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TRANSFORMATION STATIONS

Experiencing Jesus' Passion

**DeGraff United Methodist Church
1839 County Road 24 South**

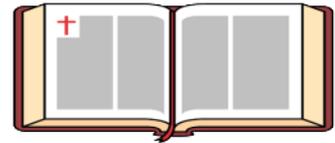
Invites you to experience Jesus' passion by visiting several different interactive stations that encourage participants to meditate on Jesus' death for them and what that means in their daily lives.

The service will close with Holy Communion

*Thursday, April 2, 2015
7 p.m.*

De Graff UMC to host Sunrise Worship Service at 6:30 A.M.

This year six churches, Buckeye Gospel Barn, Gretna, New Beginnings, Quincy Temple, Stoneycreek, and us are coming together and inviting our community to join us in worshipping our Risen Lord. Both pastors from Gretna will be preaching, there will be three special ministries of music and a delicious breakfast will be served and hosted down the street at New Beginnings Church following the service. We have been asked to donate and deliver breakfast rolls, coffee cakes, doughnuts. etc.



Worship Highlights for April

Easter Sunday 10:30 A.M. “The Realities of the Resurrection”
...what stone needs rolled away in your life?...

Sunday April 12th “GENTILES”
....how far and wide does the shadow of the cross reach?...

Sunday April 19th “How to Handle Hurt Feelings” Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday April 26th Who is your favorite disciple and why?
Bring your answer as we learn more about all 12.

Praise the Lord!!! The Alpha Course to launch!

Tues. April 7th , 6:00 -8:00 PM

If you could ask God one question what would you ask?

Come, bring your question as we seek the Lord and answers together!



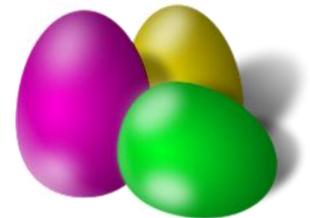
5 Loaves Food Bank Donation Calendar

Boxes are made up and handed out the 3rd Wednesday of each month & our donations are needed by the Monday morning before that. (They shop Monday evening for items still needed.) They serve approximately 90 families each month. If you would like to help work the pantry,
contact Janice Davis at 937-585-6210

April	Canned fruit
May	Boxed or bagged cereal
June	Instant potatoes-mashed, au gratin, scalloped
July	Instant Oatmeal
August	Canned vegetables—corn, peas, green beans, mixed, pork & beans
September	Mac-n-cheese
October	Canned soup, tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable
November	Brownie Mixes—90 boxes
December	Candy Canes (they give 1 full box to each family)

Annual DeGraff Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th at 3 p.m. in the school yard
(Moore Street)



Bring your own basket! Kids ages birth –12 years are welcome!
Prizes distributed by the Miami Grange and hosted by the DeGraff



If your child or someone you know is interested in attending Church Camp, please see Kelly Kauffman....or pick up a registration form from the counter in the church office. You can also register online at www.westhiocamps.com

Date	Children's Sermons	Greeters	Lay Reader
April 5	Nancy Knight	Terry & Shirley King	Dave Knight
April 12	Deb Orr	Esther Mohr Martha Jackson	Pat Bonar
April 19	Pastor Kym	Jerry & Barb Haas	Bruce Weeks
April 26	Kelly Kauffman	Alan & Sue Walls	Deb Orr
	Jr. Church	Nursery Help	
April 5	Kids Stay	Linsey & Kaitlyn	
April 12	Jenni Stratton	Linsey & Kaitlyn	
April 19	Shelley Perk	Linsey & Kaitlyn	
April 26	Kelly Kauffman	Linsey & Kaitlyn	

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The snow threats didn't keep First Wednesday Kids from having a great time at the concert given by Jeremy Liles. It was an unbelievable wonderful experience for the kids to listen and participate in such a lively way. Jeremy sang Christian music and interacted with the kids in a very upbeat manner that the kids responded to in a very positive way. He challenged the kids to always remember if they remember nothing else that **God Loves Them.**

We look forward to hearing more about Jeremy and his music. His wife was there to help and provide support. Thank you Deb Orr for arranging the concert.

Unfortunately, our attendance was down. Forty-one kids were present. Only two kids were able to make it after the musical practice. Seventeen servant volunteers were present and did a wonderful job - thanks to Sandy Dammeyer, Pastor Kym, and Stephanie Shoe for answering the call for help because five of our regulars servants were not able to be there.

A project this month was to color placemats for Prison Ministry. We colored quite a few placemats and the rest will be colored by SS and Jr. church kids. Some of the messages that the kids wrote are very sweet and uplifting as are the pictures that they drew.

Some of the classes handed out bracelets with a faith message on them. The rest can be done next month. The kids should be working in earnest now on their memory verses. Each child will be asked to say their favorite verse at the closing in May.

Remember next month our session will be on April 8th because of Spring Break being the first week in April. You all are a blessing to the kids far more than can be measured or put into words.

Thanks,
Nancy K.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Praise Team 6 Choir 7	2 Sr. Lunch 11:30 Maundy Thursday 7 <i>Carrie Minnich</i>	3 Girl Scouts 7-8 Good Friday Services @ Maplewood 7 <i>Karol Rader</i> <i>Marge Hittepole</i>	4 Easter Egg Hunt at the school 3 p.m.
5 Sunrise Service 6:30 with Breakfast Following Worship 10:30 <i>LaQuita Roach</i>	6 FPU 6:30 Exercise 7 Trustees 7	7 Fitness 8 Alpha 6-8 Exercise 7	8 1st Wednesday Praise Team 6 Choir 7 <i>Connie Madden</i> <i>Brian Knight</i>	9 Sr. Lunch 11:30 Fitness 8 Scouts Exercise 7 Finance 6 Ad Council 7 <i>Bruce Weeks</i> <i>Jacob Minnich</i>	10	11
12 Youth Group 7	13 FPU 6:30 Exercise 7	14 Fitness 8 Alpha 6-8 Exercise 7	15 Praise Team 6 Choir 7	16 Sr. Lunch 11:30 Fitness 8 Scouts Exercise 7	17	18
19 Youth Group 7	20 <i>Newsletter</i> FPU 6:30 Exercise 7 <i>Connie Beatty</i>	21 Fitness 8 Alpha 6-8 Exercise 7 <i>Dale Hirschfeld</i>	22 Praise Team 6 Choir 7 <i>Meghan Orr</i>	23 Sr. Lunch 11:30 Fitness 8 Scouts Exercise 7	24	25
26 Youth Group 7	27 FPU 6:30 Exercise 7	28 Fitness 8 Alpha 6-8 Exercise 7	29 Praise Team 6 Choir 7	30 Sr. Lunch 11:30 Fitness 8 Scouts Exercise 7 <i>Lura Grandstaff</i>		

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