



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES


Gather



Leadership Board
Leadership Board will meet **TODAY at 12:15 pm** immediately following Worship.



Wednesday Night Supper
Make plans to join us this **Wednesday at 6:00 pm** for Fried Chicken and all the fixings. Please complete your reservation on the Connection Card included with today's bulletin. See you then!



Bishop's Assessment Results
Rev. Keya Hillman will join us for supper on **Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00 pm** to share the results of the Bishop's Assessment that we completed last December. Please plan to join us!

Grow



Joy Sunday School Class
Kemp Wright leads the JOY Sunday School class that meets on **Sundays at 10:00 am**. They are starting Magrey deVega's *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* next Sunday. Explore various scriptures and Biblical metaphors to gain a better understanding of Jesus' death on the cross and what it means to us. All are welcome.




Men's Prayer Group
Sam Sweat leads this group **Mondays at 7:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Join with other men to share accountability and support one another.




House of David
Join us on **Wednesdays from 10:00 am to Noon** in the **JOY Room** for the streaming series *House of David*. We will watch Episode 2 of Season 2 this week.

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Mission Trip Interest Meeting
Two informational meetings are scheduled for **tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm** in the **JOY Room** and **Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00 am** in the **Fellowship Hall** to discuss future mission trips. No skills necessary, only a willing heart!



Alive After 5
We are looking for volunteers to help with parking during this year's Alive After 5 events. **The season starts back on Friday, April 17th and ends Friday, December 18th**. We need three (3) volunteers each month between the hours of 4:00 pm -9:00 pm. Please pick a date on the sign up sheet located in the Narthex. Thank you for your help!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our church office is open Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Pastor Julie is available on Mondays by appointment only. She takes her sabbath on Fridays and is unavailable unless there is a pastoral emergency.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<p>Sunday 4/12 Holy Humor Sunday 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday Worship 12:15 pm Leadership Board</p> <p>Monday 4/13 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group No Bible Study 6:30 pm Mission Trip Interest Meeting 6:30 pm Rotary Club</p> <p>Tuesday 4/14 10:00 am Mission Trip Interest Meeting 6:45 pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>Wednesday 4/15 10:00 am House of David 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper 7:00 pm Chancel Choir No Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday 4/16 7:00 pm AA</p> <p>Friday 4/17 4:00 pm Alive After 5 6:00 pm NA</p> <p>Next Sunday 4/19 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday Worship</p>
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Those Assisting in Worship Today
Acolyte: Luke Tobleman
Reader: Alice Walker
Ushers: Carlotta & Maurice Ungaro
Counters: Katy Sweat & Vijay Purugulla
Greeters: Vijay Purugulla & Dick Sutton

Those Assisting in Worship Next Sunday - 4/19
Acolyte: Harrison Baggarly
Reader: Katrina Purugulla
Ushers: Rod & Judith Glover
Counters: Jean Cotton & Mark Edwards
Greeters: Ginger Wright & Jan Fenner

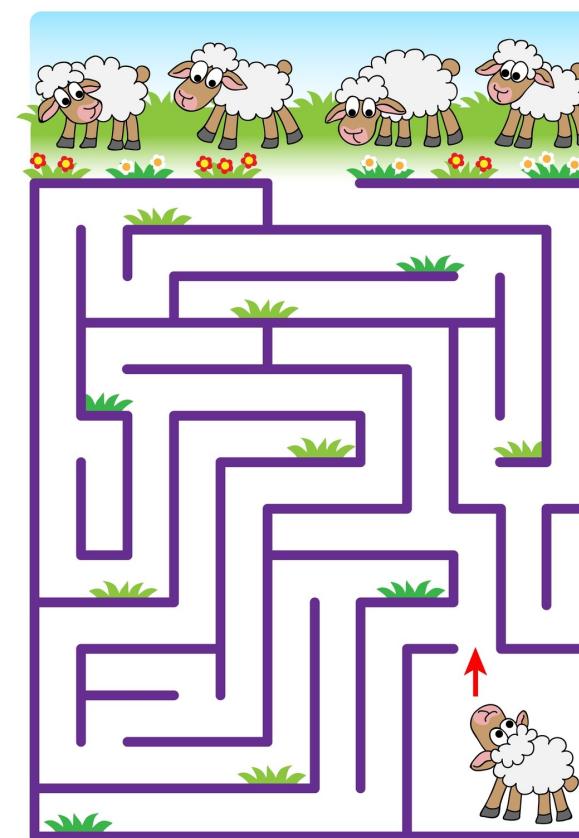
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HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



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WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting Dr. Julie Schendel, Pastor
Chiming of the Hour Nancy Lewis, Organist/Pianist
Welcome and Announcements Dr. Schendel

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship**

Blow the trumpets; play the lute and harp; shake the tambourine;
 hear the strings and pipe; dance—

We praise God!

Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people. Amen!

***Hymn** *Lord of the Dance* UMH 261

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, who made us in God's image, so we embrace our creativity, engage in joyful play, and celebrate life's goodness. We believe God enjoys a good laugh, having made platypuses and penguins just for the fun of it. We believe that laughter is a gift, a healing balm, a sign of hope in the face of despair. We believe in Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to defeat death. We trust in the power of resurrection to bring joy out of sadness. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prompts us to smile, who nudges us to openness and tenderness, and who fills our lives with wonder, laughter, and joy. We believe in community that can share in the joy of God, that tells jokes, shares laughter, and loves one another unconditionally. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri** UMH 71

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Joy Break

***Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS 2153

The choir will sing the first verse and the congregation will join in with the remaining verses.

WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Dr. Schendel

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Congregational Response TFWS 2205

*Lord, may our prayer rise like incense in your sight,
 May this place be filled with the fragrance of Christ. Amen.*

Joy Break

***Hymn** *Oh! How I Love Jesus* UMH 170

Worship with Tithes and Offerings The People

***Presentation and Doxology** UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Anthem *How Can I Keep From Singing?* Chancel Choir

Joy Break

***Gospel Reading** *John 21:15-19* Alice Walker, Reader

Response to the Word

Reader: The Word of God, for us, the People of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Love X 3* Dr. Schendel

WE GO TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* UMH 172

Joy Break

***Benediction** Dr. Schendel

***Responsive Affirmation**

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
 May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
 In all your living and through your loving,
 Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

*Those who are able please stand.

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)
 TFWS (The Faith We Sing)

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 The candle on the altar table is lit in memory of those who have died due to gun violence and in awareness of this ongoing tragedy.

WELCOME TO SENOIA UMC

We welcome you to Senoia United Methodist Church. If you are a guest with us today for the first time please let the usher know so you can be given a welcome gift. Please complete the yellow Guest Card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. A nursery for children birth to under 4 years old is available. Please see an usher for assistance. Restrooms can be reached through the rear sanctuary door by the organ. An accessible restroom is in the hall and additional ones are in the Fellowship Hall.

BY OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers & Praises: Ralph Arnold and Gary Olsen.

You can make your prayer requests (including updates or to remove a request) by either email or calling the church office.

The History of Holy Humor Sunday

Churches in 15th century Bavaria celebrated the Sunday after Easter as *Risus Paschalis* ('God's Joke,' or 'the Easter laugh'). Priests included amusing stories and jokes in their sermons in attempt to make the faithful laugh. It was their way of celebrating the resurrection of Christ—the supreme joke God played on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead. The tradition carries on today with churches celebrating God's grace and mercy through laughter and joy.

Church Bulletin & Worship Bloopers

- ◆ The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- ◆ Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- ◆ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- ◆ For those of you have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ◆ The preacher revealed the new tithing slogan: "I upped my pledge—up yours!"
- ◆ Our next song will be "Angels We Have Heard Get High!"

Financial Stewardship

2026 Planned Budget	\$19,454	\$233,449
	MARCH	2026 YTD
ACTUAL INCOME	\$16,693	\$50,751
ACTUAL SPENDING	\$21,539	\$56,599
INCOME LESS SPENDING	(\$4,846)	(\$5,848)
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