



# Emanuel United Church of Christ

## “THE MUD CHURCH”

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### At the Corner of Corn and Beans

*In honor of the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024, let us be reminded of how it all came to be. From Genesis 1:1-31*

*- Pastor Jay*

#### The Beginning

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water

teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, <sup>27</sup> and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.



See photos from Holy Week at the Mud Church on Pages 2-3

# Holy Week at the Mud Church



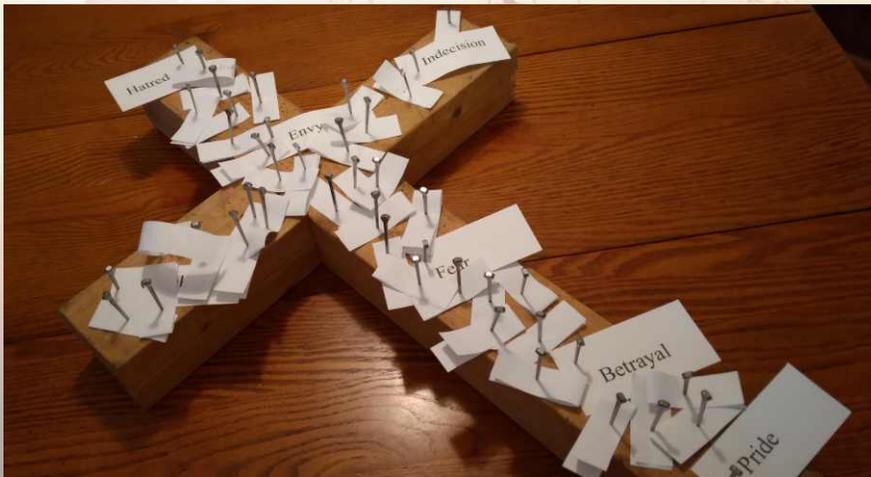
**Palm Sunday** – Hundreds of palm branches decorated the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday as we commemorated Jesus' great arrival in Jerusalem.

## Maundy Thursday –

In honor of Jesus' Passover meal with the disciples, commonly known as The Last Supper, the church family gathered for a potluck. Pastor Jay asked the group to consider how they would feel if they had learned someone stole money from the church, and then think about how the disciples might have felt upon learning Judas had betrayed Jesus.



**Good Friday** – Pastor Jay led the congregation in a service called The Seven Nails of the Cross. After acknowledging the common sins of betrayal, pride, indecision, cruelty, envy hatred and fear, individuals were invited to write a sin of their own on a slip of paper and nail it to the cross. This symbolized giving our sins to God and accepting the forgiveness that comes from repentance.



**Easter** – The day started with Sunrise Service, followed by a pancake breakfast. Over a hundred people worshiped with us – in person, live on Facebook, or in the parking lot via radio. The congregation sang the resurrection songs loud, we heard a couple of great musical solos, and Pastor Jay challenged everyone to **“take as much Jesus as you need”** by worshiping and serving all year long.



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Matthew 28: 6



## *Pie Day is Saturday, April 20th!*

*It's Back! Our Pie Baking Contest & Auction was such a hit last year, we're opening it up to the public! Plan to Come for a Fun Time!*

### **Here's the Schedule!**

11:00 a.m. - All pies to be judged must be in the Alban Room (at the church)

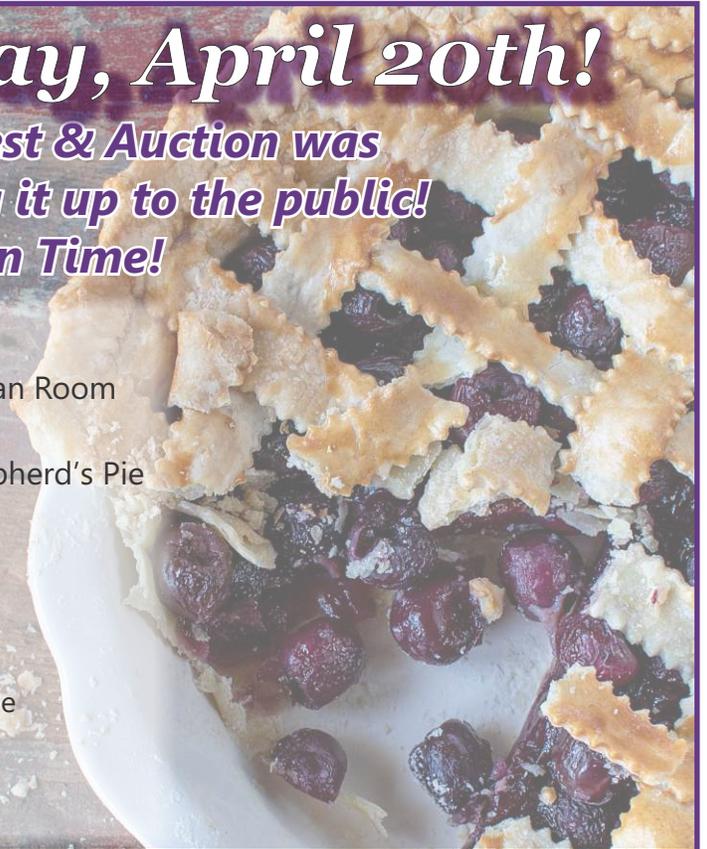
11:30 a.m. - Lunch, featuring various versions of Shepherd's Pie

12:30 p.m. - Pie auction begins

### **Two Categories**

- ***Fruit Pies***
- ***All Other Kinds***

Proceeds from the pie auction will be divided among three local food banks: **Open Door Resource Center** and **Christian Food Center** both in Upper Sandusky, and **Guiding Grace** in Nevada.



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- God

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**Genesis 1:1-5**



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