

repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are my witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised...’ (Luke 24: 46-49a NIV)



Talk about the focus changing! Now Jesus was going to send the **disciples** to preach the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness. Those words are meant for us too. He forgives our sins and loves us deeply. And...he also sends **us** to be “contagious Christians” so that others might change their Easter focus from candied eggs to Jesus Christ...so that others might know the love and forgiveness too.

I cannot pinpoint when the meaning of Easter took hold of me. I had been raised in the church and knew all the Bible stories. But I do remember a time when I decided to accept all that I had heard and read and give myself, warts and all, or rather sins and all to Jesus Christ. I wanted to commit my life to live as a new creation in him. So...my focus is on Jesus. How about you?

In Christ, for Christ,
Pastor Carol Pfeiffer

Love Feast on Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate Love Feast with a time of preparation, feet washing, a common meal, and communion. This year’s meditations before the different parts of Love Feast will be short vignettes to help us gain a deeper meaning of Love Feast.



Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service

This year the **Nettle Creek Ministerial Association** will be trying something new. **The service will be held at night, 8:00 p.m. at the Hagerstown United Methodist Church** instead of at noon on Good Friday. The service is called a **Tenebrae Service** and the community is invited to join in this meaningful time of worship as we ponder the crucifixion.

Easter Sunrise Service

Our Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 a.m. with the **Youth in charge**. Back by popular demand is the drama presentation of “I Saw Him.” Don’t miss this powerful message of Easter.

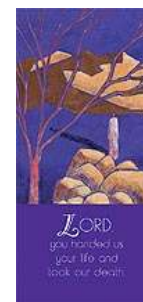


Easter Breakfast

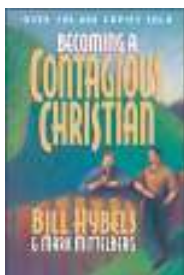
Easter Breakfast follows the Youth Sunrise Service. Stay and fellowship with food and conversation.

Offering Coin Folders for Special Easter Offering

Lenten Offering coin folders are still available. Save your quarters through the next few weeks of Lent. Each folder collects \$10.00. There is a slot for checks if one would rather give in that way. **Children and youth are encouraged to participate as well.** The offering will be sent to the Denomination and the District. We will **collect** the folders on **Easter Sunday**.



Becoming a Contagious Christian Study to Begin in April



We will begin a weekly study using the materials *Becoming a Contagious Christian: Communicating Your Faith in a Style that Fits You*. The study will be offered on two different days to accommodate people’s schedules beginning: **Sunday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.** Let Pastor Carol know which session you would like to attend so that materials may be purchased for study and if you will need babysitting. Times are subject to change as the group meets and decides what fits for that group. The study will last 1-1 ½ hours and run for approximately eight weeks. Each session will involve exercises, discussions, self-assessments, and video vignettes.