



EUCC Mission Statement: To reflect the image of Jesus in our community and in the world.

Pastor's Page

What Is Holy Week? - 8 Days of Easter You Need to Know

What Is Holv Week?

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday. During this one week, many biblical prophesies were fulfilled. Jesus came to earth to save humanity by dying on the cross on Good Friday and resurrecting on Easter Sunday. By enduring and defeating death sacrificially for us, He swung open the gates of heaven, allowing our sins to be forgiven and ushering us into the presence of God.

What Happened on Palm Sunday?

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday; palm branches, which symbolize triumph or victory, were strewn in Jesus' path, as He rode into the city. He rode into town on a humble donkey, fulfilling the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, low and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

What Happened on the Monday before Easter?

On the way back into the city from Bethany, where Jesus and the twelve spent the night, Jesus became hungry. Seeing a fig tree with no fruit on it, though it was full of leaves and thus should have been full of fruit, Jesus spoke a curse on the tree. Jesus went to the temple on Monday and confronted those making a profit off of the people coming to worship there.

What Happened on the Tuesday before Easter?

Holy Tuesday was a day of avoiding traps and teaching. The priests set four traps for Jesus, the first questioning His authority, to which He answered with a question and then taught three parables: The Parable of the Two Sons, The Parable of the Tenants, and The Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The second trap challenged Jesus' allegiance, the third trap attempted to ridicule Jesus' belief in resurrection, and the fourth Jesus answered by claiming God's greatest command to be "Love." Stopping at the Mount of Olives to rest on the way back to Bethany to spend the night, Jesus spoke to His disciples about the upcoming trials for His followers.

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What Happened on the Wednesday before Easter?

It is also widely known throughout the church as "Spy Wednesday." While Jesus rests in Bethany at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, the plot of the high priest and the authorities to kill Jesus is in full swing. Finding an open opportunity in the greed of Judas, Satan entered him. Judas went to the chief priests and authorities, "and from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him." He would soon betray Jesus for the price of a slave, and the twelve would scatter. None of the twelve will be left at the foot of the cross as Jesus dies but John.

What Happened on Maundy Thursday?

On Holy or Maundy, Thursday, in an upper room, Jesus and His disciples shared the Last Supper. On this day, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and broke bread with them for the last time. After the meal, the disciples accompanied Jesus to the Garden at Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony. "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel came to strengthen Jesus in the garden. There, He taught His disciples, and us, what to do when we come to the end of our own strength and need God to help us press on.

What Happened on Good Friday?

Good Friday was the last day of Jesus' life on earth before His resurrection. He was betrayed by Judas, as predicted, and denied by Peter, as predicted. His disciples scattered. He was arrested and was placed on trial falsely. He was condemned, beaten, mocked, and required to carry His own cross to the place where He was crucified and died. Jesus was taken down from the cross, wrapped in linens, and placed in a tomb.

What Happened on Black (or Holy) Saturday?

Jesus' body rested in the tomb on Holy Saturday; it was a rich man's tomb, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 53:9. Preparations were made for Jesus' body and placement in the tomb until 6pm, when preparations for the Sabbath began.

"The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment." -Luke 23:55-56

What Happened on Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day)?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead, fulfilling the prophecy. Early in the morning, the women who had prepared the spices before the Sabbath returned to Jesus' tomb to find it empty. Mary Magdalene arrived first. Two men, angels, appear to the women to tell them Jesus has risen.

"And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him." -Matthew 28:9-10

Edited from an article by Meg Bucher

Blessings, Pastor Mark

DEDICATION OF RENOVATED LIBRARY AND CHAPEL SET FOR MARCH 26

Please plan to join us immediately following worship on <u>Sunday, March 26</u>, for a dedication of our newly renovated library and chapel areas. Pastor Mark will offer a short blessing, refreshments will be served, and you will have a chance to tour these beautiful areas of our church.

All EUCC members and friends, as well as members of the community, are invited. For those in need of assistance to reach the area, a chair lift is available through the Fellowship Hall entrance. We look forward to seeing you at the dedication!

Women's Guild News

Women's Guild hosted a **Bunco Party** in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 12, 2023. While the attendance wasn't what we had hoped for, those who did attend had a wonderful time! The profits will be used to help the children and elderly of our community. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed in any way and to those who attended.

Our next event will be the **Ladies Lenten Breakfas**t on Saturday, March 18th from 9:00—10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have wonderful breakfast dishes and entertainment. All women and girls in the community are invited to attend.

Our next meeting will be held on <u>Thursday, April 13th</u> at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We invite and encourage all the women of the church to attend our meetings!

Don't forget to hand in your Noble's IGA receipts! Every receipt helps!



Council News

It is that time of year again. We have three members of the Church Council whose three year terms are expiring in June: Linda Franchville, Clayton Jefford, and Debbie Mangum. If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee, Nancy Ress or Jerry Belcher. You can also contact Shari at the Church Office. Please consider giving of your time and talent as a council member.

Women's Lenten Prayer Coffee at EUCC

The EUCC Ladies Lenten Prayer Coffee will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Fellowship Hall from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We will need volunteers to help with this event. There are sign-up sheets located in the narthex of church. So please, don't forget to sign up! Food items can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday morning, March 18 from 7 a.m. to start time of 9:00 a.m. Kitchen crew should arrive at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18. Clean up/tear down will be directly after the event.

Sisters In Song will entertain us, and all women and girls are welcome. We look forward to seeing you. Please mark this event on your calendar. Many thanks to all who will donate food items, volunteer their time and participate in this event.

Questions? Call Debbie Mangum at 812-547-6680.

April 30 has been designated as T-SHIRT SUNDAY

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are always welcome at EUCC.

For the last few months, we have had available to purchase newly-designed EUCC t-shirts with the above wording on the back. April has the rare opportunity for a 5th Sunday celebration, and we have designated that Sunday as T-SHIRT SUNDAY! Please wear your EUCC t-shirt to worship that day. If you don't have a new one and want to order one, please have your order and payment in the offering box or turned in to the office by April 1. If you have one of the older versions of our shirts, feel free to wear it. We are looking forward to seeing you in your EUCC shirt. Who knows? Pastor Mark might even have his on under his robe!



A heart-felt THANK YOU to Lynda and Gary Morton for sharing their time and talents with us for the last few years. Gary served as our organist/pianist after Jane Upmeyer moved to Indianapolis, and he even took it upon himself to learn how to play the pipe organ! Lynda brought the choir back together after a hiatus due to Covid precautions, and she arranged for special mu-



sic in the absence of a music director. We greatly appreciate all the Morton's have done for our church by keeping our music program going and for the countless hours they spent rehearsing. A special gift was presented to Lynda and Gary on March 19. Thank you, Lynda and Gary. You are greatly appreciated.

Chili Luncheon Results

The Church Growth/Mission Team would like to thank everyone for their donations of chili, desserts, and help for the Chili Luncheon that was held on February 19, 2023. Also, thanks to all of you who attended and supported our mission. We made \$522 and had 72 people attend the luncheon. The money was donated to the Gas Help Fund which helps people in need in our community pay their heating bills. The Ohio Valley Gas Co. will match the amount that we donated.



Change for Change Campaign



The EUCC youth have started their 'Change for Change' campaign for this Spring. The jars are in the narthex for donations. The charity selected to help children is the Child Life Department at Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. This group helps sick children keep busy during their stay with activities, crafts, art projects, bears and party supplies.



COLLECTION STILL UNDERWAY FOR CPS/ISAIAH HOUSE

As you know, we have been collecting items for the local Children's Protective Services office for quite some time. We have made several very large deliveries to CPS, but the need is still very real. Please continue to be generous with your donations of socks, underwear, and pajamas in all sizes (infant through adult), as well as school spirit wear and lounge wear for the older children. We also accept monetary donations; the funds are used to purchase the items most needed at the time. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our community.

T-shirt Orders Continuing

Our t-shirt orders are going well. Would you like a shirt with our logo on the front and our motto on back? If so, please complete one of the order forms (located in the narthex and in the church office), and drop the order form and payment in the offering box. The shirts are only \$17 each (which is our cost); sample shirts are available in the narthex on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. This is a great way to show your pride in EUCC.

We are taking orders on a continuous basis, meaning there is no deadline to submit your order. We will submit orders at the beginning of each month; the shirts should be in within two weeks.

Youth and adult sizes are available in short sleeved and long sleeved styles. We have a light grey, dark grey, and tie dye option. Tie dye is available in short sleeves only. Sample shirts are available in the narthex on Sundays and the church office during the week.

Questions? Contact Darla Goffinet at 812.608.0122 or <u>dgoffinetlaw@psci.net</u>.

Holy Week Services

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

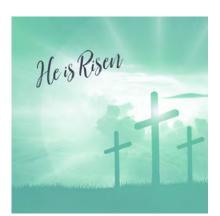
7:00 p.m. service

Good Friday, April 7th

7:00 p.m. service

Easter Sunday, April 9th

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 10:00 a.m. service



Easter Egg Hunt - April 9th

EUCC will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 9th. It is open to all youth in the area. The Easter Bunny will visit with the children and welcome your photos.



Teams and Church Leadership Profiles

We are continuing with the profiles of our teams and church leadership. This month we are profiling Rev. Mark McDaniel.

Pastor Mark came to EUCC in September 2021 to serve as our transitional pastor while we search for a settled pastor. Pastor Mark was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. While he isn't a life-long member of the church, he is a life-long adherent to the spirit of the faith. He spent his early childhood in the Roman Catholic Church then later connected with a United Methodist youth group that made him feel at home. It was with that youth group that he felt the call to ministry; however, he didn't pursue it at the time. He attended college, married, and had children and joined the Presbyterian Church. It was then that he felt a gentle nudge from the Spirit once again and attended seminary. After ordination, Pastor Mark served two southern Indiana churches for a total of 17 years, during which time he received specialized training as a transitional pastor and in conflict mediation.

Pastor Mark states "it became clear to me that the best way to serve churches in crisis or struggling through a challenging interim time was to be with them as their pastor rather than just make an occasional visit with their leadership. It was then that I decided to do Transitional Ministry full time." Pastor Mark served at several churches as transitional pastor before arriving at EUCC in September 2021.

Since coming to EUCC, he has sought and received dual standing as both a Presbyterian (PCUSA) and UCC pastor. He has been requested by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference to serve as a Transitional Coach, which means he works with other churches in the IKC which are going through (1) seeking a new pastor; (2) merging with another church; or (3) closing the church. He also serves on the Lincolnland Association Committee on Ministry, which assists Association churches in a variety of ways.

In his time with EUCC, Pastor Mark not only does the standard pastoral duties of preaching, teaching, visitations, counseling, attending meetings and church events, and officiating weddings, funerals, baptisms, and confirmation; he is also working with the Transition Team to prepare a report of where the church is and where it desires to go. This report will assist the Search Committee as it looks for EUCC's next pastor.

If you have questions for Pastor Mark or wish to discuss anything with him, feel free to contact the Church Office at 812.547.7059 or stop by to visit Pastor Mark. He has an open-door policy and welcomes visiters at any time.





Lincolnland Association SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SPRING MEETING

Sunday, April 23, 2023 3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern St. Peter's United Church of Christ Dubois, Indiana

Each congregation can be represented by its pastor and two voting delegates; however, all are invited and welcome to attend. Please contact Darla Goffinet, Lincolnland Association Registrar, at dgoffinetlaw@psci.net if you have any questions or wish to serve as a delegate.

EUCC Student Loans

Applications are now being accepted for the 0% Student Loans. The loan applications are available in the church office or by contacting Gretchen Hawhee at 812-719-2516. These student loans are available to EUCC members who are pursuing a secondary education after high school. Repayment of these loans must begin 6 months after graduation or immediately after non-enrollment in college. The application deadline is **June 15, 2023**. Applicants will be notified by **July 15, 2023**. Student loan disbursements will be administered in **July and August**. If you have questions about the Student Loan program, please contact Gretchen Hawhee at 812-719-2516.

To those who have graduated and still have outstanding student loan balances, please continue to make regular monthly payments or a large annual payment so this fund can continue to help the youth of our church and we can meet the demands of the incoming applications.

Attention High School Seniors and College Students

It's time to apply for **scholarships**! EUCC has been blessed to be the trustee for three scholarships! The scholarships application is available in the church office. You may pick one up in the church office, or request one to be emailed to you. The deadline for applications is **no later than Friday, May 12th. Please turn your application in promptly!** They will **not** be accepted after this date!



Updates to Church Directory Now Available

An updated phone book section of the church directory is now available in the narthex and the church office. If you need a full directory or only the updated section and can't make it to church to get it, please contact the church office. We will see that one is delivered to you.

Worship Leaders								
<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Video</u>	Sound				
March 19	Linda Kramer	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet				
March 26	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher Chris Van Note	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn				
April 2	Dan Lacy	Ellis & Suellen Howard Dan & Jill Lacy	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer				
April 6	(Maundy Thurs.)	TBD	Darla Goffinet	Darla G.				
April 7	Lea A. Gehlhausen (Good Friday)	TBD	Darla Goffinet	Darla G.				
April 9	Darla Goffinet	Lea Ann Gehlhausen Chris Goffinet Keith & Linda Kramer	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn				
April 16	Linda Kramer	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn				

Thanks to each of you for helping with our Worship Services!

Local Emergencies Report

The Local Emergency Fund continues to <u>prevent</u> utility service disconnections, home evictions, and provides food vouchers for groceries. Please remember this fund in *memorial gifts* and/or *monthly giving*. The offering envelopes include a monthly envelope for contributing to the Local Emergency Fund.

February Total: \$1,441.28

Utilities—11 households—\$476.28

Rent assistance—3 households—\$165

Food Vouchers—\$600 (purchased to hand out as needed)

Gas Cards—\$200 (purchased to hand out as needed)

Church Attendance						
<u>Date</u>	In-person	<u>Facebook</u>				
Feb 19	75	4				
Feb 22	28	4				
Feb 26	43	5				
March 5	63	7				
March 12	52	6				

Easter Candy Donations Requested

Christian Ed is requesting donations of small individually wrapped candies for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Easter Sunday. Candy can be dropped off at the church office Monday—Thursday 9 a.m.-noon & 1 p.m.-3 p.m. or in the narthex on Sunday mornings before and after 10 a.m. worship, through Palm Sunday.

February Memorial Donations

Memorial donations received in February totaled \$70

These directed donations benefited the following funds:

Benevolent Fund: \$ 5 Local Emerg. Fund: \$65

EUCC Yard Signs

We truly appreciate your pride in EUCC and your willingness to spread our love throughout the community. We encourage you to display one of our all season yard signs. If you need one, they are available in the narthex and church office.

Recurring events...

Every Sunday--

Sunday Worship (10 a.m.) Both in-person and online Faith Formation (10:15 a.m.)

*2nd Sunday-Church Growth & Mission Team (11 a.m.—after worship in Sanctuary)

*2nd Sunday—Christian Ed Team (11 a.m. after worship in Library)

*4th Monday---

Church Council (6 p.m.) FH

*1st Tuesday—

Communications Team (6 p.m.) Library

*3rd Tuesday---

Budget & Finance/Stewardship Team (5:30 p.m.) Church Office

*4th Tuesdav—

Transitional Ministry Team (6 p.m.) Office

*2nd Wednesday—

Building & Grounds Team (6 p.m.) Library

*3rd Wednesday—-

Church & Ministry (6 p.m.) Church Office

*2nd Thursday—Women's Guild (1 p.m.) FH (on winter break until March)

*Last Thursday of each month—Men's Brunch at Julie's Tell St. Café (9 a.m.)

*Every Thursday—Table of Blessings (5 p.m) FH

Caller Deadline Reminder

The deadline for the April Caller is **April 10th**. Articles can be dropped off, called in, or emailed to the church office at eucctcinfo@gmail.com.



Financial Report February 2023

February 2023 Income - Total \$8,585.30

\$ 4,895.00 Offerings (checks/cash): Offerings (electronic): \$ 1,878.00 Bank Account Interest Income: \$.17 \$ **Building Rental Income:** 100.00 Franklin Fund Interest Income: \$ 401.33 *Income Specifically Directed to a Fund:* Maintenance & Depreciation Fund Income: \$ 241.00 Local Emergencies Fund Income: \$ 314.00 \$ Benevolent Fund Income: 215.00 \$ Women's Guild Fund Income: 18.80 Pass Through Account Income: \$ 522.00 Chili Luncheon donations

February 2023 Expense - Total \$21,366.89

\$ 7,329.05 Salaries: \$ 1,000.00 Pastor Housing Allowance Expense: Pastor Pension Expense: \$ 478.27 \$ 1.631.72 Pastor Health & Dental Expense: Pastor Life & Disability Expense: \$ 84.40 **Utilities Expense:** \$ 3,940.48 Office Supplies Expense: 700.45 Postage, copy paper Local Emergencies Expense: \$ 1,441.28 Vanco Fees Expense: \$ 66.41 \$ Misc. Expense: 31.03 Organ/Bell/Music Expense: \$ 603.00 \$ 1,276.80 Benevolent Fund Expense: Communications Team Budget Expense: \$ 99.00 Women's Guild Fund Expense: \$ 300.00 \$ Pass-Through Account Expense: 635.00 *Gas Help Fund (Chili) + T-shirts* **OCWM** Conference Expense: \$ 1,375.00 375.00 Lincolnland Expense:

> February Total Income Minus Total Expenses: (\$12,781.59)

EUCC Financial Performance in 2022

EUCC stayed on a fairly even keel financially in 2022, all things considered.

Having said that, we did struggle through some challenges as the year went along. Unfortunately church "Assets Minus Liabilities" decreased by \$62,387 – from \$684,755 on 12/31/2021, to \$622,368 on 12/31/2022. Much of this decrease was because of reductions in the value of investments that we have in a couple of mutual funds and in Community Foundation funds – a total reduction of \$36,592. On the flip side these funds paid us regular interest or provided grants during the year, which limited the losses to some extent. The rest of the decrease (\$25,795) was due to income not equaling expenses overall for the year. Unfortunately this pattern continues in 2023, where we have already lost \$25,837 – Jan and Feb tend to be slow offering/income months. March should be better as we received a recent donation of almost \$12,000 which will show up during the month.

Highlights and lowlights from 2022:

Highlights

- -April Received \$10,000 anonymous donation
- -July Received \$9,981 from Mulzer foundation grants
- -September Received \$23,365.50 from local Community Foundation grants
- -December Received plate offerings of \$15,543 compared to 2022 average of \$9,402; typical Dec offering

Lowlights

- -Quarterly -- Property Insurance \$23,302 annual total and price going up in 2023
- -October Bell Tower Repair \$25,280
- -Other large regular monthly costs including salaries, utilities, and other expenses that it takes to operate the church.

As we give thanks for the positive aspects of our financial and spiritual year, we realize that we still have work to do moving forward, to keep the church financially stable. Please continue to consider EUCC in your plans for giving in 2023.

If you have any questions or comments regarding EUCC finances, please contact Jared Kleemann (EUCC Treasurer) or Steve Owen (EUCC Budget Committee Chairman). Contact information can be obtained through Shari in the church office.

Prayerfully submitted,

EUCC Finance Committee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

- 1—Emma Howell
- 3—Kyle Hagedorn
- 5—Trent Litherland
- 6—Pat York
- 8—Phil Litherland, JT York, Emily Hagedorn, Tessa Howell
- 11—Alex Ramsey
- 12—Norma Held
- 14—Scot Sandage
- 18—Allison Dugas
- 19—Autumn Lain
- 20—Debbie Butler, Greg Zoglman
- 23—Tim Reed
- 24—Lois Curl, Linda Kramer
- 25—Margaret Evrard
- 27—Jerry Belcher
- 29—Donovan Aders
- 31—Lois Humphrey

*Please contact the church office if you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to the monthly Caller.

April

- 1—Alan Kessler, Jane Upmeyer, Mark Fenn
- 5—Linda Weiss
- 6—John Werner
- 8—Tasa (Leistner) Fortwendel
- 10—Aaron Poehlein
- 12—Carman Leistner
- 13—Mary Ann Hughes
- 14—Holly Richardson
- 15—Savannah Kellems
- 16—Jay Leistner, Delene Griepenstroh
- 17—Josephine Lahee
- 22—Susan Ewing



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

March

No anniversaries

April

- 4—Chris & Lori Glenn
- 8—John & Rita Werner
- 20—Dan & Sarah Hall



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Evangelical United Church of Christ

Ladies Lenten Prayer Coffee Dates

Week 4 - March 18......Evangelical UCC, Tell City

Week 5 - March 25......United Methodist Church, Cannelton, hosting First Baptist Church, Cannelton, co-hosting

Week 6 - April 1......Methodist Church, Troy

The Ladies Lenten Prayer Coffees began **Saturday**, **February 25**. There will be an offering taken at each session. At the final session, those attending will decide which local charity will receive the offering. There will be light refreshments served followed by a short program at each session. All sessions will be from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m**. All women and girls are welcome. For more information, contact **Sharla Adams** at **(812) 547-5185**.

EUCC Men's Lenten Breakfast

EUCC will hold a Men's Lenten Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, April 8th**, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. The community Men's Lenten Breakfasts is not taking place this year, but all men from the community are welcome to attend the EUCC Lenten Breakfast. Contact Jerry Belcher with questions at 812.719.0264.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Our sanctuary will again be beautifully decorated for Easter Sunday. To place a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form and send or take it, along with your payment, to church. You can place the form and payment in the offering box or turn them in to the Church Office. Orders must be turned in by **Monday, April 3**. You may take your plant after worship on Easter Sunday.

Azalea (hardy) Hydrangea Kimberly Queen fern Mum	\$22 \$22 \$17 \$11	Geranium Daffodils Tulips	\$10 \$8 \$8	
Name (presented by)				
	In memory of	OR	in honor of	
Plant choice		\$		

Sorry, no choice of colors.



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- 2. Continuing Testament
- 3. Changing Lives