

Easter services set

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

A number of Easter services are scheduled at area churches this weekend. The following churches have planned special events:

Assembly of God

Friday, April 2, Holyoke's Assembly of God Church will host a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. with communion and baptisms. On Easter Sunday, a breakfast is scheduled in place of Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and the 10:30 a.m. worship service will include a special musical program.

First Baptist Church and Vida Abundante

On Good Friday, First Baptist Church and Vida Abundante will have a combined English/Spanish service at 7 p.m. A sunrise service is also planned for Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 a.m. at the site of the new church, just south of Melissa Memorial Hospital, with the message in both English and Spanish. A breakfast will take place afterwards at the church from 7:30-8:30 a.m. with the regular Easter Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

First Christian Church

Regular Sunday services will be held at the First Christian Church April 4 with services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

A noon luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 at the First United Methodist Church in Holyoke. That evening, special speaker Wesley Schoel will present "Power of One: Kingdom Transformation." Good Friday service will be April 2 at 7 p.m., and a combined Easter Sunday service will be April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

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Fairfield Covenant Church

Fairfield Covenant Church is planning an Easter breakfast Sunday, April 4 at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Easter service.

Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church

A Maundy Thursday service will take place April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church. Then they will have a 12-hour prayer vigil from 8 p.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday. On Sunday, meet at the corner of 54 and U at 6 a.m. to travel to the top of Old Baldy for a sunrise service. A breakfast will follow at the church with the Easter service at 9:30 a.m. An Easter egg hunt for the children will wrap up the events on Sunday.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

St. Patrick's Catholic Church will have Holy Thursday Mass of Christ's Last Supper on April 1 at 7 p.m. and Good Friday Veneration of the Cross and Eucharist April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil will be Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m., and Easter Sunday Mass will be April 4 at 1 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran churches

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Amherst will have a Good Friday service April 2 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday breakfast potluck will be held at 7:30 a.m. followed by a 9 a.m. service.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Venango is planning a Maundy Thursday worship service April 1 at 7 p.m. A sunrise service will be held Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m. followed by a potluck breakfast.

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Venango Community Church

Venango Community Church is planning Passover/Seder Friday, April 2 at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday events include breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and a service at 9:30 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

Holyoke's Zion Lutheran Church will have a Maundy Thursday service April 1 at 7:30 p.m. as well as a Good Friday service April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. in place of Sunday school. A balloon launch will follow.