

***UMCM CHURCH  
MESSENGER***



*See you. Soon..*

**March 17, 2021**

**In person worship Resumes!**

**April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday**

**RSVP to**

**Isamsonas@umcofmacedonia.org**

**Or 330-467-3169 by March 29**

**with number of people**

**and location**

**Sanctuary or Family Worship**

**with tables in Fellowship Hall**



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Fellowship Hall**



Congregation Friends and Family ,

You are invited to participate in this ministry to our neighbors to the south. There has been serious destruction due to flooding along the Ohio River, particularly in the Cincinnati area. The West Ohio Conference is working to provide assistance to those affected by providing **UMCOR cleaning buckets**. ([umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) has bucket kit information if interested). Donations of any of the items listed on the next page will be appreciated. If you prefer to donate money to be used for this purpose please send to the church clearly labeled for UMCOR. Any funds not needed for these buckets will be used to advance the relief for those suffering from flooding, fires, tornadoes and other natural disasters.

**Please note the size of items needed and the directions.**

The buckets have been planned over many years of experience for clean up of really big messes! All of the items need to fit in the bucket, please follow sizes carefully.

- **250 heavy trash bags 39-45 gal size - 25 bags per bucket**
- **210 handi wipes, re-usable cleaning wipes (no fabric towels or paper towels) 18 per bucket**
- **5 clotheslines 50-100 feet**
- **10 4-8 oz pump spray air fresheners (3 solid or 3 gel can be substituted for each pump spray)**
- **16 scrub brushes with or without handle**
- **30 latex kitchen gloves durable for multiple uses, 2 pairs per bucket**

- 10 16-34 oz bottles of dish soap
- 20 6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes is also acceptable)
- 20 16-40 oz household cleaning liquid (no spray cleaners)
- 50 scouring pads (no stainless steel pads with soap in them) 5 per bucket

**Members of our UMW are assembling the buckets on Friday March 26 at 6:00. We will meet at the West Entrance of the church. Please deliver items to the church by March 24.**

Thank you to the folks who have been bringing things in for these buckets before now. Five buckets are completed already.

**Any questions may go to Lisa Huml, Karen Fike or Linda Bloom.**



**PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION!  
MARCH 28, 2021**

**10:45 AM – 12:15 PM**

- **Begin with the Resurrection Eggs Stations (12 Stations). We do expect to be able to do this inside.**
- **Afterward, we will head to the “Planting Area” (it may be inside or outside) where the kids will plant seeds/bulbs in flower pots and make cards to be delivered to our shut-ins.**
- **We will then do a 30-minute VBS song reprise with singing and dancing outside (masks required).**
- **When they leave, each child/teen will be given a take-away bag.**
- **Although this event is aimed toward our kids and teens, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## Unified Church Board Monthly Update for March

The members of the UCB continue to meet once per month on the second Monday of each month. At the March meeting, most of the meeting was discussing the re-opening plans for our church. As you can imagine, there are many aspects of re-opening the church to in-person worship as well as continuing to broadcast the service live through the website and Facebook. Any re-opening plan must follow the recommendations of the CDC and Summit County Health Department until the Pandemic Emergency has been lifted. This means, when we do go back to in-person worship, we will have to maintain social distances, wear masks, and have sanitizer available.

Under the direction of Pastor Russ, we have established an Ad Hoc Committee that is meeting weekly to consider all aspects of the re-opening plan. The online broadcasts will continue even when we can worship together for those people who cannot come to church or are more comfortable in their own homes.

The UCB is also working on transitional items for both Pastor Russ and Lynn and our new Pastor Lorrin Radzik, and her family as preparations are made for a change on July 1<sup>st</sup>. You will hear more about these items shortly.

As vaccinations become available for the public and the COVID numbers continue to decrease, I am encouraged that we will be able to move towards worshiping and serving God together very soon. Please keep the members of the UCB and all staff in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact me at [peggysprag@aol.com](mailto:peggysprag@aol.com) or 330-472-4358.

Peggy Spraggins, Chair





## **Holy Week Schedule**

**April 1: Maundy Thursday**

**7:00 PM, In Person**

**April 2: Good Friday**

**7:00 PM, In Person**

**April 4: Easter Sunday**

**9:30 AM , In Person**

To Friends from Congregational Care, Pastor Russ, and Lynn,

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to Rev. Russ + Lynn and all friends from the Congregational Care Committee for their acts of love extended to our church family during this last year of online worship. Early in the pandemic, many of us awoke to find we were flocked by pink flamingos. October left us surprised to find cute pumpkins by our doorstep. We celebrated Christmas with the delivery of an ornament and candy cane. Since Valentine's Day, many families proudly display a UMC of Macedonia magnet on their refrigerators. All these gifts included such needed words of love and encouragement.

Much gratitude is felt by all who were on the receiving end. Thank you for your time, expense, and efforts. Your thoughtfulness touched many hearts and made us feel a part of our church family, at a time when we could worship in spirit together, but not in person. Christ's love shone brightly through all of you.

– A UMCM member on behalf of the congregation.

To UMCM Friends:

My name is Jennifer Ramsey and I used to attend UMCM. Since 2018, I am a fulltime caregiver for my parents and can rarely get away to attend church. Since Covid, obviously I have not been to church. I recently found the live stream service at UMCM and it has been so great to hear Pastor Russ speak once again. When I was young, there was a pastor at my home church, Mogadore UMC, I thought the world of him. He was smart, humble and kind and Pastor Russ reminds me of him. The sermons no matter the topic, always give me much to consider and to use in my daily life and for that I am very grateful. Thank you for all you have done for UMCM.

-Jennifer



## Phone System

Some of you may have already noticed that we have a new phone system at the church. When you call in to (330) 467-3169, you will be instructed to press the following numbers for the person to whom you wish to speak. If you wish to dial a number that will ring directly to their phone, you may dial the direct-dial number in the table instead of (330) 467-3169.

Do not dial the 3-digit extension beginning with 4 that used to be associated with each employee. Doing so will result in your call being forwarded to Jill Marlow since she is option 4 (this has happened several times already). Those extensions are now used only for inter-office dialing.

You do not have to use the direct-dial option; you can still call (330) 467-3169 as before.

Employee	Number to select from auto-attendant	Direct-dial number
Laurel Samsonas	1	(330) 954-0137
Russ Ham	2	(330) 954-0143
Charlie Tobias	3	(330) 954-0110
Jill Marlow	4	(330) 954-0118
Cathy Miller	5	(330) 954-0102
Jeff Dotson	6	(330) 954-0111
Tony Bianchi	7	(330) 954-0181

Jeff's phone is currently not available. We will let you know when this has been resolved.

# Finance News

## 2021 General Fund Income & Expenses



Income & Expense					
Expenses	2021 Budget	Total Expenses		Year-to-Date	
		Jan	Feb	2021	2020
Personnel*	\$223,585	\$21,173	\$4,257	\$25,430	\$45,349
Office*	\$23,668	\$2,134	\$1,948	\$4,082	\$4,257
Mortgage*	\$57,119	\$4,967	\$2,534	\$7,501	\$9,647
Facility*	\$62,298	\$5,263	\$2,657	\$7,920	\$11,957
Parsonage*	\$11,331	\$1,903	\$2,106	\$4,009	\$3,300
Misc & Bank Fees*	\$2,000	\$175	\$310	\$485	\$272
Apportionments*	\$71,062	\$7,765	\$5,765	\$13,530	\$7,168
Spiritual*	\$8,561	\$80	\$160	\$240	\$3,451
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$459,624</b>	<b>\$44,731</b>	<b>\$19,737</b>	<b>\$63,197</b>	<b>\$85,401</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$41,954</b>	<b>\$39,614</b>	<b>\$81,568</b>	<b>\$76,180</b>
Income more/(less) than need		<b>(\$2,777)</b>	<b>\$19,877</b>	<b>\$18,371</b>	<b>(\$9,221)</b>
General Fund end-of-month balance		<b>\$28,175</b>	<b>\$19,808</b>		
		(amended)			

  

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description of Associated Expenses</u>
* Personnel:	Salaries, Insurance, Benefits, Travel & E
* Office:	Equipment Leases & Office Supplies
* Mortgage	New sanctuary
* Facility:	Utilities, Maintenance, Bank Fees
* Parsonage:	Taxes, Maintenance, & Utilities
* Misc and bank fees	<b>Banking and brokerage fees</b>
* Apportionments:	UMCNEO Conference Support
* Spiritual:	Church Music, Education, & Missions
* Adjusted Giving:	Total member cash contributions, other in

General Fund end-of-month balance is cash funds remaining on-hand for future expenses.

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