhood Kids Bible Study will be on Sunday, April 19th!

Community Meals

March’s community meal will be held on Monday, March 30th at 6:30 pm. Our cook Bill will be preparing baked potatoes and salad. Unfortunately our scheduled speaker Rudy Arnold had a work trip that was unexpectedly extended so he will not be able to join us in March. Still do come and enjoy dinner! Our monthly Community Meal from January was cancelled by the heavy snow storm we had on January 26. Our scheduled speakers for that evening, Dr. Raines and Dr. Meyer from Faithful Servants Care Center, will now be speaking at the community dinner on April 27.



There have been some strange things happening over these past few weeks that have caused many of us to stop and wonder. A rock blazing across the sky of northeast Ohio. Several mysterious booms reported around town. Renewed conflict embroiling the middle east near the Holy Land. The rise of Artificial Intelligence' powered by our data stored on 'the cloud'. It comes as no surprise that many have lifted their heads and wondered, 'are the end of days upon us?'

I hope that many of you have been reading through the new testament with us over the course of the year. If you have been, some of the more confusing passages in the gospels often regard the prophetic Word that Jesus gives his disciples regarding his return: that there would be wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, the heavenly bodies would be shaken, and Jesus would be coming in the clouds.

Naturally, my interest is piqued, and I sit a little further up in my chair when these things are happening around us. *We should* be paying attention, as Jesus' prophetic instruction was directed to his disciples so they would be aware and watching for his return. The Apostle Paul also emphasizes this encouragement for the people to be ready for Jesus' return at any moment, especially in his letter to the Thessalonians.

Jesus reveals these signs to his disciples before they happen because he knows that there will be many false messiahs claiming 'I am he' to deceive, if possible, even the chosen'. So Jesus commands both the one at the door and his servants to keep watch.

It is an important reminder, because we remember over Holy week that the people ultimately rejected and betrayed Jesus—even his own closest disciples. We also acknowledge how we are also complicit in that rejection. They expected a different sort of king and conqueror, and so Jesus warns them not to be deceived.

So we are on our guard for the return of Christ because we see this signs happening around us, and we share this word of warning. Some have read articles that compellingly connect the prophecies from Ezekiel 38 & 39—as well as the prophetic word at the end of the book of Revelation—to contemporary politics. This is especially true when it comes to Gog and Magog—the great threat from the north that invades Israel before the building of the third temple. Naturally in our contemporary political scene, Gog and Magog are identified with Russia. This makes even more sense when Gog and Magog are joined by Persia in Ezekiel's prophecy, which connects directly with Iran. At the same time, we should know that throughout history, Gog and Magog—nations descended from Noah's grandson—has been identified with various fearsome threats coming out of the north: the Romans, the Goths, the Huns, the Vikings, the Mongols, and the Turks.

It all checks out, and I also believe the truth of these matters, because the vision that God shares with his prophets as recorded in the Bible always reflect the truth of the past, present and future. It also causes me to heed Jesus' warning—and reassurance—all the more. To keep watch. Yet I am also assured because Christ teaches his disciples not to be deceived because his return will be unmistakable for those who know how he is revealed in scripture. For those who know what he taught, and how following those commands also reveals how he knows us. In our scriptural witness, Jesus is more than just a name coming in great power. Jesus is someone who wields that power in a very subversive and surprising way, perfectly obedient to God the Father. Jesus reveals that authority through the power of faith in God and love for God, and that is something that the world has always had a difficult time truly seeing.

Jesus is a healer whose ultimate sacrifice gave forgiveness for our sins—particularly those who sinned against him. His person, as the very substance of God, will never change. His love is from everlasting to everlasting. So when we are on watch, we heed Christ's warning by looking for his coming presence, by submitting to *his* teachings, and by looking inside ourselves for the Spirit of God dwelling within us, clearing our eyes of that plank which can blind us to the hope and truth of the coming Christ.

So we stay awake, sober, alert, and faithful to our God who has—and will yet—come to save. Amen.

- Rev. Alex Barnes

**MPW
RUMMAGE SALE**

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 PM, SETUP

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 AM, PRICING

SATURDAY, APRIL 11



**SATURDAY
APRIL 11, 2026
9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**NEED TO CLEAR OUT SOME THINGS?
DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE BASEMENT CLASSROOM NEXT TO THE BOILER ROOM. IF YOU NEED HELP, PLEASE CONTACT
CINDY MANN
330-835-8913 OR
CHRIS WHITE
330-703-2720.**

ITEMS are always needed for the pantry. Certain items go very quickly! Currently personal items are needed as are after school snacks, pasta or noodles, instant potatoes, cereal, pasta sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned meat, quick foods like canned stew, and personal hygiene items (especially shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and feminine hygiene products), dish soap and laundry detergent.



Reading Through
The Bible in a Year

Have you ever thought, *I am going to read through the Bible this year ... but haven't had anyone to join you in this?* Well now you can

join us in reading at least the New Testament! As a church, we will be reading through the New Testament together over the course of the year. The plan we have been using is the *BibleProject New Testament in a Year* plan in the *youverson* Bible App.

Go to: <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/13233>. Creating an account is free and easy.

Alex has been sending out weekly emails to help keep us on track. If you would like to catch up by April 1st, we begin chapter 8 in Luke. You can continue reading what you missed in Matthew and Mark into the next year. Look how nicely that worked out!

**Sing
with the Spirit**

**SONNENBERG STATION
SPRING 2026 CONCERT TOUR**

Saturday, April 11, 3 PM

Grace Lutheran Church | 146 High Street, Wadsworth
With Grace Notes

Saturday, April 11, 7 PM

Wooster Mennonite Church | 1563 Beall Ave, Wooster
With Grace Notes

Sunday, April 12, 3 PM

Faith United Methodist Church | 300 Ninth St. NW, North Canton

Sunday, April 12, 7 PM

Crown Hill Mennonite Church | 9693 Benner Rd, Rittman
With Central Christian Singing Comets

Sunday, April 19, 4 PM

Christ Episcopal Church | 2627 Atlantic St. NE, Warren

FREE TO ATTEND!

Learn more: sonnenbergstation.org

Eager to Learn? Curious? Want to Understand More? Join or Help in a Study.

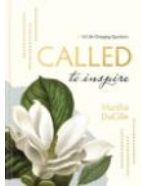
MILTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



MPW will be having a reading of the continue discussing the devotional book "Called to Inspire" by Marsha DuCille. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

in the church parlor. The devotional that evening will be #34 Are You Martha. Please also read Luke 10.

If you are interested in coming to meetings please let Kim Hart know. Her telephone number is 330 612-3302. Study books are available in the church office.



Please help us pay down the boiler and roof funds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Summary of Feb. 2026 Revenue & Expenses

Income Feb.	\$ 15,081
HeadStart Fees	+2,400
	\$ 17,481
Expenses from Feb.	\$ 14,501
Feb. Net Income/Expense	\$ 2,980
<u>2026</u> Net Income/Expense	\$ 3,344

Boiler Monthly Payments are \$580
Balance of Lance Fund Boiler loan: \$ 9,026
Roof Monthly Payments are \$630
Balance of Lance Fund Roof loan: \$ 28,706

Thank you for all your donations!

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Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. and our Tuesday Bible Study meets at 12:30 p.m. in the library. Both bible studies will follow along our reading of the New Testament over the course of the year.

Over the season of Lent during worship and in Junior Church we will be going through the different parts of the Lord's prayer.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

What does the Lord require of you? ... to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

This offering gives the chance to all of us to contribute to the "bigger picture" and help those across the world. "If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!" The ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 5th. For more information on your gift, go to pcusa.org/oghs.

The next Youth JAM—our combined youth group for kids in MS/HS will be meeting at Milton Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3rd.

Our Mission Statement:

Believing in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, the Milton Presbyterian Church, as the Body of Christ, will carry out the ministry of Jesus within the congregation, within our community, and to the world.

To accomplish this mission we will:

**Experience God's presence through worship, prayer, Bible study, the sacraments, fellowship, and service;*

**Demonstrate our Savior's compassion through our daily lives to those in need;*

**Give our time, our talents, and our material possessions to serve and glorify God .*

**Share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed to all the world.*

Moved by the Holy Spirit, our mission as a congregation of forgiven and loved disciples will be carried out in the Name of Christ.



Thank You

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THINKING OF ME DURING MY ILLNESS. I APPRECIATE ALL THE TELEPHONE CALLS AND CARDS. - ELLEN WILLIAMS

Interested in volunteering?

The Server, a volunteer run café and coffee shop, is looking to open on Saturdays soon from 9a-2p in addition to the normal hours of Monday-Friday 9a-2p. Everything at the café is served free of charge.

The Server is also always in need of more pre-made meals that can easily be frozen, preferably in 9x13 disposable pans. Please let Alex know if you are interested in helping out!

(404) 447-0273 — rev.alexbarnes@gmail.com



***Please remember our church family members in nursing or assisted living homes:**

Dorothy Johnson - Apostolic Christian Homes, (10680 Steiner Rd., Rittman, OH)

Sally Barnes - Village of St. Edwards, (880 Main St., Wadsworth, OH 44281)

Judy Twinem - Heritage Crossing Assisted Living (251 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Montrose, OH 44333)

Jim Davis - Autumnwood Nursing & Rehab (275 E. Sunset Ave., Rittman, OH 44270)

Rev. Jim and Joan Watt - Story Point (629 N. Huntington St., Apt. 2742, Medina, OH 44256)



Karen Aberegg, Dale Alexander, Barbara Bartholomew, Jonathan Bonilla, Josue Bonilla, Charlie Brandes, Courtney Breece, Levi Buxman, Sandy Calvert, Jan Champa, Thelma Chapman, Marie Cole, Tanya Coleman, Mike & Mandii Cramer, Lesa Crawford, Jim Davis, Marilyn Dlesk, Nicholas Dras, Deb Easterday, Jordan Edgar, Scott Erwin, Anne Fischer, Lonnie Fletcher, Debbie Fortunot, Donnie Foutty, Patrick Gable, Veronica Hughes, Cathy Imhoff, Madi Jackson, Dorothy Johnson, Debbie Keel, Kevin and Linda Lampar, Abbey Lentine, Chad Lightner, Sophia Lightner, Bill Loebick, Bob Ludolph, Don and Martha McDonald, Joshue Makaryk, Charles Mann, Keith Marsden, Gemma Matthews, Erin McGorry, Sherri Miglio, PJ Miller, Kristen Morris, Corey Mullinax, John Musgrave, Denise Neeley, Tom Niehaus, Joyce Nichols, Charlie Owen, Dale Owen, Bob and Sue Plank, Ethan Porter, Sally Porter, Ron and Sue Price, Linda and Geoff Pyle, John Ramsier, Roger Ramsier, Sue Ramsey, Jim Roberts, Dave Rogers, Chris Rufener, Linda Rutter, Howie Ryder, Emily Mann Schott, Colleen Sheppard, Betty Shreve, Sarah Shreve, David Simpson, Rick Singleton, Jim Skolnik, Paul Sparkman, Verns Steele, Debbie Steiner, Todd Stephan, Ginger Stucky, John Swarzentruuber, Doris Taylor, Phyllis Teter, Ella Thomas, Kelly and Holly Thomas, Bill Timmons, Judy Twinem, Tim Van Arsdale



April 2026



Birthdays

1	Portia Haller
4	Mandii Cramer, Dorothy Johnson
6	Mike Pyle
10	Merida Cramer
11	Jeff McMillen
12	Alex Barnes
13	Bruce Watson
21	Judy Twinem
22	Andrew Mackey, Jay Russell, Will Yoho
24	Tim Fetter, Laurie Pink
27	Mickey Shankland

Flower Schedule

5	Easter Lilies
12	Chris & Ron White
19	Kim & Ron Hart
26	Needed

Meeting Dates

Worship & Music - Mon., Apr. 6 at 10:00 a.m.
 Building & Grounds - Thurs., Apr. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Session Meeting - Wed., Apr. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
 MPW Circle - Thurs., Apr. 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Anniversaries

1	Cindy & Ken Mann	31 years
17	Ryan & Laurie Pink	22 years
27	Colleen & James Underwood	2 years

Jr. Church Schedule

5	Vickie Schumacher & Elena Swartzentruber
12	Angel Mackey & Kelly Hartshorn
19	Renee Busic & Lindsey Millan
26	Andrea Barnes &

Liturgist Schedule

5	Ken Mann
12	Donna Robertson
19	Ron Hart
26	Donna Robertson

Coffee Hour Schedule

5	Chris & Ron White
12	Linda & Bill Crawford
19	Needed
26	Needed

If you would like to help provide flowers, handle the liturgical reading or help with Jr. Church, church events, or coffee hour, please contact the office at 330-925-2651.



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service in Orrville 	3 7:00 pm Good Friday Service in Seville 	4 Fellowship Hall Rental
5 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:00 Choral Practice 10:30 am Worship 	6 10:00 am Worship & Music (Library)	7 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	8 6:30 pm Building and Grounds (Library)	9 7:00 pm Setup for Rummage Sale (FH)	10 9:00 am Pricing for Rummage Sale	11 9:00 am –1:00 pm Rummage Sale
12 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:30 am Worship	13	14 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	15	16 6:00 pm Cub Pack Meeting (FH)	17	18
19 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:30 am Worship 4-6 pm Neighborhood Kids Club Bible Study	20	21 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	22 6:30 Session (Library) 6:00 - 8:00 pm Free Laundry Day at laundromat	23 7:00 pm MPW Circle (Parlor)	24 6-9 pm Karate Demonstration	25 1 pm Karate Demonstration
26 9:15 am Sunday School (Library) 10:30 am Worship	27 6:30 pm - Community Meal (F.H.) 7:00 pm - Faithful Servants Care Center	28 12:30 pm - Bible Study (Library)	29	30		