ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Newsletter Date:
April
2025

# **MESSENGER**

### \*\*\* "Waiting" for Easter \*\*\*

How are you doing in Lent? We have been in the Lenten season, examining ourselves before God with God's Word, praying, fasting, and meditating. How have you been doing so far?

"Waiting, Patience, hold on, Hang on..." These words tell us what Lent is. We may be tired of it. The world has tried to make us anxious and drag us down. So, I'd like to encourage you to be patient.

As you know, my family has a dog, Lily. It's been six years since she came to my family. I have disciplined her. As you know, the most challenging part of discipline is. . teaching "waiting." Whenever I say "Wait, Lily" to her, she gives me a "sad face" with drooped ears. Then I smile at her and say, "I know it's hard, but you need to learn it". Lily has failed many times, and I have been disappointed with her many times. In addition, I sometimes got confused about whether this train of patience was for Lily or me. Well, it's for both of us. In this process, we both have been taught. I admit that God has taught me through training Lily. Back to training Lily, when I was disappointed by Lily, I tried to remember what Abby made and put on my study room door: "Keep trying, don't give up." Then, I took my heart and tried again.

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 5th—SPUMC Rummage/Yard Sale
- April 12th—Rise Against Hunger Experience
- April 17th—Maundy Thursday
- April 18th—Good Friday
- April 19th—SPUMC Easter Egg Hunt
- April 20th—Easter Sunday

#### ST. PAUL UMC VISION STATEMENT

"St. Paul United
Methodist Church is a
Christ-Centered family
that offers H.O.P.E., by
responding to God's
love and grace as
Christian disciples"



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I don't know how you have been doing in this Lenten season. Have you found anything about you and God? People say Lent is a time of suffering and self-control. Even though we have tried to control ourselves, I hope we can find "love" in Lent. Because all our efforts are to see ourselves more in God's love, turn ourselves to God, and do God's love to others.

When we go deeper inside us and God, I believe we can find God's love more and more. When we see our weaknesses and things are shameful, don't stop there. I hope we can go deeper and find God's forgiveness, embrace, and unconditional God's love. With this life journey, our Easter would be abundant. When we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and new life for us, we can enjoy God's blessing and happiness in God fully.

So, as we wait for Easter and go through this journey in Lent, "Keep up the good work! Keep trying! Don't Don't give up!"" We can restart today!

May God bless you all, and we can find God's love more and more in Lent.

- From Pastor Baek



# EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MISSY LAUBER, CHAIR



# Upcoming Spring Event: Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 19th Time: 1:00 –3:00 pm



We are in need of 10 volunteers to make this a fun and joyful event for the kids. Contact *Missy Lauber* at *mlauber13@gmail.com* to volunteer!





#### DONNA HOUSE, CHAIR

The SPPRC will meet again on March 27th to continue reviewing Lay Staff Job Descriptions. They will use input from our lay staff— Nerissa,

Cindy, Missy and Sherry—on their current job descriptions. The goal is to revise as necessary and develop Lay Staff Evaluations to be completed this spring.

#### **PASTOR UPDATE:**

Pastor Baek's last Sunday with us will be June 15th.

As we prepare to say farewell, we will share more information in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for details on how we will celebrate and honor his time with us. Save the date for Sunday, June 8th at 4:00pm—more details to come!

As a reminder, SPPRC meetings are CLOSED as established by the Book of Discipline, and all information shared in the committee is confidential. The congregation is encouraged to share any joys or concerns with the committee.

# TRUSTEES JIM HOUSE, CHAIR

The St. Paul UMC Trustees meet on the first **Saturday** of each month for their business meeting and work time around the church campus. Items discussed include church projects, church maintenance and finances. Additional work sessions are scheduled as needed to maintain the facilities and complete projects. Any volunteer help is welcomed!



#### Completed projects in the month of January include:

- 1) Scrubbed, washed and waxed CLC kitchen floor
- 2) Buffed CLC hallway floors
- 3) Repaired batting cage in CLC and cleaned up that area
- 4) Replaced broken light fixtures in CLC Activity Room
- 5) Replaced door stops in CLC
- 6) Repaired fixture in men's bathroom
- 7) Replaced batteries in smoke detectors

#### **Upcoming projects include:**

- 1) Repair 2 HVAC Units that were damaged during power surge in fall. a. Note: The \$10,000 repair cost was submined to our insurance company and they are covering all costs minus \$2500 deductible.
- 2) Repair parking lot damage next to cemetery
- 3) On hold: SPUMC Home Mission Project The Trustees are planning to rehab the current Fellowship Hall adjacent to the sanctuary. James Ritter is spearheading the project. Dates to follow to lend a hand with cleaning out the closets, drywall, insulation, flooring, ceiling tiles, etc.... This is a facelift that is LONG overdue!
- 4) Paint the church office
- 5) Replace broken rope on flag pole next to sanctuary need fire company support
- 6) Create signage to include direction signs to sanctuary, CLC, and fellowship hall
- 7) Rekey locks for doors into the CLC

# Many thanks to the very dedicated team of Trustees who put in countless hours to maintain our beautiful campus.

The trustees maintain a detailed list of projects across our campus and are working to complete them. <u>Volunteers are always welcome!</u> Please inform a trustee if you see any area that needs repair and/or if you have an idea for improvement. We want St. Paul UMC to be an inviting, safe space for all to worship and fellowship.

#### FINANCE KAREN HILL, CHAIR

#### St. Paul UMC Finances as of 28 February 2025

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions—General Fund	\$ 40,013.92	\$ 55,048.00	\$ 347,069.00	11.5 %
Contributions—Restricted	\$ 2,689.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Total Contributions	\$42,703.68	\$55,048.00	\$347,069.00	
General Expenses	\$ 62,643.99	\$ 55,048.00	\$ 347,069.00	18.0 %
Restricted Expenses	\$ 4,304.31	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 66,948.30	\$ 55,048.00	\$ 347,069.00	

#### 2025 Operating Budget by month will be available upon request.

Current Month			Variance (better /	
(February)	Actual	Budget	worse)	Annual %
Contributions—General Fund	\$ 19,435.75	\$ 26,866.00	(\$ 7,430.25)	-27.7 %
Contributions—Restricted	\$ 1,401.75	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,401.75	
General Expenses	\$ 29,713.83	\$ 26,866.00	(\$ 2,847.83)	-10.6 %
Restricted Expenses	\$2,581.76	\$ 0.00	(\$ 2,581.76)	

# 2025 BUDGET = \$347,066

As a non-profit, the budget assumes unrestricted income and expenses are equal for a net income of **\$0**.

February financials reviewed during March
Finance Committee
Meeting. Challenges
continue for operating
expenses to be higher
than general unrestricted income.

Finance Policy review / update. New Policy for Reimbursement of Expenses being reviewed by Finance Committee. The policy will provide guidelines for timing of reimbursement requests with 90 days of receipt date for reimbursement or within calendar year for inclusion on annual giving statement without reimbursement.

Upcoming Rise-Against-Hunger event scheduled for April. The event cost is \$4,300 and to date we have received approximately \$2,355



#### **Bank Account Balances** 2/28/2025:

General Fund \$ 14,382.71

Money Market \$ 14,006.97

Youth Acct \$ 22,322.81

2/13/25 Mortgage: \$350,356.09



At our meeting today it occurred to us that we would really like to open the opportunity to share with more of our church family the joy we receive in serving. We are an active committee involved in different projects encouraging prayer growth in our congregation. There are many different opportunities for you to serve through the committee without having to come to meetings. Please contact any of our members and they will be happy to share with you where you might be able to shine you light, sharing your love of God with others.

One of the most important gifts you can give to another is prayer in time of need. You can sign up to be on our Call to Prayer line.

This is a welcoming committee where you can make a difference to whatever level is comfortable to you!

The Prayer Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 16th at noon in the Fellowship

SUNDAY SCHOOL BARB MACK, SUPERINTENDENT

If you are looking for a different adventure, the Adult Sunday School class is researching the possibility of studying Apostle Paul. Feel free Sunday after church to get a cup of coffee and a plate of fellowship treats, to sit in with the class in room #10 in the CLC.

The Middle School class continues their stone project. They are increasing their knowledge of the names of the books of the Bible. All middle school students are welcome.

The Primary Sunday School students enjoyed sharing Jesus Loves Me stickers before the church service on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We took a break from our regular Bible stories to study the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm on March 09<sup>th</sup>. Staffs were created to display and share the 23rd Psalm. Miss Karen continues to provide Music to start the class. We appreciate her sharing her talents. We welcomed Miss Susan back to class after her journey.

Please advise if you would like to be a part of sharing your Christian love and care with our Sunday School. We are looking for teachers or helpers to work with our children.

Our children are our hope and promise for tomorrow!



#### SPUMC CARD MINISTRY CAROL HOWARD

We had an amazing time at our Crafting Love Card Making Event on Saturday, March 22nd, creating over 100 beautiful cards to share encouragement and love through the St. Paul Card Committee. It was a joy to fellowship together, share creativity, and serve a meaningful cause.

A huge thank you to everyone who brought food for our delicious breakfast and snack buffet—it was truly a feast! We are also so grateful for those who donated supplies and shared their tools, making this event possible.

What a wonderful time together for an amazing purpose—thank you all for being part of it! Lastly, plans to expand our outreach in 2025 are in the works. If you have **any** ideas, questions, or comments or wish to join our group please see or text **Carol Howard** at **(301) 672-5129.** 







4/02	Heather	Weitzel
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4/02 Henry Weitzel

4/06 Alison Halstead

4/06 Emily Halstead

4/08 Jake Busey

4/11 Donna McCready

4/15 Connie Moore

4/18 Dee Estep

4/21 Nathan Carver

4/25 April Minin

4/26 Savannah Carroll

4/28 Don House

4/29 Allen Fissell





#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE BARB MILLER, CHAIR

The Worship Committee last met on March 20, 2025.

#### **Sunday Service Attendance:**

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Jan. 5	67 + 8 on-line
Jan. 12	58 + 9 on-line
Jan. 19	50 + 11 on-line
Jan. 26	53 + 9 on-line
Feb. 2	54 + 9 on-line
Feb. 9	52 + 12 on-line
Feb. 16	68 + 8 on-line Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 23	61 + 6 on-line
Mar. 2	60 + 8 on-line
Mar. 5	17 + on-line Ash Wednesday
Mar. 9	64 + 9 on-line



#### **Recent Services:**

- February 16: Boy Scout Sunday
- Tuesday, March 4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday Service 7pm
- March 9: 1st Sunday of Lent, Girl Scout Sunday (Daisy Troop) One Daisy and Leader were present. A slide show of photos of activities was shown. Many girls were ill and could not attend.

#### **Upcoming Services:**

- Lenten Sunday Services to include "diminishing candles" at the beginning of each service
- March 30: UMCOR Sunday-Informalon to be included in the bulleln about this
- important global relief ministry of the United Methodist Church.
- April 13: Palm Sunday
- April 17: Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00pm
- April 18: Good Friday Service 7:00pm
- April 19: Easter Sunday Service 9:15am
- May 25: Memorial Day Sunday- We would like to honor and mourn any U.S. military personnel who died
  while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Please submit names, branch of service, and photos of
  family or former members of our congregation, along with birth and death dates.

#### **Next Worship Committee Meeting:**

Thursday, May 15, 2025 6:30pm in CLC Library

#### MISSIONS COMMITTEE COLLEEN LANE, CHAIR

Join us for our **Rise Against Hunger** event on **April 12**<sup>th</sup> at **1:30pm** in our Activity Center! We will be packing 10,000 meals, and we need as many hands as possible to make it happen. **Registration is required**—please sign up online by scanning the QR code, visiting the website in your email, or adding your name to the registration log available in the entrance of the Sanctuary. If you're unable to pre-register, same-day registration will be available at the event.



#### LAY LEADER DONNA HOUSE

We are in the season of Lent which is a 40-day period of reflection and preparation for Easter that Christians observe. It's a time to remember Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection.

#### As a reminder, the purpose of Lent is:

- To ask for forgiveness
- To prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at Easter
- To test self-discipline
- To imitate Jesus's time of fasting and prayer in the desert

#### Christian practices can include:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Participating in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
- Abstaining from luxuries
- Reading Sacred Scripture
- Sharing time and talents



As we go through Lent together, take time to read the Lenten scriptures, participates in Rise Against Hunger, pray for guidance, and be prepared to celebrate Christ rising together on Easter morning. Garber daisies can be purchased in memory or honor of someone that will be in the sanctuary on Palm and Easter Sundays. Orders were due March 16th.

As a reminder, at our August "Wind in Our Sails" meeting, our congregation set three priorities for the upcoming year. In order, they were:

- 1) **Continue with ONE service.** It is such a joy having all of us together each Sunday. Morning worship starts at 9:15 with praise music and announcements are at 9:30 am. Fellowship time follows, and Sunday School begins around 10:45 am.
- 2) We want our church to GROW so our second priority will be publicity through Facebook, flyers, community outreach and more. Each person is encouraged to bring someone new to worship or one of our monthly activities.
- **3)** The 3<sup>rd</sup> focus area is **financial stability**. We have made positive changes in budget and for that we are grateful, but our income last year was still below expenses. The 2025 budget is leaner than 2024 and we will continue to tighten our purse strings. Please consider your giving now and in the future towards the general budget.

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.



Pastor Baek's appointment at St. Paul UMC is coming to an end, and his last Sunday with us will be **June 15**<sup>th</sup>.

As we prepare to say farewell, we will share more information in the coming weeks on how we will celebrate and honor his time with us.

Save the date for **Sunday**, **June 8**<sup>th</sup> at **4:00pm**—more details to come!

# CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES SHERRY MERVINE, LEADER

#### VBS update:

Theme Chosen: Road Trip

Dates:

July 7th to July 11th



#### **Community Yard Sale/Rummage Sale update:**

April and May will include outdoor space and Food trucks 3/1 Profit approx. \$400 for General fund Next Yard Sale: April 5

#### **Future events:**

<u>July Weekly Summer camps</u> (possibly- depending on Sherry's summer schedule): July 7, 14, and 21 with different themes

Youth/Middle school Sunday School Topic for February: Laws and Rules from God

#### Family Event:

#### Mother's Day Tea:

May 10th
More to come!



#### **Antique Appraisal and Car Meet:**

July 5th 5-7PM More to come!





Contact SPUMPS (410) 326-3615 or email spumps07@yahoo.com for more information and secure your spot today—spaces fill

SPUMPS Summer Program

June 16-August 8, 2025 (Closed July 4th)

Ages 3-5



Monday - Friday 8am-4pm \$250 weekly Monday - Friday 8am-12pm \$125 weekly

Campers will enjoy water play, arts and crafts, science experiments, games and in-house field trips.

St. Paul United Methodist Preschool Center 11000 HG Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657



# **April 25th**

Trike-A-Thon is a fundraiser event to raise money for research to advance in the fight against childhood cancer and illnesses.

Over the years SPUMPS has been recognized as being amongst the top organizations for raising donations. Last year we raised \$8954 (almost \$2000 over our goal).

All proceeds go to St. Jude!

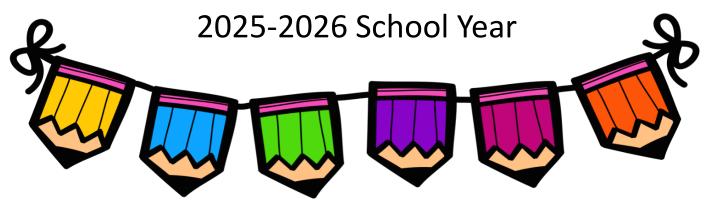




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# St. Paul United Methodist Preschool

Open Enrollment has Begun!



### **Part Time Preschool**

3/4 Year Old - 5 Day AM - Monday-Friday - 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM

3-5 Year Old - 5 Day PM - Monday-Friday - 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM

4/5 Year Old - 5 Day AM - Monday-Friday - 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM

## **Extended Day Program**

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM

Contact SPUMPS (410) 326-3615 or email spumps07@yahoo.com for more information and secure your spot today spaces fill quickly!





# St. Paul invites you all to connect with us online!



Please take a moment to visit our website:

https://stpaulumc-lusby.org/

Or visit our Facebook page and give us a thumbs-up, share your thoughts in the comments, and spread the words by sharing our posts and events.

Your support helps us reach more people with our message of faith, love and unity within our community.

St Paul United Methodist Church
570 likes • 647 followers



Let's stay connected and continue to grow together as a church family online!

# Celebrate Easter at St. Paul United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17 7:00pm

Good Friday Service
April 18 7:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt
April 19 1-3:00pm

Easter Sunday Service April 20 9:15am



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**EGG HUNT** 









# April 12

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Join us for an exciting, hands-on volunteer opportunity as we work together to package over 10,000 meals that represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide.





Scan Here to Register to HELP!



Event Sponsored and Hosted By St. Paul United Methodist Church 11000 H.G. Trueman Road Lusby, MD 20657

# CHOSEN

"Before He made the world, God loved us and chose us..."

Ephesians 1:4

# Please Join Us!

Care Net SoMD's 34th Annual Banquet



with Keynote Speaker Mark Schultz

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 @ 6:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

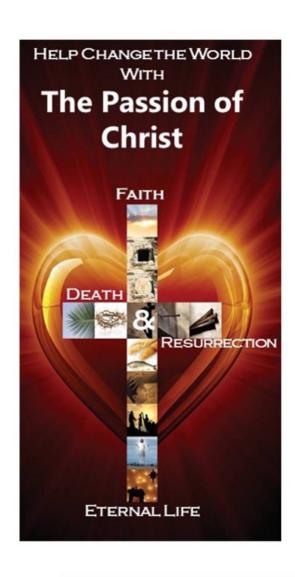
**HVFD Social Hall | Hollywood, MD** 

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS: \$35/PERSON PLEASE REPLY BY: MARCH 14, 2025



General Admission tickets are open seating (first come/first served). Table reservations and Event Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information visit: www.friendsofcarenetsomd.org.





### Passion of Christ

 Participants needed to tell the story of Jesus' love and sacrifice.
 Come join us as a witness to the community.
 Tryouts at:

Southern Community Center 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby, MD

Saturday, February 22 10 AM – 2 PM Saturday, March 1 10 AM – 2 PM Or submit video auditions to rogersdiamond@gmail.com

Webpage: PassionOfChristSOMD.org Email: <u>PassionOfChristSOMD@gmail.com</u> Facebook: Passion of Christ Southern Maryland

# **Showtimes and Dates:**

April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 8:00 PM



Awareness and Education with Panel Discussion











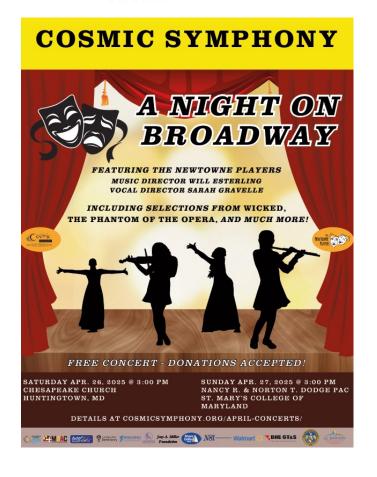








SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH 2:30 - 4:00 PM Middleham and Saint Peter's Episcopal Parish 10210 H G Trueman Rd. Lusby, MD 20657









The third annual Taste of Maryland Dinner fundraiser at the West River Center will be held on April 13. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the camp scholarship fund. Come out to the beautiful West River Center and enjoy an evening of local flavors, including a pig roast, live oyster bar, wonderful local salads/field greens and great desserts. Tickets are \$85/plate. Additional details coming soon.

#### LOST and FOUND

SPUMC has a "Lost and Found" basket stationed in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Submissions for the May Messenger are due April 20th.

Thank you.

Food Drop Lusby is the 3rd Friday of every month at Middleham Parking lot by SMILE, starting at 9 AM. The Maryland Food Bank provides fresh food for packing and distribution. If you can grocery shop you can enjoy a morning making a difference.

Distribution Drivers are also needed.

Non-perishable grocery items are collected each month from our Christian Life Center (CLC).

Please place your donations in the box labeled for SMILE.

Project Echo and CareNet also have donation boxes to support the needs of those they serve.

More information is available in the Christian Life Center Thank you for supporting our community missions.

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

St Paul UMC - Activities

Apr 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

9:15am - Worship (Service) 10:30am - Fellowship 10:45am - Sunday School	SPUMPS Closed - SPRING BREAK  EASTER Sunday  (Newsletter Article Due 9:15am - Easter Sunday 10:30am - Fellowship 10:45am - Sunday School	9:15am - Palm Sunday 10:30am - Fellowship 10:45am - Sunday School	9:15am - Worship (Service) 10:30am - Fellowship 10:45am - Sunday School	Sun 30
6:45pm - Women's Bible	6:45pm - Women's Bible	SPUMPS Closed - SPRING BREAK 6:45pm - Women's Bible	6pm - Calvert Eagles 14u/AC 6:45pm - Women's Bible	Mon 31
6:15pm - Praise Team 6:30pm - Bible Study/Library 7pm - BS Troop/FH @	SPUMPS - School Reopens 6:15pm - Praise Team 6:30pm - Bible Study/Library 7pm - BS Troop/FH @	6:15pm - Praise Team 6:30pm - Bible Study/Libra 7pm - BS Troop/FH @	10:30am - Faith Circle 6:15pm - Praise Team 6:30pm - Bible Study/Library 7pm - BS Troop/FH @ 7pm - CS Committee Mtg/Rm	Tue 1 6:15pm - Praise Team 6:30pm - Bible Study/Library 7pm - BS Troop/FH @
9am - HeartFelt/FH @ 7:30pm - AA/FH @	9am - HeartFelt/FH @ 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - AA/FH @	9am - HeartFelt/FH @ 12pm - Prayer Committee 7:30pm - AA/FH @	9 9am - HeartFelt/FH @ 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - AA/FH @	Wed  2  9am - HeartFelt/FH @  7:30pm - AA/FH @  7:30pm - Scout Leaders
_	7pm - Cub Scouts/Rms	7pm - Maundy Thursday	5:30pm - Finance Mtg/Library 6pm - Calvert Eagles 14u/AC 6:30pm - Council Mtg/Library 7pm - Cub Scouts/Rms	Thu 3 6pm - Calvert Eagles 14u/AC 7pm - Cub Scouts/Rms
2	SPUMPS Trike-A-Thon/AC 8pm - AA/FH @ Fellowship	7pm - Good Friday (Service) 8pm - AA/FH @ Fellowship	8pm - AA/FH @ Fellowship	Fri 4 8pm - AA/FH @ Fellowship
з	10am - Girl Scouts Mtg/FH @	1pm - Easter Egg Hunt/CLC	12 10am - Girl Scouts Mtg/FH @ 1:30pm - Rise Against	Sat  Sat  5  9am - Community Indoor