

THE CHURCH CANDLE

APRIL 2026

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



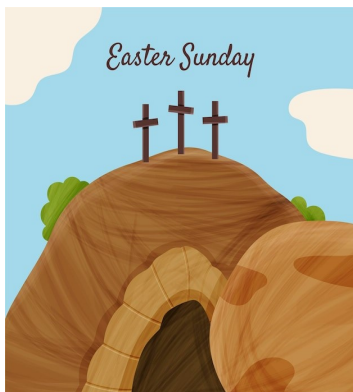
SERVICE —
April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
(In the Sanctuary)

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY— **April 5th ...**

For the month of March thirty-five (35) items were collected for the Food Pantry.

“Dear Sayre Christian Church, Thank you for your recent donation of food to our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. Last month, we served over 145 families at our distribution. In His Service, Athens UM Church FMS Food Pantry” *In the midst of your busy day, you took the time to make a difference.*

Thanks so much!



April 5th ...
Worship
Service —
10:00 a.m.

MARTHA'S MISSION BIN ... is a new opportunity to reach out to individuals who are in need in our community. Each month, the Outreach Team will suggest an item to be donated to “Martha’s Mission Bin.” For the month of April, we are asking for donations of toilet paper, for the families who visit the Valley Food Pantry.

Why does the Outreach Team call it “Martha’s Mission Bin”? We meet Martha in Luke 10:38-42, the sister of Mary and Lazarus. Martha is the sister who is busy with the preparations for a visit from Jesus. Even though Martha is chided for her “business” we know she will always take care of the details and be sure that everyone has what they need.

We will place a bin under the table at the front entrance of the church to collect donated items.

SEED FAITH CIRCLE ... The women of the Seed Faith Circle will gather on Tuesday, April 21st for dinner at the Park View Inn in Owego, NY. Please meet in the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to carpool to Owego. (Please contact Wendy McKeithan if you plan to attend at 570-596-4008.)



Celebration Sunday

will be held on

April 26th following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in April will be honored.

Please bring a snack to share.

A LITTLE

Q - What does Jesus really say about money?

(See answer on a later page in the Newsletter)





PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,



Grace and peace to you from our Risen Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. We are in the Easter Season, the weeks between Resurrection Sunday and Pentecost. We celebrate the fact that Jesus lives and welcome his presence in our lives. These weeks are reminders of the joy, grace, forgiveness, and peace that came to us when God defeated death by raising Jesus from the tomb. April is a fun time of year to celebrate our Easter joy, spring is upon us and we are getting tastes of warmer weather. Flowers are starting to bloom and it is very pleasant waking up to birds chirping after our long and VERY cold winter months.

I discovered that it sometimes is important to let things go when they are no longer useful. One of those things is the red attendance registers, we tried but could not get everyone back in the habit of using them, some of you resisted. We have removed them from the sanctuary; we will save money by not having to refill the tablets. For those of you who attend the door on Sunday mornings, we placed yellow cards for visitors to complete giving us their information if they are so inclined. When a visitor comes in you can offer the card to them explaining that we like to keep track of fresh faces.

Please make note of the events and information in this newsletter so you can participate in church activities.

God Bless, Pastor Paula

Holy Humor Sunday — April 12th ... “Easter is over, Christ has risen, the joke’s on Satan ...

How many **Church People** does it take to change a light bulb?

Evangelists ~ Only one, but the bulb must repent of its darkness and be willing to be changed. **Liberals** ~ Ten, but they will need to debate whether or not the bulb actually exists. Even then they still may not change it, for fear of alienating those who use florescent bulbs. **Board Members** ~ Forty: 10 people in the light bulb selection committee; 10 people in the light bulb purchasing committee; 10 people in the light socket location committee, and 10 people in the electricity modulator committee. **Pentecostals** ~ Ten, one to change the bulb, and nine to pray against darkness. **Trustees** ~ Six: One woman to replace the bulb while five trustees review church lighting policy. **Praise Leaders** ~ Only one: hands were already in the air. **Disciples** ~ At least 15. One to change the light bulb, and two or three committees to approve the change. Oh, and also one to provide a casserole. **Independents** ~ Only one, because any more than that would be Ecumenicalism. **Baby Boomers** ~ Three. One to call the electrician, one to mix the drinks and one to talk about how much better the old one was. **Choir Members** ~ Undetermined. Whether your light is bring, dull, or completely out, you are loved and welcomed. You can be a light bulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. Bring a bulb of your choice to the Sunday lighting service and a covered dish-to-pass. **TV Evangelists** ~ One. But for the message of light to continue, send in your donation today. **Amish** ~ What’s a light bulb? **Guitar-Playing** ~ One. But soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.



GIVING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026:

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

February — 2026	
For Current Expenses	\$4,599.00
Designated	\$854.00
World Outreach	\$150.00
Local Outreach	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$952.00

CHURCH ROOF(S)...

By the time you read this newsletter, the church and parsonage roofs may already be undergoing replacement. The board approved T. Kreider General Contracting firm to complete the replacement. The church needs this work since shingles were coming off due to wind over the past year. The board also decided to replace the roof on the parsonage at the same time.

The total estimate for the complete project is \$69,900.00. If the contractor discovers that any materials or work is needed beyond the items listed in the contract, the church will be billed appropriately. The church board signed the contract on March 5th and paid the required 10% down. The payments for Phase 1, Phase 2, and completion are \$20,970.00 each. Trey's workmanship will be covered by a 3-year warranty, but that does not include the roofing materials. Work is set to begin the first weekend in April and Trey expects completion by the end of the month; weather permitting. Trey and his crew will do the work on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On Sundays, Trey will not begin working until after 11:30 a.m. so as not to disturb church services. Trey is covered by his own insurance. Trey's crew will implement safety procedures at the side of the roof that borders our sidewalk while the work is being done.

Any questions for more details please see either Mark Allis or myself.

Oliver McKeithan, Board Chair

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES TO ...

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

LET US PRAY ...

- Ric Rava
- Bonnie Beley
- Anthony Stella
- Jane Donahoo
- Joe Kraus
- Mike Spencer
- Brett Lattimer



To Family and friends of Donna Park, and Laurence



***Kingsley. Donna
passed away in
early March, and Laurence passed
away on March 11th. Both Donna and
Laurence were long time members of
Sayre Christian Church.***

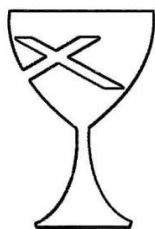
EASTER OFFERING

This Day: When Love Answers

The Easter Offering of the Christian Church (DOC) will be received on Sundays March 29th and April 5th. Inserts and envelopes will be available in the pews. The Easter Offering supports fifteen (15) general ministries of the Christian Church (DOC).

Thank you for whatever gift you are able to give to the Easter Offering.

Answer - "Find the answer in Matthew 6:19-21, 24"



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UPCOMING DATES FOR APRIL ...

Thursday / April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. (in the Sanctuary)
Friday / April 3rd - Good Friday
Sundays / April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th - Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. / Worship Service at 10 a.m.
Sunday / April 5th - Easter Sunday / Food Pantry Sunday
Wednesdays / April 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th - Bible Study at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday / April 12th - Holy Humor Sunday
Elders - Elderwood Service at 12 Noon
ECD Council Meeting - 3 p.m.
Tuesday / April 14th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday / April 19th - Third Sunday of Easter
Monday, / April 20th - Church Office Closed
Tuesday, / April 21st - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out - 5:30 p.m. / Pastor Paula out of the office
Saturday, April 25th - Baby Shower (Matthew's Place and Fellowship Hall - Julie Allis) 3 to 5 p.m.
Sunday / April 26th - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Celebration Sunday, bring a snack to share
Service at the Athens Healthcare Center at 1:30 p.m.



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