

# April

## Calendar of Events

### Worship Rehearsal

7:30 pm Wednesdays - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

All are welcome to join us for Worship Rehearsal. If you are interested in joining the Worship Team on Sundays, this is where you start.

### Maundy Thursday

5:00 pm Thursday - 2

You're invited to a Maundy Thursday Soup & Bread Pot-Luck Dinner—a relaxed, welcoming evening centered on sharing a meal, meaningful stories, and genuine connection. We'll gather in the Ministry Center at Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church to share soup and bread together pot-luck style—everyone is invited to bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread to share, if they're able. There will be plenty to go around, and no one should feel pressure if they can't bring something. During the meal, we'll hear a short story from the life of Jesus connected to Maundy Thursday, and we'll make space to listen to one another. Some may choose to share how they've experienced hope, healing, or direction in their lives—but sharing is always optional. You're welcome to simply listen and enjoy the evening. This is a great night to bring a friend, neighbor, or family member—especially someone who may be new to church, curious about faith, or just looking for a meaningful way to connect with others. Come as you are, bring what you can, and know that you are welcome at the table.

### GriefShare

6:00 pm Thursdays - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

### Piecemakers Quilt Group & More

10:00 am Fridays - 3, 10, 17, 24

We learn and practice the art of quilting as well as other handwork skills, believing that our creator God has given everyone the ability to create.

### Mom's Morning Out

Vertical Cafe @ 9:00 am Saturday - 4

Mom's Morning Out is a time for mom's from the time they are expecting until their youngest is 18 to come and enjoy time connecting with other mom's. There is no child care provided. We meet the first Saturdays (Oct-April) each month during the school year at Vertical Cafe.

### Easter Sunday with Communion & Baptisms

10:00 am Sunday - 5

On Easter morning, Mary stood outside an empty tomb weeping, convinced that hope had been taken from her. "They have taken my Lord," she said — interpreting absence as defeat. But what if what looks like loss isn't the end of the story? In this Easter message, we explore how grief can distort what we see, how despair can make hope feel distant, and how everything changes when the risen Jesus speaks Mary's name. Resurrection is not just an idea to believe — it is a Person who is nearer than we think. If you've ever felt like goodness is losing, like something precious has been taken, or like hope is fragile in a broken world, this message invites you to look again. No one has taken Jesus. He is alive. He is standing here. And He still calls us by name.



Nursery During Worship Service @ 10:00 am Sundays - 5, 12, 19, 26  
Nursery will be available Sundays.

KiDZ Ministry During Worship Service @ 10:00 am Sundays - 5, 12, 19, 26  
After the children's message, toddlers through 5th grade join volunteers to "play out" what they learned at 1 of 7 engaging activity stations before returning to worship with their families.

Community Walk 6:00pm Mondays - 6, 13, 20, 27  
This group is for anyone! It's about getting some steps in while enjoying the company of others. For more information, call Kelly at (585) 689-0389. This group will communicate mostly through the group chat.

Chronic Joy 6:00 pm Tuesdays - 7, 14, 21, 28  
Chronic illness can be isolating and overwhelming but we don't believe that needs to be the end of the story. Join us as we trust God to transform our chronic illness into chronic joy.

Youth Bible Study 12:00 pm Sundays - 12, 28  
Youth Bible Study is a time for youth to hang out and dig into God's Word, laugh a lot, ask real questions, and encourage one another along the way. For grades 6-12, lunch provided.

Leader's Lunch After Worship Service @ 12:00 pm Sunday - 19  
Anyone who is leading a Group, Event, Team, or Cause, will gather for a lunch meeting after worship (lunch is being provided). We will share stories and testimonies of how God is working throughout our community, confirm calendar details for the coming months, help coordinate our efforts, make plans, and offer encouragement. All are invited if you simply want to hear about what's happening.

Pop-Up Pantry 3:00 pm Monday - 27  
Free food distribution. Let's make sure that neither shame nor poverty leave our neighbors hungry.



Scan to see the  
full calendar.

