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# The MESSENGER

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A publication of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church

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## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Members and friends are encouraged to join us at Church for an afternoon of fellowship meal on Sunday, April 30th, 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the BCCL (Building Church and Community Life), the setting gives people an opportunity to strengthen friendships within the family of faith at Steele Memorial Church.

Meat, drinks, and bread will be provided as you are encouraged to bring a dish (or two!) to share on the buffet line!

## All Stars 4 Jesus

All Stars 4 Jesus invites ALL kids to join us Palm Sunday, April 2 for the **Palm Sunday Processional** marking the beginning of Holy Week, and then, again on Wednesday, April 5, for our annual **All Star Eggstravaganza** Egg Hunt at the Barboursville Park with food, fun, and games from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Shelter #2. There will be a touch of "magic" to our evening that you won't want to miss!

For those participating, please bring a dozen treat-filled eggs per child participating at the church by Sunday, April 2nd.

All Stars 4 Jesus will be on the track of **Malachi, the final prophet**. Memory Verse: "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under earth and every tongue confess that Jesus

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)

Wednesday, April 26 - "All Tyed-Up" All Stars 4 Jesus will be making tye-dyed t-shirts. ALL kids are invited to join us that evening; just bring a white t-shirt to join in the fun!

Wishing an "All Star" birthday to...

- ☆ Alexandra Hicks - April 1
- ☆ Will Nibert - April 25

All Star thank you to our Super Fans:

- ☆ Maridel Witten - treats
- ☆ Rosie Wooddell, Janet Foss, and Deb Lingenfelter - Treat-filled Easter Eggs
- ☆ Fellowship Sunday School Class - treat-filled Easter Eggs

Come and join our "team" and be an "All Star 4 Jesus" on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.

## HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Members and friends of the community are invited to attend the Maundy Thursday worship as we share in the memorial of Jesus' Last Supper. Join us on Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. at Steele Memorial.





## An Easter Prayer

Once again, Lord, we are astounded by the incomparable and glorious event of Easter.

To remember how you conquered sin and evil through the resurrection of Jesus stirs up joy and hope within us.

It comforts us greatly to know that because Christ was raised from the dead, we who are "in Christ" have assurance of eternal life.

Furthermore, to have the living Christ as our Savior and the undergirding Holy Spirit as our daily Companion assures us of grace that never fails us.

Finally, it is a certainty that all things good and desirable are possible for those who love you, because Christ lives and reigns as King of our lives.

All praise and glory to you, loving Creator, now and forever! Amen.

--Charles Ferrell

## Spring Graduates

We are collecting the names of Spring graduates with membership ties to the Church.

Spring graduates will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 21. Please contact the Church at 304-736-4583 or email at church@steelememorial.com with the Information needed:

- Name of Graduate
- Parents and Grandparents
- Future Plans
- Photo

Submissions must be received in the church office by **Monday, May 8th.**



## News from the Hive

The Bees are looking forward to some nicer weather! April's Bible story is Noah's Ark, the Bible verse is: Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything.", and our mission project is collecting school supplies for Royal Family Kids Camps, a summer camp for children who are in the foster care system. The Bees will have an Easter party and egg hunt this month, and a special event honoring our Busy Bee Moms.

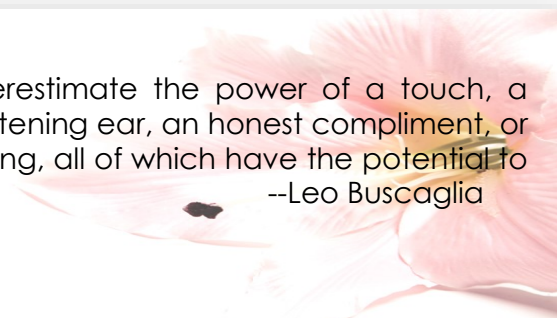


Busy Bees who are entering kindergarten in the fall will be taking a tour of Village of Barboursville Elementary this month so they can get an idea of what to expect when they start school next year. We hope everyone has a blessed Easter season!

*Alleluia!*

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around ,

--Leo Buscaglia



## Mission News

It's that time of year again! Time to begin collections for the Celebration of Mission Event! This annual event is an in-gathering of goods for missions throughout our state. Steele Memorial is part of the Nine Rivers District. Our emphasized mission rotations this year are Upshur Parish House and Heart and Hand House.

This month we will be collecting for the Heart and Hand House in Philippi, WV. Heart and Hand House is a non-profit mission project that exists because of the clear Christian mandate to minister to the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional needs of in-crisis, low-income people of Barbour County, WV. Their ministry programs include a food pantry; a home repair and construction program; assistance with utilities, rent, and certain medical expenses; providing layettes for newborn babies; and a backpack feeding program for local school children. They also operate two thrift stores and The Market Place, home of the Community Garden Market.

The following information is from their director. "Currently, we are in need of cleaning and hygiene

items for our pantry. We depend heavily on donations of those items and they are becoming harder to get. We give out all purpose cleaners, dish soap, sponges, glass cleaner, toilet cleaner, paper towels, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and trash bags in our cleaning baskets. Hygiene items are individually

wrapped items such as shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, hair brushes, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. We could always use office supplies as well, such as printer paper, pens, masking tape, markers, etc. Thank you so much for reaching out."

During the month of March, you may place your donations in the basket in front of the Mission closet down the hallway from the office. I will be giving out suggested lists to various groups, but feel free to donate anything on the list. Cash gifts may be designated, but undesignated giving is encouraged. Undesignated cash gifts will be divided to provide an equal amount for all Conference Mission Projects and Volunteers in Mission.

Thank you in advance,  
Gina Crews and the Mission Team



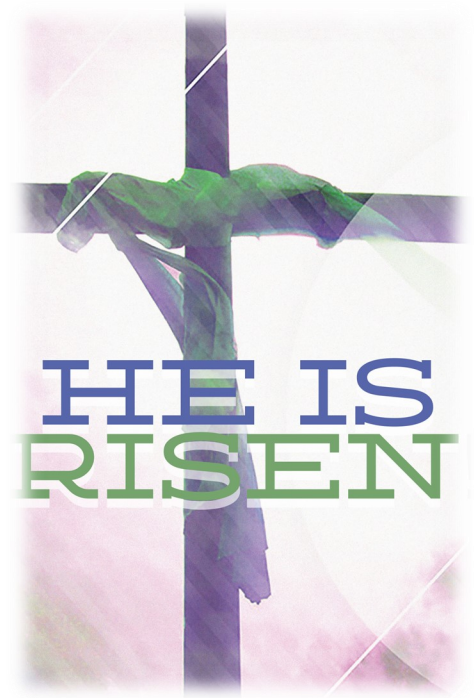
### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexandra Hicks
- 3 Louetta Jimison
- 6 Bill Weekly  
Amy Jarvis
- 8 Maggie Chenoweth  
Theodore Triplett, Sr.
- 9 Kennedy Fisher
- 12 Whitney Stead
- 14 John Cummings
- 17 Greg Gesner  
Eddie Smith

- 18 Chris Kelley  
Debbie Lingenfelter
- 19 Nick Anuszkiewisz
- 23 Rosie Wooddell
- 25 Pam Dutton  
Will Nibert
- 28 Becky Chenoweth  
Rachel Painter
- 29 Sarah Howard
- 30 Mollie Bannister

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

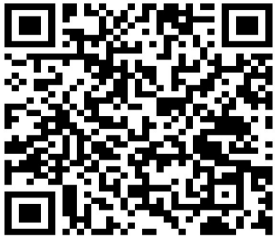
- 9 Chris & Amy Jarvis



# Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

EXPERIENCE



**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 1**  
**10:00 a.m. - (Noon)**

Rise Against Hunger, an international humanitarian organization, is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. With locations across the U.S. and five international offices, the organization provides immediate nourishment for those facing hunger today and implements sustainable solutions that will lift entire communities for years to come. Rise Against Hunger has facilitated volunteer meal packaging of more than 540 million meals to be distributed to countries around the world.

### Joining Hands to Lend a Hand

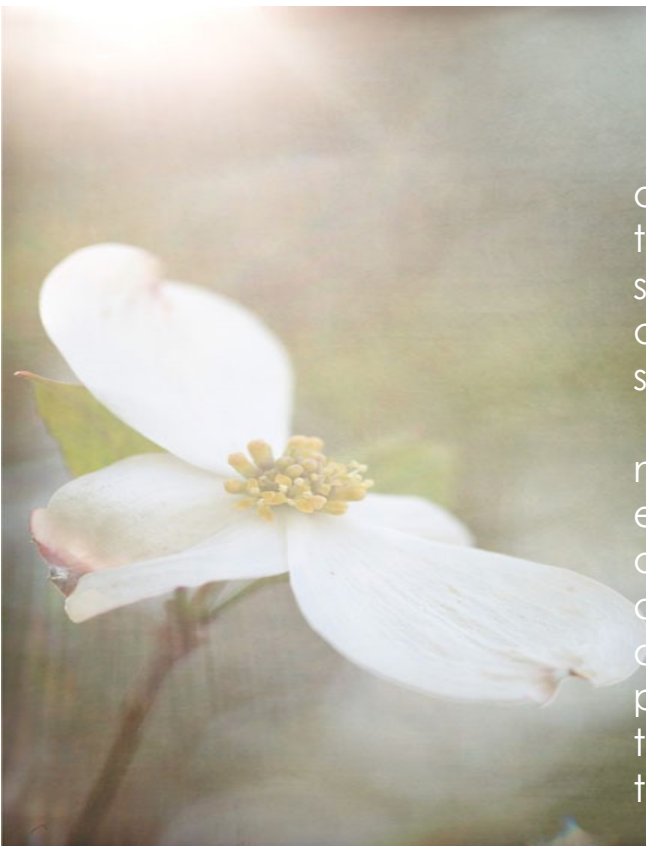
They may look like simple bags of rice and soy, but Rise Against Hunger meals represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. Our volunteers are the heart of our mission to end hunger and we could not send millions of meals around the globe each year without them.

**Steele Memorial's Youth (SWAG)** are hosting an event in the church gymnasium, Saturday, April 1 from 10:00 a.m. to (Noon.) Volunteers are needed to help assemble food bags for Rise Against Hunger. Scan the QR code above or contact Ashlee Gallion at 304-654-0088 for more information.

## The Legend of the Dogwood

There's a legend that the dogwood was once the size of the oak and other forest trees. It was so strong and firm that it was chosen as the timber for Christ's cross. This greatly distressed the tree. Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed the tree's regret and told it:

"Because of your sorrow for my suffering never again shall the dogwood grow large enough to be used as a cross. It shall be slender, bent and twisted. It's blossoms shall form a cross - two long and two short petals. And at the outer edge of each petal will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red. In the center of the flower shall be a crown of thorns. And all who see it will remember..."



# April 2023

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Rise Against Hunger Event 10:00-Noon
2 	3 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	4	5 All Stars 4 Jesus. Egg-Stravaganz!  Finance Mtg. 6:00 p.m	6 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m.	7 Good Friday Office Closed	8
9 	10 Admin. Mtg. 6:30 p.m	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Busy Bees Advisory Board Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Covered Dish Lunch 12:30 p.m.				<b>HE IS NOT HERE;</b> <i>He is RISEN!</i>		

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**SUNDAY**

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School  
10:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
5:30 p.m.  
Prayer Warriors  
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Youth (Swag)

**MONDAY**  
9:30 a.m.  
ReFit  
6:30 p.m.  
Scouts

**TUESDAY**

8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast w/Pastor  
(Oscar's)

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 p.m..  
All Stars 4 Jesus  
5:30 p.m.  
Young Adult Bible Study  
7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice

**FRIDAY**

9:30 a.m.  
ReFit

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