

Crossfield United Church Announcements – April 2, 2026

“Good Friday proclaims the good news of salvation through the paradoxical suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The center of this liturgy is the reading of the passion narrative from John’s Gospel, in which Jesus is lifted up on the cross as a sign of God’s great love for the world.”

(Book of Common Worship, page 274, PCUSA)

“As at the beginning so at the end of Jesus’ life, we human beings come off badly. All of us do, but especially his own people, his disciples. Listen again to St. John’s account of Christmas: ‘He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not.’ That’s everyone. ‘He came to his own home, and his own people received him not’ (John 1:10-11). That’s us. And on the eve of Good Friday ‘all the disciples forsook him and fled.’”

(William Sloane Coffin, from a Good Friday sermon titled, “Father, Forgive Them, for They Know Not What They Do”, April 4, 1980, Riverside Church, NYC)



Good Friday Service - 10 a.m.

Our Good Friday service will be offered April 3rd at 10 a.m. This is a solemn worship service of readings, prayers and reflection. The story of the passion of Christ will be proclaimed, our hope in Easter's promise of new life remembered. The service is not funereal but more of a quiet celebration of God's good news of salvation through the paradoxical suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The service concludes quietly with worshippers departing without socializing or gathering.



“The Capture of Christ”, Heinrich Hofman, 1858



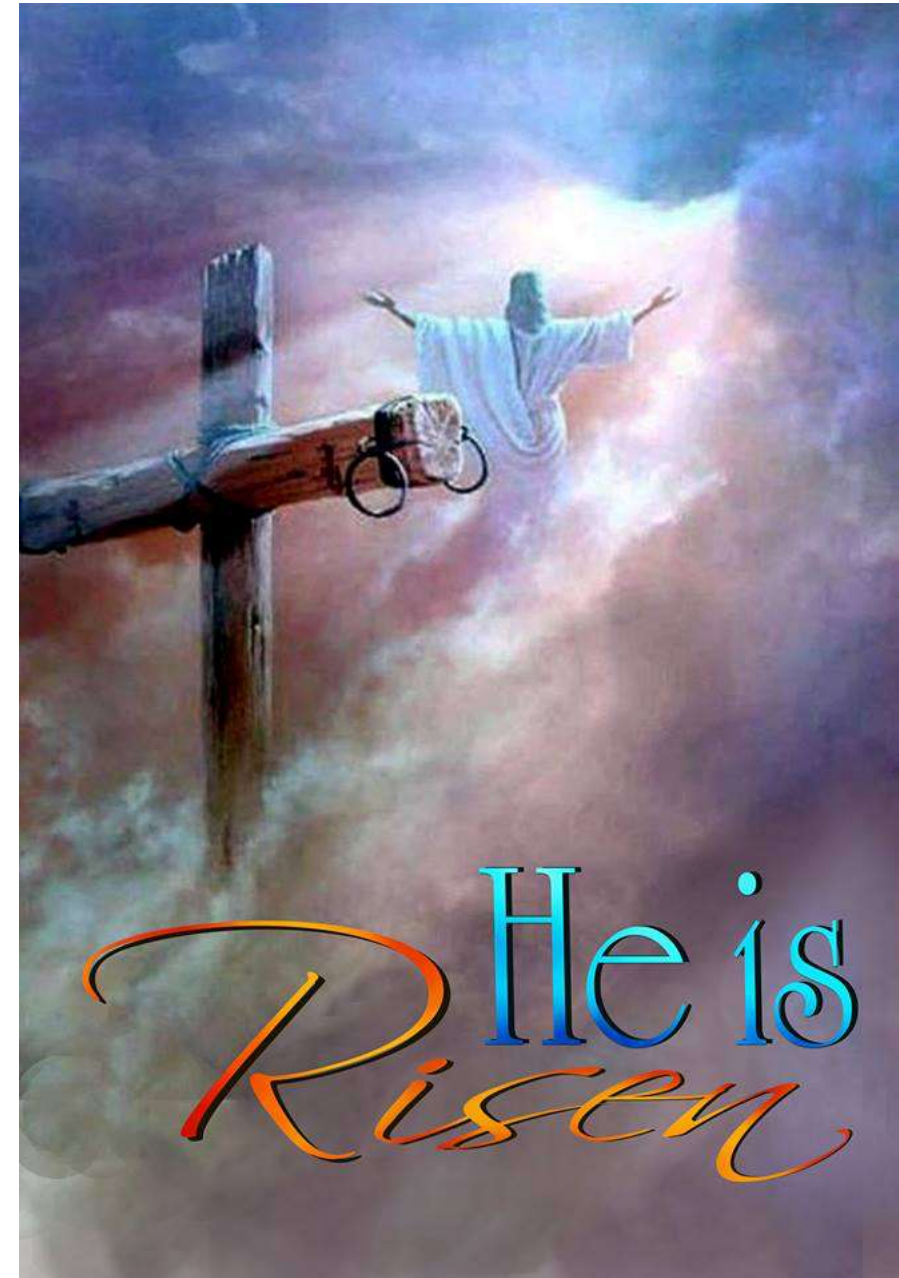
“ ‘Easter’ comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter we stand in light of the Resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ in his church, proclaiming his good news through Word and Sacrament. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life, in which we are ‘dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ’ (Rom. 6:11).

“Since the Council of Nicaea in 325, Western Christians have celebrated Christ’s resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox (March 21), occasionally shifting the date to the following week to avoid coinciding with the Jewish Passover. This means that Easter may take place as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. Thus, Roman Catholics sometimes refer to Easter as a “movable feast”. Eastern Christians use a different set of astronomical tables based on the Julian calendar instead of the Gregorian. Therefore, Roman Catholic/Protestant Easter is often on a different date than Orthodox Easter.”

(Book of Common Worship, page 316, PCUSA)

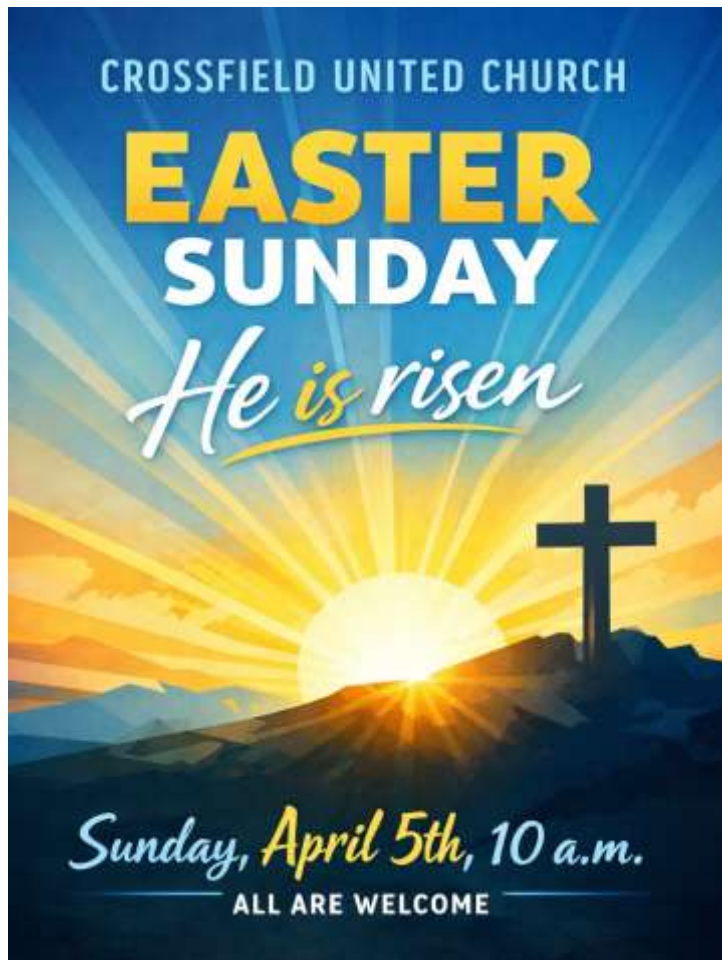
“We are an Easter people. We believe that Christ is not dead, that evil did not win, that wrong does not have the last word, that right really does matter, and nothing can separate us from the love of God. New life in Christ means that this lively hope begins to invade our lives in such a way that we live it out.”

(Roger Lovette, from a sermon on Luke 24:1-6, titled “Midwives of Hope”, given at Second Baptist Church, Memphis, TN., 1989)



Easter Sunday

Join us April 5th at 10 a.m. for a hopeful, joyful service of the Resurrection. Special music from the choir, celebratory hymns, and a decorated sanctuary will all be a part of our worship celebration. Fellowship and sharing to follow.



Crossfield-Madden Food Bank Collection

The final day of our Lenten food collection for the Food Bank is Easter Sunday. Please bring canned fruit, canned vegetables, jams, jellies, peanut or almond butter. Our sanctuary shopping cart is almost full but let's fill it up to the top and pile the extra goods beside it! Thank you for your support of our local Food Bank! Happy Easter!



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“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit...’”
(John 20:19-22)

Wednesday, April 15
**Free
Community
Supper**
Crossfield United Church
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us for
Pulled Pork on a Bun & Coleslaw

Pie for dessert with tea, coffee or juice.

Donations graciously accepted