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LILY

The Lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself.

The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.

EASTER

Easter is...God's moment –His moment of resurrection, of life, of triumph!

Easter is...our moment – our moment of hope, of newness, of victory!

Easter is...an answer to Good Friday, to unbelief, to hopelessness!

Easter is...an affirmation – an affirmation of God's promises, of God's power,
of God's purpose!

--C. Neil Strait



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!

- 20 Ben Fawcett
Jody Wray
- 22 Erich Ramseyer
- 29 Richard Ramseyer
- 19 Lynn & Margaret Fawcett
- 29 Dwight & Denise Hatch

April Showers

The Sky shed tears of joy today.
 They huddle in puddles
 So little feet can jump and splash.
 -Carolyn Kenworthy

**Janet Gantt of the Ladies Quilting Group presented
 Jane Taylor a quilt made by the group
 to honor her for celebrating her
 100th Birthday in February**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER HOLY WEEK SERVICES
 EITHER IN PERSON OR ON THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE**



April 1 at 7:30 p.m.



April 4th

Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.
 A continental breakfast will be held immediately
 following the service.
**Easter Worship Service with Holy
 Communion at 10:30 a.m.**

A Message from Our Pastor

Welcome to the month of April one of the most important times for we Christians. It is the time when we see the completion of life. We celebrate Christmas as the birth of Christ and Easter as the death of Christ. All four gospels tell us the triumphs and the trials and the rejections and the joys of Jesus. Everyone of his triumphs and joys belong to us in the victories we have, but when we have trials and rejections we blame God for our problems, when in fact these are check points in our lives when we have to stop and think about our relationship with God and the blessings he bestows upon us. If life was always easy we wouldn't need Christ and the lessons he has taught us.

During passion week we read the scriptures that depicts the life of Christ and all the rejections, triumphs and the miracles he performed. Those miracles were performed on people like you and I to let us know of the love he has for us. "John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave his only son that who believes in him shall not perish by have eternal life." If we are baptized in the death of Christ then we shall be resurrected in the life of Christ. That in a nutshell is the importance of Easter to us, the completion of life and the hope of life ever after.

What happened to that importance of Easter and where did the Easter rabbit come from? It seems that in the early 1700's a Pennsylvania Dutch gentlemen Oschster Haws started to dye eggs and give them as gifts during Eastertide. The egg was a symbol of fertility and was thought to help replenish the community. Christians would dye eggs red as a symbol of the blood of Christ and the empty tomb and give as a gift. Somewhere along the line of someone decided to commercialize Easter with colored eggs made of candy, cards, and every other thing that doesn't represent what we believe. The gift that God offers is life, a life ever after and the blessing of his son who gave his life for us that our sins are forgiven, and life enjoyed.

Be blessed and enjoy the empty tomb, that is God's gift to you.

Pastor Terry



**Sunday
April 18, 2021
12:00 p.m.**



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS!!!!!!

Mary Holobaugh
Bryan Cramer
Bob Fierstos
Rick Hardman
Bonnie Ramseyer
Mike Coss
Lynn & Margaret Fawcett

Greg Freed
Rick Martin
Vicky Gruber
Michael Sandman
The Hyslip Family
Bonnie Epps
Jim Wray

Jean Walker
Jane Smith
Judy Rada
Fred Lindt
Josh Bias
Steve Gall
Jennifer & Sue Dixon & The Dixon Family

Connie Kauffman
Robert & JoAnn Ramseyer
Linda Heald
Joan Mortine
Bill Kenzie
Rick Shuster

Please also continue to pray for doctors, scientists, healthcare workers, first responders and everyone that is helping in some way to prevent the spread of Covid 19.

We Extend our Deepest Sympathy to the Families of Preston Anderson, Trina Gantt, John Kincaid, Dennis Maples and Betty Jo Mizer.



April 7, 14, 21, 28

Check out some of the beautiful Quilts that have been on display during our worship services that have been made by The Ladies Quilting Group. If anyone is interested in joining the group they meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.





The Presbyterian Women met on Monday, March 8, 2021 with seven ladies present. Barbara Young is our leader for 2021. Holly Booth led us in devotions and Cara Mossion gave a review of a book entitled "In The Garden" by Judith Desmore. It described different plants mentioned in the Bible.

Our business meeting centered on events cancelled last year and what we hope to be able to do this year. Our plans are to be a host for the "Teacher's Appreciation Weeks" at Utica Elementary School and to help with the Salvation Army Summer Lunch Program if these events are allowed this year. Also, we hope we can have a bake sale.

Cara Morrison stated that Utica Elementary School is in need of shoes for students.

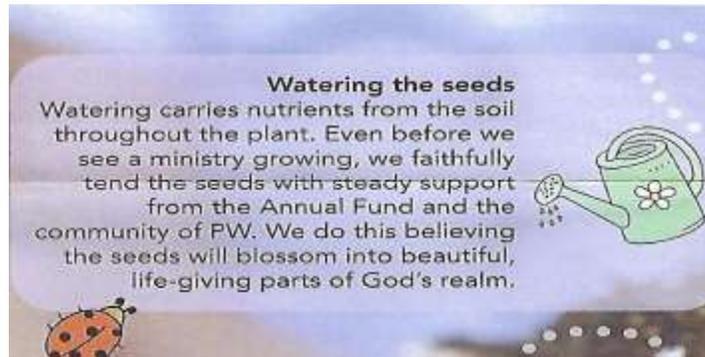
Sometimes they get them wet and need others to put on or they can't afford new shoes.

Sizes needed are toddler 11, 12 & 13, size 1, 2, & 3, and sizes for 4th & 5th graders. If you'd like to donate a pair, contact Cara. We will be sending cards to members and people needing prayer every other month.

April -- Jody Wray, June -- Holy Booth and August -- Bonnie Ramseyer.

Step 3 of our 6 steps of how the Presbyterian Women's Annual Fund at work by following "Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty, Let anyone with ears listen!" – Matthew 13:8-9.

Here is step number 3:



Watch next month for Step 4

We will be taking up a special offering during our Worship Service on April 11 for Mark Hare and Jenny Bent as they continue their mission work in Costa Rico. We have supported their mission work for several years.

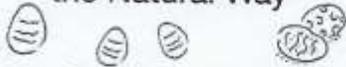


The Outreach Ministry, will be putting together baskets to welcome new residents to the Utica Community. We are accepting donations of liquid hand soap, small boxes of Kleenex tissues, dish towels, sponges, small notebooks, Windex & Lysol wipes, tooth brushes & paste, and small bags of hard candy. A basket can be found in the narthex to put items in. Monetary donations for this project are also being accepted and can be dropped off in the office or in the offering envelopes marked accordingly.

The Utica Food Pantry is in need the following items: laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, tissues, flour, sugar, and chicken noodle soup (reg, cans, not family size). Monetary Donations are also appreciated. The items can be dropped off at the church in the basket in the narthex.

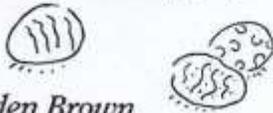
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CONTINUED MISSION WORK !!

Color Easter Eggs the Natural Way



Here's a fun way to color Easter eggs using all natural ingredients. The longer the eggs are in the coloring the darker they will become.

(NOTE: Some of these colors need to be heated on a stove or in a microwave oven. Be sure to get an adult to help you.)



Golden Brown

Simmer the brown outer skins of onions for 5-10 minutes. The more skins you use, the darker the color.



Blue

Mash blueberries – fresh, frozen or canned – in a pan with a little water. Simmer 5-10 minutes.

Lilac

Dip eggs in cold grape juice. For a darker shade simmer the juice for 5-10 minutes.

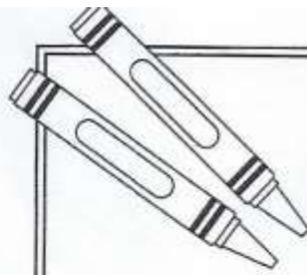
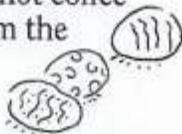


Pale Green

Chop and simmer the green tops of carrots.

Chocolate-colored

Dip eggs in hot coffee straight from the coffeepot.



Just for KIDS

An Easter Message

Mary went to the tomb and found it empty! Find the words that an angel spoke to her. Write the name of each picture on the lines. Transfer the letters to the other spaces to find the verse.

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42 10 24 19 ; 42 28 42 36 5 24 25 5 27 23 !"

Luke 24:5

Answers: cross; butterfly; flower; sunrise; egg; duck; man; vine; hat. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"