



Holy Week 2021

April 1, Maundy Thursday

Reedsburg TV 3:30 pm

Facebook & YouTube 6:30 pm CT

April 2, Good Friday

Reedsburg TV 3:30 pm

Facebook & YouTube 6:30 pm CT

April 4, Easter Sunday

★ Live in person 833 3rd Street 9:00 am ★

Facebook & YouTube 9:00 am CT

Drive-Thru Communion 9:45-10 am

Reedsburg TV 3:30 pm

Envelope included for your weekly giving and special envelope.



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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2021

DATE	TIME	EVENT
APRIL 4	9AM	EASTER IN PERSON WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH
	9AM	EASTER WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK LIVE
	9AM	EASTER WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE
	9:45-10AM	DRIVE UP COMMUNION
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1
APRIL 11	9AM	IN PERSON WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH
	9AM	WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK LIVE
	9AM	WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1
APRIL 15	9AM	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
APRIL 18	9AM	IN PERSON WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH
	9AM	WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK LIVE
	9AM	WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1
APRIL 21	7:15PM	SERVANT LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25	9AM	IN PERSON WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH
	9AM	WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK LIVE
	9AM	WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1



*Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.*

REEDSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The U.M.C. News



God calls us to be all we can be. But let's face it, at times we find ourselves facing *obstacles* that get in the way of our journey of success. This four week sermon series will look at four biblical figures who will train us how to run the race that we have entered and to Finish Strong! This worship series will be offered Sundays: live and in person at 833 3rd Street, 9:00am here in Reedsburg, AND online at both Facebook Premier, and YouTube at 9:00 am CT AND Reedsburg TV Station channel 11.1 at 3:30. If you do not have access to any of these worship platforms, you may request a hard copy of the sermon manuscript by calling the church office at 608-524-3913. A downloadable manuscript is also available from our website reedsburgunitedmethodistchurch.org.

As always, invite someone to join you in worship by any of these methods.



Would you love to make music but can't hold a note to save your life? Then we have something for you. We are very excited to announce that our choir director, Bill Voigt is forming a chime choir. Never played a chime before? No problem, they are VERY beginner friendly. Practices will be in the sanctuary at 5:30 on Wednesdays, starting April 7. Masks will be available should you forget yours.

May Newsletter DEADLINE — April 15th

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The following is how to connect with others through ZOOM even if you don't have a computer, tablet or smart phone:

1. First in order to connect you need to have an invitation. If you are part of a committee/team you should automatically receive an email invite to your next meeting. If you are wanting to join the coffee hour after worship or participate in the virtual Adult Sunday School at 10:15, go to the link for this is <https://zoom.us/j/730238634> or join by phone, 1 312 626 6799.
2. If you are coming in via computer, tablet or smart phone, simply click on the link in your email, or copy and paste the link to your browser. If you do not have a computer, tablet or smart phone, simply call the phone number. A voice will prompt you to key in the meeting ID number followed by the pound key, that your contact person gave you. The voice may ask you to enter a pin number followed by the pound key, if you were not given a pin number simply press pound.
3. For those who come in via computer, tablet or smart phone, and this is your first time on ZOOM you will need to download the software as the site prompts you. Once it downloads the needed software will give you the option to open ZOOM launcher or RUN, depending on your device. It will ask you if you want to use the audio using your device, hit yes. NOTE: Some computers such as desktops do not have access to audio; all you have to do is choose the phone option instead. It will give you the meeting code and pin number.

We are advised to exercise social distancing, social distancing does NOT have to happen in total isolation. Let us find new ways of staying connected.

How to Connect With

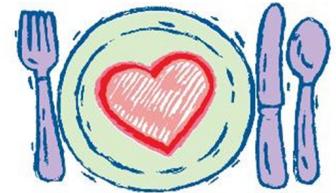


Mission Statement:

“To build a Christian community where we become deeply committed followers of our Lord Jesus Christ who know God with our heads, love God with our hearts and serve God with our hands.”

Our Vision:

“As disciples of Jesus Christ we will be transformed by Him to change lives within our church, community and world.”



To help with
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please contact:

The church office

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or

Kay Daley

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608-963-6337

Adult Sunday School/Bible Study

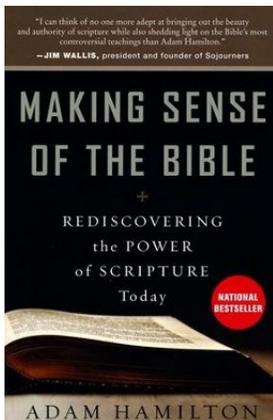
April 18th at 10:15 following coffee hour on ZOOM.

We will be starting a new book for Sunday Bible Study, “Making Sense of the Bible” by Adam Hamilton.

I have heard some people say that it is hard to understand the bible scriptures. This is a wonderful opportunity to make more sense of the bible. We will examine the book a chapter at a time, having conversation on rediscovering the power of the scriptures; renewing a new light for us as neighbors and for our personal growth and relationship with God and Jesus.

Contact Angela at the office if you would like to participate in this study so we can make sure and have enough books for everyone, Not sure, pray for guidance on your decision. Hope and pray to see you there.

~Howard Brantmeyer



A Message From Pastor Vicki

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I am so excited that we are able to come together, live and in person to worship God on Easter Sunday. It feels very poetic, that those of us who feel comfortable, may do so the day we celebrate Christ's rising. This has been a hard twelve months, no doubt about that. But one of the scriptures that has come to mind is by the Apostle Paul, Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4)

Many of you have expressed how hard it has been to not worship together, but we understood we had to put our own interests aside. This was not only to keep one another safe, but also so we could be part of the solution in getting the numbers down in our community, our county, our state and our country, rather than potentially contributing to the increase.

As we look forward to resuming live and in person worship on Easter Sunday, I hope you will continue to keep Philippians 2:3-4 in your heart, because while there is much we still don't know about COVID-19, here is what we *do* know:

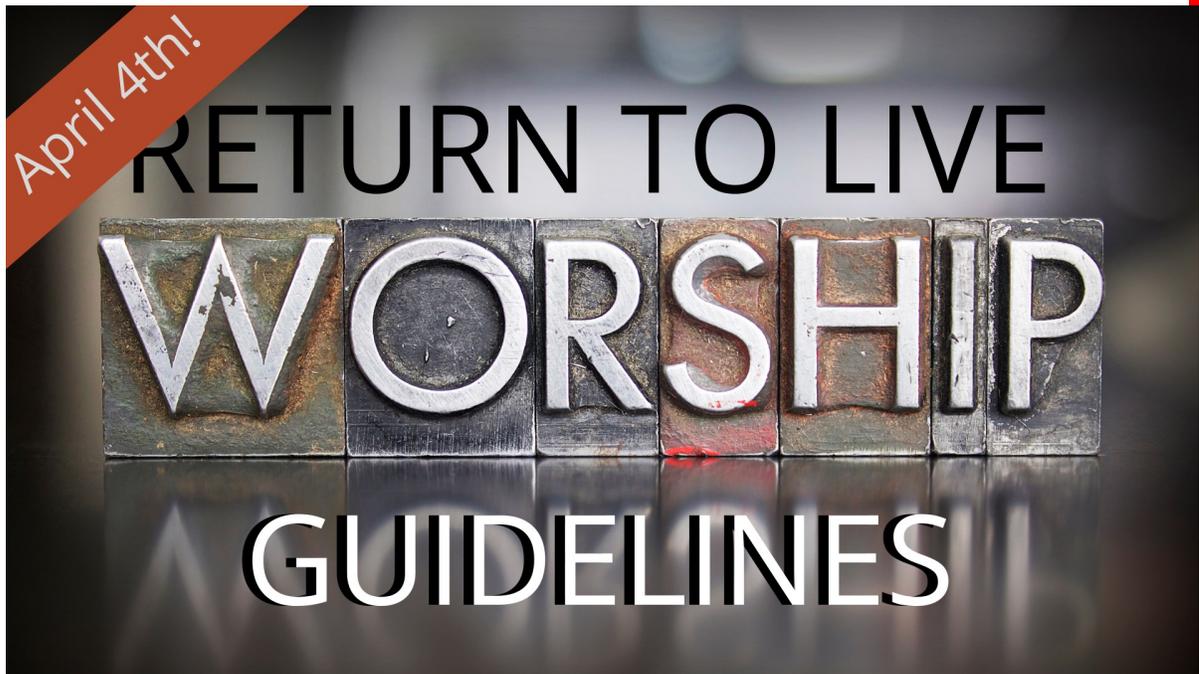
- We know - that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at reducing the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 disease,
- We're still learning – how affective the vaccines are against variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Early data show the vaccines may work against some variants but could be less effective against others.

- We know – that other steps help stop the spread of COVID-19, such as proper masking and social distancing, and these steps are important as vaccines are being distributed.
- We're still learning – how well COVID-19 vaccines keep people from spreading the disease. Early data show that the vaccine may keep people from spreading COVID-19, but we are still learning more as more people get vaccinated.
- We're still learning – how long COVID-19 vaccines can protect people. The CDC will continue to update everyone with recommendations.
- We know – that we should continue to take preventative steps through Proper masking and social distancing work.

All of this means that yes, let's celebrate that Christ is risen, but let us not forget to put others interests above our own. Even those of us who have received the vaccine need to be aware there may be others who attend who have not. Since we don't know how effective the vaccine is at preventing us from being carriers, it is still important to follow the recommended protocol: wearing face coverings, washing hands, social distancing, and yes that means only air hugs please.

While it is good to feel the depth of pain this Holy Week as the disciples did on those final three days, we will again rejoice, together, whether via the three virtual platforms or the renewed live and in person service, on April 4!





Yes, we will be resuming in person Sunday worship services at 9:00, starting April 4. Since there is still the potential for contracting and spreading COVID 19 a task force of people: Pastor Vicki, Gwen Biesek, Tom Hirschinger, and Michelle Siedschlag, have drawn up the following guidelines to make worship a safe environment for everyone.

- If you are sick, PLEASE attend worship at home.
- Face coverings are mandatory and will be made available for those who do not have one. Yes, even if you have been vaccinated.
- Please sanitize your hands when you arrive, make no physical contact and maintain the recommended six feet distance from those outside your household.
- Your attendance will be recorded prior to entering the worship area, the entrance of which will be second set of doors (from the parking lot) going into the sanctuary.
- Although there will be no congregational singing, we may at times have live music by individuals or the newly forming chime choir. (These musical offerings will also be available on our virtual platforms).
- Until further notice, children's time will not be included at the live and in person worship services.
- Offering will be received in baskets at both the entrance to and the exit from the sanctuary.
- At the end of worship service, you will be invited to exit through the set of sanctuary doors closest to the parking lot entrance.
- There will be no in person fellowship, but you are welcome to attend Coffee Hour (after worship), and/or Adult Bible Study (10:15) via ZOOM (meeting # 730 238 634)
- FYI: for sanitary reasons, all cushions, Bibles, and hymnals have been removed from the Sanctuary. You are welcome to bring a pillow or cushion from home, and you are not only welcome but encouraged to bring your own Bible to worship.



- We will resume live in person worship Easter Morning, April 4, 9:00 am, with pre-packaged communion during worship. Please, see updated guidelines on page 4 .
- Maundy Thursday (4/1) and Good Friday (4/2) services will be at 3:30 pm on Reedsburg TV channel 11. 1 and 6:30 pm CT on both Facebook Premier and YouTube.
- We will continue offering worship through Facebook premier (<https://www.facebook.com/reedsburgumc/>) at 9:00 with a host/ess to greet attendees, YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm55c9m0Q6Uf_F1QKhMMGDw) is also available anytime after 9:00 am or turn to Reedsburg station 11.1 at 3:30 pm. As always, the sermon manuscript is available electronically on our website (<http://www.reedsburgunitedmethodistchurch.org>) or call the church during office hours (9-12 Monday-Thursday at 608 524-3913) to have a hard copy mailed to you.
- We continue to offer “Coffee Hour” after the Facebook Premier is finished airing. You may attend through the video platform ZOOM by clicking on the link <https://zoom.us/j/730238634> . If you want to just phone in, the number is 1 312 626 6799. The Adult Bible Study meets on the same link at 10:15.
- We will still offer Drive-thru communion Easter Morning after worship, between 9:45 and 10:00 am. We will likely continue to have this available as an option until we have experienced a solid post-pandemic status.
- If you would like to meet with Pastor Vicki one on one, you may make an appointment to meet at the church. However, if you are still wishing to stay home, she will be available for one on one via Zoom, Skype, Facebook Messenger or good old fashion telephone. Please limit contact with her on Fridays to emergencies, as that is her day off.
- We continue to receive non-perishable food donations in the plastic bins located just to the right of the 3rd Street entrance to the church. With the colder weather please ensure it is only items that can withstand cold temperatures, without expanding.
- Viking Village Foods offers the church a rebate for any receipts turned in to their store. If you shop at Viking Village you are encouraged to drop your receipt at the donation box located at the 3rd Street entrance of the church at any time. They may also be deposited with your monetary gifts deposited in the offering baskets during live worship.
- Another simple way of contributing to the church is through the Smiles program on Amazon. Simply log in to smile.amazon.com and choose Reedsburg United Methodist Church. Then whenever you shop amazon make sure your shopping is done through Amazon Smile, and a portion of the retail will be sent to RUMC.
- Other ways of giving: mailing/dropping it off 833 3rd Street, Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959—going to our website, reedsburgunitedmethodistchurch.org and click on the donate button—text your gift at 855-963-3691.
- Two ways of finding prayer support: text message Pastor Vicki directly to 608-856-8797—email your prayer to a prayer angel at rumcprayer@hotmail.com. Prayers given to the Prayer Angel, Pastor Vicki or the church office may be passed on to our electronic prayer chain ONLY if you instruct us to do so.
- If you would like to be included on an email prayer chain, please contact the office (rumc@rucls.net or 608-524-3913) or email the prayer angel at RUMCprayer@hotmail.com.
- Our third meeting of the Servant Leadership Board met March 17 via ZOOM. A synopsis of the meeting is included as an insert in this newsletter. NOTE: SLB meetings are open to the public, with the exception of staff sensitive matters, which may require confidentiality. The next meeting will be April 21 at 6:30. If you want to attend the meeting via ZOOM call the church office for the meeting # and passcode.



Birthdays of the Month

- 4/1 Cindy Thurber
 4/5 Richard Kastner
 4/6 Kellie Lombard
 4/8 Karina Barker
 4/9 Claire Siedschlag
 4/11 Helen Grover
 4/14 Dorothy Corwith
 4/14 Melissa Hagi
 4/14 Margaret Rieckman
 4/14 Eileen Ward
 4/15 Darcy Erdmann
 4/19 Elma Lawrence
 4/22 Jeffrey Filter
 4/24 Victor Hineman
 4/27 Cheryl Rhinehart
 4/29 Jan Frank



The next Drive-Thru Communion will be offered Easter morning (April 4) after the indoor live worship, 9:45-10:15. Please, enter the front driveway, using Third Street. Pastor Vicki and a communion steward will be there to greet you, hand you the elements which had been consecrated, and offer a word of prayer.

Let's meet the RUMC staff:

Angela Miller	Administrative assistant
Shelly Lange	Treasurer
Shirley Schutz	Organist/music
Bill Voigt	Director of Choirs
Cristina Olivares	Custodian
Petty Olivares	Nursery Servant

In the coming newsletters we will make sure all get to know our dedicated staff members and to see a picture of their smiling faces. Each month we will have an article titled "Who is our staff?" so we can learn about who they are and what they do at RUMC.



Reedsburg Area Food Pantry No Contact Drop-Off



*Sharing God's
hope and love
with our
neighbors*

**Reedsburg United Methodist Church
833 3rd street**

**You will find containers outside the front doors.
There will be monitoring and periodic pick-up.
Please bag or box your items
for easy transport.**



**Light
There is light ahead.
April 2021**

"The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day." ~Proverbs 4:18, NLT

How is your Lent going? Does it feel long, dark, and empty? Lent can feel that way when we give up fun activities or foods that we like. This year in particular, we are also still dealing with the pandemic. Closed or limited occupancy to our favorite places, the need to stay away from people, and the illness and death rates all increase the feeling of darkness. But is that it? Is that all there is?

There is light ahead. Literally there is light ahead when you look at when the sun sets in the next few weeks. The sun set at 7:37p.m. at the end of March. It will set in April at 8:30p.m. May: 9:17p.m. June: 9:34p.m. There are brighter days ahead.

There is light ahead. On a dark morning, the women will come to the tomb just to find it empty. Christ arose! Christ arose!

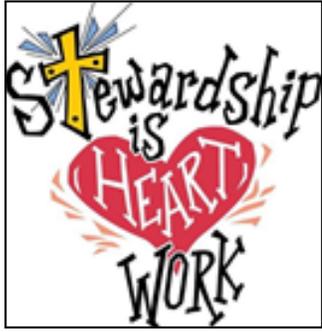
There is light ahead. The virus will be beaten down. Our communities will open up. We will be able to see and hug our families again. Our church will open up again. But what will be left of our church? What have we given to the church to sustain it during this long haul? How have we given of our time, talents, and treasures over the last few months... and how will we give for Easter and the next few months to make sure we can continue our church's mission and ministry? Be the light now so it can burn brighter later!

Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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“April showers bring May flowers” is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed — even an abundance of flowers in May. “April showers bring May flowers” is also a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day.



Spring Special Giving Sundays

Native American Sunday, April 18th ~ When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries.

The Covid-19 crisis has an increased impact on those who live paycheck to paycheck and weren't able to stockpile basic needs. And in places like the Yankton Sioux Tribe on the White Swan Reservation in South Dakota, the nearest substantial grocery stores are 60-90 miles away. The community was still recovering from the 2019 flooding when they were further compromised by the pandemic.

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference sent a grant to the tribe to purchase food and supplies and distribute them during the crisis. This is just one example of our giving, celebrating United Methodist Native American Ministries. As we share in community for this and other denominational giving opportunities, our offerings connect us in ways that recognize Christ among us.

Peace and Justice Sunday, May 30th~ Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

We lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, our connectional giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds of peace. When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address the social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad.

Special Sunday giving is a way to reach out and share God's love with those in need across the United States and around the world. Two more Special Giving Sundays are in the Fall. Find out more here:

<https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/umcgiving/why-we-give>

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways. Through the support of you, and your church, we fund hundreds of projects each year.

The Bible is clear.

Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. Jesus says it this way, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 19:19b).