



My Dear Friends!

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! I am excited about how this Easter life and witness is going to impact each of us personally and as a congregation! New life abounds in anticipation and expectancy as we see Spring come into full bloom.

However, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just seasonal, but life changing and eternal. I am issuing a faithful challenge to see resurrection evidence all around us.

The challenge goes to John's story of Jesus' disciples in the Upper Room after Jesus has been crucified and buried (John 20). Suddenly, there is unbelievable news from women that Jesus' body is not in the tomb. Two disciples run to see for themselves. An empty tomb is one piece of evidence. It brings one of the disciples to faith. When they leave the tomb, Mary is weeping outside the tomb. There are angels inside the tomb wondering why she is weeping. That is another piece of evidence. Even more dramatic is the Risen Jesus Himself. He speaks with Mary. She wonders if he is a gardener who has taken the body away. Just then, Jesus calls out her name, "Mary!" To which Mary realizes it is the Teacher – "Robonai!" That is the most convincing piece of evidence for she now is so excited that she runs to tell the other disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

So, what evidence are you seeing of the resurrection? Maybe it's a song you hear being sung. Maybe it's a verse of scripture that becomes crystal clear and it points to the risen Christ for you. Maybe it's a witness of a friend, a family member or some "aha" that opens you to new life.

I think of my New Testament seminary professor. He had written a commentary on the gospel of Matthew. In the meantime, he shared that his family had come through a most tragic experience of losing their infant son. His death was excruciating! But, my professor said that in the process of grieving and praying, he found a spirit, a light, a hope, and confirmation of support from the seminary community and church. He truly believed that the

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and to exhibit Christ's love through worship, education and service*



Attendance in February: 2/4—55; 2/11—58; 2/18—70; 2/25—52 March: 3/4—78; 3/11—62.

A replacement for Jayma is still needed for the nursery, she has resigned effective April 30.

Warren's Table served 28 on March 6th we next serve Warren's Table on May 1, volunteers will be needed there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the office.

There was a profit of \$286.47 from the Monday's in Lent which was split between the Food Pantry and Warren's Table.

Lenten Kids finishes up on March 28.

Palm Sunday, March 25 One Great Hour of Sharing offering and fish banks are to be turned in.

The JOYS will be holding a Sandwich and Salad luncheon after church service on March 25. A free will offering will be collected, the proceeds will be going to future mission trips.

The next Session meeting will be April 16 at 6:30pm with Committees meeting at 6:00pm.

Suzanne Byler, Clerk of Session



Verna Light, Shirley Mitschler, Carol Straub, Donna Knoche, Keith Knoche, Bob Hancock, Josh Johnson, Charlotte Carney, Phyllis Engelman, Mary Hancock, Diane Mayer, Marie Kerl, Dennis Prebyl, Henry Kerl, Cindy Ahlstrand, Dorothy Applegat, Willard Engelman, Dorothy Rockemann, Ruth Jensen, and William Cook III.

Also: Lori Eckert, Pat Morris, Steve Arneal, Jake Frana, Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens, Timothy Briskey (Jane Beavers' brother), Richard Crom, Carol Koslofsky (Fran Martin's sister), Skylar Nicola, Mike Willet, Elmer Cook, Linnel Rials, Earl & Vera Lyons, Shannon Fanning (Ardyth Orwen's son-in-law) Judy Knispel, Cathy Carel, Stan Martin (Gene Martin's brother), Nancy Chalupa, Jon Lucas Warren, Hope Johns (Maxine Arneal's great granddaughter and Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister).

Sermons for April

1st Easter Sunday: "He Is Risen! No April Fooling!" John 20:1-18

8th: Holy Humor Sunday. 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. Since we are claiming the joy of the resurrection, we will share some light-hearted jokes with each other – jokes that you can tell others in church!!!! Come prepared to smile and even laugh!

15th: "Child of God!" 1 John 3:1-7.

22nd: "The Litmus Test" 1 John 3:16-24

29th: "So, What's Stopping Us?" Acts. 8:26-40



There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to all who contributed to and supported the JOYS Salad and Sandwich Luncheon. We made \$372.00.

Presbyterian Women met March 15th, 2018 in the church parlor.

Kristin Jurgens and Sue Jedlicka served as hostesses. The tables were decorated in a St. Patrick's Day theme.

The Spring Gathering will be April 28th at the Hickman Presbyterian Church.

Kristin Jurgens led the Bible Study -"In Community with the Tradition of the Past".

The next meeting will be April 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. All women and guests are welcome.

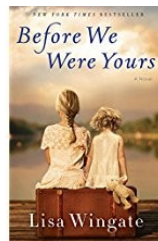


Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor for the monthly potluck supper, business and fellowship. Hostess id Shirley Mitschler. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Note the date change.



The PW Book Club selection for May is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

GREETERS
&
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 1:
Randy Schlueter

April 8:
Greg Weaver

April 15 :

April 22:

April 29
Greg Weaver

(Pastor John's column continued)

resurrection was not just a bible story of something that happened to Jesus over two thousand years ago, but it happens today and for his infant son. He could affirm the resurrection of Jesus because as he said, "I have experienced it!" Even more, he used his dedication page of his commentary to his son, who "taught me the power of resurrection."

The evidence of resurrection is all around us in the Spring, the biblical evidence and witness of those who met the risen Christ. It is even evident in those who have found new life in the grief over a loved one. Prayerfully look and you will see the Resurrection of Christ shining hope and joy. Claim that hope and joy and may all of us grow in that Resurrection life.

Yours in the One Who is the Resurrection and the Life,
Pastor John J. Duling, Interim Pastor



News & Notes

Westminster Guild meets Monday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

PW meets Thursday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m.

Our sympathy is with the family and friends of Mary Mullens who passed away Saturday, March 10.

Congratulations To!



Andy Carothers who was awarded the Hero's Award on March 12, from New Hope Community Outreach. The award acknowledges his work advocating for individuals who are vulnerable and have no voice.



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