

The Vision



A Community of Comfort and Care

Where:

- ~ Christ Reigns Supreme
- ~ Worship Lifts the Spirit
- ~ The Bible Touches Hearts & Minds
- ~ Serving Brings Meaning
- ~ Relationships Change Lives

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



Monday 10am-4pm
Tuesday 7am-4pm
Wednesday 10am-4pm
Thursday 7am-4pm
Friday 7am-4pm

TEAM LEADERS
APRIL 3 @ 6:30 PM
FOX HALL



Wednesday, April 11
8:00 AM
Tanner Jacks, AG Mesa



Wednesday Night Bible Study
resumes April 11th at 7 p.m. in
Fox Hall



Genealogy Club Date Change to April 16!!!

Due to PW Rummage Sale prep, we will meet **April 16**, instead of our usual 2nd Monday of each month, in Fox Hall at 10:30 am. Our purpose is to help and encourage each other in our research. If you're interested in discovering your family history, we invite you to join us. We can even help you get started on your own family tree. Laptop computer helpful but not necessary. Bring your curiosity and enthusiasm! Contact Kathy Nienhouse at knienhouse@yahoo.com with any questions or to let us know you're coming.

Weekly Reminders

Wednesdays

★ Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM

Thursdays

★ Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Thursdays

★ Worship Service 10:30 AM



Monthly Reminders

- ★ Ladies Bookclub **(NOT IN APRIL)**
2nd Thursday @ 11:30 AM
- ★ Genealogy Club
April 16 @ 10:30 PM
- ★ Presbyterian Women's Luncheon
4th Thursday @ 12:00 PM



Pastor's Corner

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body."

Luke 24:2-3

I wonder what would happen.

Famed psychologist Rollo May tells a wonderful story about a visit to Mt. Athos, a peninsula of monasteries attached to Greece. While there, he happened to stumble upon an all night celebration of Greek Orthodox Easter. Incense hung in the air. The only light came from candles. At the climax of the service, the priest gave each person three Easter Eggs, splendidly decorated and wrapped in a veil. "Christos Anesti," (Christ is Risen) the priest shouted. Each person

replied in Greek, "He is risen indeed!" In writing about the experience, May says, "I was seized then by a moment of spiritual reality: what would it mean for the world if He had truly been risen?"

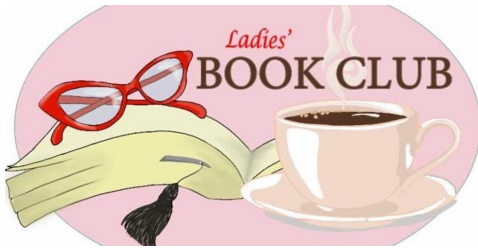
I put that same question to you with just a slight alteration. What can it mean to our world that Christ is really risen? The question that the empty tomb asks of most of us is not whether Christ was risen, but what difference does it make to us, and through us, that he was.

The gift of the resurrection is first and foremost hope. Because we have seen that no power on earth can stop the love of God for us, we can face whatever life brings, even death, knowing that we are more than conquerors through Christ. When we die and rise with Christ in our baptisms death is really, finally and utterly defeated for us, just as it was for him. It has no ultimate hold. It has no final say.

I wonder what would happen if, this year, we decided not to allow the alleluias to go silent when the eggs are eaten and

the baskets filled with moose moss are put away for another year. I wonder what would happen if we decided this year, to rise each day with the simple declaration, "Christ is Risen!" I wonder what would happen if we whispered those words in our silent hearts as we brushed our teeth, or fixed our meals, or drove to work, or sat for a test in school. I wonder what would happen if we whispered "Christ is Risen" as we paid our bills, or saw a sunset, or faced a family or health crisis. I wonder what would happen if we whispered "Christ is Risen" as we planned our time and priorities, as we watched the evening news, as we faced the mystery of our own mortality, as we ponder what is worthy of our lives. I wonder what would happen if we whispered "Christ is Risen" by our actions in a broken and fearful world. This year, let's find out! Make this fundamental and mysterious statement of our faith your daily affirmation and let us see what the Lord will do! Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yours in Christ,
Eugenia



LADIES BOOK CLUB

May 10th at 11:30 am

Fox Hall

NO MEETING IN APRIL DUE TO PW RUMMAGE SALE PREP!!!

May 10: The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson (Novel)

East Sussex, 1914. It is the end of England's brief Edwardian summer, and everyone agrees that the weather has never been so beautiful. Hugh Grange, down from his medical studies, is visiting his Aunt Agatha, who lives with her husband in the small, idyllic coastal town of Rye. Agatha's husband works in the Foreign Office, and she is certain he will ensure that the recent saber rattling over the Balkans won't come to anything. And Agatha has more immediate concerns; she has just risked her carefully built reputation by pushing for the appointment of a woman to replace the Latin master.

When Beatrice Nash arrives with one trunk and several large crates of books, it is clear she is significantly more freethinking—and attractive—than anyone believes a Latin teacher should be. For her part, mourning the death of her beloved father, who has left her penniless, Beatrice simply wants to be left alone to pursue her teaching and writing.

But just as Beatrice comes alive to the beauty of the Sussex landscape and the colorful characters who populate Rye, the perfect summer is about to end. For despite Agatha's reassurances, the unimaginable is coming. Soon the limits of progress, and the old ways, will be tested as this small Sussex town and its inhabitants go to war.

ALL WOMEN are invited to join our Ladies Book Club. We meet in Fox Hall, at church at 11:30 am, the 2nd Thursday of the month. Bring your lunch! **YOU ARE FREE TO JOIN US FOR ONE OR MORE OF OUR MEETINGS.** Copies of our entire reading list are available on the church library shelf. If you haven't come before, please give your email address to Cathy Brady (cathy.brady@gmail.com) so we can update you on any changes to the schedule.

THREADS OF FAITH CRAFTERS GROUP



Welcome All Crafters!

Threads of Faith will not meet in April. We will meet again on **Saturday, May 5th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Fox Hall. Come work on a project or learn a craft, pick up yarn or fabric, or stop by to drop off what you have made. All crafters are welcome, if you can make items we can donate locally or globally. Enjoy fellowship while you give to others. For more information, contact Caroline Cohen (860-268-6837, cscohen45@gmail.com).

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Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Youth Fundraiser & Education Room Tours Sunday, May 6 @ 12 PM

Potluck with Our Mission Partners
Wednesday, April 4th
6:00 PM in Fox Hall



Alban & Dori Pasho, along with their twins Ruben and Cindy are currently visiting the Central Coast. Alban is the Cru MPD (Ministry Partner Development) Coordinator for Albania & Kosovo. On **Wednesday, April 4**, we are having a potluck at 6 pm to welcome them and to hear more about their ministry. Please come to hear how you are partnering with them in Albania & Kosovo.

Signups are appreciated but not necessary.

Use the signup sheet at church or contact

Kathy Nienhouse (805-931-0755) or

knienhouse@yahoo.com).

COMING SOON!!

NCPC RUMMAGE SALE!

Friday, April 13th, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 14th, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fox Hall



**Please call Wanda Cook at 219-0133
if you have any questions**

DROP OFF DONATIONS

Monday, April 2nd –Friday, April 6th (9am-3pm)

Monday, April 9th-Wednesday, April 11th (9am-3pm)

Presbyterian Women
Thursday, April 26 *Noon – Fox Hall



Lifewater walks with families, leaders, and churches in overcoming all forms of water poverty by living in a healthy relationship with God and the environment.

All programs target vulnerable children and families that live in remote, rural, and underserved regions of East Africa and Southeast Asia.

Lifewater International is based locally in San Luis Obispo. Sharon Durant will be our speaker.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon

A \$5.00 donation is requested.

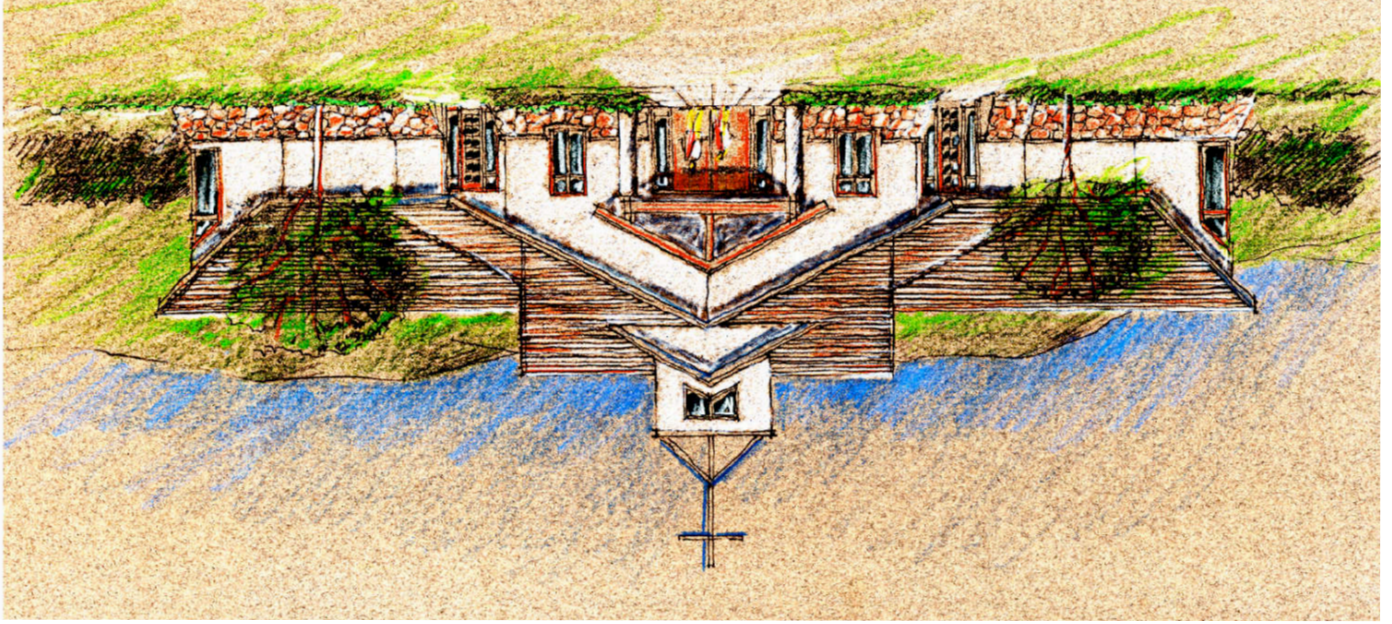
ALL WOMEN of the church and their friends are welcome to attend Presbyterian Women (PW) meetings and are encouraged to take part in the activities aimed at strengthening our faith. Please join us!

Apr. 2018 (Pacific Time)

nipomopres@att.net, Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 6:30am - Sunrise Svc 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens & 12pm - Healing & Wholeness 5:30pm - SLO Jam	2 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP IN FOX HALL	3 10am - Stewardship Meeting @ 6:30pm - Team Leader Meeting	4 6pm - Potluck for Alban & Dori	5 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox 7pm - Choir Practice @	6 9:30am - Bread Packaging @ 10am - People's Kitchen Food	7
8 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP IN FOX HALL 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens &	9	10 8am - Men's Breakfast @ Tanner 7pm - Adult Bible Study @	11	12 1:15pm - PWCT Meeting @ Fox 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox 7pm - Choir Practice @	13 RUMMAGE SALE 9:30am - Bread Packaging @	14
15 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens &	16 10:30am - Genealogy Group @	17 Tax Day 4:30pm - Deacon's Meeting @ 6:30pm - Session @ Sanctuary 7:30pm - Finance Team Meeting	18 VISION DEADLINE 7pm - Adult Bible Study @	19 9am - Private Event ALL DAY @ 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox 7pm - Choir Practice @	20 9am - Private Event ALL DAY @ 9:30am - Bread Packaging @	21 9am - Private Event ALL DAY @
22 9:45am - Choir Practice @ 10:30am - Worship/Childrens & 12:15pm - Local Missions Team	23	24	25 7pm - Adult Bible Study @	26 12pm - PW Luncheon @ Fox Hall 6:30pm - Private Group @ Fox 7pm - Choir Practice @	27 9:30am - Bread Packaging @	28 11am - Memorial Gene
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- April 1st, 2018
- Easter Sunrise Svc from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM
- Easter Service from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM
- April 3rd, 2018 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- Location: Fox Hall
- Team Leaders Round Table
- April 11, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM
- Location: Tanner Jacks, AG Mesa
- Men's Breakfast
- April 11, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Location: Fox Hall
- Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes
- April 13 & 14, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Location: Fox Hall
- Rummage Sale
- April 26, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- Location: Fox Hall
- PW Luncheon
- April 28, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Location: Sanctuary/Fox Hall
- Memorial for Gene Mehlschau

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