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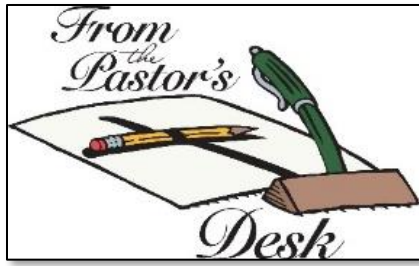
**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.  
Our Motto: Love God ~ Love Others ~ Serve the World**

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*April*



My girls love April Fool's Day. They consider it a holiday like any other. Thus, when April nears, and they are talking about what special days are coming up in the month to come, they always mention April Fools! And then they spend several days planning what innocent little pranks they are going to play on each other and on me and Carin. Let me tell you, they usually come up with a pretty long list, though they usually only end up doing a few of them. It really is rather funny and cute to see them get excited about a silly day that is nothing more than a "gag," if you ask me!

This year, Easter falls just a day before April Fool's Day. And in 2017, it fell on the same day! Which got me thinking, wasn't the greatest April Fool's Day trick of all time the "trick" that Jesus pulled on those who crucified him?! I mean, they *thought* he was dead, gone, and they no longer had to worry about him. Why, he even tricked his own disciples! But three days later, guess what?! April Fool's! He's alive!!!



See, on that first Easter, Jesus' followers were left behind doubting. Jesus had foretold his death many times and had always followed it up by promising he would rise three days later. But no one seemed to hear him or understand him. And so, as we encounter Mary walking to the tomb, we sense the doubts and fears everyone was experiencing – all those who believed Jesus was dead and gone. For despite what Jesus had said before, his followers weren't about to succumb to what they believed to be a fantasy. Dead was dead, and that was it. No one in their right minds would doubt it when the Romans said a prisoner was dead. They were experts at killing! They knew how the world worked. Dead was dead, and that was it. No April Fool's joke here...just reality. The Jesus they loved and followed was gone.

And you know what? We're not that different today. We live in a media-centered world – a world which demands proof. We live in a world where the second something happens, it's all over the news. Facebook, Twitter (or X), and all the other social networking sites flood with the news of something that has happened. We demand to have instant proof of something and if it doesn't appear in our news feed or on a tweet, then we have a hard time believing it. It's this instant access to news which has hurt our faith. The faith of people in this world has gotten weaker because of this ability to receive proof instantly. No longer can we believe without seeing because we don't have to.

The same thing goes with Jesus' resurrection. In a media-centered world, far too often people do not act through faith. Thus, that is how they see the resurrection. Nice idea, but it didn't really happen. It is an April Fool's joke Christians tell to rile everyone up. Yes, our

world today lives in a sea of doubt. And when you're swimming in doubt, it's hard not to get wet, to have that doubt seep into your way of thinking.

But into that doubt is exactly where Jesus comes to us – in an invisible way...through his Word. For every time we hear the Word of God, Jesus steps into our life and says, “Peace be with you.” And every time we receive the Lord’s Supper, Jesus is right there, through his body and blood – chasing away our doubts and filling us with faith, hope, and trust in him. Yes, through the Word and through the sacraments, Jesus appears to us and speaks to us – just as he appeared and spoke to Mary.

Indeed, the resurrection is no April Fool’s joke...it is the absolute truth! Jesus Christ is risen!! The real “joke” was on those who arrested and crucified him. They thought he was dead and gone for good. But he wasn’t! He isn’t! He is alive!!! And now, as those who follow him, we are called to be an Easter people and proclaim this truth to all that we come in contact with: He is risen! He is risen indeed! Jesus Christ is alive!!! No fooling!!! Alleluia!!! Happy Easter everyone!



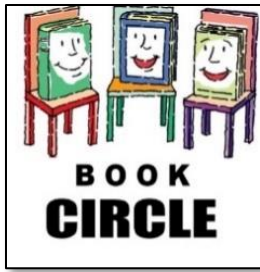


# April

## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bill Painter  
Michael Housel
- 3 John O'Neill, Sr.
- 11 Celeste Esquivel
- 13 Joyce Zigmont
- 15 Robin Czayka
- 19 Hannah Jo Woodruff
- 27 Allie O'Neill
- 28 Terris Wilcynski





We've switched to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of the month!

**Tuesday, April 9 at noon.**

Meet at the church. We'll buy & share pizza  
again. Let Mary Howe know if you'll be  
attending!

**April**

*One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood

**May**

*Nature's Best Hope*  
by Doug Talamy (all-county read)

**Open to other suggestions for books to  
read!!**

**Please join us & keep reading!**



## **Verse of the Day**

But as it is, God arranged the members in  
the body, each one of them, as he chose. If  
I all were a single member, where would the  
body be? As it is, there are many members  
yet one body.

**- 1 Corinthians 12:18-20**

## **Voice of the Day**

We are all one, and if we don't know it we  
will learn it the hard way.

**- Bayard Rustin**

## **Prayer of the Day**

God of all, remind us that we are one body  
working together for the good of each other  
amid your creation.



Thank you to all who honored someone with a donation to  
the Easter butterflies. And, thank you to all who  
contributed through the Lenten coins. All will be added to  
our Change the World fund to help those here in the  
county, in the US, and around the world!



## Heartsaver CPR/AED Classes

### **JERD (Jefferson Emergency Rescue District)**

**11 South Market Street, Jefferson**

**216 319 0233**

April 9<sup>th</sup> 12-2 PM

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 5-7 PM

May 7<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-2 PM

June 4<sup>th</sup> 12-2 PM

June 18<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM

### **SCAD (South Central Ambulance District)**

**3100 US Highway 6, Rome**

**440 563 5619**

April 18<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

May 30<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

**Please consider taking a CPR/AED Heartsaver class –  
it could save someone's life!**

**Both have on line sites for signing up for classes, or call the number listed for additional information. Classes do not require kneeling and do not include mouth to mouth breathing. If you need additional information, please contact me.**

*Martha Haluszka, Health Ministry 440 862 2331*



In April, now that Easter is past and we have given away Easter dinners and baskets, Manna has an unusual request. We would like anything that is gluten free. These items could range from cereal, to baking items, to snacks, rice, pasta, etc. So, if you have such items, or could purchase them, it would be very much appreciated.

Lorna Westlake, Director of Manna Food Pantry


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**SPECIAL SUNDAY**

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

“The United Methodist Church desires to move forward on a journey of repentance, reconciliation, and healing with Native People. . . [We] covenant together with Native People to work toward healing of their historic grief and trauma.”

— *THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 2016, # 3321*

 Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church®

Native American Ministries Sunday is April 14. This offering bolsters the work of the United Methodist Church in rural and urban settings with Native Americans. It also provides scholarships to those studying at United Methodist schools of theology.



## *Easter Butterflies*

### *In Memory Of...*

*Dr. John R. Patterson*  
*Dr. Kenneth Q. Patterson*  
*Cindy Lou Patterson*  
*Scott Garner Eberly*  
*Duane A. Woodruff*  
*Gary D. Woodruff*  
*Mildred Ramga*  
*Cecil Ramga*  
*Rochelle Ramga*  
*Dick Ramga*  
*Kathleen Howe*  
*M.J. Howe*  
*Jim Howe*  
*Becky Sutherland*  
*Jim Wilson*  
*John Wilson*  
*Rita and Daniel Wesley*  
*Margaret and Glenn Jackson*  
*Helene and Robert Hinderer*  
*Dana and Lloyd Hawkins*  
*Richard Bly*  
*Betty Johns*

### *From...*

*Donna Patterson*  
*Donna Patterson*  
*Donna Patterson*  
*Kay and David Eberly*  
*Hannah Jo Woodruff*  
*Hannah Jo Woodruff*  
*Mary and Jack Howe*  
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*Fran Wilson*  
*Fran Wilson*  
*Danielle and Glenn Jackson and family*  
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*Danielle and Glenn Jackson and family*  
*Madelyn Jackson and family*  
*Esther Blevins*  
*Doreen Cole*







**In Memory of...**

*Herb and Vonnie Housel*

*Thomas Mountjoy*

*Oral and Bea Champlin*

*My Parents*

*Gerald Berrier*

*Mike and Helen Czayka*

*Rev. John Roseberry*

*Joshua Roseberry*

*Jack/Doris Roseberry*

*Margaret/Kennett Yeager*

*Susie Frizell*

*John Kampf*

*Geraldine Jerome*

*Allan Jerome*

*Bill and Ruth Mary Service*

*Lester Marrison*

*Vicki Potts*

*Bob Kepiro*

**From...**

*Kathy and Greg Housel*

*Kathy and Greg Housel*

*Nancy and Greg Hamper*

*Jackie Bernardo*

*Robin and Mike Czayka*

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*Pastor Jeremy, Carin, Kylie,*

*Paisley, and Aubrie Roseberry*

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*Judy Kampf*

*Lori Jerome*

*Lori Jerome*

*Lori Jerome*

*Ann Marrison*

*Marcia Kepiro*

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**In Memory of...**

Gerald Berrier  
Evelyn and Clarence Berrier  
Louis Burlingame  
Clarence (Sam) and Margaret Spencer  
Donna Williams Wilcynski

**In Honor Of...**

COL Timothy L Woodruff  
Nita Mountjoy  
Bonnie Yost  
David and Kim  
Beverly Berrier  
Alison and Jake  
Alex and Natalie  
Macyn  
Bryn  
Bodey  
Dominic  
Baby Czayka  
My siblings  
My nieces and nephews  
The children of JUMC  
Levi Upton

**From...**

Bev Berrier  
Bev Berrier  
Beverly Burlingame  
Phil and Mary Spencer  
Edna Williams and  
Terris Wilcynski

**From...**

Hannah Jo Woodruff  
Kathy and Greg Housel  
Jackie Bernardo  
Robin and Michael Czayka  
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Lori Jerome  
Lori Jerome  
Pamela Hodgkinson  
Ann Marrison



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Loose Change Sunday</b> 9:30am - Easter 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Yoga - 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Yoga - Slow	10am - Ministry Team 4pm - Christian Cafe @	6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's	8am - WIC	
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9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Fellowship 10:30am - Sunday 5pm - Youth Group	<b>Eclipse</b> 9am - Pickle Ball 12pm - Blood Drive 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	10am - Ministry Team	5:30pm - Praise Team 6:30pm - Bell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	9am - Pickle Ball 10:30am - Women's 12pm - Quilters	8am - WIC	8:30am - Stephen Min.
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