

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	44
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,266
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$1,138>
Offering YTD	\$29,393
Difference to Offering YTD	\$5,353

- * **Sermon Notes** - Available in the Narthex
- * **Listening devices are available upon request**
- * **Church Directory** - The church directory is available by request from the church office.
- * **Interested in becoming a church member?** Please talk to Pastor Joseph
- * **WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:** If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you.
- * **Kids Own Worship** - Kids in Kindergarten-4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children’s Message
Lesson: Jesus, God’s Son, Gave His Life; Matthew 26-27)
- * **Please join us in the Parlor after worship for Coffee Hour, coffee, punch, treats & fellowship.**
- * Sign up to host future Coffee Hour’s in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

Phone: 419-756-7066 Email: office@mansfield1st.com

Elders

Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



Sunday, March 17th, 2024
Jesus Calling, Part 1
 John 1:35-51
 Matthew 4:12-22

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

A Sanctuary of Worship
A School of Religious Education
A Church Home with Open Doors



Welcome to Mansfield 1st EPC



Order of Worship

March 17, 2024

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads

Call To Worship: (Psalm 85:1-3)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Song of Praise:**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (see insert)

***Prayer of Adoration:**

Randy Richard

Call to Confession: (Psalm 85:4-7)

Randy Richard

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

(All)

Father, we are weak and You are strong. We are fallen and You are high and lifted up. We repent of our sins in dust and ashes while You clothe Your beloved children in robes of righteousness. Restore us again; revive us again, we pray. Let us rejoice in the good news of Your gracious mercy and love. Give us the courage and strength to be obedient and continue to walk in Your way. Help us to be faithful and deliver us from all the temptations of our sinful hearts. Cleanse us, cover us with Your love and forgive us whenever we stumble and turn to You.
AMEN

Silent Prayers & Confessions:

Randy Richard

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 85:8-13)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Offertory:

De Richard and Angie Hunter

"Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. by Dan Forrest

**Please stand as you are able*

Sermon Notes

The Fun Center Chordsmen present **50 YEARS OF FUN**



Our 50th Anniversary Show

featuring former directors:
Mark Blake • Michael Banish
Doug Smeltz • Steve Kovach
Jim Frye, Current Assistant Director
Dave Kracker, Chapter Founder
and Long-Time Director
Trevor Garrabrant, Current Director



Saturday March 23 at 3:00
Lexington High School
103 Clever Lane Lexington, OH 44904

TICKET PRICES:
ADULTS \$15
STUDENTS \$5

All tickets will be available the day of the show at the school box office



***Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger

Children's Message:

Kids come down to the left-side steps

Children are released to go to Kids Own Worship

Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

Hymn of Preparation:

#406 Wonderful Words of Life

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: John 1:35-51; Matthew 4:12-22

Sermon: Jesus Calling, Part 1

***Affirmation of Faith:**

(The Apostles Creed)

(All)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

***Sending Song:**

#414 O Word of God Incarnate

Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on pages 864 & 785 n the red pew Bible.*

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

The LORD is Sovereign over ALL THINGS

Our American Freedoms
Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Carol Nemeth
Healing for Martha Ball
Healing for Pat Olsen
Healing for Dan Davis
Healing for Beverly Urschel
Healing for Joseph James
Healing for Meg Wyatt O'Rourke
Healing for Martha Montague
Healing for Nik Stevens
Healing for Edda Braun
Healing for David Doerr
Healing for Agie
Healing for Janis Gibbs
Healing for Ryan Christman
Sellards Family
Diana Hammer & family
Erna & Frank Becker

Cindy Hessin
Maxine Smith
Don Harding
Sally and Bill Wyatt
Ms. Vivian Stevens
Elizabeth Arthur
Patsy Himes
Jim Standridge
Hazel Bigner & family
Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice
Maureen Doherty
Mark Doherty
Kaelin Scott
The Thomassen Family
James Willis
Brandi Coe
Caroline Ruth, home hospice
Eurobrass
Chris and Emily Carpenter and family
EduNations and its students
Over——>

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

God the Son and our Redemption

LORD'S DAY 11

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Saviour?

A. Because he saves us from all our sins,¹ and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.²

¹ Mt 1:21; Heb 7:25.

² Is 43:11; Jn 15:4, 5; Acts 4:11, 12; 1 Tim 2:5.

30. Q. Do those who seek their salvation or well-being in saints, in themselves, or anywhere else, also believe in the only Saviour Jesus?

A. No. Though they boast of him in words, they in fact deny the only Saviour Jesus.¹ For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Saviour, or those who by true faith accept this Saviour must find in him all that is necessary for their salvation.²

¹ 1 Cor 1:12, 13; Gal 5:4.

² Col 1:19, 20; 2:10; 1 Jn 1:7.



This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

Sunday, March 17th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, March 20th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
	4 pm	Prime Time
Thursday, March 21st	10 am	Prayer Group
Sunday, March 24th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour

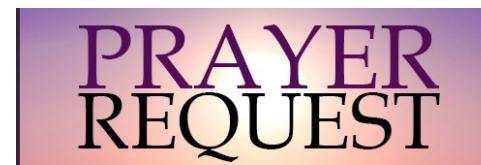
Church Town Hall Meeting TODAY - Immediately following worship there will be an informational "Town Hall meeting" TODAY regarding an overture that has been sent by our Session to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. The overture is contained within the Session minutes from February 18, which are located in the Narthex

Greeters Needed! - If you would like to serve as a greeter before Sunday Worship please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions see Tucker Bacquet."

Good Friday Service - March 29 at 7pm.

Please pickup your corrected Photo Directory in the Narthex

Ye Young Gift Shop Committee - April 17th at 9am in Westminster



My Village Ministries

www.myvillageministries.com

Families & children of the Sudan

Our Congregation

Pastor Joseph & Jodie

Shawn Wade & Our Preschool

For Our City, Our Nation & Civic Leaders (for wisdom, grace, peace)

Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City Councilman, 3rd Ward

Mayor Jodie Perry

First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)

All Christians being persecuted around the globe

For Revival in our city, state & county

Palestinian Christians

Jerusalem and all those in harms way

For everyone else not listed, but also in need of prayer

The Youth of Richland County

YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:

3/8

Ricky

Healing & strength for Sally Oswalt

Healing & strength for Lanny Reader

Healing & strength for Jack Cowell

Healing for Jeff

Healing & strength for Tom

Healing & strength for James

Dave, in need of kidney transplant

Praise, answer to prayer for Brook to find a job

Praise, Dean is Cancer free!

March of Prayer

Healing for Jim Porter

Healing & strength for Leo

Healing for Linnell

Healing for Kathy

Great Aunt Rita, in mourning

Healing & strength for Conner

Moment for Missions

The Salvation Army Engages in Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts Through:



Public Awareness Campaigns

The Salvation Army raises national awareness of the injustices of human trafficking in collaboration with local and international partners, coalitions and nongovernmental organizations. Through prevention activities, we reduce vulnerabilities and demand for forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation. We pursue safety and justice for those who are victims of trafficking and offer holistic support and social services to survivors. In 2021, The Salvation Army helped 8,865 trafficking survivors. Read The Salvation Army's 2021 National Impact Report.

A Legacy of Justice

For more than 150 years, The Salvation Army has stood firmly behind individuals impacted by trafficking and exploitation. In the 1800s, we pioneered an undercover sex trafficking investigation, which directly shaped the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1885. By 1900, The Salvation Army had created over 100 safe house throughout London, New York, and other global locations to help those fleeing exploitative circumstances. Over a century later, we remain fully committed to eradicating forced labor and sexual exploitation and to ending sexual and gender-based violence.

Comprehensive Case Management

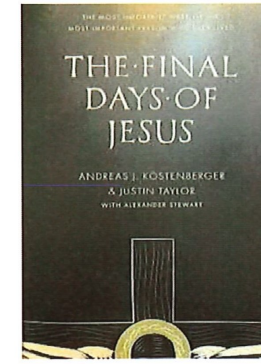
We provide ongoing support and services to those who have survived trafficking through our victim assistance programs. Along with the immediate needs of shelter, transportation, food, and clothing, we address physical and psychological trauma through a variety of services

Serving All Without Discrimination

In providing its anti-human trafficking programs and services, The Salvation Army is committed to serving all those in need without discrimination or harassment based on age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other characteristic in accordance with our capacity to help.

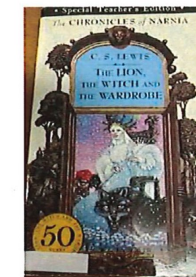
March Book of the Month Easter Selections for the Whole Family!

For Adults



The Final Days of Jesus by Andreas J. Kostenberger Justin Taylor
Combining a chronological arrangement of the Gospel accounts with insightful commentary, charts, and maps, this book will help you better understand what actually happened during Jesus's last days and why it matters today.

For Teens and Tweens

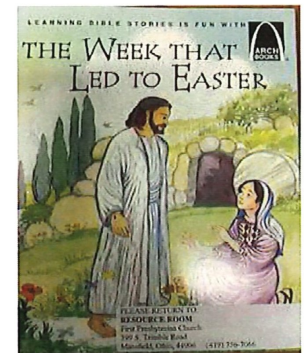


The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe
by C.S. Lewis
No book better illustrates the powerful love of our Lord and Savior than this! The first in The Chronicles of Narnia to be published, readers will be whisked away to the enchanted world of Narnia where they will meet 4 siblings, a terrible witch, and the Great Aslan!

For Kids



A Child's Story of Easter by Fulton Oursler
This beautifully illustrated picture book begins with Palm Sunday and ends with the Ascension, but reminds us that the story is not finished yet.



The Week That Led to Easter
by Joanne Larrison
In the classic rhyming fashion of all Arch Books, this picture book walks children through the events of Holy Week and ends with our Savior's joyous resurrection.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

From Psalm 103
Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.

LAUDA ANIMA (BENEDIC ANIMA MEA): 8. 7. 8. 7. 8. 7.
John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet thy
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; Ye be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hands He gen - tly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
Dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace. A - MEN.



It's that time again for our Spring Rummage Sale! It will be held on Friday, April 19th from 9am-4pm & Saturday, April 20th from 9am-12pm.

We greatly need of your donations of clean, slightly used clothing, household items, etc. Please bring them to Kirk Hall and place them on the shelves outside the rummage room door.

Set up will begin on Monday, April 15th at 6pm. Pizza will be served. It is vital for us to have folks who can lift and carry heavy boxes. We will continue setting up on Tuesday, at 9am. Help will be again needed after the sale closes at noon on Saturday. Sign up sheets for these times will be in the Narthex.

All help will be Greatly Appreciated.

Sunday School

Visitors Are Welcome!

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in the Library. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We also have classes available for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten -2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus), and for 7th-12th grade (Grow with Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday morning.

Prime Time - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for any adults, beginning at 4pm. **Next meets on March 20th**

Spirit Seekers - Meets every other Sunday at noon for lunch with the bible study afterwards. This study is for those in their 20's-50's and is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. **Next meets on April 7th - We will begin our new study Truths We Confess by R.C. Sproul. Please read the Prefix and chapter 1 before we next meet.**

Kids O' the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers. **Next meets on April 7th**

Truths We Confess

The Westminster Confession of Faith is one of the most precise and comprehensive statements of biblical Christianity, and it is treasured by believers around the world. Dr. R.C. Sproul has called it “one of the most important confessions of faith ever penned,” and it has helped generations of Christians understand and defend what they believe.

In *Truths We Confess*, Dr. Sproul introduces readers to this remarkable confession, explaining its insights and applying them to modern life. In his signature easy-to-understand style and with his conviction that everyone's a theologian, he provides valuable commentary that will serve churches and individual Christians as they strive to better understand the eternal truths of Scripture.

As he walks through the confession line by line, Dr. Sproul shows how the doctrines of the Bible—from creation to covenant, sin to salvation—fit together to the glory of God. This accessible volume is designed to help you deepen your knowledge of God's Word and answer the question, “What do you believe?”