

## Notes:

**PICK UP APRIL'S NEWSLETTER TODAY** in the office.

The **Nursery** is now staffed for both 10am and 11:30am services.

### Upcoming Important Dates:

-Good Friday Service, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

-Easter Service, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am (one service)

-Our church's sewing group called the **Paradise Quilters** is looking for new people to join our group. You don't have to know how to sew. There are many things that need done before the sewing even begins. The group will teach you to do whatever fits your interest. They meet each Tuesday between 10 and 2 o'clock in the room at the end of the hallway on the second floor. Call Julia Wickersham 330-875-1036.

-**Building security** is an on-going issue. Lights are left on, and the door is found unlocked at unusual times. If you need to be in the building outside of our scheduled hours, please let Scott Carney, Michelle Nervo, or Sarah Slicker know.

-Volunteers are needed for **altar flowers** and **desserts** for coffee hour. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

-The **emergency** number for the church 724-371-0215 is now available to use.

-The **new Wi-Fi username and password** are:

Network: Paradise-Staff

Password: Jesus2024



Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

10am Worship

PRELUDE

*All Glory, Laud and Honor - arr. Fred Bock*

Mark Tryon, Organist

\*OPENING HYMN

*The Palms*

Insert in Bulletin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Meadows

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Scott Carney

L: Father, we ask you to help us.

**A: Open our eyes to see Your glory.**

L: Father, we ask you to help us.

**A: Open our ears to hear Your wisdom.**

L: Father, we ask you to help us.

**A: To open our hands to offer your free eternal Gift to the world.**

L: Father, we ask you to help us.

**A: To open our mouths to sing Your mighty praise.**

**We open our hearts to offer up to Him our love.**

**For He is Lord and King!**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Scott Carney

L: We praise you, Father, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Just as we carry these branches, may we follow Christ in the way of the cross and throne, dying and rising with him, we may enter into Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. In Jesus Mighty Name, Amen.

**\*APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**INVITATION TO GIVE**

OFFERTORY         *Hosanna Loud Hosanna - arr. Mark Hayes*  
Mark Tryon, organist

**\*DOXOLOGY (#625)**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND GRATITUDE**

ANTHEM                 *Hosanna! We Sing!*                 Worship Choir

SCRIPTURE                                 Matthew 21:1-11(NKJV)

“Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.

And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord has need of them,” and immediately he will send them. All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.” So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

SERMON                                 *The Journey*                                 Pastor Scott Carney

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

\*CLOSING HYMN                                 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*                                 #173

**\*BENEDICTION**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE         *Trumpet Tune II - Paul Fey*

Mark Tryon, organist

*\*(Indicates standing as you are able.)*

**Welcome members and visitors. Please take a moment to sign the communication card located in front of you.**

### **EXPERIENCE: Worship**

**Altar flowers:** Are given today by Bill & Lynne Rhodes in loving memory of Bill & Helen Rhodes and Rosemary Dourm Rhodes.

### **GO: Evangelism**

#### **Share your experience on-line:**

- Check in at Paradise Church on Facebook, post a picture; “like” Paradise Church; make a comment; forward our posts on your page.
- Follow Paradise Church on Instagram (paradise\_ucc)

### **INVEST: Discipleship**

**Mailing Offerings:** You may mail in your offering through the postal service: 619 E. Main Street, Louisville OH 44641.

**Online giving:** Or you may give through our church website: [paradisearchurch.org](http://paradisearchurch.org).

### **CONNECT: Fellowship**

**Visitors:** Please fill out the communication card in the pew back in front of you so that we may get to know you better – these may be returned in the offering plate or given to an usher or pastor at the end of service. We are so glad you worshipped with us today!

**Coffee Hour:** Stop for cookies, coffee and catching up between/after services!

**Join a group:** Check our weekly calendar for upcoming activities!

### **REACH: Ministry**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offering April - Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter**

The Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter assists and empowers survivors of verbal, emotional, financial, and physical abuse. Services provided include emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, community education, safety planning, and economic empowerment classes. Your monetary donation helps AADVS to continue its mission of providing hope and healing to the survivors of domestic violence in our area.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **TODAY, Sunday, April 13, 2025**

- 10:00am Sanctuary Worship
  - 10&11:30am Nursery
  - 10:00 Middle School Youth and Teens, youth room
  - 10&11:30am Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - 11:30 Contemporary Service
- (Offices are closed on Mondays & Fridays.)

### **Monday, April 14, 2025**

- 6:30pm Cub Scouts, F. Hall, Lounge, Rm.105-107
- 7:00 Boy Scouts, Sm. Dining Rm.

### **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

- 10:00am Quilting Group, Sewing Room
- 8:00pm A.A., Lounge

### **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

- 9:00am Bible Study/Prayer Group, Lounge

### **Thursday, April 17, 2025 - Maundy Thursday**

- 6:00pm Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:00 Worship Choir, Choir Room

### **Friday, April 18, 2025 - Good Friday**

- 12:00-3:00 Passion Walk
- 6:00pm Good Friday Service, Sanctuary
- No Grief Share Meeting

### **NEXT SUNDAY, April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday**

- 10:00am Sanctuary Worship, Communion
- 10:00 Nursery
- 10:00 Middle School Youth and Teens, youth room
- 10:00 Kidsville class, Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> graders

## PARADISE MISSION STATEMENT

Paradise United Church of Christ seeks to provide a window through which the warmth and wisdom of Jesus can be clearly seen by everyone. We seek to embody the love of Jesus Christ through worship, spiritual growth, Christian education and service to God.



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# WELCOME

*Palm Sunday*



PARADISE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 13, 2025  
10am