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## *From the Pastor's Desk*



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

As I begin this message, I will admit it is a bit difficult to keep my mind focused on the task. Finally, we are getting some "spring-like" weather. By Saturday (March 30) we may have temps in the 70's. Needless to say, many of us are ready for the warmer weather to get here and stay!

I will also admit that I really underestimated the recovery from my neck surgery. Movement for me is going very well. I still have some limitation to moving my head side to side, but as the surgeon said....give it six months or more. I am now three months from surgery, so I am pleased with where my recovery is. But, I initially thought....two weeks recovery and I will be back to normal. — NOT!

As I look to the events that April brings our way, I definitely need to make mention that April 7th (a Sunday this year....and we all know what happens when a birthday is on a Sunday!) Jeri will turn 65. So, HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY JERI!

Then, of course, April is the month this year that we celebrate Easter! I can never put how meaningful Easter is to me into words. To think that God would come to earth in Jesus so that he could teach us and show us that the "fear of God and God's wrath" is not the God we have is amazing and humbling. God is the God of love and all we need do is reflect on and take to heart John 3:16! To think that God loves me so much that He would come to earth and then suffer as Jesus did and die FOR ME is something so awesome and amazing I get "choked up" and teary-eyed thinking about it! I do not deserve the love that God has for me! But, I humbly say my thanks to God by trying to live my life according to His will for me.

Over the years, I have heard people asking "Why does the date of Easter change every year?" The answer is that in 325 CE, The Council of Nicea determined that on the FIRST SUNDAY following the FIRST FULL MOON after the VERNAL EQUINOX (the arrival of Spring) Easter would be celebrated. Now, I will admit that it seems awkward that this event would change from year to year. We celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th and that does not change. We also affirm that there was only one date that could be noted as the day Jesus died on the cross. So why do we not use that particular date as the day for Good Friday and then celebrate the resurrection on the third day? I can simply say that if we did observe Easter this way, then Good Friday could actually fall on any other day of the week and it would not always be on a Friday. Then, Easter could also fall on any day of the week since Jesus' resurrection is the third day and it is on the third



day that Jesus rose from the grave. Also since Maundy Thursday is the day Jesus observed the Passover meal with his disciples, the days we observe as our holy days are closely associated with the Jewish observance of Passover.

I remember celebrating Easter some years had been a bit challenging since certain years the observance of Easter fell on the same day that we “Sprung ahead” with the clocks. We not only had to get up early to share in the Easter Dawn Service, but some years we also lost an hour of sleep. Needless to say, most of those Easter days I would take a nap before even thinking about Easter dinner.

I hope that this year as we celebrate Easter that we all have a deeper appreciation for what God did for us in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God Bless you ALL!

And, have a very HAPPY (God centered) EASTER!!!

With love - Pastor Lou Ann



### **SPECIAL SERVICES in APRIL**

#### **April 7 - Lent 5**

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Sermon: “Choice of Use”

Anthem: “Canticle of Love” Martin/Angerman

#### **April 14 - Palm Sunday**

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: “SHOUT It Out”

Anthem: “Blessed Be the King” Williams/Barrett

#### **April 18 - Maundy Thursday—7:00 PM**

Gospel: John 13:1-17. 31-35

Special focus . . .

#### **April 21 - Easter Sunday**

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: “He Is Not Here”

#### **April 28 - Easter 2**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sermon: “Peace Be With You”

### ***MERCY ME STUDY***

What are the messages that Bart Millard’s band, Mercy Me (“*I Can Only Imagine*”) are conveying? What do the lyrics mean? This writer has been obsessed with their songs since attending the Mercy Me concert in 2018 in York and has a desire to share thoughts, insights and experiences with others. Together we will have fun listening to the music, discovering how the lyrics are connected to Scripture, and how the lyrics speak to us about our life’s journey. Featured songs will include: “*I Can Only Imagine*” “*Greater*” “*Flawless*” “*Even If*” “*Lifer*” “*Shake*” “*Grace Got You*” . . .

If this sounds fun and you have a desire to listen to and explore the messages behind Mercy Me songs, then please join us each Sunday morning from April 28-May 26, 10:30-11:30. Bring your knitting! Bring your friends! Bring your children! There will be coffee, tea and snacks and maybe even some dancing—as the Spirit moves you! **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

Any questions, call Ginny Weber at (717) 246-9027.

## **SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for APRIL**

### **GREETERS:**

April 7 - Nancy Taylor  
April 14 - Gwen Wise  
April 21 - Donna Sleeth  
April 28 - Jim & Jean McDowell

### **GIFT COLLECTORS:**

April 7 - Lonnie & Carol Barnhart  
April 14 - Charlie Diehl  
April 21 - Ed & Barb Adams  
April 28 - Sterling Boyd

### **LAY READERS:**

April 7 - Nelson Leader  
April 14 - Heather Matthews  
April 21 - Barb Marshall  
April 28 - Linda Rost

### **ACOLYTES:**

April 7 - Carl & Sharon Criswell  
April 14 - Tim & Donna Sleeth  
April 21 - Ed & Barb Adams  
April 28 - Janie Montgomery

### **COFFEE SOCIAL HOSTS:**

April 7 - To be announced  
April 14 - To be announced  
April 21 - To be announced  
April 28 - To be announced

### **SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:**

April 7 -  
April 14 - Ed Adams  
April 21 - Eli Matthews  
April 28 - Greg Ness

### **LIGHTING OPERATORS:**

April 7 - Joel Frey  
April 14 - Greg Ness  
April 21 - Greg Ness  
April 28 - Sterling Boyd

### **CAMERA OPERATORS:**

April 7 - Greg Ness  
April 14 - John Sterling  
April 21 - Greg Ness  
April 28 -

### **VIDEO OPERATORS:**

April 7 - Sydney Brown  
April 14 - Jeri Jones  
April 21 - Judy Bishop  
April 28 - 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
3. Sasha Richardson  
Connor Boyd
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
13. Joan Mickey
15. Daniel Neuhaus
18. Charles Williamson
21. John Barley  
Nancy Taylor
22. Charles Diehl  
Aubrey McKinsey
24. Gene Wise  
Debra Forbes
26. Marcia Ness
27. Fran Doll  
Brandon Ness
28. Tessa Myers

**CELEBRATING APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

April 6 - Fred and Brenda Kerchner - 28 years  
April 10 - Nelson and Marti Leader - 54 years  
April 18 - Peter and Donna Busch - 4 years  
April 22 - Jeri and Lou Ann Jones - 30 years

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Undesignated General Fund

## Red Brick Chapel

## Cemetery

Month-2019	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,497.09	\$9,547.51	\$0.41	\$304.33	\$923.15	\$1,053.87
February	\$9,667.09	\$9,824.01	\$0.36	\$483.40	\$241.82	\$1,553.75
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Total</b>	\$20,164.18	\$19,371.52	\$0.77	\$787.73	\$1,164.97	\$2,607.62

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ March 1, 2019

\$323.54

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ March 1, 2019  
(Includes \$44,890.64 Endowment)

\$68,444.25

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ March 1, 2019  
(Includes \$729,922.67 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)

\$731,563.85

### Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2019

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 253.90
January			\$ 78.55	\$ 332.45
February	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 70.20	\$ 377.65
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 148.75</b>	

## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

### **Freda Berry**

The Haven at Springwood  
2321 Freedom Way  
York, PA 17402  
717-718-3615

### **Doris Harper**

Arlington Court, Room 121  
Senior Commons  
@ Powder Mill  
1775 Powder Mill Rd  
York, PA 17403

### **Emerson Knaper**

855 New School Lane  
Dallastown, PA 17313  
717-244-5003

### **Peggy Luckenbaugh**

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

### **Joyce Shenberger**

2105 Knob Hill Road  
Apartment 213  
York, PA 17403  
717-845-3162

### **Linda Trone**

Room 700  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403



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

### **A1C Ness, Brandon**

6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad  
Tucson, AZ 85756

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## ***EASTER PARTY***

Our annual church Easter Party and Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 10:30 AM. There will be no Sunday School that morning. We will begin our activities with a Covered Dish Brunch. Please bring your favorite BREAKFAST dish (with food in it) to share. You know we ALWAYS have awesome food!

We also plan to have some activities for all to enjoy until it is time for the main attraction. . . An egg hunt for ALL ages! From toddler to adult, the Easter Bunny will have treats for all! There is a sign up sheet so we will have an idea of how many people will be in attendance. Invite children from your family, your friends, your neighbors to join us—the more, the merrier!! We need donations of items to fill the eggs. There is a box in the Gathering Room to collect candy. Please make sure the candy is individually wrapped to put inside the eggs. Volunteers are also needed to make this a successful event. See Barb Marshall if you would like to help.

## ***EASTER SUNDAY***

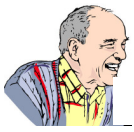
On Easter Sunday, April 21, we invite you to join us for pastries and coffee in the Gathering Room at 8:00 AM.

Then at 8:45 AM, we will move into the sanctuary for our Easter celebration and Holy Communion. 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 continue 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."







## MEN'S GROUP



Join the men of Blymire's on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 PM at the church. Bring a friend to the meeting. As always we have an open discussion on joys and concerns. Those attending the meeting please bring information on potential guest speakers for future meetings. Come join us for a time of sharing. REMEMBER ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.

Our Women's Book Club will hold their next meetings on Tuesday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 23, at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Room. And . . . just like the Book Club in Mary Ann Shaffer's novel, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, we are reading our own book choices and discussing them with the group. New members are always welcome.



## SISTERS OF SERVICE



A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the 2018 Bazaar and Cookie Walk. Our ending profit for the Bazaar was \$1993. The Cookie Walk profit was \$1003.27.

We use this money to help our church, our church family, our community and many other organizations.

At our meeting on March 18 we donated \$500 to a member of our church family and another \$200 to a family in Dallastown. We also paid for ten hams for the Food Bank.

A special "Thank You" to everyone who made soaker pads and laundry bags for Homewood Homes. We made over 100 and will not be making any more. We have done our job!

We will be holding their next meeting on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 PM at the church. Barb Adams will lead the devotions and Pastor Lou Ann will provide refreshments.

PLEASE JOIN US!



## BOOK FAIR

Check out the new books coming weekly to our Book Nook. April 30 will be the final day of our Book Fair. We will donate the books in May. Thanks for your support.

You are invited to come to our Crafty Chicks gathering on Sunday, April 28, from 1:00-5:00 PM. Please bring any needlework, scrapbooking or other craft project that you are working on. We will have a good time finishing those projects and fellowshiping with friends.



## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE

You are invited to join with other churches in the Dallastown/Yoe Ministerium for a Community Lenten Service to be held at St. Paul's UCC, 205 West Main St, Dallastown, on Sunday, April 7, at 6:30 PM.

Pastors from the Dallastown/Yoe Ministerium will be participating and there will be a community choir.



Faith Kidz will be meeting at 6:30 PM on April 10 and April 24.



On Saturday, April 13, 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.

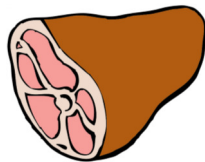
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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

## ***"HAM" IT UP***

The York County Food Bank is asking us to help them provide 200 Easter meals to those in need in the community. They have designated Sunday, April 7, as "Ham It Up Sunday." On that day you are asked to bring any size frozen ham to church with you.



Food bank volunteers will collect them after the worship service. Easter meal boxes will then be assembled and distributed to those in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Murphy (717) 887-1219. Thank you.

## **GOLF OUTING**

On Saturday, May 11, beginning at 1:30 PM Hartman Center will be holding their annual Golf Outing. It will be held at the Fairview Golf Course in Quentin PA.



The fee of \$80 per golfer includes greens fees, cart, golf, gifts and dinner. There is a dinner only option for \$25. A portion of the profits will be used for outdoor ministries for youth of all ages at Hartman Center. Check the table in the Gathering for more info and registration forms. The deadline to register is April 26.

## **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 19, 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 21**. We will include a paragraph about you and your future plans in the June edition of "*Bly Lines*". On Sunday, May 19, 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 \_\_\_\_\_





## TEN CLASSIFIEDS TO APPEAR IN THE JERUSALEM TIMES THAT FIRST EASTER

10. For Sale: Used Tomb. Good location! Like new! No longer occupied!
9. For Sale: Temple Curtain. Subdivided. (Mat. 27:51)
8. For Sale: Used Wrap Collection. Great condition. Yours for a song.
7. For Sale: Large selection of sackcloth (men's and women's, various and styles). No longer needed.
6. Looking For Work: Two former guards. Willing to lie for right price. No Cemeteries! (Mat 28:11-15)
5. Companions Wanted: Long-term relationships desired. I am dying to meet you!--JC
4. Lost Item: One body lost. Big Reward for its return!--the Sanhedrin
3. Personal to Mr. S: nah-nah, nah-nah, nah, nah--you lose!
2. Personal to JC: Well-done, Son! You da man!--Dad

And the #1 classified in the Jerusalem Times that First Easter is:

1. For sale: One Cross. Well used! Priceless! Best offer!

**POSSUMS!** When you post something on social media, it invites people to respond and react. Along with the smileys, hearts and thumbs up, there are also red-faced meanies and out-and-out hate speeches. One night, I made what I thought was a very important post about the benefits of possums. These non-aggressive marsupials eat harmful ticks, clean up dead carcasses and are immune to rabies. When I made the post, I thought I was reporting some very cool and helpful things about this animal.

Instead I was called a chicken killer, because apparently possums murder chickens in huge numbers. They are also parasitic hosts for a debilitating horse disease, so I was called a horse killer too. People left all sorts of comments about the ways they destroy and dispose of these animals when given a chance. I felt hurt, and a little violated by the people who I thought were my friends now deciding that, if I like possums, I was out of their chicken-and-horse club. Then I let God comfort me. Instead of responding to any of the posts in hurt or anger, I thanked everyone for their input. Then I began to educate myself on the truth about this amazing creature God made to help keep our planet clean. I said a prayer, thanking God for creating all sorts of creatures that work together for the good of the planet. God created each one with quirks and oddities that He loves and uses.

Whether we post about possums, puppies or people, we will find critics. But their words won't kill us, or even matter in a day or two. Let the words pass thru and not take root. Celebrate all of God's unique creations and the ways we can work together for His beautiful earth!

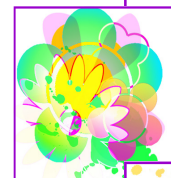
Devon O'Day

Just as gardeners cultivate their plots, keeping them free from weeds, and growing the flowers and fruits which they require, so may a person tend the garden of his or her mind, weeding out all the wrong, useless, and impure thoughts, and cultivating toward perfection the flowers and fruits of right, useful, and pure thoughts. By pursuing this process, a person sooner or later discovers that he or she is the master gardener of his or her soul, the director of his or her life.

James Allen

"Don't believe everything you think! is probably the best advice I've ever been given."

Timber Hawkeye



**"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM"** The dialogue that Friday morning was bitter. From the onlookers, "Come down from the cross if you are the Son of God!" From the religious leaders, "He saved others but he can't save himself." From the soldiers, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

Bitter words. Acidic with sarcasm. Hateful. Irreverent. Wasn't it enough that he was being crucified? Wasn't it enough that he was being shamed as a criminal? Were the nails insufficient? Was the crown of thorns too soft? Had the flogging been too short? For some, apparently so...

Of all the scenes around the cross, this one angers me the most. What kind of people, I ask myself, would mock a dying man? Who would be so base as to pour the salt of scorn upon open wounds? How low and perverted to sneer at one who is laced with pain. The words thrown that day were meant to wound. And there is nothing more painful than words meant to hurt...

If you have suffered or are suffering because of someone else's words, you'll be glad to know that there is a balm for this laceration. Meditate on these words from 1 Peter 2:23 (NIV): "When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

Did you see what Jesus did not do? He did not retaliate. He did not bite back. He did not say, "I'll get you!" "Come on up here and say that to my face!" "Just wait until after the resurrection, buddy!" No, these statements were not found on Christ's lips.

Did you see what Jesus did do? He "entrusted himself to him who judges justly." Or said more simply, he left the judging to God. He did not take on the task of seeking revenge. He demanded no apology. He hired no bounty hunters and sent out no posse. He, to the astounding contrary, spoke on their defense. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."? (Luke 23:34 NIV)...

And when you think about it, they didn't. They hadn't the faintest idea what they were doing. They were a stir-crazy mob, mad at something they couldn't see so they took it out on, of all people, God. But they didn't know what they were doing.

Yes, the dialogue that Friday morning was bitter. The verbal stones were meant to sting. How Jesus, with a body wracked with pain, eyes blinded by his own blood, and lungs yearning for air, could speak on behalf of some heartless thugs is beyond my comprehension. Never, never have I seen such love. If ever a person deserved a shot at revenge, Jesus did. But he didn't take it. Instead he died for them. How could he do it? I don't know. But I do know that all of a sudden my wounds seem very painless. My grudges and hard feelings are suddenly childish. Sometimes I wonder if we don't see Christ's love as much in the people he tolerated as in the pain he endured.

Max Lucado



"Prejudice is jumping to exclusions."  
Hazel Brick



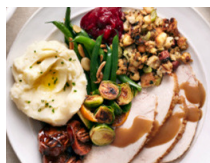
**BALANCE** Take time to play in your bare feet. It will keep you connected to the glorious nature and the child within. Put on your high-heeled pumps or shiny black spats, and go dancing every now and again. It will keep you in touch with the rhythm of life. Reach back, reach out, to help somebody, sometime. When you are reaching back, out, or down, you are serving. There are times when you must sit down and commune. Commune with nature, with your inner self, and with God. Balance is key to your ability to savor life.

Iyanla Vanzant



# **EMMANUEL'S CLOSET**

*April 2019*

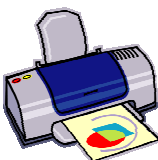


## **Easter Project**

We would like to thank everyone who gave donations for our extra Easter holiday food bags. They will be given out on April 6 and April 13.

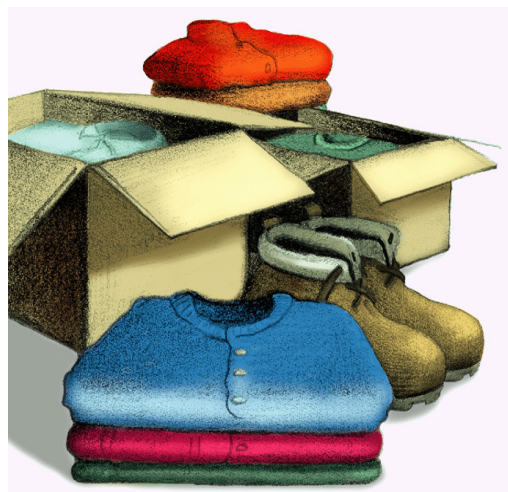
## **Cartridge Recycling**

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. 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."



**Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:**

**Icing**  
**Canned fruit**  
**Tuna Helper**  
**Canned sweet potatoes**  
**Bagged macaroni**  
**Canned carrots**  
**Hot cocoa**  
**Instant vanilla/chocolate pudding**  
**Shampoo**  
**Children's Books**



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

Juice  
Cereal/Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Pancake Mix  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Boxed Dry Pastas  
Helper Meals  
Dessert Items  
Condiment Items  
Canned Tuna/Meats  
Canned Fruit/Vegetables  
Soap  
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Dish Washing Liquid  
Laundry Detergent  
All-Purpose Cleaners  
Children's books/toys  
Small household items

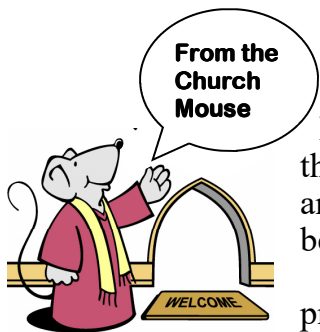
**Please, NO Expired Food Items**

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



***THANKS FOR CARING!***





## Revelations for APRIL from “Bly Mire” Mouse

FINALLY!!!! The temperatures are getting to where they should be! I even heard some people say that their Daffodils and Hyacinths are poking through the ground! I love to see the first flowers bloom in spring! I know there are a lot of people who feel the same way. Spring is the season of newness; of beginnings; of warmth after the coldness of winter. I LOVE SPRING!!!!

I could only hope that the number of people going through major health problems are lifted up by the hopefulness of Spring! I join with all of my faith family in keeping TERRY DOLL; STEPH FREY; BERNIE NOLL; SANDY KOICUBA; JAY INNERST; MICHELE LEADER; ALL OF OUR RESIDENCE BOUND MEMBERS; and loved ones going through tough times that we may not be aware of.

Whenever we go through trying times, it is important to keep our eyes and our hearts focused on our faith because God will give us strength beyond our imagining in order to make it through! I know this past winter Mire and I had a very difficult time. Mire's brother was doing his Cat Trainer job and unfortunately at one point he made a wrong turn and the cat had him. He suffered some bad injuries and had to stay at our mouse house so we could take care of him. He had some really low days when he wanted to give up, but we kept singing hymns and reading scripture to him and he soon got the will to fight and live. Praise God! So, we keep all people who are suffering in any way in our prayers!!!

Once again, we are impressed with the flurry of activity at SJB! I see the box for Easter Candy is in the gathering room. And we all know that means that our Easter Activities are just around the corner!

We extend an invitation to children (and adults) in our community to join us on April 14th for our Easter Party! We will begin with a brunch at 10:30 a.m. Then around 11:00, Pastor Lou Ann will share a program with the children while the Bunny Helpers do their thing. About 11:15, we will share in the Easter Egg hunt activities. SO.... Mark your calendar and invite your families to join with us!

And now for our April humor:

We all know that APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS, BUT, WHAT DO MAY FLOWERS BRING???? The standard answer is: PILGRIMS..... but, I have my own answer to that. May flowers bring..... JUNE BUGS!!!! (Hee-hee!)

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

With our love,

your faith-friends, BLY and MIRE and family!



God so  
loved the  
world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

**What you need:**

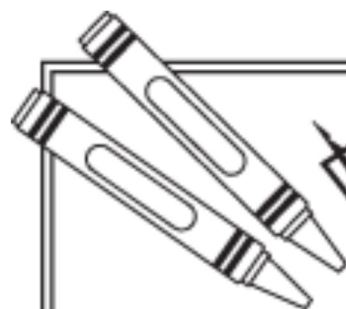
- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



John  
3:16

**What you do:**

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.



PUZZLE

# Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins