with deep sadness when he is crucified. As the days grow longer with spring, our love for Jesus grows deeper. We enter the story, knowing that as we do, we face sadness, betrayal, and weeping. But we also enter the story knowing that there's so much more. Out of this story, grows resurrection life and hope. I invite you to enter the story. I invite you to the season of Lent. I invite you to a lengthening of the days, both physically and spiritually.

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**The Important and Meaningful Services of Holy Week – a note from Pastor Paula**

**On Palm Sunday**, we celebrate Jesus' jubilant entry into Jerusalem. Children wave palm branches. We sing hosanna! We rejoice! But I always wonder how strange and perhaps even hollow the rejoicing of Easter Sunday comes if we have missed the passion of Holy Week. Please consider coming to Love Feast, in which we will remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Please come to reflect on betrayal, sadness, prayer, and willingness. Then, consider coming to the Community Good Friday Service, in which we find ourselves confronted by Jesus' trial and crucifixion. Through these important services, all of us will find that Easter Sunday rises up as something more deeply meaningful and filled with hope! Join us for worship and reflection. Details below.

**Love Feast on Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at our church**
During Advent, we light the candles. But during this meditative, special service, the candles will be extinguished. Please come join us as we worship together with foot-washing, a simple meal, and communion. If you have child-care needs, please let Pastor Paula know.

**Community Good Friday Service**
Sponsored by the Nettle Creek Ministerial, this service will be held at the UCC Congregational Christian Church at 7 p.m. on April 2. Preaching will be by West River Friends Pastor, Rex Jones. Please plan to join the ecumenical community as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus.

**Easter Sunday Morning – a little different than in the past!**
Departing from tradition, we will not have a sunrise service or breakfast this year. Rather, we will gather for Sunday School from 9 to 9:30; and then we will have refreshments from 9:30 to 10 at the back of the sanctuary. Worship will begin at 10. Please join us for this celebratory service of the resurrection of Jesus our Lord!