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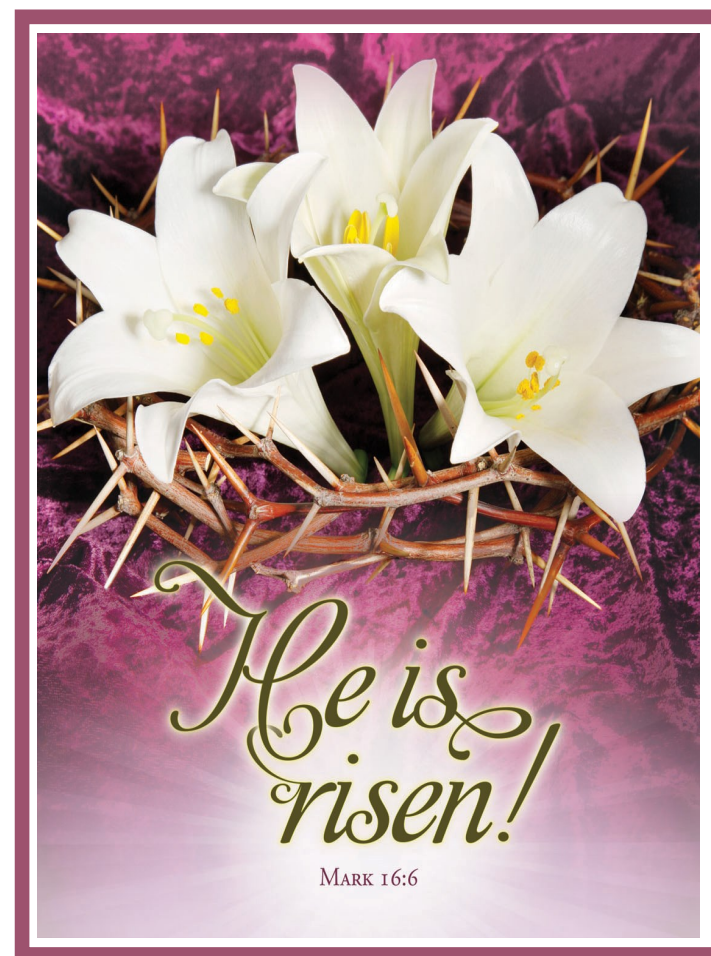
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reflections

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And you thought last year's Easter was a bit unsettling....

Last year, we were just worried about COVID. This year, we're watching a war unfolding due to a country simply looking to take something they wanted that they couldn't otherwise have. The rest of the world is lining up to take sides to help the bullied country as much as possible, without getting drawn into a global war. And here in our country? Rising gas prices, rising food prices, rising taxes, interrupted supply chains on anything and everything—kind of makes you long for the “peaceful” days of 2021, doesn't it? It's crazy, but true! We remember the uncertainty that COVID brought last year, and we all took solace in the hope that things simply had to get better next year. Well, it's next year, and while COVID appears to finally be winding down, other problems are just ramping up. Once again, we face an Easter season filled with fear, doubt, and uncertainty as to what could possibly happen next. Many folks I've talked to are concerned about the future, both here and beyond, and it's hard to blame them.

That's why I think it's actually kind of appropriate that Easter is just around the corner, just when we need it most. In a world filled with darkness, discouragement, and hopelessness, Easter is the encouragement we need most right now. In Jesus' time, the disciples faced a dark world that day after Jesus was crucified. They had just seen the Lord die on the cross, they were reeling from a betrayal from among their own ranks, a denial of Jesus in a self-serving attempt to save their own skin, and the fear of knowing that Jewish religious leaders were on the hunt for them next. I can't imagine being in a situation where you quite literally feel like the world is against you, but that's where the disciples found themselves in the days immediately following Jesus' death. Even so, as dark as the situation seemed, God was still in control. Jesus wasn't joking when He said on the cross in John 19:30, “It is finished.” It's more than just our Savior taking the sins of the world, then, now, and forever, onto his outstretched arms.

It extends to the truth that the power of sin, fear, and doubt over our lives has ended. Jesus conquered sin. He conquered death. And the resurrection was the final stamp by God that demonstrated Christ's victory. For the disciples, Jesus' appearance after His resurrection demonstrated His victory, and proved that no power on earth could defeat God's plans. For us today, it means that even though we live in an uncertain world, we have a certain, glorious future thanks to Jesus and His sacrifice for us.

I'd like to invite you to hear this good news on Easter Sunday. I'll be preaching a sermon titled, “Why the Resurrection Matters.” Jesus' death and resurrection is more than just a nice story—it's the reason we as Christ followers can have hope in a hopeless world, and it's the proof that our faith is more than an empty wish for a better life down the road. I hope you'll join us Easter Sunday, and invite a friend or neighbor that could also use a little hope in their lives, too.



Our Mission Study team has been working hard to prepare our church to begin the search for a permanent Pastor. As part of this process, we need YOUR input. In mid-April, several small group meetings will be hosted by families in the church, and it is very important that every person who is interested in the future of FUPC takes part in one of these meetings.

Each meeting will last no more than 90 minutes, and refreshments will be served. The meetings are spread out over a 2-week period and are available at different times and dates so that everyone can find a meeting time that works for them. (If you are unable to find a meeting that you can attend, please contact the church office so we can make special arrangements to get your input.)

Each meeting will be facilitated by a member of the Mission Study Team and will consist of a short Bible study followed by discussion of several questions that will help us identify areas of strength and challenge within our church.

Sign-up sheets are now available near the church entrance, or you may also sign-up by calling the church office during office hours. Rides to and from the meetings can be arranged for anyone who needs one. Let the church office know if you are in need of transportation.

Each group will be kept small enough to allow a chance for everyone to participate in the discussion. The Mission Study Team looks forward to hearing what each of you has to contribute to this very important conversation. Please sign up for a meeting!

- Monday 4/11 (6:30 pm) at Randy and Mary Sigler's home
- Tuesday 4/12 (6:30 pm) at Dennis and Judy McCormick's home
- Thursday 4/21 (6:30 pm) at Dennis and Mary Ella Mennenga's home
- Saturday 4/23 (10:00 am) at Dana and Vonette Miller's home
- Sunday 4/24 (After church) hosted by Tracey and Londa Holoch at the church

Keep your eyes open for another important all-church event the Mission Study Team is currently planning for May. Details and date to be announced soon!



April Celebrations

Birthdays

4/03 Khloe Builta	4/19 Janeen Juvinall	4/22 Sadee Owens
4/06 Pat Born	4/19 Jan Owens	4/22 Bella Rayburn
4/06 Henry Sigler	4/19 Mara Walker	4/23 Marty Dean
4/15 Mary Sigler	4/22 Steve Crumbaugh	4/25 Lauren Bossingham
4/16 Jordan Cox		4/27 Monical Stengel
4/17 Beverly Burcham		4/28 Naomi Chaplin



4/1 Amber & Bryon Owens

Anniversary



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the lovely bouquet of flowers.
They brightened my day. It is great to be a part of great
loving people. Again, I thank you.

Yours truly, Mary L. Rutledge

Easter will be here in just TWO weeks! If you would like to provide a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please notify the church office so we can include your loved one's name in the Easter bulletin insert.



A limited number of lilies will be available to purchase through the church office. Let us know **THIS WEEK!**

April Library Corner

By Marty Dean



Easter Titles and More!

Ben-Hur: A Tale of Christ by Carol Wallace, the 2016 version. Lew Wallace penned the original version back in 1880--and yes, the authors are related. Carol Wallace renders a new take of her great-great grandfather's original work. The story line remains. A Jewish nobleman betrayed by a childhood friend and ultimately enslaved by Romans to galley ships seeks revenge. A chance encounter with a carpenter from Nazareth quells Ben-Hurr's deep-seeded venom towards his oppressors and sets him on a new path.

The Robe by Lloyd C. Douglas.

Upon His crucifixion, a Roman soldier Marcellus cast the winning lot--Christ's robe. After this unthinkable deed, Marcellus is challenged to seek the truth behind the Nazarene's garment.

All stories in the Bible point to Christ and God's providential plan. For our young disciples, two picture books are on display--**Moses of the Bulrushes** and **Ruth's Story** as retold by author Catherine Storr.



HOLY WEEK

In the past we have shared many special services of Holy Week with our neighboring churches. This year the Methodist Church has issued an invitation to our church to join them at a Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m. and an Easter Sunrise Service from 7 - 8 a.m. with an Easter breakfast immediately following. Let's join our fellow Christians as we look toward Easter, and the importance of remembering the painful events leading up to the joy of Easter Morning,

- Sunday, April 10 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship - FUPC
- Friday, April 15 7:00 p.m. Good Friday - LeRoy Methodist
- Easter Sunday, April 17
 - 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at LeRoy Methodist
 - 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast at LeRoy Methodist
 - 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service at FUPC



Memorial Day Dinner

Plans are beginning for this year's Memorial Day Dinner! As usual the proceeds from this event assist in the cost of the youth attending church summer or mission camps. Besides camper families, Session members and Deacons will also be invited to make 1 -2 chicken casseroles to help ensure we have enough for the dinner. .

Congregation members will be asked to provide desserts (fruit pies preferred but we welcome other desserts as well). A sign up sheet will be posted in the church hallway....please help us by volunteering to provide a dessert or two for our youth fundraiser by or before May 15th. Items need to be delivered to the church by no later than 10:00 a.m. on Memorial Day.

The Chicken Noodle Casserole Recipe will be included in the May newsletter.



Ladies' Spring Breakfast

LeRoy Methodist Church

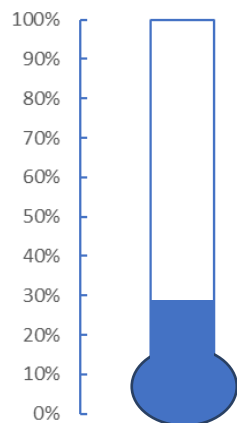
Wednesday, May 11th

Watch for more details soon!



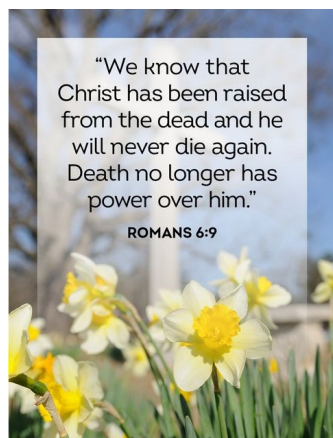
Special envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday and Easter for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering (or you may mark your check OGHs in the memo line).

Through this offering Presbyterians share God's love by giving to ministries that provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support towards the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.



BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRESS UPDATES:

We have received
\$85,215
since our renovation project was approved. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!



"We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him."

ROMANS 6:9

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 20-24



Save the dates for this year's hands-on, memorable week that encourages kids to grow in their faith as they understand how to make waves and share God's love with the people around them. Yes! It's possible for kids to create a ripple effect that can impact the world around them in ways they will never forget. We're all designed to make positive change in the world and to **Make Waves!**



We're looking for an administrative assistant for our church office and invite you or someone you know who may be interested to apply! The job consists of 24 - 30 hours per week with salary negotiable based on qualifications and experience. Social, communication, listening and communication skills are needed as well as knowledge of Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and Access programs (Publisher experience is a plus).

If you have questions or to obtain an application, please call church office at (309-962-5011) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., M-Th.



Are you missing out on the excitement? LEAP meets on the second and fourth Sunday each month at 6 pm! There are crazy games, snacks, a Bible study, and more! If you're in K-5th grade, you're invited to the fun! And don't miss the third annual Easter Egg Hunt of Doom, coming later this month!



Worship Schedule - April 2022

9:00 a.m. Sunday WORSHIP	April 3 (Communion)	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 17 Easter Sunday	April 24
ACCOMPANISTS	Mary Sigler Londa Holoch	Mary Sigler Londa Holoch	Mary Sigler Londa Holoch	Mary Sigler
LAY READER	Terri Caldwell	Steve Myers	Naomi Chaplin	Amanda Hill
USHER/ GREETERS	Barb Monical; Dennis McCormick	Jack & Beverly Burcham	Marty Dean; Dixie Weinheimer	Dennis & Mary Ella Mennenga
COMMUNION SERVERS	Jack Burcham, Beverly Burcham, Tracey Holoch			
TECH BOOTH	Steve Sinnott; Jordan Cox	Steve Sinnott; Tracey Holoch	Steve Sinnott; Randy Sigler	Steve Sinnott; Tanner Holoch

MARCH ATTENDANCE

<i>Sunday Dates</i>	<i>Sunday Attendance</i>
March 6	42
March 13	40
March 20	39
March 27	41
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	41
Ash Wednesday	20

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

Martha Dean
Tracey Holoch
Dennis McCormick
Mary Ella Mennenga
Anna Rayburn
Ashley Sigler
Randy Sigler
Steve Sinnott
Dixie Weinheimer

Committee

Adult Christian Development/Nominating
Administration/Nominating Committee
Adult Christian Development
Adult Christian Development/Worship & Music
Clerk of Session/Christian Education
Christian Education
Administration/Worship & Music
Worship & Music
Mission & Outreach

**Session is currently scheduled to next meet on
Wednesday, April 13th at 6 p.m.**

Minutes will be available, after approval, in the office.

Deacons:

Teresha Bossingham
Beverly Burcham
Jack Burcham
Scott Graves
Amanda Hill
Sarah Hill
Londa Holoch
Vonette Miller
Barb Monical
Bobbi Murfin

Deacon of the Month:

October
June
May
November
August
July
February
April
March
September



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Deacon of the Month

Vonette Miller

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30	31 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 6:00 PM LOOP (6th - 12th Grade)	4	5	6 6:00 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC	7 11:00 AM MISSION & OUTREACH 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10  9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 6:00 PM LEAP (K-5th Grade)	11 6:30 PM Small Group Meeting at Randy & Mary Sigler's	12 6:30 PM Small Group Meeting at Dennis & Judy McCormick's	13 6:00 PM SESSION	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	15 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at LeRoy Methodist Church	16
17  7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Methodist Church (followed by Easter breakfast) 9:00 AM Easter Worship Service at FUPC 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	18	19	20 6:30 PM DEACONS	21 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	22 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Small Group Meeting at Dennis & Mary Ella Mennenga's	23 10:00 AM Small Group Meeting at Dana & Vonette Miller's
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