

THE CHURCH CANDLE

APRIL 2025

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



APRIL 13TH ...

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Son-Rise Service

APRIL 20TH ...

7:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary



APRIL 17TH ...

Healing Service at
6:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Followed by Service of Tenebrae

Good Friday ... APRIL 18TH

The Sanctuary will be open for Prayer and
Meditation from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m.



EASTER OFFERING ...

“Wonder: The Inside Story (Luke 24:1-12)”

At the break of dawn, the women came to the tomb, expecting to find the body of Jesus. Instead, they were met with an empty grave and messengers who proclaimed, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!” (Luke 24-5-6)

The Easter Offering of the Christian Church (DOC) will be received on Sundays, April 13th and April 20th. Inserts and envelopes will be available in the pews. The resurrection fills us with the same wonder that gripped the first witnesses of the empty tomb. We gather as one body, across many places, cultures, and languages, to celebrate and live inside this wonder. It is the wonder of love stronger than death, of hope that defies despair, of a risen Christ whose presence transforms the world.

The Easter Offering supports various general ministries of the Christian Church (DOC). Thank you for whatever gift you are able to give to the Easter offering.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20TH ...

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Baptism at 11:00 a.m.

A LITTLE

Of all the books of the Bible,
which one does not mention the
name of God?

(See answer later in the Newsletter)





PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

April with its promise of spring and warmer weather is one of my favorite months. Tied to the Lenten Season we are beginning to see new growth and my bird feeder is getting more activity.

You know, I was looking back at my letter to you from April of 2024 and I noticed that a couple of things I wanted the church to begin doing have not gotten very far off the ground. One of those is the attendance registers – I love it when I see your names in the registers because for whatever reason I cannot remember from one week to the next who is in worship. So, when you sign the registers, I know you are there and when you do not, I cannot remember if it was because you were not in worship or if you just did not sign the register. It only helps me with my memory from week to week. Another thing I wanted to start doing was the “God-Sightings” and for a few weeks you did a decent job of seeking God in your everydayness and then letting others know about it. Lately no one is seeing God or maybe you are not seeking God so not finding God in your everydayness. I will repeat what I said last year “I am convinced that if you look for God even in your everydayness you will have those sightings that can help your faith grow.”

We do have some plans for Easter and for Holy Week. We will have a service on Maundy Thursday that combines a Healing Service with a service of Tenebrae, it will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th. I will have the church doors open on Good Friday from Noon to 2:00 p.m. for anyone who wants to come in for prayer or meditation. There will be a Son-Rise service on Easter Sunday, April 20th, at 7:30 a.m.

Blessings, Pastor Paula

***Received from
The Fuller Family ...***

“Dear Sayre Christian Church,

Thank you very much for all the kindness and thoughtfulness you showed our family during a very sad time in our lives. Thank you Pastor Paula for the loving service you performed and the counsel you gave. Thank you all the members who hosted, baked and clean up the lovely luncheon in honor of mom. She enjoyed worshiping and fellowship at your church for many years. Thank you again for everything. We truly appreciated it.

Love Always,
The family of Judy Fuller.”



Answer to Trivia (from previous page) ... “Esther.”

GIVING REPORT FOR

February 2025:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

February 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$3,651.00
Designated	\$582.00
World Outreach	\$245.00
Local Outreach	\$180.00
Building Fund	\$1,175.50



will be held on **April 27th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in April will

be honored. Please bring a snack, to be shared with others.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY — APRIL 6TH ...

“Food Pantry Sunday” is observed on the first Sunday of the month.



Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Athens United Methodist Church on South Main Street. For February fifty-seven (57) items were collected and they responded: “Thank you for your recent donation of food to our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. We are so grateful for your faithful giving every month. Our ministry helps many needy folks in our local community each month. God bless you for your faithfulness.

In His Service, Athens U.M. Church”
Thank you to Oliver McKeithan
for delivering the items.



- 3 ~ LuAnn Raupers
- 5 ~ Valerie Mensch
- 10 ~ Susie Kasson
- 12 ~ David C. Harris
- 13 ~ Beverly Anderson
- 17 ~ Donna Park

Anniversaries for April ...

- 11 ~ Oliver and Wendy McKeithan
- 20 ~ Bill and Pat Sjostrom
- 20 ~ Irving and Nancy Edmunds

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Mike Spencer
Brett Lattimer



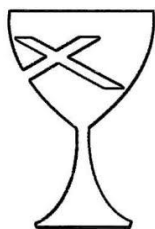
WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

- I felt God in the sun’s warming, giving hope for the coming of Spring.



SEED FAITH CIRCLE ... Will gather on Tuesday, April 15th / 5:30 p.m. at The Grille, Lehigh Avenue, Sayre. (Please note change of time) All women of the church are invited to share an evening of fellowship. Each person orders from the menu and pays for their own meal. Please contact Wendy McKeithan if you plan to attend at 570-596-4008.

Please Note: Margo will be out of town from Saturday, May 3rd until Saturday, May 10th. The Church Office will be closed on **Friday, May 9th**.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR APRIL ...

- 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th - Bible Study / 10:00 a.m.
- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Sunday School / 9:15 a.m.
- 6th - Food Pantry Sunday
- 7th - Church Office Closed
- 8th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 13th - Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- 15th - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out at 5:30 p.m.
- 16th - NO Bible Study
- 17th - Healing/Maundy Thursday Service / 6:30 p.m.
- 18th - Good Friday / the Sanctuary is open for meditation and prayer from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- 20th - Son-Rise Easter Service at 7:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- 20th - Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Baptism at 11:00 a.m.
- 27th - Celebration Sunday - to honor April Birthdays and Anniversaries - please bring a snack.
- 27th - Worship Service Athens Healthcare / **1:30 p.m.**
- 28th - Church Office Closed



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