CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 – 10:30 AM

"EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION"

**Please stand, if able.*
The Faith We Sing Hymnal = TFWS
The United Methodist Hymnal = UMH

GATHERING

Welcome, Joys, and Concerns

****The Peace*** (Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.) "The Family of God" See Back of Hymnal

Prelude

****Call to Worship***

Leader: This day dawns brightly!
People: Hope is restored!
Leader: Christ is Risen!
People: He has conquered death!
Leader: Come, open your hearts and spirits to the joyous Good News!
People: Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Christ is Risen! Amen!

****Hymn*** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" No. 302 Vs 1 - 3

Opening Prayer

We come before You today with hearts full of awe and gratitude, lifting Your name on high, for You alone are worthy. We thank You for the cross, where You paid our debt, and for the empty grave, which turned our sorrow into everlasting hope. As we gather this Easter morning, we lift Your name on high, proclaiming that You are risen! May our worship this day honor the sacrifice and celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Pew Bible Page No. 956)

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*"Doxology" UMH No. 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn "He Lives" Refrain UMH No. 310

****Gospel Lesson*** John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible Page No. 1685)

Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH No. 364

Sermon "Because He Lives!"

Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance
A Great Thanksgiving for Resurrection Sunday
The Lord's Prayer
Lifting and Sharing the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanks for Christ's Presence

SENDING FORTH

****Hymn*** "Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH No. 322

****Benediction***

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*Choral Benediction "He Lives" Vs 1/refrain UMH No. 310

****Postlude***

<u>Worship Leaders</u>
Annette Shutt, Pastor
Susan Clough, Lay Leader
Michael Calnon, Minister of Music

Greeters

Today	Next Week
Dave Snyder	Judy Snyder

Remember in Your Prayers: Janet Minnich, Pat Hoke, Bill Day, Catherine Lower, Donette Coleman, Charlotte Miller, Jim Smeltz, Mike Ressler, Ron Zerby, Brantley Enders, Shirley Alvord, Den and Kathy Miller.

Pantry item: WV Pantry item for the month of April is facial tissues. Christ Open Market needs are cereal, canned fruit, canned meats, snacks and juice.

Women's Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast: April 7, 8:45AM, Wiconisco Firehouse.

Pie Orders: Calvary is currently taking orders for apple, shoo fly and lemon meringue pies. The cost is $10.00/pie. All orders need in by April 6th. Pick up for pie orders is Saturday, April 11 between 10:00-11:00AM. Please see or call Shirley Alvord @ 453-7267.

Calvary Chicken Barbeque with bake sale: Saturday, May 2, 10AM-12:00PM. $13.00/platter. See Sherri Donley for tickets.

To our guests: We are glad you visited today! We welcome you to the service. If you are not a regular attendant elsewhere or if you have recently moved into the community we extend a cordial invitation to you to make this your church home.

Calvary United Methodist Church

519 Pottsville Street, Wiconisco

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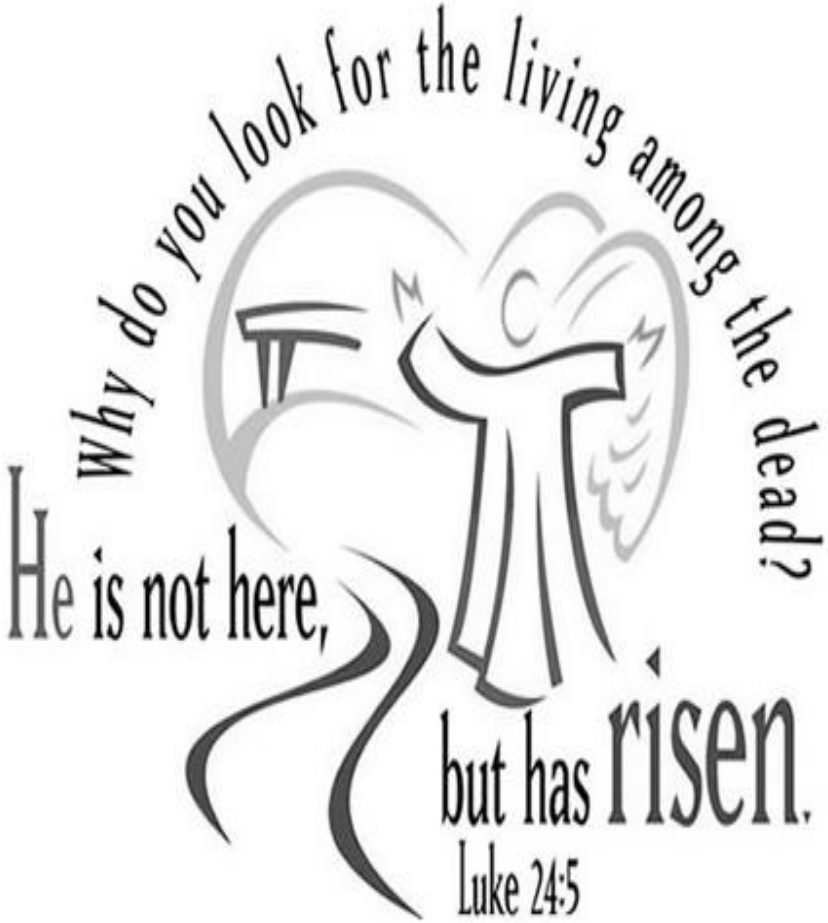

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