

# Dialog



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## An EASTER Reflection!

Let's see how smart you are. What holiday is on the 4th of July? The 25th of December is what holiday? The 4th Thursday of November...what holiday is that? I just know you answered Independence Day, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. Did you? Great! You are correct. But how about this one? What holiday is the 1st Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox? (The vernal equinox is when spring begins, about March 21st.) So what holiday is the one I described above? EASTER, of course!

The way we date Easter is determined by the formula I mentioned. Using that formula, the date of Easter can shift from as early as March 22 to as late as April 25th. It all depends on that full moon after the vernal equinox. However, the dating of Easter isn't as important as the reason for Easter. Christians made Easter their first special day to recall two truths:

- 1) Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, victorious over sin, death and the devil;
- 2) Because Christ rose, we shall rise, too!

Those are such powerful doctrines that the Christian church recalls them every week. You know how? Every week we set aside the day on which Christ rose as our special day of worship: Sunday. There are a lot of Easter things to help us remember the truth of Easter...for instance, the Easter egg. We give eggs because just as the chick comes out of the egg, we will come out of the grave. Butterflies are Easter symbols, too. Think about how a butterfly gets to be a butterfly. Doesn't it come out of a cocoon? That butterfly, too, reminds us that we will come out of the cocoon of death and live eternally with God in His heaven.

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## An Easter Reflection

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Easter is a great day. God made it that way. Now we must work to keep it that way in our own lives. Shortly, we probably will be bombarded with an amount of questions concerning Jesus' resurrection since the supposed finding of some ossuaries (burial boxes) that now are being claimed as the burial boxes of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and a son. You can bet it will be a big hit of a movie at sometime in the future, but just because someone says something is so...it doesn't necessarily mean it is so. I guess I choose to believe the words of the Holy Scriptures and hundreds of those who saw Jesus after his death on Calvary and His resurrection. The other take on this is there will always be those who will not believe...even in Jesus' day, so what is new? We know the truth! We have the truth! We live by the truth!

Claim Easter as your own and live accordingly. As Colossians 2:8 says, "See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the

elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. Again in Colossians chapter 3:4, "When Christ who is our life appears then you will appear with him in glory."

Amen! Happiest of Easters!

*Pastor Van Brussel*



## Holy Week Services

### Palm Sunday

April 1—Regular services  
**Communion**—10:30 a.m.

### Maundy Thursday

April 7—Worship, 7:30 p.m.  
Individualized liturgy for this special Thursday of Holy Week  
Sermon text: St. John 31-35 /  
Lift up your hearts!  
**Communion**

### Good Friday

April 5—The church sanctuary will be available between 12 and 3 p.m. for personal de-

votions on this most holy of days. You may come and go as your own schedules permit.

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 8—Sunrise Service, 8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast following (for those who come to sunrise and for those who come to regular time...serving between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.)  
Easter Celebration Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
**Communion** (at both services)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to ...

April 1	Betty Huntebrinker
April 6	Hope Billings Florence Pohlman
April 7	Bill Pohlman Sr.
April 8	Alan Pohlman
April 10	Ann Bowes Julie Moran
April 12	Dorothy Kowalski
April 17	Peggy Knapp
April 18	Dick Bader
April 22	Mel Barrios
April 24	Margaret Bruss
April 26	Jim Pohlman

*No Anniversaries in April.*



## Remember *in* Prayer

Dick Bader  
Dorothy VanBrussel  
Ron Loe



## Communion Procedures...

It has been brought to my attention that in our communion times together there is some apprehension as to what to do when receiving the bread and wine. I am sorry that I have not made that clear to you in announcements at the time of communions. The following is that which has been approved by the council. It is called "Continuous Communion."

When the pastor is standing at the bottom of the steps in the center with the 'bread' and two assistants are on each side with the 'wine' the ushers will start to usher each row on each side at the same time (from the back first) to begin a single line. Upon reaching the front and the pastor gives to you the consecrated bread with the words, "The Body of Christ" **immediately place in your mouth, chew and swallow**, then going to either side according to the side on which you were sitting and the lay assistant will give to you the wine with the words, "The Blood of Christ" at which time you should **drink it at that time**.




Having done this, continue to the side and place the empty glass into the container provided for that purpose and return to your pew seat via the outside aisles.

For those not able to partake of communion in this fashion, the ushers will inform the pastor, who (with the assistants) will come to your pew. I hope this clears up any misgivings that anyone has experienced. —JVB

# Calendar of Events

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>1</b> Worship, 10:30 a.m. Feed Your Neighbor Choral Practice, 10 a.m. 	<b>2</b> Block Watch, 6:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  <b>W</b> Worship 7:30 p.m. COMMUNION	<b>6</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  <b>E</b>	<b>7</b> Wolff Memorial Service <b>E</b>
<b>8</b> <b>EASTER</b> Sunrise Service, 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:15-10:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. COMMUNION	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NO GOOD BUNCH THIS MONTH.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.	<b>13</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	<b>14</b> GCDA, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
<b>15</b> <b>BRIGHT SUNDAY</b> Worship, 10:30 a.m. Choral Practice, 10 a.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. <b>COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>20</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. <b>DIALOG DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship, 10:30 a.m. Choral Practice, 10 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.	<b>27</b> Office Open, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship, 10:30 a.m. Choral Practice, 10 a.m.	<b>30</b> Bring in Rummage Sale items thru Thursday (mornings)	<b>R U M M A G E   S A L E   W E E K</b>				



*Easter Breakfast*

**Easter Breakfast**  
 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 following Sunrise Service  
 and before the  
 Easter Celebration Service  
 at 10:30 a.m.

March 2007						
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May 2007						
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Don't Forget  
**BRIGHT SUNDAY**  
on Sunday, April 15.  
Pull out your brightest  
clothing and your  
funniest hats.



**There will be  
NO Good Bunch  
luncheon in April.**  
Looking ahead, Dor-  
othy and Joe Kowalski  
will host the gathering  
on May 8 at the Ground

Round in Maumee (previously Bill Knapps)  
and Gloria and Tom Parker plan the June 12  
Good Bunch luncheon at their yacht club.

## Feed Your Neighbor

Mary and Bill Worden, coordinators of the  
Feed Your Neighbor program, reported that  
we served 122 more families and 401 more  
people in 2006 than in 2005. Area-wide, the  
program served 60,000 people, 10,000 more  
than in 2005. They are constantly in need of  
food or money to keep the doors open.



The  
**ULTIMATE**  
Cloth

The Library Committee is selling a wonder  
cloth called "The **ULTIMATE Cloth.**"  
The cloth is made with an exclusive  
MiraFiber technology that cleans with  
**JUST WATER.**

The cloth is washable, bleachable,  
chemical free and has hundreds of uses.  
A clean cloth will never streak windows,  
mirrors or glass. It leaves a streak-free,  
spot-free, lint- and dust-free finish on  
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No more detergents, cleaning  
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**SUPPORT THE LIBRARY!**  
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**2 – \$10.00**  
**5 – \$20.00**

For more information, contact Gloria Parker  
at 419-893-9528 or any member of the  
Library Committee.

## Save the dates... June 9 & 10

The Anniversary Committee is working to  
organize a celebration, and invitations will be  
mailed very soon. We are sorting through his-  
toric documents and pictures to prepare a dis-  
play of the congregation's history in the  
narthex. There may be some pictures of you!



# RUMMAGE SALE



The rummage sale will take place May 4 and 5, 2007. Please keep your calendars free for the week of April 29 through May 5—all members, non-members, men and women. Lunch will be served all workers Monday through Saturday at noon.

We will sell almost anything you can donate, but to be helpful here is the usual list:

We need your clothes of all kinds, (even underwear), shoes, purses, ties, belts, swim suits, bedding, blankets, pillows, books, puzzles, working appliances, tools, dishes, children's clothes and toys, coats, boots, craft items, golf, tennis, and bowling items, and especially furniture, and Christmas things, or any other items you can think of. (Please do not bring large Christmas trees, traverse curtain rods, or car tires.)

Bring your goodies and grubbies to church any **morning** Sunday, April 29 through Thursday morning, May 3. Sign up in the hallway (even if you can only spare an hour or so.)

Please bring tables for us the first of the week with your names on the undersides. We really need YOU. You will have first choice shopping, have fun, eat together and fellowship all week along with much appreciated work with all proceeds donated to your church general fund.

Many thanks to everyone

*Phyl Rietzke*

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