



April 14 th	Palm Sunday	Worship at 8:00 & 10:15a.m. (This is also the day for the One Great Hour of Sharing.)
April 15 th	Monday	Soup Kitchen 5:00-5:30p.m.
April 16 th	Holy Tuesday	IMACA/Community Chorus Service at 7:30p.m. St. Mary's - <u>Norway</u>
April 17 th	Wednesday	Bible Study: 6:15 & 10:00a.m.; 5:30p.m.
April 18 th	Maundy Thursday	Worship at 6:00p.m.
April 19 th	Good Friday	IMACA Sponsored Service 12:15p.m. Our Church
April 21 st	Easter Sunday	Worship 8:00 and 10:15a.m. (No Sunday School, Youth Group)



PALM SUNDAY: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday, April 14th, is Palm Sunday and the day we collect for the One Great Hour of Sharing. An envelope for this offering will be included in the bulletin. Last year we collected \$3,355 that was sent to the Presbyterian Church (USA) in support of disaster assistance along with hunger and self-development programs.

HOLY TUESDAY SERVICE

The Holy Tuesday Service sponsored by the Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association (IMACA) and the Dickinson County Community Chorus, under the direction of Associate Conductor Gail Vornkahl, will be held on **April 16th at St. Mary's Church in Norway at 7:30p.m.** A meditative prelude will be provided by Jean Panek.

EASTER LILIES

Help to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by ordering a lily at a cost of \$12 by April 14th. Our goal is 65 lilies. Order forms are in the bulletin or call the office.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The IMACA sponsored Good Friday Community Service will be held at our church this year from 12:15 - 1:15p.m. Rev. Ryan Flunker from Grace Presbyterian will deliver the message.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday services are at 8:00a.m. and 10:15a.m. The Adult Choir will sing at both services and communion will be served. A nursery will be available, and Sunday School will not meet on that day.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Lorna March, Director

EASTER
EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Wednesday, April 10th
5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Wednesday, April 10th. It will take the place of KID'S CLUB that night. All children preschool through 6th grade and their families are invited to participate. We will offer another delicious hot meal, musical entertainment by members of the children's choirs, and Easter-related crafts and activities. Candy-filled eggs will be given out at the end of the families' visit. The Eggstravaganza continues to be a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community with the good news of Jesus.

Volunteers and Donations Requested!

We still need help setting up the day before and during the evening of the Eggstravaganza. Please check out the sign-up table by the fireplace to see how you can get involved.

Special Rehearsal for the Eggstravaganza Choir: Tuesday, April 9th 4:00-5:15p.m.

This is for all of the children's choir members who are singing at the Eggstravaganza.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 10th-14th

VBS will be open to children 3-1/2 years through those completing 6th grade. We are again including a special program for preschoolers this year that will include children who are 3 years old as of January 1, 2019. **Registration begins Wednesday, May 1st, at KID'S CLUB.**

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

If you love God, love kids, and like to have fun, then you are a perfect candidate to be a small group leader at VBS - and we need lots of small group leaders! You need to attend two training meetings in May/June and attend VBS all 5 mornings. It probably will be the most fun you have all summer! If you are interested, please call me (Lorna) ASAP at 282-1772.

May God bless us all as we seek to bring children closer to the Father.

PAVILION FUND UPDATE

Currently there is \$40,043 in our pavilion fund. Our goal is \$125,000. At this point we have more than enough to do the site work and foundation. We will not borrow money to complete the project but will move forward as monies become available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

APRIL 14TH

PALM SUNDAY 10:15a.m.



The kids parade into worship waving their palm branches and bringing their fish banks for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

APRIL 21ST

EASTER SUNDAY

No Sunday School

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

70 years of Sharing

Immediately following World War II, U.S. Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. In 1949, the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal for support of the separate campaigns of their churches. Their joint statement in support of this effort remains remarkably contemporary:

This nationwide, united effort by America's Christians has an importance far beyond the practical goal of fund-raising. For this great joint program will not only strengthen the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas, but it will also prove to all the world how great is the power generated when Christians unite in a common cause.

A program called One Great Hour was broadcast on the evening of Saturday, March 26, 1949 over major networks and independent stations. The script was written under the direction of playwright Robert Sherwood. The cast included some of the foremost dramatic and musical talents of the time, such as Gregory Peck and Ida Lupino; President Harry Truman brought greetings. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the next morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) for the first time. By 1954, the goal for all giving to OGHS was \$8 million. At times, OGHS was coordinated with the Roman Catholic Bishops' Fund Appeal for Overseas Aid and the Jewish Passover Appeal. Free time and space were donated to this joint appeal through the Advertising Council.

From the beginning, this has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, OGHS has varied from eight to twenty-nine participating communions. Currently the OGHS committee officially comprises eight Christian denominations:

American Baptist Churches USA	Cumberland Presbyterian Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Church of the Brethren	United Church of Christ
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	Church World Service

The purpose of OGHS has remained the same: to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. From the 1990s to the early 2000s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, most use their OGHS funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Leaders of impacted communities identify the needs of their people. Priorities for short, medium and long-term solutions are then made for the purpose of improving the quality of life for individuals and the communities. Around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created.

Our OGHS offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 14th.



ETHIOPIAN MEAL FUNDRAISER
Sunday, April 28TH
11:15a.m. - 1:00p.m.
Fellowship Hall

AHOPE stands for **African HIV Orphans: Project Embrace**. It was established in 2004 in Ethiopia specifically to help children orphaned by AIDS, with a special emphasis on those infected with HIV. The mission of AHOPE for Children is to provide support services to Ethiopian orphans infected with HIV. They do this by providing loving care and hopeful futures for HIV-positive orphans, assisting extended family who wish to keep orphaned children but have no resources to do so and by participating in public education programs to reduce the stigma facing HIV-positive children.

We have supported the AHOPE orphanage since 2006 with funding, supplies, and the support of a child. Last fall, Elias Getnet, a boy we sponsored for over 10 years, graduated from AHOPE. He is now over 21 years old and working in construction with his father. Currently, we sponsor an 8-year old boy named Henok Yosefe. In addition, we have had several fundraising meals. The last one was in August of 2016 and we had as a guest the executive director of AHOPE from Ethiopia.

Rich Sgarlotti is once again coordinating a fundraiser meal for AHOPE and its ministries. He will cook and serve an Ethiopian meal on Sunday, April 28TH, from 11:15a.m.-1:00p.m.

The Ethiopian Dinner will feature traditional Ethiopian cuisine, one of the strongest in Africa. Wat, the national dish of Ethiopia, is a thick stew made of chopped red onions, oil and sautéés. Injera, a sourdough flatbread, is the traditional bread that is dipped into the wat. Ethiopians eat most of the time with their right hands, using pieces of *injera* to pick up bites of entrées and side dishes. Ethiopia is a country of rigid traditions and vegetarian is prevalent, but for non-vegetarian meals, meat, fish, lamb or beef are added to this recipe. Vegetable oils are more prevalent because orthodox Christians hesitate to eat meat or any form of dairy products. Common vegetarian meals consist of grains, fruits, vegetable stew, lentils and peas.

Some of the popular entrees and sides that will be served at the fundraiser include Doro (chicken) Wat, Segha (lamb) Wat, Yetakelt W'et (mixed vegetable stew); IAB (Cottage Cheese and Yogurt); Queen of Sheeba salad with tomatoes along with Ethiopian coffee and desserts. Plan to come and enjoy this cuisine while supporting the mission of A-Hope.

If you would like to volunteer to help with set-up, food prep, serving, or clean-up, check the sign-up sheets on the table in the Fireside Room or call Rich Sgarlotti at 774-2234.