

# PALM SUNDAY

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April 13, 2025

## 9:00 am – Sunday School

Adults, The Purple Room, main level

Pre-K - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Children's Church Room

## 10:00 am – Worship / Celebration

Welcome

Opening Songs

Open worship: Praises and Prayer Concerns

Children's Chat

Announcements: Life of the Church

Song

Message: *"Gethsemane"*

Scripture: *Mark 14:32-72*

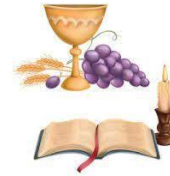
Closing Song

Benediction

# HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17, 7:00 pm  
COMMUNION SERVICE

Come join us in communion and fellowship  
as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.



GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, 7:00 pm

MRFC is hosting the Carlisle/Hartford Ecumenical Community Good Friday Service. In anticipation of participation and many blessings, we hope to see many of you in our community on this special evening. Refreshments follow.



SILENT SATURDAY, April 19

Join us for a guided time of quiet reflection and prayer.



# EASTER SUNDAY

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April 20, 2025

## 7:30 am - Early Service

Welcome

Opening Songs

Reading: *Matthew 28:1-15*

Closing Songs

**8:00 am – Invitation to Easter Breakfast**

## 9:00 am – Children's Program

Easter Story and Activities

## 10:00 am – Worship / Celebration

Welcome

Opening Songs

Reflections

Announcements: Life of the Church

Song

Message: *"He has Risen" – Mark 16*

Closing Songs

## **MRFC CALENDAR**

Welcome to Middle River Friends Church! We are glad you have joined us for praise & worship in person or live on Face Book or our You Tube channel.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SUNDAY:** 6:00 pm – LaPuerta /The Door – YOUTH GROUP

**MONDAY:** 9:00 am, Prayer for Pastor Matt:

04/14 - *“May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.” ~ Psalm 119:172*

04/21 - *“How good and pleasant when brothers [and sisters] live together in unity.” ~ Psalm 133:1*

**MONDAY:** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Friends Food Pantry

**TUESDAY:** 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, CHOSEN season three. Main room downstairs.

**TUESDAY:** 3:00 pm, Last Women’s Bible Study until Fall. Adult Classroom – Off Fellowship Hall.

**WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Friends Food Pantry

**WEDNESDAY:** MIDWEEK CONNECT, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm, Pot Luck  
7:00 pm, Connect  
7:00 pm, Kids Connect

**THURSDAY:** 6:30 am, Men’s Prayer Breakfast / Bible Study. Fellowship Hall.



## **MINISTRIES OF MRFC CHURCH**

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY** – No matter what the need, we have an intercessory prayer team ready to serve. Share your request by calling Donna at 515-552-8286 or by filling out the Communication Card.

**ADULT MINISTRY – Adult Sunday School** Sunday morning at 9:00am, is led by Penny Shenk and is a thought-provoking discussion of the Bible and how to live the Christian life.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY – Rooted In Christ** Colossians 2:6-7. Sunday School is for children ages 3-12th grade! Dedicated teachers help children learn more about God’s Love for everyone and how to understand His words in the Bible. We include group worship music, then go to age-appropriate classes, then get back together again for closing activities.

**YOUTH MINISTRY –The Door / La Puerta** – Matthew 7:13-14. Our active youth ministry is for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm. Come to the church and have fun learning about God, eating cool snacks, playing fun games, and hanging out with friends. It’s your place where Food, Fun, and Fellowship await!

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study**, Thursday mornings at 6:30 am, where men in our community come together for early morning breakfast, fellowship, Bible study, and Prayer.

**The Chosen Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

**Middle River Friends Church CCA Food Pantry.** Our mission is to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. Open weekly Monday and Wednesday, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Our ministry includes association with the CCA and the Iowa Food Bank.

**Annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast:** Serving 7:00-9:00 am supporting our endowment fund established for the Carlisle Dollars for Scholars Program. Carlisle Community Building.



*Exalting Jesus Christ by being fruitful disciple-makers.  
Expressing God's love by serving all people.*



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