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APRIL 2026

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9AM—Sunday Worship

10AM—Sunday School

11AM—Sunday Worship

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Community,

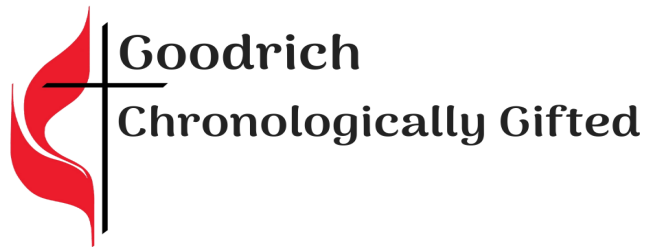
I think a lot about what it must have felt like for the apostles for those two days before the resurrection. They probably were not filled with the growing anticipation that comes to me as I trek home from Good Friday service, filled with a mix of grief and hope knowing that we have to immediately begin working on preparations for a celebration of resurrection in just around 36 hours. No, I don't think they had that rote sense of waiting around for what they knew came next, because they couldn't. They had to live in a world where they watched a man they called a friend and a man they believed was the messiah, the son of God, be executed in a way reserved for the people considered the worst of the worst. I don't know if they allowed themselves to imagine that things could change. I wonder if they thought they had done all this travelling with Jesus for nothing, if they had wasted their lives. We know that they were scared, that they locked themselves up in a safehouse and didn't dare leave because they didn't want to face a decaying world.

Sometimes I think we have the same lack of prophetic imagination as the disciples. We see the awful and violent things done in our world, some even claiming they have the mandate of heaven behind them, and begin to think that there's nothing to be done. We should just lock ourselves up in the safehouses of our sanctuaries and wait until it all blows over. But I think that leads to a dampening of our witness as the people of God! We know the end of the story! We know that nothing can overcome the love of God, not even death. So we should allow ourselves to dream of a better world, one filled with resurrection and new life rather than being too scared of the moment and clinging to a wrong idea of security and safety. After all, there are people out there who don't know that the light wins out in the end. It becomes our duty as Easter People to share that hope with the rest of the world, to step into radical roles and places to shine light into dark corners. May we use what we know about hope to show that there is something worth hoping for.

Blessings,

Rev Jeff Hinton

Email: hintonesquire@gmail.com



The GCGers will have a brown bag lunch on April the 14th. We will have lunch at Ruby Grant Park at 11:30 am. The entrance to the park is on 36th NW between Tecumseh Rd and Franklin Rd. Bring a lawn chair.

On April the 28th will be lunch at Golden Corral at 1:30pm.

Remember to call or send a card to those that are in nursing facilities, assisted living or home bound.

Blessings,
Kathy Hooker



Easter Egg Hunt and Cookout

Tull's Park Sat., April 4

11:00AM – 1:00PM

Bring your lawn chairs. The UM Men do the cooking!
Hamburgers and hotdogs with chips.

We'll move to the Church gym if it rains.



CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School

Teachers: Caroline Hunt and Pam Kaiser

4 years old – 5th grader

This month's overall topic is resurrection.

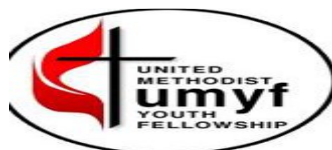
4/5 – The Empty tomb

4/12 – The Emmaus Encounter

4/19 – Breakfast on the Beach

4/26 – The Great Commission.

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



Youth

The Youth Group meets Sundays 6:00-8:00PM.

6th grade – 12th grade

Come join us in the gym.

If you are interested in attending Youth Force in Fredericks June 7- 12 talk to Monica.

United Methodist Men

The Community Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 19th from 8-10AM.

Blessings,
Kenny Presson

Vacation Bible School

We're already planning for this summer's VBS. Let Sherry or the office know if you are interested in helping in any way. July 20 – 24, 5:30 – 8:00pm.

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April 2026 Welcoming Schedule

Greeters

April 5 Deanna Wasson & Lizzie Wallace

Easter

April 12 Nikki Mire & Tony Eastmond

April 19 Larry and Debbie Anderson

April 26 Kim Ward & Nada Sappington

Coffee Center

April 5 Deanna Wasson

Easter

April 12 Billie Duncan

April 19 Becky Aguilar

April 26 Kathy Hooker

Prayer Team



Join the Monday Morning Prayer Group at 10:00 in Room 212 . We will pray for members of the church and those beyond all walls in need. All are welcome!

Adult Sunday School Classes

Reminder:

We offer a Sunday School class for everyone of all ages! They all begin at 10:00am

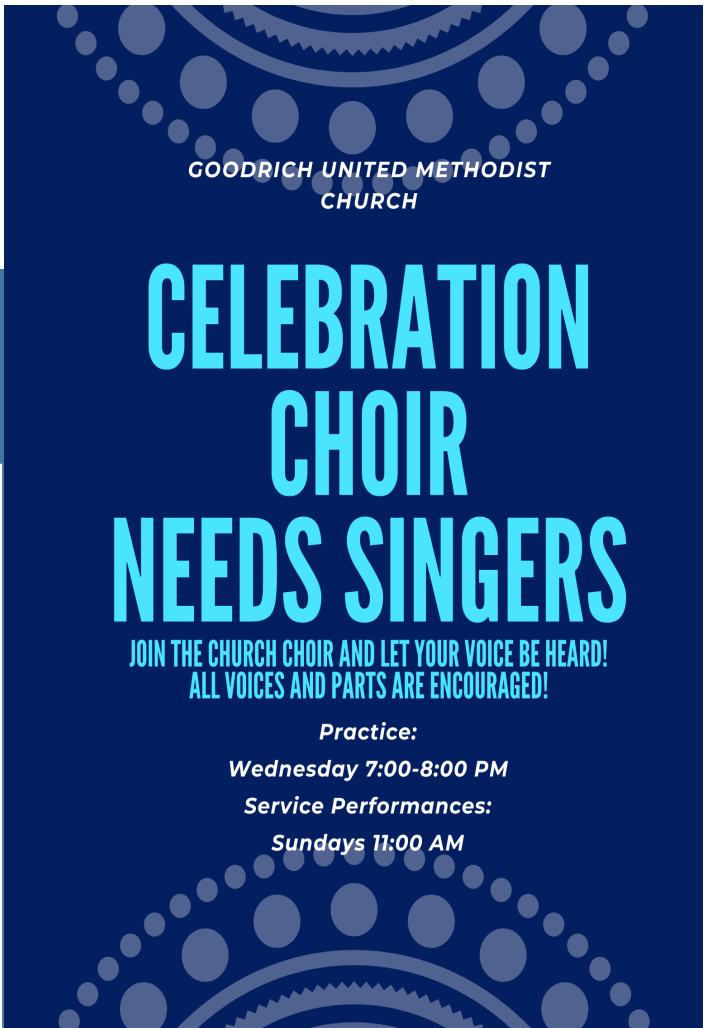
Adult Classes

Adult Discussion class meets in the parlor led by Jim Hargrove and Manny Aguilar.

The Richard Rohr class meets in the old parlor and is led by Steve Kaiser.

The Friendship Builders meet in the room next to the library.

The Among Disciples class meets in room 218 led by Becky Aguilar. Open to all, but especially those of varying abilities.



GOODRICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATION CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS

JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
ALL VOICES AND PARTS ARE ENCOURAGED!

Practice:
Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM
Service Performances:
Sundays 11:00 AM



April	
2	Erin Perillo
3	Luca Perillo
3	Carrie Davis
13	Patti Presson
13	Margo Vestal
17	Mike Jain
20	Deanna Wasson
21	Maryjane Eldred
24	Maria Alexander
25	Nikki Mire
29	Linda Work



April	
12	Robert & Natalie Brown

PLEASE NOTE:

If we don't list you on your birthday or anniversary, please contact Lynda Maney in the Goodrich Office and give her your birth date and/or anniversary date.

Our Thoughts & Prayers

Presently Homebound / Assisted Living
Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordoni, Home
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Sharon Younkin, Home
Ken Younkin, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Wes Curtis, Home



The Goodrich Book Club has chosen "A Beautiful Mind", a biography, to read in April. The author, Sylvia Nasar, gives us this quote about the book - "I've made the most important discovery of my life. It's only in the mysterious equation of love that any logic or reason can be found." This sets us up to learn more about John Forbes Nash, a brilliant and troubled man. The review below comes from Kirkus Books.

A Beautiful Mind, is the biography about a mathematical genius who suffered from schizophrenia, miraculously recovered, and then later received the Nobel Prize in 1994. Author Nasar, an economics correspondent for the New York Times, opens her book with the ghostly image of John Forbes Nash Jr., who haunted the Princeton University campus where he had once been a promising graduate student.

Nash, the son of conservative southern parents, rose rapidly through the ranks of equally brilliant mathematicians during the 1950s. Then, at the age of 31 and at the height of his career, Nash experienced the first of many breakdowns and was later diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Nasar writes an ambitious biography. It is, on the main level, an in-depth look at this mysterious figure and his aura and, on another level, a meditation on the nature of genius and madness. Nasar succeeds, providing a sense of the rarefied and competitive atmosphere of mathematics departments in the nation's leading universities during the height of the Cold War. The peripheral characters of the book are vividly drawn, and episodes in Nash's life are painted with an extraordinary attention to detail. She also presents advanced mathematical theories in an accessible and understandable way. By the end of the book, Nash remains as much of a mystery as he was before. The book is impressively researched and detailed. But still the mysteries of genius and insanity remain elusive."

The books we read remain diverse on all levels. This one will allow us to exercise our brains! What a healthy treat! April is a time of new beginnings in nature. Think of all the new brain cells you'll be developing if you join us!

This book will be discussed on May 3rd at 1PM in the Old Parlor.

APRIL 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 EPIC 8-5 Bible Study 6PM Choir 7-8PM	2 EPIC 8-5 Maundy Thursday Service 7PM	3 Anonymous 7AM Good Friday Service 7PM	4 Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM Easter Egg Hunt-Tulls Park 11AM-1PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
EASTER Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 HOLIDAY TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	VOTING EPIC 8-5 Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Bible Study 6PM Choir 7-8PM Girl Scouts 6PM	EPIC 8-5 Goodrich Lunch Ladies 1PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Book Club 1PM Cub Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Scouts 7PM	EPIC 8-5 GCG Brownbag 11:30AM-AT Ruby Grant Park Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Bible Study 6PM Choir 7-8PM	EPIC 8-5 Care Closet 11AM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Community Breakfast 8-10AM Staff Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Choir 7-8PM Girl Scouts 6PM	EPIC 8-5	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
26	27	28	29	30		
Board Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Scouts 7PM	EPIC 8-5 GCG Golden Corral 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Choir 7-8PM	EPIC 8-5		