



# *Emanuel United Church of Christ*

## **“THE MUD CHURCH”**

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### *Mud Pie Contest Raises Money for Food Pantries*

Emanuel's Mud Pie Contest was a big hit on February 15. Over 50 people looked on as the judges selected a no-bake mud pie created by Megan Miller as the grand prize winner. Her recipe will now become ***The Official Mud Pie Recipe of The Mud Church***.

Contest participants paid a \$5 entry fee. A panel of three judges conducted a taste-test and evaluation of each entry, and announced the top three: 1st place - Miller; 2nd place - Pastor Jay Scott; and 3rd place - Sara Gier.

Following the judging, everyone present was given the chance to sample the mud pies, and vote for the People's Choice Award by placing money in a cup by their favorite pie - one cent equaled one vote. Pastor Jay's pie was the People's Choice award winner.

The event raised over \$200 for local food pantries in Nevada and Upper Sandusky.

### *At the Corner of Corn and Beans*

As the old saying goes, “Who woulda thunk it?”

Who could have predicted that in the time since our last mailing to the neighborhood that the neighborhood would become so impacted by a virus?

For generations born since World War II, the Great Pandemic of 2020 will go down as one of the most significant moments in history. For those who lived through the Great Depression and the war, this is not the first time they've had to sacrifice. Knowing that there would be increased emergency needs, we at Emanuel immediately sent donations to local food banks so they could begin gearing up for the potential demand. Inside this newsletter, we are featuring two local ministries that will play vital roles in the neighborhood as this emergency unfolds. We encourage you to seek help if needed, and to make donations to those ministries if you can.

At The Mud Church, and at churches nearly everywhere, the decision to cancel worship service was extremely difficult. In the end, we realized it was important for us to participate in the community's effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

As of this mailing, we do not yet know when services will resume. In the absence of Sunday morning worship, you can get a weekly worship video from Pastor Jay at [www.themudchurch.com](http://www.themudchurch.com). Like/follow our Facebook page for other ministry information.

We worship a risen Savior. We believe that God's only son, Jesus, was crucified on a cross but rose again three days later and now sits with God. We don't need the calendar to say it's Easter Sunday to celebrate that.

No matter when we gather again in the sanctuary of God's house, we will celebrate Easter.

***Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!***

### **MUD CHURCH MUD PIE**

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Total time: 4 hours 20 minutes

Chill time: 4 hours  
Servings: 12-16

**1 pkg. of regular Oreos**  
**6 T. butter, melted**  
**16 oz. Cool Whip, divided**  
**8 oz. cream cheese, softened**

**1 cup powered sugar**  
**1 5.9-oz. pkg. chocolate instant pudding**  
**2 3/4 cup milk, cold**

1. Crush the whole package of Oreo cookies either with a food processor, or place them in a large ziplock bag and crush them with a rolling pin. Save about 1 cup to sprinkle on top of dessert lasagna when it's done.
2. In a small bowl mix remaining crumbs with melted butter. When the butter is distributed, transfer the mixture to a 9x13 inch baking dish, and press the crumbs into the bottom of the pan.
3. Using electric mixer, mix half of Cool Whip, softened cream cheese, and powdered sugar in a large bowl.
4. Spread the mixture on top of the Oreo crust. Transfer to the refrigerator while you are making the pudding.
5. In a bowl, combine chocolate instant pudding with cold milk. Whisk for several minutes until the pudding starts to thicken. Spread the pudding over the previous layer, and let it sit for 10 minutes for the pudding to firm up.
6. Spread the remaining half of the Cool Whip over the pudding, and sprinkle the reserved Oreo crumbs on top.
7. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
8. Enjoy!
9. \* To cut clean, even pieces, place the pan in the freezer for 30 minutes before serving.

## Guiding Grace Clothing Closet and Food Pantry

110 North Main St. • Nevada, Ohio 44849  
A Ministry of Nevada United Methodist Church

*“Our mission is simple . . .  
taking care of our community.”*

We try to offer sizes for babies, kids, teens, women, and men. Our Closet is a great place for foster parents, fire victims, big families, and small families, or families living on a budget while still trying to clothe growing kids! Other items available include: shoes, coats, hats, gloves, socks, pants, shirts, belts, and everything in between.

**We do not charge for our clothes.  
Everything comes to us by donation.**

### Guiding Grace Clothing Closet Hours

Wednesdays - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays - 10:00 a.m. to Noon

**We will accept monetary donations, as well as  
clothing and food during these hours.**

#### Requirements for clothing donations:

- ♦ Clean and folded
- ♦ Delivered in a clean bag or box
- ♦ No underwear, unless new and in unopened package

**Guiding Grace Clothing Closet and Food Pantry** also has a monthly food box distribution. The food pantry was set up to help people in Nevada make ends meet. Food stamps run out and sometimes paychecks just fall short. We are here to help.

We do have a few requirements for getting a food box. If you are in need please stop in to the Closet or call Diane at 567-232-2794 for further instructions for food box distribution.

Food pantry donations can be made during open hours.



*“I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”*

*Matthew 25:36-40*

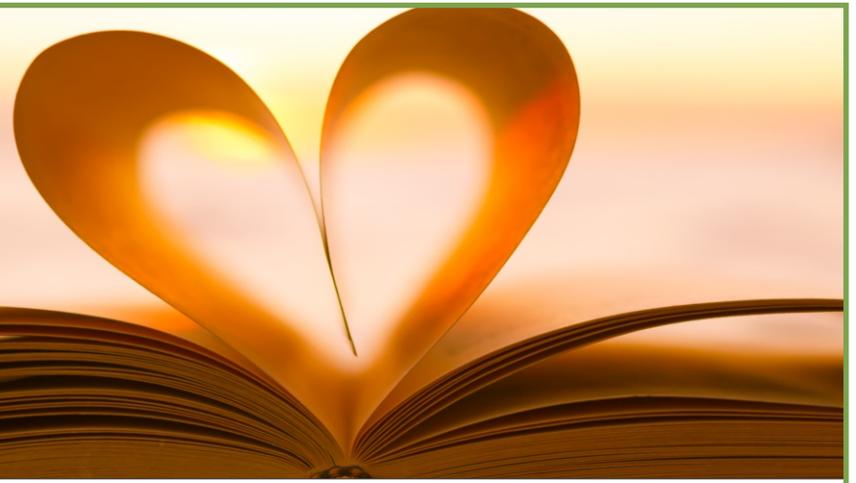


**W**e're being told that the single most important thing we can do to slow the spread of this Coronavirus is to wash our hands, and do it often.

I'm reminded of the story of Jesus washing the Disciples' feet. In those days most feet were uncovered all the time and became quite dirty. It was the responsibility of servants to wash their master's feet.

When Jesus knelt to wash feet, the Disciples were stunned. "Lord, I should be washing your feet," Peter said. Because of that story, foot-washing is used as an analogy for being in service to others. Now, more than ever, we must be in service to our neighbors, friends and family. Don't just wash your hands . . . be a foot washer.

- Pastor Jay Scott



Open Door Resource Center, Inc., located in Upper Sandusky, has been at the forefront of individual emergency assistance in the wake of the COVID-19 Coronavirus emergency.

The brainchild of Kris and John Joseph of rural Upper Sandusky, Open Door is a non-profit agency whose members are churches in Wyandot County. Open Door is led by a board of directors representing the community, and it employs paid and volunteer staff to operate its many programs.

Scott Moore, Open Door's Executive Director, took steps early in the pandemic emergency to safeguard the agency's headquarters at 212 W. Wyandot Avenue. The staff then became immersed in helping community leaders communicate vital information about the emergency, as well as providing emergency assistance to those in need.

"I think Open Door was uniquely positioned to play a key role as the pandemic emergency unfolded," Moore said. "Our experience with providing emergency assistance, and with helping people organize their lives to avoid financial emergencies, is intended to ease poverty in Wyandot County, and we've been successful with that."

Because it is a faith-based agency driven by local churches, it is from those churches that Open Door receives much of its funding. Individual contributions are also extremely vital.

"This emergency has placed unique demands on our programs. We will certainly need everyone's help in covering the cost of our work," Moore noted. "Every little bit helps."

To learn more about Open Door Resource Center, or make a financial contribution, go to [www.opendoorohio.org](http://www.opendoorohio.org)



## Our Mission drives our Values and creates our Vision.

*Open Door Mission Statement* Open Door is a faith-based organization that demonstrates the love of Christ by connecting Wyandot County families with short and long term resources, and by giving them hope and direction for the future.

### Open Door Core Values



### Open Door Vision

When we are successful Wyandot County will be a safer, stronger, more sustainable community that is closer to God.

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### *How to Observe MAUNDY THURSDAY at Home*

April 9, 2020

**Items needed:** Bible, cross, three candles, wine or grape juice, bread, simple meal. (If desired, research the type of meal Jesus and the disciples might have shared that night.)

Maundy Thursday is the celebration of Christ's Last Supper with his disciples. It is the moment when Jesus introduced to the world what we now call Holy Communion.

Arrange your cross and candles as a centerpiece to your supper table. Prepare and serve a simple meal with the candles lit. Select someone to read Matthew 26:17-30. Share the bread and wine/juice with each other. Pray together out loud, or silently. Clear the dishes and clean things up in silence, thinking about how Jesus was arrested and how his torture was just beginning. Leave the Bible, cross and candles on the table for Good Friday.

### *How to Observe GOOD FRIDAY at Home*

April 10, 2020

**Items needed:** Bible, cross and candles left from Maundy Thursday.

Good Friday is observed as the day Christ was crucified. Jesus was nailed to a cross and hung until dead, in the tradition of Roman capital punishment tactics.

Select someone to read Matthew 24:32-56. Discuss what a violent death Jesus endured. Read John 3:16 and discuss the powerful meaning of God sacrificing his son in such a horrible way in order for our sins to be forgiven. Pause in silent prayer to confess your sins – things said and done, and things left unsaid and undone. In silence, remove the Bible, Cross and Candles to another room, then return and meditate in silence upon the emptiness and sadness of Jesus' death.

***No matter whether you can be in church on April 12, celebrate Easter by filling your empty table with flowers and other signs of new life. Offer God a prayer of thanksgiving for his son.***

***Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!***