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And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. – Mark 16:2

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Two years ago, PCW celebrated a very special Easter Sunday. For the first time in many years, 2019 saw PCW celebrate two special Easter services on the same morning. At 8:30 a.m., we held an outdoor worship service on the back patio. The weather was exceptional! We anticipated 40-50 people to be in attendance, and we were extremely delighted that over 80 people squeezed together on our beautiful back yard for Easter morning worship. Following that, we had a quick brunch of egg bakes and then we gathered back in the sanctuary, where over 100 people gathered to hear Aaron Bounds direct the choir in our first Easter cantata in many years.

Many people attended all three Easter morning events. All told, over 150 people (a worship record during my tenure here at PCW) came through our doors that Easter morning. What a blessing it was to see such joy on everyone's faces! The church leadership and I all agreed that day that it felt like a new dawn, the start of something very special. Certainly, the following Easter would prove even more monumental!

Well, unfortunately, the Easter of 2020 was monumental for very different reasons. The sanctuary and the back patio were empty that Sunday due to the pandemic. Worship was held via PCW@Home. We hope many people joined us that morning on the church website, YouTube and Facebook. But, we just don't know exactly how many people participated last Easter Sunday. And, this year, though the sanctuary will be open, we know attendance in person will not be anywhere near what it was just two years ago. There are just many people who have yet to be vaccinated and/or don't feel ready to return to the sanctuary and large gatherings just yet.

But, we do have growing hope.

In the Gospel of Mark, we read that Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to the tomb of Jesus early on Sunday morning where they would find the tomb empty and learn that Jesus had been resurrected. Mark adds the detail that they approached the tomb "when the sun had risen." What an interesting detail to add! It is both a small yet profound description.

Sunrises have often been a source of hope and transformation. Renowned nature photographer Sapna Reddy once said, "We can only appreciate the miracle of a sunrise if we have waited in darkness." As a new day begins, we feel full of possibilities. Perhaps this day will be better than the last? Perhaps God has something incredible for me to discover today? Sunrises are symbols of new possibilities and new life. No wonder the resurrection was discovered as the sun rose!

This Easter may not quite be the Easter we envisioned two years ago. But, it is a step in the right direction. The sun will still rise and new possibilities are still on the horizon. More and more members are receiving vaccinations. Masks and social distancing can keep the numbers in Franklin County down. The sun feels like it is rising in our COVID 19 world. Hope and new life and resurrection are upon us. It may not quite be there yet, but Easter is a day to celebrate the hope we all have in the resurrection.

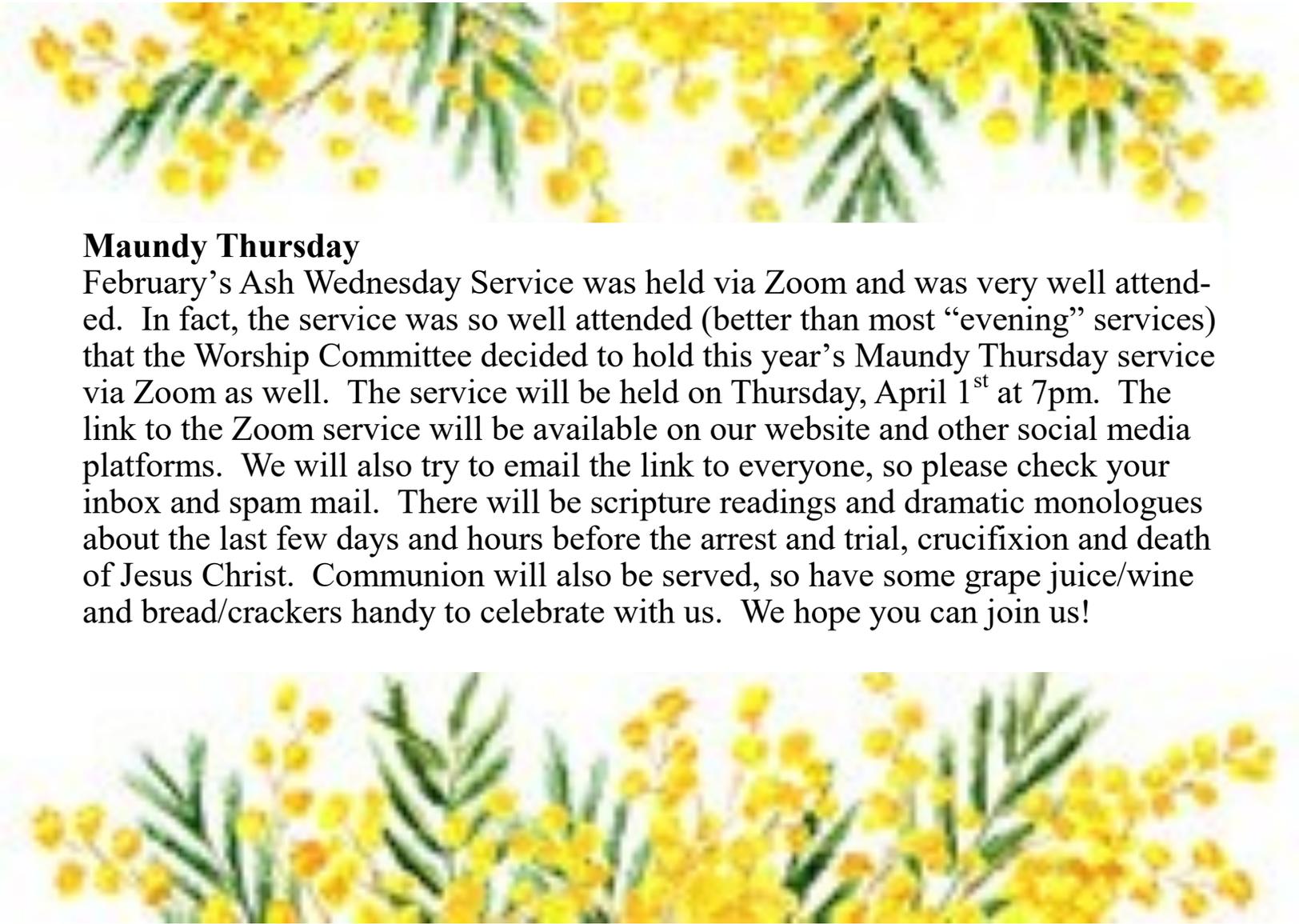
Because Jesus lives, we too can live. The sun was rising as the three women discovered the empty tomb. May our sunrises of today lead us to new discoveries as well!

Happy Easter!
 Pastor Pat



Maundy Thursday

February's Ash Wednesday Service was held via Zoom and was very well attended. In fact, the service was so well attended (better than most "evening" services) that the Worship Committee decided to hold this year's Maundy Thursday service via Zoom as well. The service will be held on Thursday, April 1st at 7pm. The link to the Zoom service will be available on our website and other social media platforms. We will also try to email the link to everyone, so please check your inbox and spam mail. There will be scripture readings and dramatic monologues about the last few days and hours before the arrest and trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. Communion will also be served, so have some grape juice/wine and bread/crackers handy to celebrate with us. We hope you can join us!



To my Church family,

*Thank you
for thinking
of me! I am
so grateful
for all the
get-well
cards, texts, notes & calls during
my recent surgery. It makes me
feel better knowing that there are
people like you who care.*



Hope to see you soon!

Becky Vogt

Holy Humor Sunday

“Holy Humor Sunday” is a casual worship service of light, laughter and joy. Holy Humor Sunday will be April 11th. Please join us for a fun Sunday of worship and laughter as we celebrate God’s gift of humor to us. If you are feeling particularly brave, you may want to wear your funniest/ugliest tie, button or hat (yes, you have Pastor Pat’s permission to wear a hat to church). Just make sure the humor on your attire is “church appropriate.”

Rummage Sale

As uncertainty about future events continue, I am hoping to poll our regular workers for their opinion/availability to help with a rummage sale if held the usual timeframe. This would tentatively be scheduled on July 23 and 24, with the usual build up starting July 11.

I will be contacting (those that have helped previously) in the next month or so. If you are not contacted and would like to help any or all of those days, please let me know.

With Session making the final decision on this matter, much would depend on the workers feeling safe to proceed.

- Christy Eckert

Reel Faith

April's "Reel Faith" Movie Club will meet at 6pm via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27th. We will discuss the Oscar Nominated 2020 movie, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom." During a recording session, tensions rise between Ma Rainey (Oscar Nominated Viola Davis), her ambitious horn player (Oscar Nominated Chadwick Boseman) and the white management determined to control the uncontrollable "Mother of the Blues." Based on a true story, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" (rated R) is playing now on Netflix. Please watch the movie during the month of March and join us via Zoom. If you need the Zoom link sent to you, please contact Pastor Pat.

One of the functions of the Church Life Committee is to support our Church Family in their time of need. A Meal Train was set up recently to support Heather Miller after her surgery.

Our committee continues to meet monthly. If you would be interested in joining the Church Life Committee, please contact Linda Booher or Nancy Sebastian.

Church Life Committee member Judy Bierbaum, Pamela Schwarzen, Christy Eckert and Becky Vogt created a lovely cookbook filled with delightful recipes. Church members had the opportunity to submit their personal favorites. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, please contact the Church Office or any Church Life Committee member. Here is Jean Weekley's Caramelized Onion and Pecan Brussels Sprouts. Ymmm! The Cookbooks make a wonderful Mother's Day present. At the beginning of each chapter, you will find a delightful page of Helpful Hints. Thanks to Judy Bierbaum for the reminder.

Caramelized Onion and Pecan Brussels Sprouts

Jean Weekley

1 lg. onion	1 c. pecan pieces
1 lb. brussels sprouts	1 tsp. salt, divided
6 T. butter, divided	½ tsp. pepper

Cut onion in half, and thinly slice halves. Cut ends from brussels sprouts, then cut each half crosswise into thin slices. Set aside. You can place prepared vegetables in large plastic bags and chill 8 hours. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add pecan pieces; sauté 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Add remaining 3 tablespoons butter, pecans and brussels sprouts and cook 5 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle remaining ¾ teaspoon salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Serves 8.

Household Hints - Jewelry Cleaner - Sarah Spear

1 Tbsp salt

1 Tbsp baking soda

1 Tbsp dish soap (Dawn)

1 cup water

Piece of aluminum foil

Heat water 1 or 2 mins. Put foil on bottom of a small bowl. Pour hot water into bowl, add rest of ingredients. Place jewelry on top of foil. Let set 5-10 mins, rinse and towel dry

Office Hours

8a-2:15p

Monday - Thursday

One Great Hour of Sharing

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. If you would like to contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing, send in your contributions by Monday, April 5th. Checks should be written out to the church. Please designate your gifts (checks or online contributions) as "One Great Hour of Sharing." Thank you for your continued generosity.

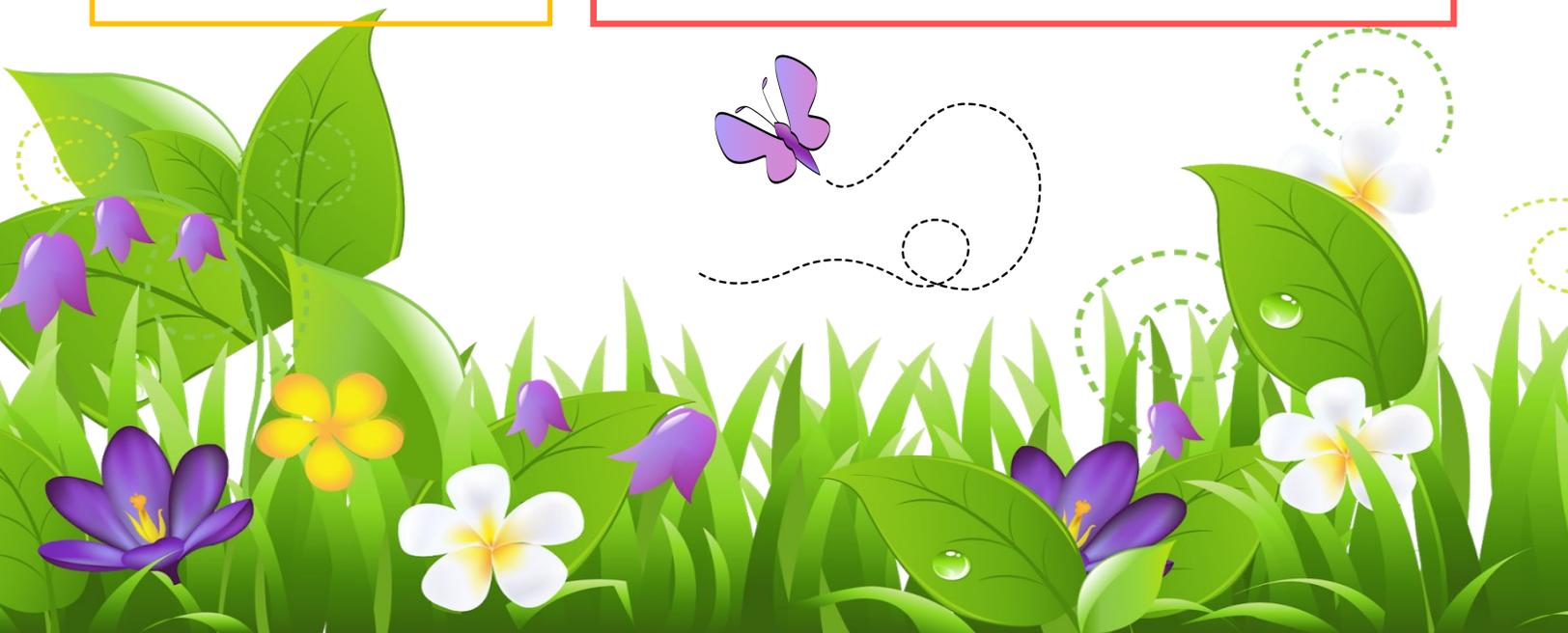
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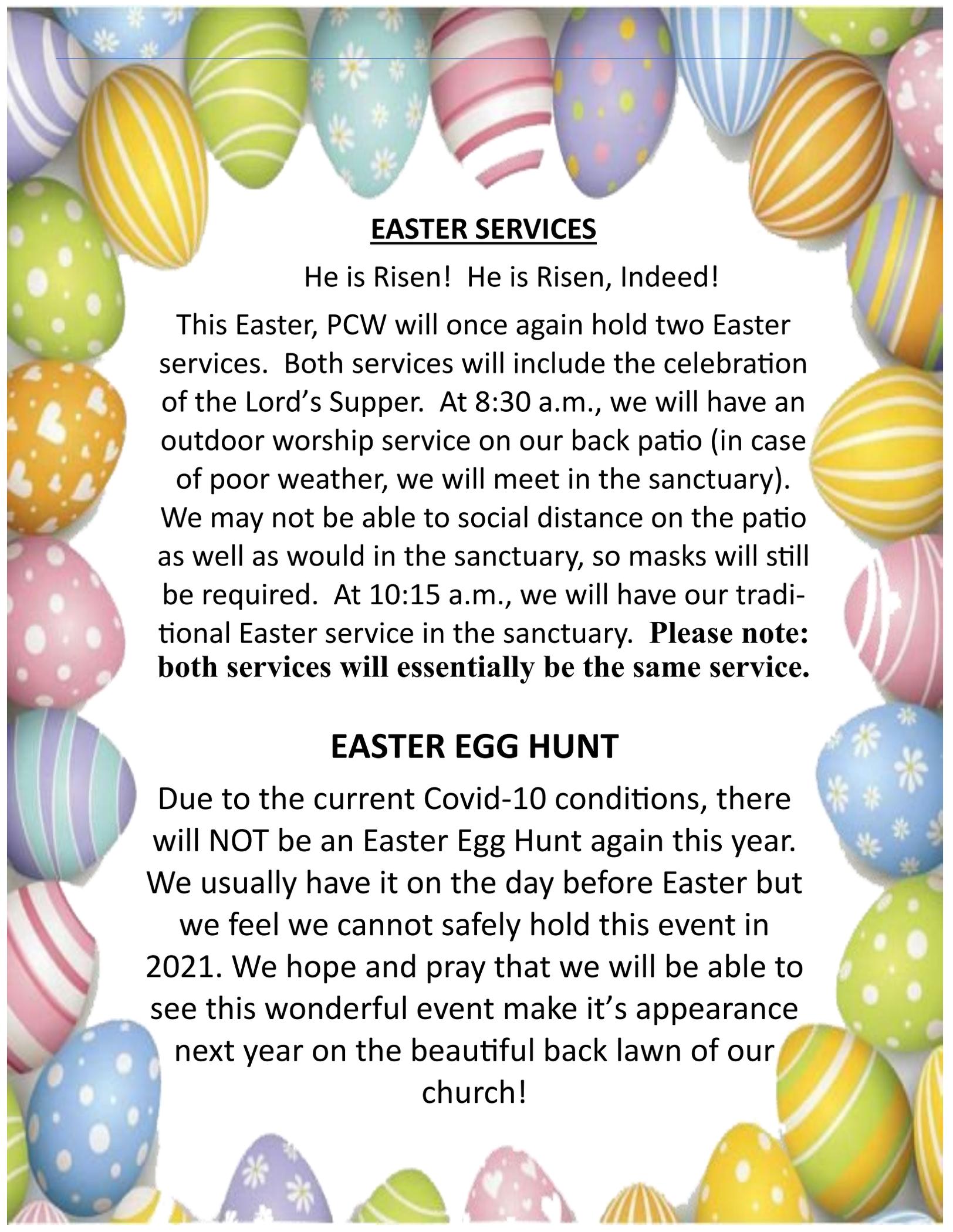
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Per Member

Pastor Pat on Vacation

Pastor Pat will be taking a week of vacation from Monday, April 12 to Sunday, April 18. He will be back in the office on Monday the 19th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Jocelyn Van Buskirk.



A decorative border of colorful Easter eggs surrounds the text. The eggs feature various patterns such as stripes, polka dots, and floral designs in colors like blue, green, yellow, pink, and purple.

EASTER SERVICES

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

This Easter, PCW will once again hold two Easter services. Both services will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At 8:30 a.m., we will have an outdoor worship service on our back patio (in case of poor weather, we will meet in the sanctuary). We may not be able to social distance on the patio as well as would in the sanctuary, so masks will still be required. At 10:15 a.m., we will have our traditional Easter service in the sanctuary. **Please note: both services will essentially be the same service.**

EASTER EGG HUNT

Due to the current Covid-10 conditions, there will NOT be an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. We usually have it on the day before Easter but we feel we cannot safely hold this event in 2021. We hope and pray that we will be able to see this wonderful event make it's appearance next year on the beautiful back lawn of our church!

One Great Hour of Sharing

BECAUSE WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER.

As Jesus says in Matthew 25, the Church belongs with those in need — with those suffering from natural and human-caused disasters; with those lacking access to food, water and healthcare; and with those struggling for justice, righteousness, and peace. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together.

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs ~

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Restorers of Streets to Live In



PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

Share your Bread with the Hungry



SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

Loose the Bonds of Injustice



**IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!**

Last day for giving for One Great Hour of Sharing is Easter Sunday. April 4th, 2021

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Christian Education

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Andy Wanager
Jocelyn VanBuskirk
Gerry Urban
Gary Brehe
Gretchen Farrell
Heather Miller
Jolene Patterson*
Rebecca Brehe

Church Life

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am

Nancy Sebastian* Chair
Karen Ladd*
Jean Weekley
Judy Bierbaum
Shirley Coulter
Jan Hardin
Anna Mae Boehmer
Sharon Wiese
Jan Eade
Linda Booher
Heather Miller
Sarah Spear
Barbara Hagan
Beth Bonney
Jane Bugele

Finance

Meets the 2nd Monday at 12pm

Tom Farrell* Chair
Karen Ladd*
Bruce Wiese
Linda Booher
Ed Bonney

Mission/Outreach

Meets the 3rd Monday at 11am

Jolene Patterson* Chair
David Brunworth
Jean Weekley
Christy Eckert
Gretchen Farrell
Lois Kempf
Pam Schwarzen
Debbie Bandy
Kathy Rogers
Mauri Truesdell*

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Tim Urban* Chair
Joe Hagan*
Mary Ellenberger
Gretchen Farrell
Mauri Truesdell*
Richard Duemler

Property

Meets the 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Joe Hagan* Chair
John Bugele*
Bob Eade
David Brunworth
Roland Schwarzen
Steve Sebastian
Mary Ellenberger

Worship

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7pm

John Anglin* Chair
Judy Bierbaum
Anna Mae Boehmer
Rebecca Brehe
Tom Kempf
John Bugele*
Tom Ellenberger
Barbara Duemler*



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Jan Hardin

3rd - Matthew Wanager

5th - Rev. Patrick Gruber

10th - Phillip Henderson

17th - Nancy Thater





MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, Jan Eade, Joy Kopp, Eden Wanager, Al Leary, Kay Hazel, Jane Stelzner, Charlene Jackson, Marcy Su, Becky Vogt, Kenzlie Barnhart, The Family of Barbara Pierce, Deanna Bollinger, Mauri Truesdell,

SOUTH POINTE: George Peters

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Connie Conrad

GROUP HOMES: Lisa Conrad, Laura Fenner,

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)

Patricia Hucke (daughter of Kay Hucke)

Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)

Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)

Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)

David Gruendler (brother of Laura Lawson)

Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)

Sue Brauer (Mother of Kevin Brauer & Scott Brauer)

Denise Gleeson (daughter of Anna Mae Boehmer)

Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)

Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)

Charles Johnson (Friend of Jolene Patterson)

Phyllis Rocco (Lois Kempf's Sister-in-Law)

Karen Gehner (Sister of Christy Eckert)

David Landgraf (Friend of Francie Turnure)

Randy Boren (Great Nephew of Virginia Boren)

Joann Ellenberger (Mother of Tom Ellenberger)

Paul (Grandson of Phyllis Orgeich)

Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)

Sharon Panter (daughter of Jan Hardin)

Loyd Gordy (Father of Beth Brehe)

Jan (Sister-in-Law of Lois Kempf)

Samantha (Friend of Lois Kempf)

Betsy Hazel (Daughter in Law of Kay Hazel)

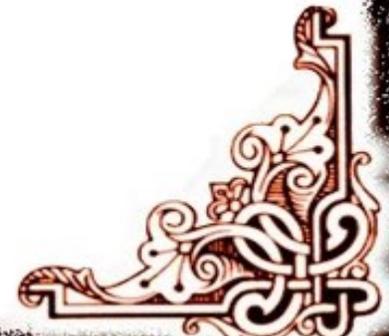
Grace Byers (Girlfriend of Alex Johnson)

Family of Chuck Henderson (Father to Charlie Ninness)

Julie Vasco (Niece of Virginia Boren)

Murray Hevert (Friend of Barbara Schofield)

Quinn Burton (Kelly Burton's Daughter, Homefront)



April 2021

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				<p>1</p> <p>PFL 9a Book Club 10a VB 4:30-9p Maundy Thurs 7p</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Lifestream – Meals on Wheels</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Easter Service 8:30a & 10:15a</p>	<p>5</p> <p>VB 6-9p</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Al-Anon 6p VB 4-9p</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PFL 9a Book Club 10a VB 4:30-9p</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Finance 12p VB 6-9p</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Life 9:30a</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Al-Anon 6p VB 4-9p</p>	<p>15</p> <p>PFL 9a Book Club 10a VB 4:30-9p</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kelly Kitchen</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 8:30a</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Property Mtg. 11:30a</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mission 11:15a</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Personnel 6p</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Al-Anon 6p</p>	<p>22</p> <p>PFL 9a Book Club 10a</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Staff Mtg. 11:30a</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Session 7p</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Movie Club 6p</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Al-Anon 6p</p>	<p>29</p> <p>PFL 9a Book Club 10a</p>	<p>30</p>	

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