

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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**Sunday Service 10:00 am & 5:30 pm**

You can also find our newsletter at [EllenbergerUCC.com](http://EllenbergerUCC.com)

## Pastor Alan's Village View

Hi neighbors,

As I write this months article I am preparing for the first of five trips over the next 2 ½ years to Green Lake, WI, To the Center for Excellence in Congregational Leadership (CECL) and we as a church start our journey into a bright new future. I am positive that we are following the leading of the Holy Spirit as we go down this path. We have asked those people who attend church on a regular basis to openly commit to supporting the church on this journey with us.

We are in the middle of the Lenten season a time to reflect on where is the place in our lives that God fits in. What do I do or not do, that fills the place set aside for God, so much that there is no room for God to fit. This a personal reflection that all to often we avoid doing because we know already that we are keeping ourselves so busy that reflecting will only point out that which we don't want to face.

Work, sports, TV, video games, family, friends, 2nd jobs, tiredness and lack of energy, these are common reasons/excuses we all use to be to busy for God. I would suggest that we all take a look this Lenten season at our priorities in our lives.

- Ø Where and doing what do we spend our time?
- Ø How much time do we take away from God?
- Ø How much time do we take away from our family?
- Ø How much time do we take away from ourselves?

Being whole starts with time with God, then time with family, which in turn gives us time with ourselves. Distractions will draw you away from all of these and before you know it they all become unimportant parts of your life. The things like work, sports, TV, video games, and 2nd jobs although necessary parts of life rob us of the most important aspects of life starting with God.

So this Lenten season don't give up something like chocolate that does nothing for your spiritual life, instead do something about fitting God back into your life make room for God and see if you also don't find you make room for family and yourself.

My prayer for us all is when we make more room for God, that this Easter time will be one of the best times we've ever had. Lets prepare fully and thus celebrate EASTER fully.

Shalom Pastor Alan.

P.S.: If you have not been to church for a while why don't you come on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday this year and get back into the habit. The church is growing in all areas and it would be better if you were here to join in. Hope to see you soon. PA.

## PARISH NEWS

We grieve the passing of Terry Daniels mother **Lee Miers**. Lee passed quietly away on March 12, 2011. Please keep Terry and his family in your prayers.

**Susan Trittipio** Has been having some medical problems causing her some pain. Continue to keep Susan in your prayers for good health.

**Laure Reed** is back in the hospital with a leak in her heart. They put in a stint. She is looking better and hopes to go home soon. Pray for continued strength for Laure and her family as they face the challenges ahead.

**Terri Suesz**, is in the hospital, there had been complications with her breathing. Pray for Terri's overall health.

**Harold Richardson** aspirated at home and was taken to the hospital. He was put on a breathing respirator; he is responding well and is expected to come through this ordeal in good condition. Keep his family in your prayers as they keep vigil over him.

### **Prayer or Visitation requests:**

If you know of a member or friend of the church who goes to the hospital or is sick at home please contact the church so Pastor Alan can offer pastoral care and we can place them on our prayer request line.

Church office number 356-9839

Prayer request number Susie Meese 405-7733

**Fellowship is collecting Easter eggs and candy to fill them for our egg hunt.**

**MS Walk** – Rhonda Clark and Terri Yeary are walking for Bob Clark. They ask everyone who is able to come join them; those who are unable to walk but would like to help can give donations to Rhonda or Terri. Money raised goes for MS research supporting studies that hope to reveal the cause and a cure for the disease The walk will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. Check-in starts at 7:30 AM downtown Indy IUPUI. Come walk with us

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### **Pacific Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Collections:**

Donations may be made at your local UCC congregation or sent directly to the Conference office marked for "Pacific earthquake/tsunami". If sent directly to the Conference office, please make your check payable to, Indiana-Kentucky Conference, UCC, and mail it to 1100 W 42nd Street, Suite 350, Indianapolis, IN. These donations will then be sent on to UCC Wider Church Ministries

We will be giving you an opportunity to give for the next few weeks. You can make checks payable to the church or the conference.

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**For Event Dates remember to check our calendar at [EllenbergerUCC.com](http://EllenbergerUCC.com)**

## PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND THANKSGIVING

**Terry Daniels - Elizabeth Berry - Londa Cantrell - Kathy Emerson - Willadene Lagler - Lucille Lake - Lee Miers - Laure Reed** – Bob Clark - Baby Sara’s family - Lois Barnard - Anna Biediger - Justin Blakeburn - Kristena Bradt – Kelly Brant - Sue Brewer – Tom Brown – Chris Clark – Linda Collier - Kevin Cooksie - George Coons – Steve Creech – Ineta & Herb Cummings - Rita Cummins - Kristi Curtis – Michael FitzGibbon – Leah Gerber - Julie Gilbert – James Greer - Linda Griffin – Thomasine Hailey - Marguerite Hensley - Sue Honeycutt – Cody King – Ashley Lamb - Robert Lamb - Jim Lindsay – Mona May - The McIntosh Family – Sharon McClure - Cheryl McMorris - Mildred McMurray - Allen & Susie Meese - Rev. Joan Mier – Betty Miller – Phyllis Moore - Munoz Family – David Najor - M. J. Nice – James Oliver – Reeves Family – Harold Richardson – Rhoades Family – Cory Scott - Mike Sellers – Suesz Family - Heb Thompson - Susan Trittipio - Barbara & Roger Turner - Martha Umbenhower – Michael Walters – Joyce White - Michelle White Family - Patrick White – Betty Wolf - Joan Wolfe & Family - Zion Wood – Terry Yeary’s Family - Janet Yonts - Our Troops. Pray for Peace. Pray for your eyes and ears to be open to God’s will for you and the church.

### PRAYER CROSS:

Place a prayer request on the cross at the front of the sanctuary and the choir will lift up your prayers at choir practice.

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## **Birthdays & Anniversaries for April**

<b>7 Beverly Sue Brewer</b>	<b>3 Rusty &amp; Toni Wall</b>
<b>11 Michael Kinnaman</b>	
<b>11 Bill Snell, Jr.</b>	
<b>12 Ashley Cecil</b>	<b>11 Robert &amp; Norma Held</b>
<b>13 Peter Boylan</b>	
<b>13 Willadene Lagler</b>	
<b>14 Mackenzie Kinnaman</b>	
<b>15 Robert Satterfied (R.K.)</b>	
<b>18 Bailey Apley</b>	
<b>19 Julie Barry</b>	<b>21 Josh &amp; Valerie Pearson</b>
<b>23 Gene Dibbern</b>	
<b>24 Dortha May</b>	
<b>27 Dylan Kirschenman</b>	



**EDUCATION** (Cindy Blakeburn)

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Our annual EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday the 23rd of April at 11AM. Toddlers through grade 6 are invited to bring a basket and enjoy the Easter story from the "egg's point of view" and then the traditional egg hunt to follow. We are asking for donations of candy and plastic eggs. Please only donate candy that is wrapped and fits into the plastic eggs. We are having an egg stuffing "party" on Saturday, April 16th beginning at 10AM. We invite you to bring a sack lunch and help stuff eggs. (In years past we have stuffed over 700 eggs so be prepared!)

Bob Clark, Susie Meese and I have selected a VBS curriculum entitled "INSIDE OUT - UPSIDE DOWN ON MAIN STREET". This requires ALOT of help. Please consider helping the kids by being a volunteer in some way on (and before) the week of July 11 thru 15. There are so many positions and things to be done (even behind the scenes) so have a talk with God and let us work together for the benefit of all the youngsters in this community of Christ.

The youth group got busy and fixed up a room where we could be comfortably together for a youth Sunday school program AND they have a great recreation room. Bob has moved upstairs with the younger class and it seems to work well for them too!

Hope to see you all soon "in the pews!"



**MISSIONS** (Linda & Laure Reed)

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We are expanding the library and trying to thin the books out. Books have been offered to the congregation to take home. We have adopted a family from school #88 who we will be helping throughout the year with holidays and birthdays, etc...

Next missions meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00AM (4-16-11) along with the fellowship team.

Linda & Laure



**FELLOWSHIP** (Susie Meese)  
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A great big THANKS to all who brought in their Special soups and desserts for the Lenten dinner. Everyone pitched in and made it a memorable event to be proud of, again, Thanx.

April is our EXTRA SPECIAL EGG MONTH with egg stuffing day on the 16th at 10:00. Fellowship and Missions teams will meet at the same time and talk about the events for the rest of the year. Everyone will be invited to help fill eggs in the Gathering room. Bring a sack lunch, drinks will be provided. The Easter Egg Hunt will be the 23rd at 11:00 am Preparation will begin about 9:30

The A.A. S will have use of the downstairs on the 16th of April to celebrate their Year Of Sobriety. They will be busy from 10:30 AM until 10: P.M. We wish them another great year to be celebrated next year at this time.

Sunday the 17th at 3:00, the Scottish Rite will be giving a Free play about the Jewish Laws of the old testament, and how they tie into our Christian Belief of today. Everyone who saw the play last year said it was Great. Car pooling can be done for those who don't want to go alone, or drive downtown.. Sign up at the back of the church so we can plan transportation.

May 7th is the Ladies Luncheon at Noon. Only a certain amount of reservations will be accepted. The cost will be \$2:00 per person. Sign up early to be sure you have a seat.

Put the 29th on the calendar as it is a 5th Sunday Pitch-in. The theme will be the RACES, so bring your favorite tail-gating specials and join in for a fun time. Euchre is always at 7:00 on the last Friday of the month.. Lots of Fellowship and laughs are always there. Come try it out.

Paper products are always in demand. We are short on T.P., Large Sturdy plates, Small dessert plates, and we are asking for colored paper for use in Sunday School. Place the paper products in the back pew and we will take care of them, Thanks.

**REMEMBER; GOD ALWAYS BLESSES  
EVEN OUR WORST MESSES!!!!**  
Susie M.



**COMMUNICATIONS** (Rhonda Clark)  
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I will be taking Easter portraits on April 17<sup>th</sup> along with photos for the church directory and newsletters. I will be setup in the fellowship hall, please see me directly after Sunday school that morning. I am getting Ad's placed for events happening in our church, please let me know if you have items that should be placed in local papers or on community calendars (such as the Baby Signing Class, VBS, ect...) Thanks everyone for all your support. **Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!**

Rhonda ☺

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**eTEAM** (Bob Clark)  
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The toddler ASL class/outreach program is slated to begin April 2 at 1:00 pm here at Ellenberger. This eight week program will be held every Saturday and is open to children ages 0-5 **AND** their parents. This age range is just a suggestion—we are primarily targeting preverbal children, but older children are welcome as well.

Terri Yeary will be leading the class, but will need help with the children. Ellenberger will supply snacks such as animal crackers and juice; donations of same from the congregation will be gratefully accepted.

The video series outreach program will start appropriately enough with the **Why Jesus?** program. The start date is May 10th at 7:00 pm in the Gathering room.

A computer literacy class focusing on social networking for adults has been suggested. This is an excellent idea; start date TBD.

Our next e-Team meeting is scheduled for April 16, 11:30 am at Ellenberger. As we will be stuffing eggs for the Easter egg hunt for the following week, we will not hold our meeting in a community restaurant. Instead, we ask that participants bring a sack lunch and stuff eggs while stuffing their faces.. Yum. :-)

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert B. Clark



**WORSHIP** (Pastor Alan & Jody FitzGibbon)  
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**. Team Greeters for April**

*(Please have one or more of your team at church by 9:30am.)*

<b>Sun. April 3</b>	<b>Sun. April 10</b>	<b>Sun. April 17</b>	<b>Sun. April 24</b>
Pastoral	Communication	Finance	Worship

**Maundy Service at 7:00PM**  
**Good Friday Service 7:00PM**  
**Palm Sunday Service 10:00AM**  
**Easter Sunday Service 10:00AM**

**BE A FRIEND INVITE A FRIEND**



**TEAM ELLENBERGER** (Tom Ott)  
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Team Ellenberger meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. The first monthly meeting is the business meeting and the third monthly meeting is the Bible Study meeting. We invite everyone to attend the Bible studies, we will meet at Bob & Rhonda's home April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

We only have about 1/2 of the commitment forms returned.  
I would ask that people return a form either way: yeah or nay.

CECL: (Center for Excellence in Congregational Leader)  
The team with the support of the church council is going ahead with this church grow program. If you would like to read more about CECL you can visit the website at:  
<http://cecl.glcc.org/>



God is blessing our church! Tom Ott, sought a \$500 grant for ICAN on behalf of Ellenberger, it was given and doubled! The check was presented during the Lenten service here at Ellenberger on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**YOUTH** (Terri Yeary & Ralph Reed)  
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The youth rolled out the new season with a trip to Ohio for a concert & visit to the Creation Museum to get us excited! Now that we're back, focus is on getting involved in some community service projects. Some great ideas have been thrown out & we look forward to getting at least a couple of them put into action this month. By the end of the month, grab a youth & ask what they're doing to make a difference in someone else's life. Their answers may just surprise you!

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**Buildings & Grounds - Mark Apley & Kerry Benard** [bg@ellenbergerucc.com](mailto:bg@ellenbergerucc.com)  
**Moderator - Billy Yeary** [moderator@ellenbergerucc.com](mailto:moderator@ellenbergerucc.com)

## Lenten Season Schedule

### The Southeast Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ Men's Lenten Breakfast and Services

The Southeast will again be holding Men's Lenten Breakfasts for the six Saturday mornings of the Lenten season. Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. with a worship service/program following immediately after breakfast

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>
March 12	<b>Faith UCC 4040 East Thompson Road</b>
March 19	<b>Zion UCC (Post Road; Co-Host Pleasant Run UCC) 8916 E. Troy Av.</b>
March 26	<b>St. John UCC (Cumberland) 11000 East Washington Street</b>
April 2	<b>Altenheim Church 3525 East Hanna Ave.</b>
April 9	<b>First Congregational UCC 7171 N. Pennsylvania Street</b>
April 16	<b>Zion (Downtown) 416 E. North Street</b>

### The Irvington Association of Ministers Ecumenical Lenten Dinner and Services

Each Wednesday during Lent we will gather for a simple soup dinner from 6:00 – 6:55pm and worship starting at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome: Bring the entire family.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Host Church:</u>	<u>Preaching:</u>
<b>March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Irvington Presbyterian</b> 55 Johnson Ave	<b>Barbra Dahl</b>
<b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ellenberger United Church of Christ</b> 5520 E 10 <sup>th</sup> St	<b>Enid Morrison</b>
<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Downey Avenue Christian Church</b> 111 S. Downey Avenue	<b>Keith Adkins</b>
<b>March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Matthews Episcopal Church</b> 8320 East 10 <sup>th</sup> St	<b>Nick Dant</b>
<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gethsemane Lutheran Church</b> 6810 East 10th Street	<b>Pastor Alan</b>
<b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Irvington United Methodist Church</b> 30 North Audubon	<b>Bob Heimach</b>

All collections taken will go to Irvington Churches Advocacy Network (ICAN) to support the ministry.

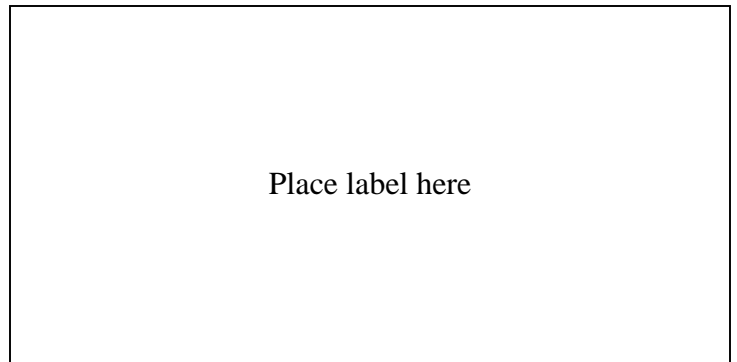
## April Daily Lectionary Scripture References

<p><b>Fri., Apr. 1</b> Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:22-31 Ephesians 5:1-9</p>	<p><b>Mon., Apr. 11</b> Psalm 143 1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12</p>	<p><b>Tues., Apr. 19</b> Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36</p>	<p><b>Mon., Apr. 25</b> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Colossians 3:5-11</p>
<p><b>Sat., Apr. 2</b> Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:32-34 John 1:1-9</p>	<p><b>Tues., Apr. 12</b> Psalm 143 2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10</p>	<p><b>Wed., Apr. 20</b> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32</p>	<p><b>Tues., Apr. 26</b> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Exodus 15:1-18 Colossians 3:12-17</p>
<p><b>Sun., Apr. 3</b> 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41</p>	<p><b>Wed., Apr. 13</b> Psalm 143 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Matthew 22:23-33</p>	<p><b>Thurs., Apr. 21</b> Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>	<p><b>Wed., Apr. 27</b> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Joshua 3:1-17 Matthew 28:1-10</p>
<p><b>Mon., Apr. 4</b> Psalm 146 Isaiah 59:9-19 Acts 9:1-20</p>	<p><b>Thurs., Apr. 14</b> Psalm 31:9-16 1 Samuel 16:11-13 Philippians 1:1-11</p>	<p><b>Fri., Apr. 22</b> Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 <i>or</i> Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42</p>	<p><b>Thurs., Apr. 28</b> Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 2:8-15 Colossians 4:2-5</p>
<p><b>Tues., Apr. 5</b> Psalm 146 Isaiah 42:14-21 Colossians 1:9-14</p>	<p><b>Fri., Apr. 15</b> Psalm 31:9-16 Job 13:13-19 Philippians 1:21-30</p>	<p><b>Sat., Apr. 23</b> Job 14:1-14 <i>or</i> Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 Matthew 27:57-66 <i>or</i> John 19:38-42</p>	<p><b>Fri., Apr. 29</b> Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 5:9—6:3 1 Corinthians 15:1-11</p>
<p><b>Wed., Apr. 6</b> Psalm 146 Isaiah 60:17-22 Matthew 9:27-34</p>	<p><b>Sat., Apr. 16</b> Psalm 31:9-16 Lamentations 3:55-66 Mark 10:32-34</p>	<p><b>Sun., Apr. 24</b> <i>Easter</i> Acts 10:34-43 Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Matthew 28:1-10</p>	<p><b>Sat., Apr. 30</b> Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 8:6-7 John 20:11-20</p>
<p><b>Thurs., Apr. 7</b> Psalm 130 Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3 Revelation 10:1-11</p>	<p><b>Sun., Apr. 17</b> Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11 <i>Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66 <i>or</i> Matthew 27:11-54</p>	<p><b>Sun., Apr. 24</b> <i>Easter</i> Acts 10:34-43 Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Matthew 28:1-10</p>	<p><b>Sun., Apr. 10</b> Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</p>
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<p><b>Sat., Apr. 9</b> Psalm 130 Ezekiel 36:8-15 Luke 24:44-53</p>	<p><b>Mon., Apr. 18</b> Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11</p>	<p><b>Sun., Apr. 24</b> <i>Easter</i> Acts 10:34-43 Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Matthew 28:1-10</p>	<p><b>Sun., Apr. 10</b> Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</p>
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## **DID YOU MISS IT?**

- **Lenten Services?**
- **ICAN presentation?**
- **Youth Trip to Ohio?**

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