

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	59
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,222
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$1,182>
Offering YTD	\$40,587
Difference to Offering YTD	\$2,123

- \* **Sermon Notes** - Available in the Narthex
- \* **Listening devices** are available upon request

- \* **Kids Own Worship** - Kids in Kindergarten-4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children's Message.
- \* **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.
- \* **Please join us in the Parlor after worship for Coffee Hour, coffee, punch, treats & fellowship.**
- \* Sign up to host future Coffee Hours in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)  
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Elders  
 Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



Sunday, May 5th, 2024

**Show us a Sign!**

John 2:13-25

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 – May 5th, 2024



*Please take a moment to fill out pew pads*

**Call To Worship:** (Psalm 91:1-4)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**\*Hymn of Praise:**

#43 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

**\*Prayer of Adoration:**

Dana Woodring

**Call to Confession:** (Psalm 91:5-10)

Dana Woodring

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**(ALL)**

O God, our strength and shield, You have no fear within Yourself but we live within the fear of the LORD; the righteous fear You, revering You in love and devotion, while the wicked fear You, trembling at the sound of Your voice as they hear Your just judgments. Forgive us, in Your great mercy, allow us to shelter within Your courts, because You are our only refuge and our only hope for security in this life or the next. Preserve us from evil in this world and keep us from straying apart from Your holy commandments. Forgive us in love and let us forgive others in love, in Your Name and for Your glory. Teach us to praise You and honor You rightly, trusting in Your beneficence. Let our confidence remain in You and deliver us from our own self-righteousness as we trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, alone. **AMEN**

**Silent Prayers & Confessions:**

Dana Woodring

**Assurance of Pardon:** (Psalm 91:11-16)

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**WALK FOR LIFE 2024**

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.**  
Central Park, Mansfield  
Registration opens at 9am

The Walk for Life benefits Richland Pregnancy Services. Register to be a walker for free and you will receive access to your own personal website to raise funds to help save and change lives.

Ask friends and family to sponsor you as you walk. You will be eligible for some GREAT PRIZES from local businesses and attractions all around Ohio! PLUS you will be entered to win prizes the day of the event!

**Sign up to join our team in the Narthex or see Jenn Bacquet**

**Baby Bottles for coin collection are located in the Narthex.**

**Now through Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 2024**

the power of **HOPE** ignites **CHANGE**

The 2024 Richland Pregnancy Services Change for Life Campaign

By filling a baby bottle with change (cash, check or coins) you are helping to provide hope to those facing an unplanned pregnancy and igniting change in the lives we serve.

visit [www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com](http://www.friendsofrichlandpregnancy.com) to find out more.

## THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### LORD'S DAY 18

**Q. What do you confess when you say, he ascended into heaven?**

A. That Christ, before the eyes of his disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven,<sup>1</sup> and that he is there for our benefit<sup>2</sup> until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mk 16:19; Lk 24:50, 51; Acts 1:9-11.

<sup>2</sup> Rom 8:34; Heb 4:14; 7:23-25; 9:24.

<sup>3</sup> Mt 24:30; Acts 1:11.

**Q. Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as he has promised us?<sup>1</sup>**

A. Christ is true man and true God. With respect to his human nature he is no longer on earth,<sup>2</sup> but with respect to his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mt 28:20.

<sup>2</sup> Mt 26:11; Jn 16:28; 17:11; Acts 3:19-21; Heb 8:4.

<sup>3</sup> Mt 28:18-20; Jn 14:16-19; 16:13.

**Q. But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if his human nature is not present wherever his divinity is?**

A. Not at all, for his divinity has no limits and is present everywhere.<sup>1</sup> So it must follow that his divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which he has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jer 23:23, 24; Acts 7:48, 49.

<sup>2</sup> Jn 1:14; 3:13; Col 2:9.

**Q. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?**

A. First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father.<sup>1</sup> Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself.<sup>2</sup> Third, he sends us his Spirit as a counter-pledge,<sup>3</sup> by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rom 8:34; 1 Jn 2:1.

<sup>2</sup> Jn 14:2; 17:24; Eph 2:4-6.

<sup>3</sup> Jn 14:16; Acts 2:33; 2 Cor 1:21, 22; 5:5.

<sup>4</sup> Col 3:1-4.

**\*Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

**Offertory:**  
(see insert)

De Richard  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**\*Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph

### Preschool Singing

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

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**

**Song of Preparation:**

#734 Be Strong in the Lord

### The Word of God\*\*

**The Scripture Reading:** John 2:13-25

**Sermon:** Show us a Sign!

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*\*\* Found on page 862 in the red pew Bible.*



## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words by Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of Glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss,

And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,

Save in the death of Christ my God;

All the vain things that charm me most,

I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,

Sorrow and love flow mingled down:

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,

Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were an offering far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

*Office hours are M-F 8am-noon*

Sunday, May 5th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, May 8th	6 pm	Preschool Spring Program
Thursday, May 9th	9:30 am	Preschool Chapel
	10 am	Prayer Meeting
Friday, May 10th	9:30 am	Preschool Chapel
	12 pm	Preschool Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday, May 12th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour

**Richland Pregnancy Center Walk for Life - We are forming a team to participate at this event on June 1st at 10am. Please sign up in the Narthex if interested.**

**[Greeters Needed!](#) - If you would like to serve as a greeter before Sunday Worship? Consider doing the same week each month. If interested please sign up in the Narthex. If you have questions see [Tucker Bacquet](#).**



Celebrating God's work through these last eight seasons of Vivace Arts. Come join us!

Sunday, May 19 3:30 p.m. The Ripley Church 4130 Edwards Rd., Greenwich

Our students and instructors have been hard at work since September, and now it's time to enjoy their performances and celebrate their accomplishments. Everyone is invited for some cookies and conversation after the program.

If you can't join us in person, look

for the livestream at:

<https://youtube.com/live/qu5TVOPfARY>

## PRAYER REQUEST

Ted Hanson

The friends and family of Fred Segar, in mourning

The Thomassen Family

James Willis

Family & friends of Caroline Ruth, in mourning

Brandi Coe

Eurobrass

EduNations and its students

My Village Ministries

[www.myvillageministries.com](http://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:

4/18

Chelsea

Jerry & Mary

Youth at the YMCA & in our community

Healing & Strength for Cynthia

Healing & Strength for Jeff

Healing & Strength for Tom

Healing & Strength for Dave

Healing & Strength for Conner

Healing & Strength for Mary Sizemore

# 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 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 Vicki Woodmen

Healing for the daughter of Lucille Bridgeman

Healing for Agie

Healing for Janis Gibbs

Healing for Stefen Francis

Healing for Dawn Morton

Friends & Family of Ryan Christman, in mourning

The Holsinger/Riley Family, in mourning

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

Frank Daniell

Hazel Bigner & family

Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice

Maureen Doherty

Mark Doherty

Family and friends of Martha Montague, in mourning

**Over**——>

Mansfield 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Presbyterian Church

399 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield



### **Seeking a Music Director**

**We are looking for a person to lead the congregation in worship through music.**

- Commit to support the mission, vision, and worship philosophy of Mansfield 1<sup>st</sup> EPC.
- Serve as accompanist, vocalist, or conductor as needed in all worship services.
- Mastery of piano is required; experience with organ and handbells is strongly desired.
- Choose, prepare, and perform special music for the weekly 10 a.m. worship service and any other special services as needed. The church facility is available for practice.
- Select songs for preludes, postludes, offertory, and communion and assist the pastor with hymn selections for weekly worship.
- Plan and provide music/lesson for preschool twice a week (approx. 2 hrs.)
- Coordinate substitute musicians during planned absences.
- Assist in developing a small handbell choir.
- Assist in developing a small group vocal ensemble and/or choir.
- Treat Sunday as the priority day of ministry for Mansfield 1<sup>st</sup> EPC
- Meet with the pastor at least one time a month for planning, communication, and evaluation.
- Attending the weekly church staff meetings at noon on Wednesdays is preferred.
- Part-time: 15-20 hours weekly, including 3 hours approx. on Sunday mornings
- Paid time off (4 Sundays per calendar year)
- Agree to the Personnel Policy and Seven Essentials of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Start Date: June 2, 2024

Salary: Pay will be commensurate with experience, education, and qualifications

## April Books of the Month

### Adults

Do you own a hymn book? Recently in his podcast "Things Unseen," Presbyterian pastor and author Sinclair B. Ferguson posed this question to his listeners and discussed the importance of owning a hymn book. Ferguson states, "The great hymn writers were students of scripture. And some of them were not only unusually gifted poets, but also fine theologians capable of developing an idea and illuminating a biblical truth...Because often they (hymns) are sermons in song.." So, if you don't own a hymn book, head to the church library and check one out today!



Also check out these supplementary resources on the great hymns and hymn writers!

### ***Great Hymns and Their Stories***

by W.J. Limmer Shepherd

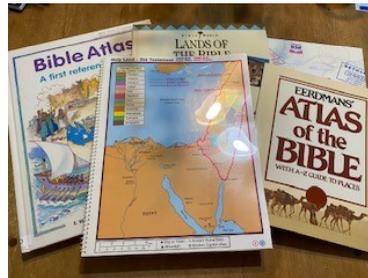
***Suffering and Song, Lives of Hymnwriters*** by Julia Ann Flora

**40 Favorite Hymns**

by Leland Ryken

### Teens and Kids

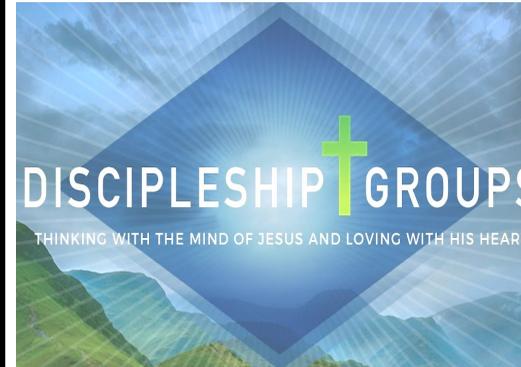
Do you wonder what an ephod is? How about what a house in Jesus' time looked like or where Nazareth and Jericho actually are? Well our church library has a plethora of resources to help answer these questions and more in our collection of Bible atlases, dictionaries, and encyclopedias! Come check them out today!



### **Visitors Are Welcome!**

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in room 201. 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 May 15th.**

**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 June 9th**

**Kids O' the Kirk** - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers. **Next meets June 9th**