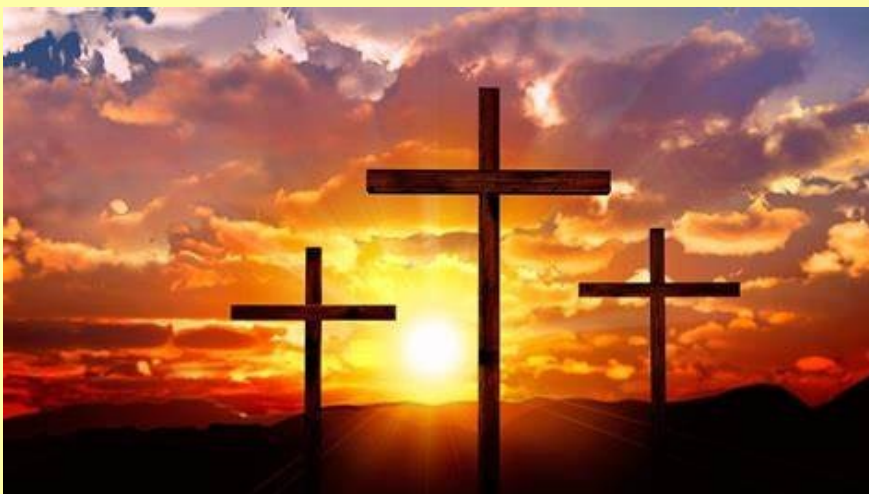




Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

Apr 1	Ad Council Meeting	6 PM
Apr 6	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
Apr 12	Community Easter Egg Hunt	11 AM
Apr 13	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Lenten Bible Study	6:30 PM
Apr 20	Easter Breakfast	9:00 AM
	No Sunday School	
	Easter Worship	11 AM
Apr 21	Hope Resales - Volunteer Appreciation	6 PM
Apr 30	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	<i>Holy Humor Sunday</i>	



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Tues & Thurs

8am to 12pm

Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
11:00 am

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On Facebook

On March 16 we celebrated the baptism of Lyra Louise Ewing, daughter of Mike and Katy Ewing, granddaughter of Ed and Chris Urbanik and Don and Sandy Ewing



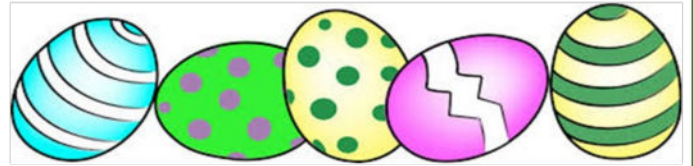
Welcome to the family of
God little one!

A note from the Ewings...

Thank you for welcoming Lyra Louise into your church family and community.

Your support means so much to us. Thank you for your continued prayers & blessings and for celebrating this religious milestone with us.

Community



Easter Egg Hunt

For ages 3 through 6th grade

Saturday April 12, 11:00 a.m.

In the Lyndonville School gymnasiums

Come on out and enjoy:

The Easter Bunny!

Prizes!

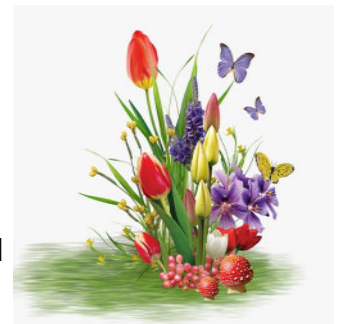
Beverages and hot dogs!



Sponsored by the Lyndonville Lions Club
and the Lyndonville United Methodist Church

Easter Flowers!

If you would like to provide a potted plant to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter please have it here at the church by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday April 19.



Due to allergies please refrain from providing any lily-type flowers.



Happy
Birthdays

1 Sherri Manning
2 Al Papp
5 Julie Stalker
6 Valarie Keyrk
12 Ian Kingdollar
13 Adrienne Belson,
15 Wes Bradley
21 Laura Belson
22 Larry Manning
23 Katy Urbanik
27 Constance Maines,
Kevin Urbanik



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Pam Klotzbach

April 2025

Greetings from Alabama!
(sorry, that's the town where I live...I could have said Basom!)

Although we have had a few "great weather 'teaser days' we still feel the edges of winter. I am hoping the weather improves by Easter Sunday!

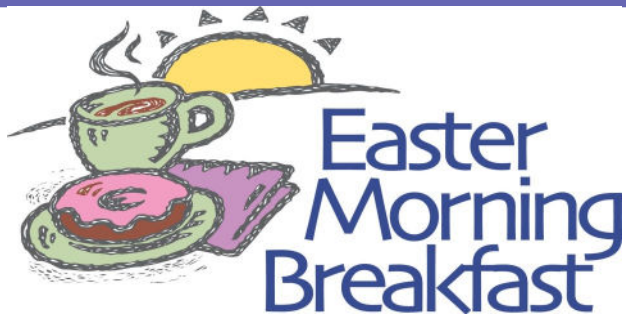
I will be participating in the ecumenical service on Good Friday. Although I cannot do the 'cross walk', I will be at the door of the Presbyterian Church to greet the arriving cross and those who accompany it. Then I have been asked to do a part of the worship service that follows.

We have, for the most part, completed the Spiritual Gifts assessment. People have received the results from me and I have the top three areas of gifts written on an index card for each person. I will be able to go to a person who has the gift needed to assist in specific areas of ministry. And for some, teach them more about how to use their gift.

I have one more thing on my mind right now and that is to say "thank you" to the leadership of Lyndonville UMC. You are blessed to have very 'put together' groups of individuals serving on your guiding committees. It seems as if things happen here with great organization and smiling faces.
Be proud! (And volunteer!).

May you have a Holy and Blessed Easter!

Pastor Pam



Join us Easter, morning (April 20) at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and celebrate the Risen Christ with fellowship, food and fun! Bring a dish to pass, beverages are provided.

“Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’ The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.” (Psalm 126:2-3, NIV)

Holy Humor Sunday

April 27



Laughter is a means of grace and the quickest and easiest way to spread joy, especially in stressful times.

There will be prizes for the people who create and wear the most imaginative hats.

Categories are most elegant, most creative, and silliest.



Join us!

Everyone needs a good laugh



Holey Moley! What a great worship the people had a coupla weeks ago! Wilbur an' Edith decided to slip into the sanctuary and watch from the window sill with their cousins Stitch, Stuff, and Omar. An they were so glad

that they did.

Worship started with a really cool song called Holy Water. Kinda a upbeat, toe tappin' tune, that told us about our need for being washed with Holy Water. The people's band did it so good that Edith got a bit teary just listenin'. Seemed fittin' 'cause the people were celebratin' washin' a baby that day. They called it Baptism. The baby's name was Lyra Lou (short for Louise) an what a cutie she was! During the ceremony the people made some pledges to support and care for little Lyra as she grows up. Wilbur was thinkin' how special that was, that a whole community of folks would promise to be a part of the baby's life. Lyra Lou had a sort of perplexed look on her face throughout, probably 'cause she didn't know why the lady doin' all the talkin' was pattin' water on her head. Someday she'll understand that it was all part of the promise of bein' a member in the family of God. Edith was thinkin' that even tho Lyra looked a little confused she sure did seem to enjoy bein' the center of attention!

After the service the people went out into the dinin' room where the people enjoyed some snacks... including cookies! Wilbur was thinkin' how much he loves cookie crumbs and was grateful for the community of folks at LUMC.

At a meetin' not that long ago the people were talkin' about another meal that's comin' up. Easter Breakfast. Wilbur was so excited that he wrote the date on his calendar. Seems the day is a really big celebration day in the people's church. The guy they talk about alla the time, Jesus was raised from the dead on Easter. Wilbur and Edith aren't sure they understand it all fully, somthin' about Jesus beatin' death and the people win.

The people are so filled with joy on that day so Edith an Wilbur thinkin' they'll go and watch that service too (after they get back from the Easter Egg Hunt the week before over at the school where cousin Ralphie and his kid Tiger live.) Wilbur might even go forage at the thrifty store for decorations! So they can make their humble abode under the stove in the church kitchen real festive.

Edith and Wilbur are hopin' alla the church people will show up on Easter. Of course they'll start their day with breakfast. Edith's plannin' to make her special ooey goey sticky buns, they're finger lickin' delicious!



Hope Resales is having a potluck volunteer celebration meeting/dinner on April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room.

All volunteers are invited!

Bring a dish to pass and enjoy fellowship, fun and prizes!

Disciple Profile: Peter — the Disciple with the Foot Shaped Mouth

There are four lists of the twelve disciples in the New Testament. The first name in all four lists is Peter. Thus he stands out as the leader and spokesman for the twelve. Named Simon Bar-Jonah by his parents, Jesus gave him another name. Luke introduces him this way: "Simon, whom He also named Peter" (Luke 6:14) Perhaps foretelling of Simon-Peter's call to leadership... Peter means "Rock."

The name was significant, and Jesus had a specific purpose for choosing it. By nature Simon was brash and impulsive. He tended to make great pronouncements he couldn't follow through with. Peter would lunge wholeheartedly into something but then run smack into his own human weaknesses.

There's an age-old debate about whether true leaders are born or made. Peter's life offers evidence that leaders are born with certain innate gifts, but must also be properly refined to form a true leader of people.

Peter had the God-given fabric of leadership woven into his personality from the beginning. He was curious, took initiative, was bold and decisive, and Peter was engaged in Jesus' ministry even though he may not have fully understood it.

It's not that Peter was clueless. We see in scripture that Peter had been given divine awareness as in Matthew 16 where he declares Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

What Peter needed to be taught, what Peter lacked, was humility, grace and the right kind of life experience to make him relatable to people.

As we read the stories of Simon Peter we will find that he learned humility and grace through hard lessons, crushing defeat, deep humiliation and guilt. In each painful instance Jesus offered restoration. The Lord used them all to make Peter humble.

Peter learned his lessons well, if not easily. When he wrote his first epistle, he said, "be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

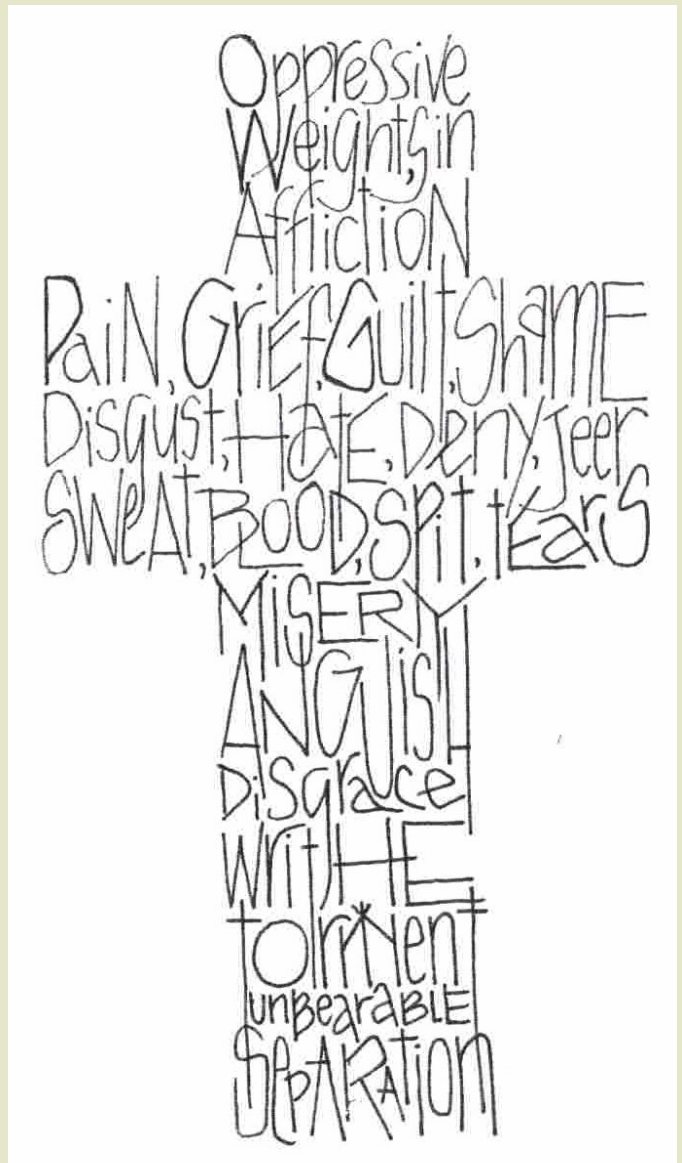
Jesus told Peter he would die a martyr. (John 21) In that moment, history records that Peter requested to be crucified upside down because he believed he was unworthy to die as Jesus had died.

Adapted from Twelve Ordinary Men—John D MacArthur

Expand your learning!

After reading the profile – dig deeper into the Bible find the verses that reveal the personalities and the activities of each disciple.

*Have you ever taken the time
to really think about what
Jesus endured on the cross?*



Life Matters Art by Johnny Hart



Know Doubt, Defuse Uncertainty.

I have two shelf signs that sit together on one of my book shelves. One says "I doubt, therefore I might be." the other, "Blessed".

Placed together it looks like they read "I doubt, therefore I might be blessed." I do that to be funny... I am certain that God has blessed me abundantly... But, I confess, there are times when uncertainty causes brain to play hide and seek with the blessings.

Uncertainty is a part of life, at least life here on earth. If we're honest, it follows along on our walk with Jesus as well. We don't mean for it to... it just does, we're human. When things are good, we faithfully hold to the truth of our belief that God is good, and loving, and just. But when life gets hard, and it will, the chaos, exhaustion, or disillusion of our trials can erode our convictions and allow doubt to get a toe-hold on us.

Think of how the disciples must have felt as they walked with Jesus during that last few weeks leading to His arrest and crucifixion. One moment they were on the top of the top. They had seen miraculous signs and experienced amazing things. They were engaged and enthusiastic. All this served to reinforce in their minds that this Jesus that they and given up their daily lives for was indeed the promised Messiah. And just as they began to believe that there was nothing that could stand in their way... Jesus began to talk of leaving, that He would have to suffer terribly and die. The disciples joy soon turned to confusion, fear and uncertainty.

In his Lenten study *Embracing the Uncertain*—the author, Magrey deVega says that Lent is the sobriety before the celebration as uncertainty abounds in the world in which we live. And lurking beneath all of it lies one of the few guarantees in life—our own mortality. He then offers that Lent is a time to engage life's uncertainties and not ignore or hide from them. But, how do we do that? How do we embrace the things that confuse us, worry us, scare us, disillusion us, anger us, and maybe even cause us to question what we truly believe.

I don't pretend to know the answer. But I don't think that embracing uncertainty means wallowing in it. I think maybe it means finding joy in life in the face of uncertainty. I am fairly deliberate about some things that help me. I don't watch the news any more because truth is no longer the objective and negativity rules the day. I listen to music ... I find uplifting music is a balm for my soul. I read. I particularly read historical non-fiction, I find that looking back offers me perspective and insights as I think forward. I hug my dog. I read in the Bible each day. I ask God to help me understand what I'm reading and how it applies. I pray. A pastor friend once told me that we are never so Christlike as when we are praying for others. So many of us need all of the prayers we can get. I try to listen... this is harder, for my mind wanders and there always seems to be something else that needs attention. I laugh. Never underestimate the value of friends who laugh with you. Especially those who will laugh with you when things are at their worst. I think. I think about all of the things previously mentioned and the construct they bring to my life. I try to stay in the moment. And I try not to borrow trouble from unknown circumstances. And, I hug my dog. All of these things are facets of my relationship with Jesus adding breadth and depth. Ideally I apply Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God." Somedays I'm better at all of this than others.

If as deVega says, lent is a time to embrace uncertainty then when life resembles a time of wilderness we ought be better equipped to walk through it. Our Lenten meditations are not about teaching us how to avoid the scarcity and temptation of the wilderness, but how to live in Christ's sufficiency as we journey through it. We can't avoid the uncertainty of wilderness, at least not if we are living authentically. We must trust and go forward through it. In my head I'm singing Zach Williams song Sunday's Comin'. *Keep on holdin' on, there's gonna be a breakthrough Keep on holdin' on, don't stay buried in that grave If He can roll the stone, He can send the darkness runnin' Might feel like Friday, but your Sunday's comin' It might feel like Friday, but your Sunday's comin' So let your soul start singing And dry those tear-stained eyes There's a new life and you can breathe in You're gonna see the light on the other side.*

I think maybe we embrace the doubt and uncertainties of life by acknowledging them and then letting go of them, and seeking God in all things. We keep walking the path Jesus sets before us... And we hold on... because Easter's coming!

HAPPY EASTER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours 8-noon Ad Council 6PM	2	3 Office Hours 8-Noon	4	5 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
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Jesus told her,
“I am the resurrection and the
life. Anyone who believes in me
will live, even after dying.

Everyone who lives in me
and believes in me
will never ever die.

Do you believe this?”

John 11:25,26