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## *From the Pastor's Desk*



**Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

What a BLESSING it is to be serving as your Designated Pastor!!!! I cannot say how happy I am and how humbled I am by the vote on February 26th! The term "Designated Pastor" means that there are goals we will set that we will try to accomplish in the five years I have agreed to serve. SO, if you have any areas you would like to see us address or if you have any ideas of what we need to try to implement, please let me know! I have affirmed that we would like to build up the young adult ministry of our congregation so we will look at ages from high school through maybe thirties or forties and we will try to build up the programming that would be vital for them. Also, I am hoping to work more closely with the Dallastown Schools in order to reach out to children of our community and help to meet some of the needs they may have. I also hope to meet with members of Blymire's individually and get your feedback on how to help build up the vitality of our faith family for the future. Again, any feedback you can give is definitely appreciated!

One thing I have in my heart and mind to offer to the people of Blymire's is something that not many people care to talk about because it involves the end of life. I plan to develop a file to be kept in the church office that will contain the information individuals would like to have known about their funeral plans. We will ask individuals to let us know information such as the funeral home they choose for their arrangements; if they would want their service at the church; favorite hymns; favorite scriptures; etc. We will have this file available so that the family will be able to see and know what their preference is for the memorial service. As you may all be able to identify, at the time of the passing of our loved ones, sometimes it is difficult to remember what they may have said over the years, so we will have it on paper what their wishes are and then maybe make the time of passing a little easier for their loved ones. I will have this available in the near future!

The main focus of my thoughts today of course involves Easter and all the activities we have happening in the next weeks. As April begins we are inviting women from our church AND from the community to join with us for our "COZY MOUNTIAN LODGE" retreat. We will be exploring the book of Ruth and looking at relationships we have in our lives. I am truly getting excited about this



event and hope that we will have many participants who will be blessed by the sharing and the learning we will experience. Then, of course, we will also have our Palm Sunday worship and the understanding of the Triumphal Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. Following this worship experience will be our Easter Party — including the Egg Hunt for children through adult and other activities which promise a good time for all! Then, following a very moving Maundy Thursday worship service and the somberness of Good Friday, we will gather (weather permitting) in the picnic pavilion for our Easter Dawn Service to proclaim that Jesus Lives! Always, these times of worship and praise are very moving!

But, I would be remiss if I did not say that all of these upcoming events will be colored by the passing of FUZZ MYERS. She was a vital part of this family of faith for sixty years! Everyone who is or was a part of Blymire's church can identify times that this lady touched our lives. As I said at her funeral service, I may have been a very small part of the "dash" in Fuzz's life but I can truly say that she is a major portion of the dash in my life!!!! The dash refers to the life we live between our birth and our death and every one of us is part of the dash for all of our family, friends, faith family, co-workers, etc. — everyone we encounter in life. And, of course, there are many people who add a great amount to our dash simply by being friends and loved ones. I am blessed in the short time I have shared a journey of faith with the beautiful people of Blymire's that I was able to know Fuzz. I know Fuzz loved me and I truly loved knowing her! She will definitely be missed and the faith she had and service she gave to our church will be felt for ages to come! REST IN PEACE, FUZZ!!!! (I will definitely be talking to her many times as I come to the church since her grave is next to the driveway. I will be saying "HI" to her most every day!)

God Bless! With love, and in loving memory of CAROLYN "FUZZ" MYERS,

Pastor Lou Ann



### **SPECIAL SERVICES in APRIL**

#### **April 2 - Lent 5**

Gospel: John 11:1-45  
Sermon: "Jesus Wept"

#### **April 9 - Palm Sunday**

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11  
Sermon: "Isn't That a Plot Twist?"

#### **April 13 - Maundy Thursday**

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31-35  
Communion Service

#### **April 16 - Easter Sunday**

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10  
Sermon: "Easter Greetings!"

#### **April 23 - Easter 2**

Gospel: John 20:19-31  
Supply Pastor— Rev. Curt Weber, Pastor Emeritus

#### **April 30 - Easter 3**

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35  
Sermon: "On the Road Again!"

## **SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for APRIL**

### **GREETERS:**

April 2 - Nancy Taylor  
April 9 - Lonnie Barnhart  
April 16 - Diana Myers  
April 23 - Eli Matthews  
April 30 - Ed & Judy Bishop

### **GIFT COLLECTORS:**

April 2 - Sterling Boyd  
April 9 - Nancy Myers  
April 16 - Matt & Randi John  
April 23 - David & Susan McDowell  
April 30 - Lonnie & Carol Barnhart

### **LAY READERS:**

April 2 - Tim Sleeth  
April 9 - Barb Adams  
April 16 - Curt Weber  
April 23 - Jill Boyd  
April 30 - Judy Bishop

### **ACOLYTES:**

April 2 - Carl & Sharon Criswell  
April 9 - Lonnie & Carol Barnhart  
April 16 - Marti Leader  
April 23 - Charlie Diehl  
April 30 - David & Susan McDowell

### **COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:**

April 2 - To be announced  
April 9 - Easter Party  
April 16 - Happy Easter-No coffee social  
April 23 - To be announced  
April 30 - To be announced

### **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:**

April 2 - Terry Doll  
April 9 - Ed Adams  
April 16 - Chase Matthews  
April 23 - Wyatt Myers  
April 30 - Eli Matthews

### **LIGHTING OPERATORS:**

April 2 - Joel Frey  
April 9 - Greg Ness  
April 16 - Greg Ness  
April 23 - Sterling Boyd  
April 30 - To be announced

### **CAMERA OPERATORS:**

April 2 - Greg Ness  
April 9 - John Sterling  
April 16 - Todd Miller  
April 23 - Terry Doll  
April 30 - Greg Ness

### **VIDEO OPERATORS:**

April 2 - Sydney Brown  
April 9 - Jeri Jones  
April 16 - Judy Bishop  
April 23 - Nelson Leader  
April 30 - Nelson Leader

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

**DEADLINE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER:** April 15

**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**



*May God  
Bless You  
On Your  
Birthday*

- |     |                    |     |              |
|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| 2.  | Mark Eberly        | 27. | Fran Doll    |
| 3.  | Sasha Richardson   |     | Brandon Ness |
|     | Connor Boyd        | 28. | Tessa Myers  |
| 5.  | Ronald Heindel     |     |              |
| 6.  | Beth Markey        |     |              |
| 7.  | Jeri Jones         |     |              |
| 8.  | Elijah Matthews    |     |              |
| 9.  | Teila Geesey       |     |              |
| 11. | Cindy Axe          |     |              |
| 12. | Kara Sylte         |     |              |
|     | Roslyn Bowen       |     |              |
|     | Sydney Brown       |     |              |
| 15. | Daniel Neuhaus     |     |              |
| 18. | Charles Williamson |     |              |
| 21. | John Barley        |     |              |
|     | Nancy Taylor       |     |              |
| 22. | Charles Diehl      |     |              |
|     | Aubrey McKinsey    |     |              |
| 24. | Gene Wise          |     |              |
|     | Debra Forbes       |     |              |
| 26. | Marcia Ness        |     |              |

**CELEBRATING APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

April 10 - Nelson and Marti Leader - 52 years

April 18 - Peter and Donna Busch - 2 years

April 22 - Jeri and Lou Ann Jones - 28 years

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Undesignated General Fund

## Red Brick Chapel

## Cemetery

Month-2017	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$13,069.96	\$14,011.17	\$503.43	\$181.75	\$354.55	\$850.00
February	\$10,907.93	\$5,404.56	\$3.09	\$211.14	\$0.29	\$0.00
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Total</b>	\$23,977.89	\$19,415.73	\$506.52	\$392.89	\$354.84	\$850.00

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ March 1, 2017

\$11,248.64

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ March 1, 2017

(Includes \$42,033.18 Endowment)

\$68,748.67

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ March 1, 2017

(Includes \$710,819.22 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation))

\$718,464.02

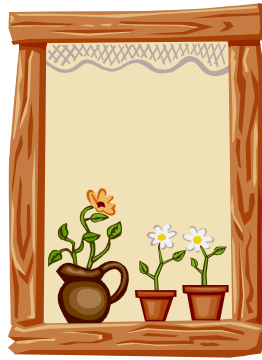
## Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2017

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 397.38
January	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 84.27	\$ 431.65
February			\$ 116.61	\$ 548.26
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.88</b>	

## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Freda Berry**  
1240 South Pleasant Avenue  
Dallastown, PA 17313  
244-2282

**Peggy Luckenbaugh**  
Room 704B  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403



**Anita Spahr**  
36 West Main Street  
Dallastown, PA 17313  
244-7392

**Dale Wise**  
Room 106A  
Manorcare Kingston Court  
2400 Kingston Court  
York, PA 17402

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**Remember**  
and pray for  
**Our Members**  
in the  
**Military**

**A1C Ness, Brandon**  
98950 East Harmony Lane  
Tucson, AZ 85748

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### ***COZY MOUNTAIN LODGE RETREAT***

You are invited to join us on Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8, when our church becomes Cozy Mountain Lodge—a retreat for women of all ages. We will be using the story of Ruth as we bring home the meaning of making God our foundation. Cozy Mountain Lodge uses the security and comfort we find when we think of a mountain lodge to show truths about Jesus. It will lead us to a closer relationship with Jesus and stronger Christian friendships. Our time together will include worship, Bible study sessions, crafts, and more. All women are invited—bring your moms, sisters, daughters, friends, or neighbors!



The cost for the retreat is only \$20 per person and includes snacks Friday and Saturday, lunch on Saturday, and all materials. Times are 6:30-8:30PM on Friday and 8:00AM-4:00PM Saturday. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Deadline to register is Sunday, April 2.



### ***HARTMAN CENTER CAMPS***

We have now received information about summer camping opportunities at Hartman Center for both children and adults. Brochures describing the camps are on the bulletin board in the hallway. There is an early bird discount of 10% off if you register before April 1. Our church will pay half the cost of the camps for any members that wish to attend.

The annual women's beach retreat at Rehoboth Beach is scheduled for Friday, May 5, through Sunday, May 7. The cost of lodging will be divided evenly between those sharing the houses. If you would like to go, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions, contact Ginny Weber at 246-9027. Thank you.







## MEN'S GROUP



Join the men of Blymire's on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an open discussion on joys and concerns. There will a special surprise program this month. Come join us for a time of sharing.  
REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.



Faith Kidz will be meeting at 6:30 PM every Wednesday in April. We will celebrate Easter on the 12th. We will also be making gifts for the shut-ins and work on some of our lessons.

## EASTER PARTY

Our annual church Easter Party and Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 9, at 11:30 AM. This event is for both children and ADULTS. In addition to the egg hunt, we will also have lunch and make an Easter craft. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and also a box in the Gathering Room to collect candy. Please make sure the candy is individually wrapped to put inside the eggs.



## EASTER SUNDAY

On Easter Sunday, April 16, we will be holding an outdoor (weather permitting) sunrise service at 6:30 AM in the pavilion. Following the service, you are invited to a breakfast sponsored by the TEENS. You don't need a ticket, but are asked to give a donation for the breakfast. Then at 8:45 AM, you can move into the sanctuary for our Easter celebration. As is our tradition, you are invited to bring loose flowers to put on the cross in the front of the sanctuary.

We would also like to revive the tradition of wearing special hats on Easter Sunday. If you don't already have one in your closet, now is the time to go shopping for one. Let's brighten up the church on Easter with lots of colorful "Bonnets."

## SISTERS OF SERVICE

Sisters of Service (SOS) will be holding their next meeting on Monday, April 17, at 6:30 PM at the church. Diana Myers will lead the devotions and Pastor Lou Ann and Marlene Matthews will provide refreshments.



TEENS will be meeting at 6:30 PM on April 9, when we will have an Easter celebration, and also on April 23.

Our Women's Book Club will hold their next meetings on Tuesday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 25, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. We are now discussing The War Room: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon by Chris Fabry. New members are always welcome to join.



## CRAFTY CHICKS



On Sunday, April 23, Mary Jane Miller will be teaching a class on making needle felted sheep (a ram and a ewe). The class will run from 2:00-4:00 PM and the cost is \$25.00, which includes all supplies. There are samples on the board next to the sign-up sheet.



On Saturday, April 8, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, the Men's Group will be holding their first chicken BBQ of the season. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, and roll and butter all for \$8.00. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the slip below and turn it in to the church office or call 244-0655. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru September.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



... to **everyone** who **donated** and **bought items** during this year's annual Book Fair.

... to **everyone** who attended worship the week of Pastor Lou Ann's "Trial Sermon" and voted for her to become our Designated Pastor.

... to **Pastor Curt** for stepping back up to the pulpit while Pastor Lou Ann was on leave.

... to **Julie Smith** for teaching us how to paint a flower and ladybug during the Paint and Create Class.

... to **all the women** who took part in the UCC Women's Sunday service on March 5.

... to the **SOS, Men's Group and other individuals** for their donations to renovate the kitchen. A special thank you to **Nelson Leader, Charlie Diehl, Sterling Boyd, Greg Ness, Tim Sleeth and others** who have spent many hours of labor working on the kitchen.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

You are about to complete a very important step in your life and we would like to recognize you for your accomplishment on Sunday, May 21, during the worship service. If you are graduating, or have graduated in the past year from high school, college, or a trade/business school, please complete the information below and return it to the church office **no later than Sunday, April 23.** We will include a paragraph about you and your future plans in the June edition of "*Bly Lines*". On Sunday, May 21, your name will be listed in the bulletin and Pastor Lou Ann will have a small presentation to make to you.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE EARNED \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS/ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE PLANS \_\_\_\_\_



## HEALING HEARTS INSPIRATIONATIONS

April 2017



Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny, spring day.

W. Earl Hall



### 24 FEET

Jesus wraps a servant's girdle around his waist, takes up the basin, and kneels before one of the disciples. He unlaces a sandal and gently lifts the foot and places it in the basin, covers it with water, and begins to bathe it. One by one, one grimy foot after another, Jesus works his way down the row....

You can be sure Jesus knows the future of these feet he is washing. These twenty-four feet will not spend the next day following their master, defending his cause. These feet will dash for cover at the flash of a Roman sword. Only one pair of feet won't abandon him in the garden. One disciple won't desert him at Gethsemane— Judas won't even make it that far! ...

Behold the gift Jesus gives his followers. He knows what these men are about to do.... And when they do, he wants them to remember how his knees knelt before them and he washed their feet. He wants them to realize those feet are still clean.... He forgave their sin before they even committed it. He offered mercy before they even sought it. **Max Lucado**

God has spoken very boldly about his desire to be a presence in our lives. If I want to heal the ache and loneliness in my own life, one of the things I need to do is get away alone with God. The paradoxical "answer" to loneliness is aloneness . . . with God. In the silence God will speak to you most powerfully. Too often his words to us get muffled, lost, or covered by the crowd of many noises both inside and outside of us. We must have a quiet heart in order to hear God's distinctive message to us.

**Tim Hansel**

### EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Easter just isn't fun in the same way Christmas is. It's commonplace to hear that "Christmas is for children," What about Easter? Is it for children, too?

It sure didn't seem so to me, back then. Compared to Christmas, Easter was boring. Chocolate bunnies: good. Scratchy new crinolines: bad. Long blah-blah-blah at church. You could always count on Christmas to change a lot of stuff, especially in the toybox. Easter didn't change anything.

My friend Mitch is Jewish, but his encounters with suffering during medical training led him to doubt whether there even is a God. Yet last Christmas he sent me this note: "Looking at the Christmas thing from a man raised in a Jewish home, the big celebration in Christianity should be Easter. No Easter, no Christianity."

Why Christians don't whoop it up more at Easter is a mystery to me. How inspirational! How joyful! No Easter, no Christianity. Mitch has a point. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, who cares whether he was born in a manger or a 7-11? If he didn't rise from the dead, Christmas is meaningless too.

Easter tells us of something children can't understand, because it addresses things they don't yet have to know: the weariness of life, the pain. Yet in the midst of this desolation we find Jesus, triumphant over death and still shockingly alive, present to us in ways we cannot explain. In him we find vibrancy of life. He is life itself. As life incarnate, he could not be held back by death.

Grownups are taller, and can see farther, and know what hard blows life can bring. Easter may seem boring to children when compared with Christmas and all its commercial enticements. Yet Easter contains the one thing needful for every human life: the good news of Resurrection.

Easter didn't change anything? Easter changes everything.

**Frederica Mathewes Green**



## Church Services in 2020 (Let's hope not!)

**Scripture:** "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

**Prayer:** "Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, to chat with God"

**Offering:** "As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready" "You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'Lord909887.' The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the pews:

- Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- Those who prefer to use iPads can open them now
- Those who prefer telephone banking, go ahead and take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account."

The holy atmosphere becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

### Final Blessing and Closing Announcements:

- This week's ministry team meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in promptly at meeting time.
- This week's confirmation class will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss it.
- You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this week for counseling and prayers.

God bless and have a nice day.

**And Jesus wept....**



HEALING HEARTS bids a sad good-bye  
to one of our original members

### CAROLYN "FUZZ" MYERS

Farewell our friend you've left us  
It was time for you to go  
Your friendship was a blessing  
And we will miss you so!

"Joy does not  
simply happen  
to us. We  
have to  
choose joy  
and keep  
choosing it  
every day."

Henri Nouwen



"Spring is  
when you feel  
like whistling  
even with a  
shoe full of  
slush."

Doug Larson

Worry has no redeeming  
qualities. It never fulfills its  
promises. Instead, it drains  
our energy reserves, adds  
spider web wrinkles on our  
foreheads, and makes us woefully weary.



Worry is a type of simmering fear that  
doesn't seem like fear at all because it  
masquerades as taking responsibility. We  
can easily fool ourselves into thinking we're  
doing the responsible thing by agonizing  
over dilemmas. By dwelling on our troubles  
we think that we'll somehow become  
enlightened with magical answers that will  
change inevitable outcomes. Fretting and  
stewing and fussing seem perfectly normal  
because we're so used to it. But over time,  
worrying inflates our problems to appear  
huge. Enormous, Insurmountable. Even  
bigger than God.

Debora M Coty

# **EMMANUEL'S CLOSET**

*April 2017*



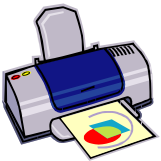
## **Easter Project**

This year's Easter food distribution will be held on April 1 and April 8. Since gift cards were such a help last year, we would like to continue to give each family a gift card in varying amounts, depending upon family size, to purchase meat for their Easter dinner. We will also include regular grocery items along with the gift card. Donations of food items to make a dinner would be appreciated.

## **Socks and Underwear Give-out**



We are once again planning to give out \$25 Walmart gift cards to be used by the clients to get socks, underwear, diapers and wipes for registered children up to 17 years of age. The cards will be distributed on May 20. If you would like to help with this project, you may donate a \$25 Walmart gift card or give a donation in any amount to help purchase the cards. Donations should be received by May 1. Thank you.



## **Cartridge Recycling**

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box in the Emmanuel's Closet bin in the Gathering Room. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."

## **E.C. Continuing Needs**

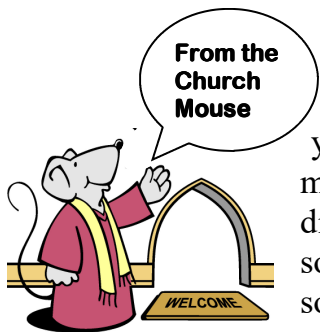
Juice  
Cereal  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Boxed Dry Pastas  
Helper Meals  
Dessert Items  
Condiment Items  
Canned Tuna/Meats  
Canned Broth  
Canned Fruit/Vegetables  
Coffee/Tea  
Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo  
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes  
Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels  
Dish Washing Liquid  
Laundry Detergent  
All-Purpose Cleaners  
Baby food, formula, diapers, etc.  
Children's books/toys  
Small household items

## **Please, NO Expired Food Items**

We are now collecting spring and summer clothing. They should be clean, in good repair and unstained.



***THANKS FOR CARING!***



## Revelations for APRIL from “Bly Mire” Mouse

“It’s a small world after all. It’s a small, small world.” — Have I given you an ear-worm???? Hee-hee! I will say that I did have a good time visiting my famous cousin in Florida. And, while the weather down there wasn’t much different than what you had here, WHAT HAPPENED???? We got home and somebody up above turned on the air conditioning!!!! I sure hope it warms up soon — and STAYS warm!!!!

I was so surprised to see the change in the kitchen when we got home. I am sure glad with all the remodeling being done there that no one found the side entrance to our mouse house!!!! But WOW!!! How awesome is the new stove (Thank you S.O.S.!!!!) And all the work that has been done on the sinks and the cabinets! THANK YOU ALL for all the work you are doing and THANK YOU to all who are contributing to cover the costs!!!! Just imagine how nice it will be to have dinners now!!!!

And, when we got home, Pastor Curt was still covering pastoral duties for the month of February and it was “normal” (if you know what I mean). THANK YOU PASTOR CURT for all you did while filling in for Pastor Lou Ann’s “unemployment stay-cation”. I was in church on February 26th when Pastor Lou Ann had her trial sermon and I will say that I too am happy she will be our Designated Pastor for five years! I was also glad to see that she and Jeri joined church along with “BERNIE” and DELORES NOLL..... WELCOME to the new members. I invite you to visit my mouse house anytime!

There is something very sad that I have in my heart as I write this message. I will truly say that I along with many of our faith family will definitely miss FUZZ. There has been a void in worship since she has not been able to be with us on Sunday mornings, but since she has passed, we will cherish her memory forever. It always hurts when we lose one of our faith family and her passing definitely touches many!

Even though we are able to enjoy so many things in life and we know that God is smiling with us when we experience those good things (like vacations, visits with loved ones, hugs, etc.) it is so comforting to know that God is hugging us and has His arms around us when we are sad and hurting. And now, we all have one more angel watching over us! We will miss you Fuzz! But, we know you are with us in our hearts!!!!

See you next month! God Bless us all!

Your faith-friends, BLY and MIRE and family!



# JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

## What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



## What you do:

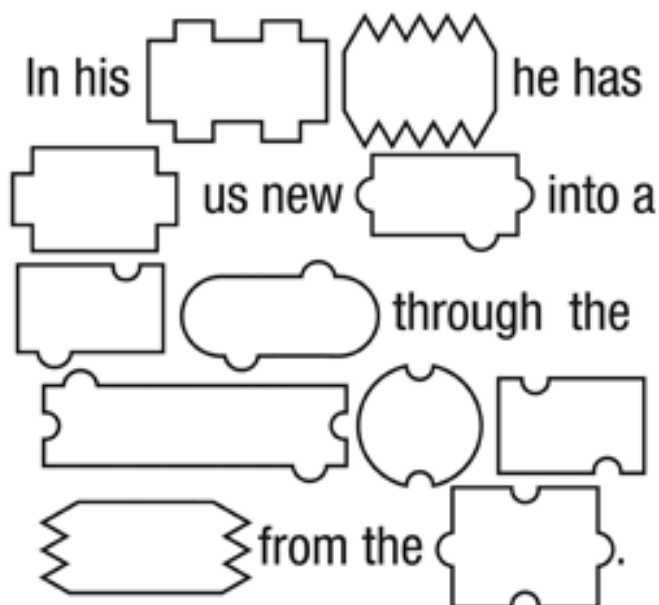
1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



## > NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

*Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.*



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Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV