

THE
CORNERSTONE
Newsletter

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2017

The Season of Lent
Traveling the Road to Easter

The Cornerstone is your guide to ministry opportunities at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. Look inside for ways to take next steps in your faith journey, grow deeper through service opportunities, and be encouraged through stories of God at work! If you'd like more information about our church, please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby.



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Welcome to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church!

We're glad you're here!

Has there ever been a time in your life where you lost all hope—a time when you were completely uncertain about God's plan? I personally can think of many instances of my own life where I was confused about the scenario I found myself in: my grandfather's death, my parents' divorce, my move into boarding school, my joining (and leaving) the Air Force, and especially a season of extreme brokenness in Boulder, Colorado.

The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest miracle of all time, but on that very first Easter Sunday, even Jesus' own disciples did not realize that He had defeated death! They were confused and lost. After all, He had been crucified and sealed in a tomb. And when that happened, they were filled with despair and fear. They had believed Jesus was the promised Messiah—and now their hopes were shattered. But after His resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth visiting with various groups of disciples and proving that He truly was alive.

In Luke 24, we encounter some of Jesus' followers traveling on the road to a village called Emmaus. In that story, these followers are walking along the road with faces downcast. Jesus comes up, starts walking with them, and asks them what is going on? They look at Him with confusion and say, "You must be the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days!" And then Jesus continues to ask, "What things?" The disciples then pour out their sad story to Jesus, and He listens to them for a while and connects *their* story to the *great* story. Then they stop for the night, the disciples invite Him to come in, Jesus breaks bread, announces the blessing, and at *that* moment they finally recognize Him. And what did they say to each other as they realized who He was? "Did not

our hearts burn within us, as He talked to us on the road and explained the Scripture to us?"

Now, what's so interesting about the way that St. Luke records that story is they didn't say their hearts were burning within them *when* they were walking along the road. Instead, it was the moment of breaking bread and reflecting back on their experience. It wasn't until they looked backwards, did they say, "something powerful was happening when we were talking to that guy." In my own life, and often in our church today, I find this to be especially true. **We're so busy caught up in an experience—that we deem is either good or bad—that we don't know that our hearts are burning.**



It's only when we stop, and we have the time to look back on what's going on that we realize:

God is on the move in incredible ways.

As we near the end of this Lenten season of self-reflection and repentance, I encourage you to look back and pray: (1) How has God been gracious and generous to you during this season, and how are you thankful for what He is doing around you? (2) What shortcomings do you have that you need to face, and are there things in your life that you need to own up to and confess that prevent you from seeing God at work around you? (3) How can you begin to look forward to the future in hope, with greater love and less fear? Let Jesus surprise you!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Andrew Fuller
Director of Communications
Transition Leadership Team



Coming Up:

Ministry Time 101 Training

Learn to pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual healing of others. This class will equip you to minister the presence of the Holy Spirit to those in need in your Sunday morning service, small group, work, school or neighborhood. Two identical workshops offered in the same weekend.

Saturday April 8, 9:30-11:00 am, LR

Sunday April 9, 1:30-3:00 pm, MR

Register: ualc.org/announcements

A Closer Look

If you have been worshipping with us regularly the past few months, we would like to meet you. Join us for conversation and dessert and coffee.

Monday, April 3, 6:30 pm at MR, childcare avail.

Questions? Judy Webb, jwebb@ualc.org,

614-451-3736

Congregational Meeting

Plan to attend the regular spring congregational business meeting. This meeting is required by our Constitution to elect these nominees: for the Nominating Committee 2017-18, Bob Gillette and Becky D'Onofrio; for Council 2017-19, Steve Bruns (Vice-Chair), Gene Pierce, Lee Miller, and JD Wylie.

Sunday, April 23, 12:00 pm at LR

Childcare available, a light lunch will be served

Hilltop Preschool Shoe Drive

Purchase new shoes and socks for students at Hilltop Preschool.

Sign up Sunday, April 2 at ministry tables

Return items to Connect Center by April 16

Questions? Laura Fullen, 614-537-7713

Service Opportunities

Food Pantry

Help to “serve the least of these” Tuesday, April 4, or Saturday, April 8, at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry.

Contact: Tom Andres, tom.andres@att.net,

614-457-9070

Senior Adult In-Town Mission Trip

Join Dale Cory and his team from the Bed Brigade to help build beds for those who don't have one.

Monday, April 24, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, MR

Sign up: Pastor Jeff Morlock, 614-451-3736

Vacation Bible School Needs YOU!

We need all kinds of talents and gifts to pull off this incredible ministry. We have many ways you can get involved in planning now or sign up to volunteer in June. Can't volunteer but still want to participate? Bring in snack donations to the Connect Center.

We are collecting: gluten free fruit snacks and individual sized Lays Potato Chips®, Nacho Cheese Doritos®, and Fritos®.

Details and sign-up: ualc.org/vbsvolunteers

Contact: Andrea Taphorn, ataphorn@ualc.org



Get Involved:

Connecting with Each Other

myUALC is an online tool that is full of helpful ways to stay connected. To be able to stay connected, it's important to have up-to-date contact information. Please take a moment to visit the website and make sure your information is correct.

Details: Go to ualc.org and click "myUALC" in the upper right hand corner. Directions are listed.

Contact: Carole Roys, croys@ualc.org

Looking for Special Talents

Do you have a talent that could be part of a circus act or a parade during VBS? Email a video audition to be considered by April 30.

Performance date: Friday, June 16

Email: Andrea Taphorn, ataphorn@ualc.org

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

Learn about Spiritual Gifts and what Scripture says about them. Discover your own gifts and learn why they are important and what to do with them. Three sessions are available.

Sundays, April 30 - May 7, 10:30 am, MR

Wednesdays, May 3 - 17, 6:30 pm, LR

Thursdays, May 4 - 11, 10:30 am, LR (E.T. Bible Study)

Contact: Judy Webb, jwebb@ualc.org, 614-451-3736

Beacon Ministry

Join our quilting ministry for missions.

Thursday, April 13, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, LR

Contact: Sue Logan, 614-451-7705

750 Dozen Cookies Needed

Help support the Kairos Prison Ministry weekend by baking cookies, chocolate chip preferred.

Package cookies one dozen per resealable plastic bag and place in MR or LR freezers by April 19

Contact: Robin Lorms, robin.lorms@gmail.com

Lytham Campus Spring Clean-Up

Join us for spring clean-up as we spread mulch, weed, wash windows, paint and some possible cleaning inside.

Saturday, May 6, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Contact: Bill Johnson, 614-459-1229

The International Friendships, Inc. (IFI) Banquet

Come and enjoy a complimentary meal and see how God is using IFI to reach the nations with the gospel. Hear inspiring testimonials from internationals and learn about opportunities to partner financially and in other ways.

Saturday, April 22, 5:45-9:00 pm, Grand Ballroom at The Ohio State University's Ohio Union

Information and register: ualc.org/announcements

Thank You Volunteers and Donors

Thanks to the support and donations from UALC members, God's Hygiene Help Center has been able to meet many needs in the central Ohio area.

Stop in for a bite to eat and hear the latest plans.

Sunday, April 23, 8:30-9:00 am, 10:00-11:00 am, MR

Contact: Tammy Jewell, godshygiene@gmail.com

Get Involved:

Experienced Troopers (ET) Study & Midweek Worship Service

Senior adults, join us for fellowship, support, and spiritual growth at our midweek study.

Thursdays, April 6, 11:00-11:50 am; April 20 and 27, 10:30-11:30 am at LR

Contact: Pastor Jeff Morlock, 614-451-3736

Come Work in the Dirt

The Community Garden at Mill Run supplies fresh produce for individuals and families through many partnerships in the surrounding area. Join us

for weekly work parties. We'd love to add you to our weekly emails and keep you updated on what's happening in the garden.

Saturdays, starting at 9:00 am, MR

Contact: Todd Marti, todd-kelly@columbus.rr.com

Southeast Ohio Mission Trips

Join us for one of our two mission trips. Construction projects and Prayer and Care, July 10-14. Light construction and Prayer and Care, July 12-16.

Details: ualc.org/missiontrips. Apply by April 23

**Contact: Becky Armstrong,
barmstrong3911@gmail.com**

Peace Begins With a Smile

Searching for a quote to reflect our school, I found Mother Teresa's, "Peace begins with a smile." At Hilltop Preschool, children and their families, all shades of skin, ethnic backgrounds and religions, are greeted with genuine smiles and warm hearts; this is our culture. It is our goal to inspire and change the trajectory of a person's day, every day, to eventually change the future to one of hope and promise.

This fall Rosa enrolled Isabella, her youngest, in our program. I had met Rosa, years earlier when she was new to America and knew little English. She was timid, but brave enough to allow us to guide and teach her older children kindergarten-readiness skills. Despite the language barrier, they flourished through the encouragement of teachers, and the energizing environment and curriculum of Hilltop Preschool. Rosa was quick to tell me that Isabella's brother and sister now participate in a gifted and talented program

through OSU. And she has been able learn English and navigate the community to provide for her children.

Our society's atmosphere is rife with tension and hate. The future for Rosa, Isabella, and her brother



and sister is uncertain except that they are meeting each new day empowered with a second language, growing knowledge and the potential to fulfill a brighter tomorrow.

May the encouragement and support from UALC, help us to "smile" and work to bring peace to the hearts and minds of young children and their families. May God's peace reign on Hilltop, Columbus.

-Laura Moehrman,
Executive Director, Hilltop Preschool

Get Involved:

Frontiers Mentoring Program

Come hear mission partner Maggie's progress report on the Frontiers Mentoring Program.

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00-8:00 pm, LR

Contact: Michele Kurfees, mkurfees1@gmail.com

20-Somethings Small Group

Young adults, join us any Tuesday night as we work through various topical studies, books of the Bible and enjoy an occasional guest speaker.

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, LR

Contact Ashley Hyatt, anhyatt21@gmail.com

Single Men's and Women's Discipleship Ministry

Come hear about the Travel Solo Group and the many trips they offer. Pizza lunch available.

Sunday, April 2, noon, MR

Contact: Judy Webb, jwebb@ualc.org

Bible Studies

Adult Sunday School

9:00 am, Study of the Gospel of Matthew, MR

10:15 am, Study of Luther's catechism, LR. New study of 1 & 2 Peter begins April 23

Faith of Our Fathers Mondays, 7:00-8:45 pm

Men's Softball

Join the Monday night league for members where we play other local churches. Thursday nights are a fun league and open to all men, bring a friend.

Contact: Monday night, David Schuler, davidsschuler14@aol.com, 614-582-2508;

Thursday night, David Schuler or Roy Bobbitt, roybobbitt@yahoo.com

168 Art Challenge

The Visual Arts Ministry has been arranging for local artists and art groups to display their works in the gallery spaces at Mill Run and Lytham for seventeen years. Two years ago, we came up with the idea of the 168 Hour Challenge to better use art "to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ." Twenty-eight artists had 168 hours to create original artwork focusing on an aspect of Ephesians 2:13-16.

Every piece of artwork has a backstory:

Amber Apel, digital artist for *For He Himself is our Peace*, said, "I hadn't finished a piece of personal artwork in over 10 years. Even though one of my greatest desires is to create art which brings glory to God, I have been paralyzed by fear for many years. This project was an opportunity to say 'yes' to trusting God to see this work through. He truly was my peace."

Pam Mann, who quilted *Now in Christ Jesus*, says, "What a spiritual retreat this seven days became! As I prayed through the design phase it was a rich way to meditate on God's work.

It's a kind of worship to give your time, your art skills and your mind to depicting God's Word."



Take a moment to view the art work. It will be on display through April 19 in the MR gallery upstairs

UALC Visual Arts Ministry
Bob Bruce, Howard Zimmer, Steve Puffenberger,
Ken Becker, Mary Shesky, Dena Schnupp



Family, Youth & Children

Vacation Bible School is June 12-16!

Register now! We're busy planning for an incredible week at the *Circus of the Son*. Young Kids VBS (for kids 18-months old to pre-k) and VBS (for kids finishing kindergarten through sixth grade). Don't forget to have your friends register. Seventh to twelfth grade students can join the fun as teen helpers at Mill Run!

Details and registration: ualc.org/vbs

Contact: Andrea Taphorn, ataphorn@ualc.org

Volunteer details: ualc.org/vbsvolunteers

Next Step Workshop - Confirmation Capstone

Delve deeper into the foundations of the Christian faith and learn practical ways to be a daily follower of Jesus. Each High School student will be challenged to take ownership of their faith in a memorable series of workshops, a weekend retreat and a confirmation service.

Wednesdays, April 26 - May 17, 6:30-8:00 pm,

MR, Retreat May 5-7, Service May 21

Details and registration: ualc.org/highschool

Contact: Aaron Thompson, athompson@ualc.org

Tae Kwon Do Jrs

Class for five to eight year olds teaches self-discipline and motivation. Beginner and experienced classes begin April 8. New students welcome.

Details: ualc.org/sports

FYC Summer Schedule

The Family, Youth & Children's Ministries Summer Schedule can be found at the Connect Center or online and lists all the camps, Next Steps Workshops and mission trips available.

Summer Schedule PDF: ualc.org

Camp details, costs and register: ualc.org/camps

Intern and Part-time Positions

UALC's Family, Youth & Children's Ministries have three paid positions open:

Kids' Church Manager Lead many of the behind the scenes efforts that make Kids' Church so fantastic every week. Twenty five hours a week, ongoing part-time.

Next Step Workshops Intern Workshop planning and editing and organizing content for online access to families. Five hours per week, through August 17.

Summer Children's Ministry Intern Work with preschool and elementary age children during the summer, including preparation and execution of Vacation Bible School and Kids' Camp. Twenty hours per week, May 29-August 17.

Full job descriptions and online applications: ualc.org/application

Application deadline: April 23

Questions: David White, dwhite@ualc.org,

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Join us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Find the worship services descriptions at ualc.org/easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Commemorating Jesus' last night before his crucifixion, which He spent eating with His disciples, teaching them and praying.

12:00 pm Service with Communion at Lytham Road

7:30 pm Service with Communion at Mill Run

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Commemorating the "passion" (suffering) and death on the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

AT LYTHAM ROAD:

Noon - 3:00 pm Tré Ore Service - Tré Ore is translated "three hours" and represents the hours that Jesus hung from the cross before He died. Come when you can, leave when you must.

6:00 pm Family Service - The meaning of Good Friday will be brought to life with an engaging drama, worship music and interactive teaching for all ages.

7:30 pm Worship - Service of Darkness

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

AT LYTHAM ROAD:

9:00 am Traditional Service *with Communion**

10:30 am Celebration Service *with Communion**

10:30 am Xalt Service *with Communion**

AT MILL RUN:

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Columbarium *with Communion*

8:00 am Sanctuary Service

9:00 am Sanctuary Service*

9:00 am Xalt Service*

10:30 am Sanctuary Service *with Communion**

10:30 am Xalt Service *with Communion**

AT HILLTOP:

10:30 am Veritas West Service *with Communion*

*Nursery open

Find the full schedule at www.ualc.org/easter