



The Leadership Transition Team, along with the Call Committee, has recommended appointing **SHAWN JENNINGS AS OUR PASTOR**, effectively removing the “Assistant” from his title. This recommendation is a testament to Pastor Shawn’s dedication, spiritual leadership, and the positive impact he has had on our congregation. By endorsing Pastor Shawn for this role on February 12, the Council is reaffirming its commitment to ensuring stable and continuous pastoral leadership. Consequently, the Call Committee has been asked to halt the search for interim lead pastors and to pivot towards other essential tasks. We announced these exciting changes during the first and second worship services on February 18. Moving forward, a key step will be to hire a Youth Minister/Christian Education Leader to fill the vacancy left by Pastor Shawn’s promotion.



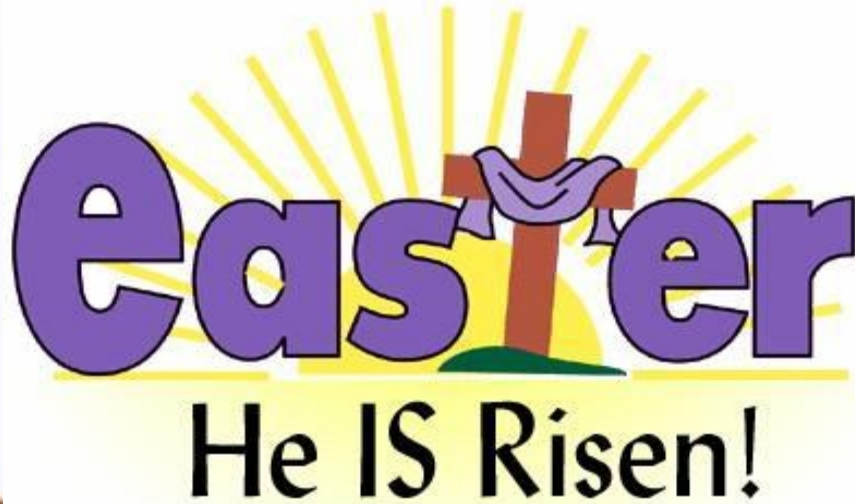
## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024  
7:00pm Worship Service - Holy Communion**

**Good Friday, March 29, 2024  
7:00pm Worship Service**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024  
1:00pm - Easter Egg Hunt**

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, 2024  
8:30am Traditional Worship Service - Communion  
10:45am Contemporary Worship Service - Communion**

A graphic featuring a purple cross with a white cloth draped over it, set against a yellow sunburst background. The word "Easter" is written in a large, purple, rounded font, with the cross integrated into the letter 't'. Below the word "Easter" is a yellow horizontal line, and underneath that is the phrase "He IS Risen!" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**easter**  
**He IS Risen!**



## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30am	Traditional Worship
9:30am	Coffee Hour
9:40am	Sunday School
10:45am	Contemporary Worship



### WINTERFEST IS COMING!

Mark your calendars for the annual Winterfest on Saturday, March 9. This year we will have a chili cookoff, which is why we moved it to Saturday...gives the cooks time to make the chili! Winterfest is a family-friendly time for us to come in from the cold and gather to enjoy food, music, prayer and fellowship. **Sign up for chili contestants will be March 3 after each worship service. Bring your chili to church from 3 to 4pm on Sat. March 9.** Eating and judging will run from 4 to 5:30pm. Music will be provided in the sanctuary by Mark Elvey's Northwest Ohio Worship group. If you would like to sing or perform music, please see Mark or Carolyn Eaton.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS -  
JOIN US...OPEN TO ALL!**

### **CARE TEAM IN ACTION!**

Please note that our Care Team has been in action to help Pastor Shawn and our congregation with visits, prayers, cards and encouragement for those in need. Feel free to contact any one of us if you need help. We will advise who will respond and then follow up with you.

#### **Care Team Members**

Chaplain Mark Elvey,  
Mark Packer,  
Ron Pfenning,  
Kathy Pfenning,  
Gary Sears,  
Jan Lang,  
Karin Johnstone  
Jean Schroeder  
Carol Packer

Our names are posted in the Gathering Room. We always welcome others if you would like to join us. God bless!



**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024**

**1:00PM**

We are now accepting individually wrapped candy donations to put in the eggs. (we do **NOT** need eggs). Please place your donations in the basket in the Gathering Room. We also need youth & adult volunteers to help set up, run the games and activities, and with clean-up.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Tina Calhoun. THANKS!



**MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS**

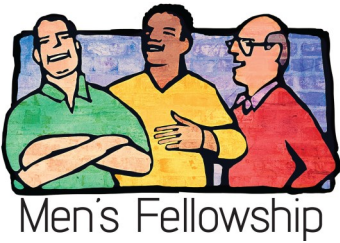
- 3/03 Gary & Andrea Sears
- 3/10 Beth Pauli
- 3/17 Jean Schroeder
- 3/24
- 3/31 Janet Hutchinson



**ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY**

**2nd Saturday of the Month**  
**Time: 9:30 - 10:30am**  
**UPCOMING DATES:**  
**March 9, 2024**  
**April 13, 2024**  
**May 11, 2024**

For all Monroe County residents experiencing food insecurity.



Men's Fellowship

**THE MIGHTY MEN OF ST MICHAEL** will meet on **Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 8:30am** in the church Gathering Room. All St. Michael men are invited and encouraged to join us for breakfast and lively conversation. Questions? Call the church office. **The April meeting will be on April 6.**

**JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Avg. Attendance: 131

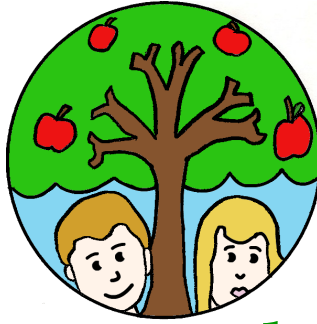
Sunday Offering:

\*YTD income as of 1/1/2024: \$33,594

\*YTD expenses as of 1/31/2024: \$19,983

\*Actual figures after bank reconciliation.





## Eve Circle

### **ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF ST. MICHAEL**

The women of **Eve Circle** would like to invite you to join us as we continue to meet each month. We would love to welcome you to our group!

**Eve Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00pm** in the Gathering Room. Please plan to join us. Questions? Contact the church office.



## Social Ministry

### **MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY**

**March 13, 2024 at 9:30am**  
Social Ministry Board Meeting

The next Card Makers' meeting is **March 20, 2024**  
**at 9:30am in the GR.**

## MARCH USHER SCHEDULE

### USHERS - 8:30 SERVICE

Mar. 3      JOE HUSS' TEAM  
Mar. 10     BRAD BECK'S TEAM  
Mar. 17     NICK KISSOFF'S TEAM  
Mar. 24     BETH PAULI'S TEAM  
Mar. 31     JOE HUSS' TEAM

### READERS - 8:30 SERVICE

Mar. 03     BILL MANNOR  
Mar. 10     MIKE KURTZ  
Mar. 17     NICK KISSOFF  
Mar. 24     TAIA SUTHERLAND  
Mar. 31     NICK KISSOFF (EASTER SUNDAY)

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - 8:30 SERVICE

Mar. 03     LINDA STARK  
Mar. 17     KAREN KISSOFF  
Mar. 24     BILL MANNOR  
Mar. 28     LINDA STARK (MAUNDY THUR.)  
Mar. 31     KATHY SILVESTRI (EASTER)



### USHERS - 10:45 SERVICE

Mar. 03     BART SARKISIAN'S TEAM  
Mar. 10     CAL OLMSTEAD'S TEAM  
Mar. 17     RICH MENZEL'S TEAM  
Mar. 24     TINA CALHOUN'S TEAM  
Mar. 31     BART SARKISIAN'S TEAM

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Mar. 03     TINA CALHOUN  
Mar. 17     CAL OLMSTEAD  
Mar. 24     BETH PAULI  
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Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



# March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cal Olmstead	2 Micah Jennings
3 Matt Young	4 Linda Eckhart <i>Jim &amp; Bobbi Nunn</i>	5 Keith Olmstead	6 Donna Bechler Mark Packer	7	8	9
10 Ian Sutherland	11 Joe Huss	12 Kristine Stone	13	14	15 Averie Clevenger	16
17 Mike Machcinski C. Velliquette	18 Roger Brushaber Gary Sears	19 Allison Alexander Pat Mull Michael Packard	20	21 Brock Pant	22 Jason Sahloff	23
24 Jim Eckhart	25	26	27 Nathan Kimmelman Don Wiles	28	29	30
31						

## MARCH YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

March 03: Youth Group, 7:00-8:30pm

March 17: Youth Group, 7:00-8:30pm

March 30: Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00pm



## SHORT TERM PRAYER REQUESTS



**Christy Johnson** (recovering from surgery, pray for healing; Michaelene Johnson's daughter-in-law)  
**Linda** (bacterial sepsis; friend of Cathy Machcinski)  
**Weston** (20 yr old with serious mental health issues; friend of Taia Sutherland)  
**Linda** (pneumonia, has low functioning immune system' Matt Young's step-mother)  
**Don Wiles** (health issues; friend of Sharon Rueter)  
**Cristy** (facial tumor; friend of Sharon Rueter)  
**Patti Durivage** (recovering from double lung transplant; friend of Karin Johnstone)  
**Elisha** (auto accident; fiancé of Justin Sutherland)  
**Martha** (MS & ovarian cancer; friend of Carol Packer)  
**Harland Jording** (health issues)  
**Marty Vernier** (tests this week)  
**Rebecca "Becca" Lambert** (cancer; friend of Cathy Machcinski)  
**Kelli** (complications from surgery; Deb Wade's niece)  
**Dave** (health issues; friend of Gene Hess)  
**Tanya Zimmerman** (health issues; Dan Zimmerman's niece)  
**Dan Zimmerman** (in hospital w/health issues)  
**Shirley Chappell** (recovering from a fall)  
**Family & Friends of Charlene** (Rn Pfenning's cousin)

## LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

**Faith Lutheran Church** (our mission church in Idaho)  
**Mexico Mission, Monterrey, Mexico** (Pastors Victor, Juan and Enrique)

**Matt Thieman**  
**Martha Heck**  
**Martha**



Pat Ahrendt  
4560 W. Alexis Rd., #302  
Toledo, OH 43623

Ruth Krumm  
Otterbein Sunset Village  
9640 Sylvania-Metamora Rd. #315



Our active military personnel: **Dan Clifford, Kelsie Kennedy, Nathan Calcamuggio, Andrew Rohrer, Jacob Fojtik**

Kelsie Kennedy  
PSC 41 BOX 4037  
APO AE 09464

Andrew & Jennifer Rohrer  
PSC 81 Box 129  
APO AE 09724

Nathan & Jennie Calcamuggio  
CMR 450 BOX 253  
APO AE 09705 Belgium

**PLEASE NOTE:** Just a reminder that names on the short term prayer list remain there for one month and then, if prayers are still needed, they are moved to the long term prayer list where they will remain until the end of the current year.

**ALSO:** Names on the long term prayer list are removed at the end of the year. If you have persons you would like to remain on the long term list, please call the church office.



# 2024



# 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 3pm Altar Care	2 8:30am Mighty Men 11am Winter Warm-Up
3 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:40am Sun. School 10:45am Cont. Worship 12:30-4:30 GR Rental.	4	5	6 7pm Chancel Choir	7 7pm Floor Hockey	8	9 9:30am Food Pantry 4pm WinterFest
10 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:40am Sun. School 10:45am Cont. Worship 7pm Youth Group	11 5:30pm ECL	12 7pm Eve Circle	13 9:30am Soc. Min. 7pm Chancel Choir	14 7pm Floor Hockey	15	16
17 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:40am Sun. School 10:45am Cont. Worship 7pm Youth Group	18 6:30 Ch. Council	19	20 9:30am Soc. Min. Card-makers 7pm Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:40am Sun. School 9:40am W/M Board 10:45am Cont. Worship	25	26	27 7pm Chancel Choir	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7pm Floor Hockey	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30 <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> 1pm Easter Egg Hunt
31 <i>Easter Sun.</i> 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:40am Sun. School 10:45am Cont. Worship						





## JONAH! JUST DO IT !

Me? Participate in a prison ministry? I'm too shy to even witness to people "like me" – how on earth.... prisoners? But that's exactly what I was called to check out. I think I felt a little like Jonah, Moses, or Ananias --- Not my cup of tea. Run the other way! Sure, it was a piece of what Jesus ordered "Go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15) (not to mention that thing about "... I was in prison, and you came to visit me..." in Matthew 25). But ME?? Well, after a time, I (too reluctantly) attended a Kairos "closing" ceremony at Toledo Corrections Institution. This ceremony was the conclusion of a 3-1/2 day in-prison Kairos retreat. In the retreat, the inmates newly experienced Jesus' love in the Gospel --and what that means to them. What I saw in the closing ceremony was AMAZING! They spoke of how the Holy Spirit was there ... dwelling in joyful hearts that previously had not known hope. Did I want to be part of that?

**YES!**

The Kairos organization in Toledo conducts two 3 1/2 day retreats per year at Toledo Corrections, in addition to weekly "prayer and share" sessions. Our next retreat runs March 21-24, with training and team building at a local Church a few Saturdays before the event. If you volunteer, you'll get plenty of training and Spirit-filled team building on those Saturdays before the event. Sometimes, we run short of volunteers, and the result is that we have to reduce the number of inmates we can include. You might feel called to jump right in and volunteer. We need that. Pray about it. If your interest is piqued, but you're more cautious, then you can support this ministry by praying for us and visiting the next "closing" ceremony (like I did). The next one will be IN THE PRISON on the afternoon of March 24. Please put that date on your calendar and call so arrangements can be made for you to be present at the ceremony.

### A NOTE FROM DAVE ZOLG

This article appeared in the February edition of the Pathway Christian Newspaper. The author is our own Ted Lang.

I encourage you to attend the closing on **March 24** and see for yourself the hope God can give even to the incarcerated. See Mike Kurtz or myself to sign up to attend on **Sunday afternoon, March 24**.





April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During the month of April, the Michigan State Police, Monroe Post, is gathering new or slightly used purses, bags, etc. filled with comfort items to benefit Family Counseling and Shelter Services of Monroe. These purses will be distributed to survivors of sexual assault. St. Michael collection will be the month of March. A shopping cart has been placed in the Gathering Room for donations. The bags will be packed by the Social Ministry Board in April for pickup/



*Purses with a Purpose is supported by MSP's Women Leading Change employee resource group.*

**QUESTIONS? Contact Sharon Sahloff**

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**Email: stmichael@bex.net**  
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**ORGANISTS**, Rita Bunge, Melinda Olmstead, Judy East  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**, Beth Pauli  
**CUSTODIAN**, Melisha Cole

**CHURCH COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024**

<b>PRESIDENT</b> , Jeremy Miller	5th yr 2nd tm
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b> , Reid Olmstead	2nd yr 1st tm
<b>SECRETARY</b> , Vicki Cole	1st yr 1st tm
<b>TREASURER</b> , Kathy Silvestri	2nd yr 2nd tm

**BOARD CHAIRPERSONS 2024**

<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>EVANGELISM, CONG. LIFE</b> , Ron Pfenning	2nd yr 1st tm
<b>WORSHIP/MUSIC</b> , Janet Hutchinson	2nd yr 1st tm
<b>FINANCE/HUMAN RES.</b> , Vicki Maloy	1st yr 1st tm
<b>PROPERTIES</b> , Jimmie Hawkins	2nd yr 1st tm
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY</b> , Sharon Sahloff	2nd yr 1st tm
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b> , Rich menzel	1st yr 2nd tm
<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>Open</b>

**\*Call the church office for contact information  
if you wish to communicate with any of these staff or council members.**

**Elected Odd Years:** Vice Pres., Secretary, Worship &  
Music, Christian Ed., Stewardship, Finance/HR

**Elected Even Years:** Pres., Evangelism/CL, Properties,  
Social Ministry, Youth