

STPAULNOW

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*he is not here, for he has risen
... you will see him*



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Easter Sermon Series

None of the gospel writers tells us how Jesus was raised from the dead, only what happened next. Matthew's account of the resurrection of Jesus (Matt 28:1-10) echoes Mark's account (Mk 16:1-8): in each of them we hear the tantalizing phrase, "you will see him."

As I studied in preparation for Easter, that phrase kept ringing in my ears, increasing in volume, until I realized I had to look into it further. I'm glad I did, because that phrase is rich with meaning for our lives today. To share the blessing it has been to me, I'm going to deliver a series of messages on that theme on the Sundays of Eastertide. I don't know yet if the series will cover all seven Sundays, but I'm going to give it the time it takes to share what I'm seeing in that little phrase. Here are a few clues.

We will see him:

- When he calls us to put our trust in him.
- At critical times in our lives when we especially need his help.
- At the moment of our death.
- When we all stand before him to give account of our lives.

I hope you'll join us this Eastertide.

Holy Week and Easter



Holy Thursday April 2, 6:30 PM

Potluck meal and seder-style service at tables in the parish hall.



Good Friday April 3, 7:00 PM

Service of Shadows in the sanctuary. Intense focus on Christ's passion and sacrifice on our behalf.



Saturday April 4, 10:30 AM

Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt
for grades Pre-K - 5



Easter Sunday April 5, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

8:30-9:45 AM Doughnuts and breakfast drinks served between services.

Worship Services are streamed live Sundays at 10:00 AM; videos are posted at stpaulnow.org and on Facebook Sunday afternoon.



Palm Sunday, March 29, marked the beginning of our Holy Week observances. The Lord be with you in this special season.

Cardington Food Pantry



Needs for April: Cans of vegetables, noodles, sugar.

All months: cereal, flour, meals in a can (e.g., spaghetti, beef stew), soup, white and brown sugar, salt/pepper.

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Men's Bible Study 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

Currently studying the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

will have their final session of the current study on April 8, 10:00 AM at the church. The next series will begin in September—watch for announcements.

Happy April Birthday

2 Jerry Korody	12 Sharon Hall	27 Carol Holsinger
Kylie Nash	13 Bennett Goodman	28 Lynn Goodman
5 Jay Sands	Bob McClenathan	Mark Niendam
9 Andrew Schultz	15 Brittany Schultz	30 Marilyn Davis
11 Kaden Skaggs	17 Heather Goodman	
Isabella Smith	24 Violet Mullins	

Please let us know if we missed anyone.

March Council meeting

Regular meeting, March 10, 6:30 PM

Present: Howard Radel (Vice Chairman), Mark Niendam (Vice Chairman), Sondra Carey (Secretary), Marie Christiano (Treasurer); Thomas Bathke, Steve Kirk, Terri Roberts, Pr. Steve Dennis.

Council took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the February meeting and the Treasurer's report for February. Pastor's report for February was not available and will be presented at the next meeting.
- No old business was reported.
- Discussed whether we need security cameras outside the building entrances. Mark Niendam will research available systems and pricing.
- Set a date for Spring Spruce-Up, Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM, with focus on shrubbery and flower beds.

Treasurer's Report for February 2026

FUNDS	BALANCE 2/1/2026	INCOME February	EXPENSES February	BALANCE 2/28/2026
General Fund	\$ 8,084.32	\$10,356.97	\$11,205.56	\$ 7,235.73
Committed Funds				
Benevolence Fund	\$ 3,411.08	\$ 270.00	\$ 405.67	\$ 3,275.41
Richard Renz Fund	\$ 3,173.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,173.46
Funeral Fund	\$ 1,090.46	\$ 0.00	\$ 244.16	\$ 846.30
Christian Education Fund	\$ (0.94)	\$ 365.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 364.06
Memorial Fund	\$12,121.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00	\$12,821.00
Building Fund	\$ 9,349.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 0.00	\$10,284.00
Total Committed Funds	\$29,144.06	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 649.83	\$30,764.23
Total Funds (General + Committed)	\$37,228.38	\$12,626.97	\$11,855.39	\$37,999.96

Benevolence, \$105.67, caroling gifts; Heartbeat, \$300; Funeral food expenses, \$169.16; Funeral organist supplement, \$75.00.

April Worship Service Assignments

April communion setup: Sharon Walker Assisting Server: Mark Niendam

Accompanists		Acolytes	Lectors		Prayer Leaders		Ushers	
5	8 AM Emilee McCabe	TBA	5	8 AM Marlene Radel	5	8 AM Marlene Radel	5	8 AM Charlie Seitz, Bob Dutt
	10 AM Emilee McCabe			10 AM Dave Radiger		10 AM Donna Bathke		10 AM Jay Burns, Tom Bathke
12	Sarah Hickman		12	Zack Martin	12	Sondra Carey	12	Howard Radel, Dave Radiger
19	Emilee McCabe		19	Charlene Pace	19	Charlene Pace	19	Jeff Radel, Charlie Seitz
26	Emilee McCabe		26	Marcy Niendam	26	Mark Niendam	26	Bob Dutt, Jr., Jay Burns

Many of you know this young family whose normal, happy life has been turned upside down by a struggle that began in mid-January, when Brittany Schultz started having symptoms of preterm labor. Orlin was born by c-section on January 17 and has been in NICU at Ohio State University Hospital since then. He has been gaining weight (now six pounds, ten ounces—he was just over two pounds at birth), but his lungs have not yet developed enough to get him off breathing support.

Vivian, Orlin's big sister, now 18 months old, has spent many days and nights with grandparents since January as Andrew and Brittany have made countless trips running between Cardington and OSU Hospitals. The strain has been terrific, but they have kept praying and trusting God for strength, and they are grateful for the prayers and encouragement they have received from their church family here.

Several members of our congregation recently got together to talk about ways they could offer practical help. Here's what they came up with.

1. Continue our prayers, of course;
2. Save Andrew and Brittany some of the time and expense of shopping for diapers and clothing. Vivian needs Huggies (size 3 or larger); Orlin needs newborn diapers and clothing.

We've set up a small table in the church narthex to collect any of the items you want to contribute.

If you have questions, contact Mary Kay Disterdick, Marlene Radel, or Tina Radel.

Schultz family update



Andrew



Brittany



Vivian



Orlin