

ECUMC is a Welcoming,
Reconciling Congregation

Therefore, we embrace
diversity and affirm the
dignity and worth of every
person because we are all
created by a loving God.



COMMUNITY BANQUET

Our church is on the rotation to clean up
after the Community Banquet on Thurs-
day, April 9.

This important mission is
held at St. James Church
on Town Line Rd.,
Menomonee Falls.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Could you help for
about an hour from 6:00-7:00 PM?

Arrive at 5:30 to enjoy the meal that will
be served that evening.

Please let Jean Reif know if you can help
with clean up at 262-224-3699 or
jereif9@gmail.com.



Hosanna
in the HIGHEST

ECUMC: THE WEEK AHEAD

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:30 AM Worship (S)
8:30 AM Children/Youth Sunday School (V)
8:45 AM Adult Study (CL)
10:00 AM Worship (CH)

Monday, March 30

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM 4:12 Singers (MR)

Tuesday, March 31

6:30 PM Spirit Ringers (MR)

Wednesday, April 1

10:00 AM Bible Study (FH)
6:30 PM Trustees (CL)

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00 PM Worship / Communion (S)
8:00 PM Chancel Choir (MR)

Good Friday, April 3

10:00 AM Bible Study (Z)
7:00 PM Good Friday Worship (S)

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (CH)
9:00 AM All-Choir Rehearsal (S)

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 AM Worship (S)
10:00 AM Worship (S)

ROOM KEY: 112-Room 112; AP-Ark Park; CH-Celebration Hall;
CL-Chapel Lounge; CR-Crossroads Rm 109; FH-Fellowship Hall;
MR- Music room; N-Nursery; S-Sanctuary; V-Variou; YR-Youth
room ; Z-Zoom

EMMANUEL COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Holy Week Schedule

Mon.-Sat. Daily devotions on YouTube

4/2, 7 PM: Maundy Thursday Worship
with Communion (S)

4/3, 7 PM: Good Friday Worship (S)

Saturday, 4/4: 9-11 AM Easter Egg Hunt, activities for children (CH)
9 AM Rehearsal for All-Choir Sunday (S)

Easter, April 5

8:30 & 10 AM: All-Choir Resurrection Worship (S)
No Sunday School on Easter.



EASTER

SUNDAY
5TH
APRIL

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March 29, 2026

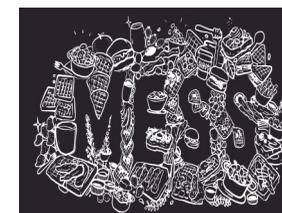
HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS

Tune in to our YouTube channel ([ECUMCYouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUMCYouTube)) to watch daily devo-
tions during Holy Week. The series is inspired by *Restored: Finding Re-
demption in our Mess* by UMC Pastor Tom Berlin. Restoration is the goal
of the Christian life, but all of us struggle and, frankly, sometimes our life
is a mess.

During the week, through Scripture, song, and thoughtful message, we'll
move from mess management to life restoration.

Join the staff as we journey together.

Topics: This is a Real Mess (Monday); Who Left this
Mess? (Tuesday); Bless this Mess (Wednesday);
No Messing Around (Thursday); Address this Mess
(Friday); The Message in the Mess (Saturday)



The Goods News Drive

Lenten Food and Goods Drive Benefitting Rooted & Rising

GOODS NEWS DRIVE

Our "Goods" News Drive is in its final week. This Week's Theme: *Rise and Shine* (pancake mix, oatmeal, cereal, syrup), but feel free to bring items from any category as we wrap up our collection. Thank you for your generosity! It means a great deal to our Milwaukee neighbors who use the Food Center at Rooted & Rising. R&R (formerly United Methodist Children's Services) is supported by local churches like ours as well as the Wisconsin UMC Conference.

YOUTH SUNDAY & CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, April 12, five youth will become full members of our faith community through Confirmation or Baptism. We look forward to hearing from them and welcoming them into our fellowship!



During 8:30 AM worship, youth in grades 6-12 will help lead the congregation and the 4:12 Singers will provide musical enrichment.

A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall between services - come and greet our newest members and enjoy a treat!

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Children's Ministry Team invites you to attend our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, from 9-11 AM. Hundreds of eggs will be hidden throughout the church by our youth group.

There will be games, crafts, and snacks from the Kitchen Klub. Come join in on the fun, fellowship, and food!

All are welcome, and signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EAEAE2DAAF5C52-62882503-easter> is encouraged.



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER

On Easter Sunday (next week), there is no Sunday School. However, the Children's Choir will sing at the start of both the 8:30 and 10 AM Sanctuary services, and there will be children's activity bags available outside of the Sanctuary. Happy Easter!

MARKET PLACE NEWS

The Children's Market Place was a success! The children and youth of ECUMC made \$1,000 selling their crafts and snacks. We hoped to earn enough money for one cow but not only did we have enough for two cows, Heifer International had a 10X match. Twenty cows will be supplied to families in need across the globe!



Thank you to those who donated Fischer Price Little People toys to the Ark Park! We are all set!

WOMEN'S STUDY:

THE GIFTS OF IMPERFECTION

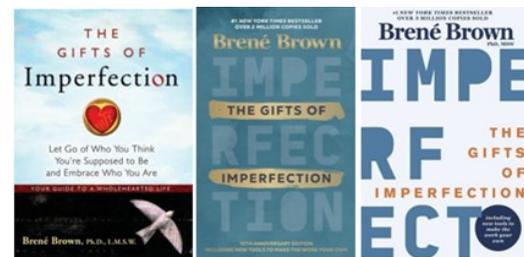
April 15 - May 27

Please join us as we study a book filled with honesty, humor, and how-to's for living wholeheartedly. True fulfillment comes not from striving for perfection, but from embracing our imperfections and living with courage, compassion, and connection.

Brené Brown encourages us to embrace imperfection and cultivate authenticity, self-compassion, and resilience. Through anecdotes and research, Brown offers strategies for wholehearted living, practicing self-acceptance and connecting with others in a more meaningful way. Don't worry about which edition of this classic to purchase – the page numbers may not align, but the content will.

We meet on Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Sign up on the bulletin board or using the link in the eNews or April *Pathways*.



Hosanna

Those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Holy One!" Mark 11.9

Barefoot, rag-bound, the shambles of a crowd, babies on hips, and knives under cloaks, we shuffle in. We cry out.

Our lives have ended up like the little bits at the bottom of coat pockets: fragments, leftovers, shreds, staggered hopes, fractured possibilities, bumbled and doomed.

Smudged and smattered, guilty and longing, we wave our palms in sweaty palms.

Yes, our prayers will soon turn sour, branches, like praise, soon trodden.

Smug, having seen us five days later, you may scoff.

But friends, your prayers, even the finest, are no better.

This is the best we do.

Limping boldly under the emperor's soldiers' gaze, for a moment we see a different kind of hope, a different kind of king.

Here, for a moment, our cry to be saved is real. Hosanna: not "Hooray!" but "Save us, we beg you!"

Yes, we will soon be frightened of our own vision and flee to the safety of the old headlines and the usual suspects, nails and hammer waiting.

We know. We cry with hollow praise, yes—to be saved from our hollowness, from the infection of our very hosannas.

Even though we don't know how to ask, and are too afraid to receive, please, save us anyway, we beg you, save us.

Hosanna in the highest.

--Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes
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