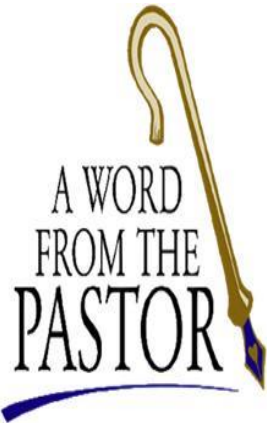


Pastor's Note

Many cultures have legends and myths about people who die and then come back. First to mind, of course come the zombie movies and books of recent popularity. These aren't really resurrection stories because zombies don't actually live again. They just walk around dead. I wonder whether zombies capture people's imagination so much because many of us feel like we are walking around dead too. We have no purpose, no sense of real hope, no experience of a living truth beyond death. And if we do feel alive, we feel deeply threatened that we might end up undead very soon.



More similar to Easter are the fertility stories of ancient times, in which the natural cycle of planting and harvest, seed and flowering is expressed in terms of a god or hero who dies and rises. Osiris in ancient Egyptian mythology exemplifies this.

Jesus, however, is unique in that his death is not just part of the natural way of things. It is part a very unnatural way of things: injustice, cruelty, contempt. It is a victory of evil. And yet God's goodness triumphs precisely through this victory of evil. The world is saved precisely through this destruction.

Here is the purpose beyond ourselves, the truth beyond death that saves us from being undead: the love of God comes to our death and shatters it wide open. This is not just a myth. This is a reality. Jesus came in bodily, physical form, and rose in bodily, physical form.

Because Christ has risen, we do not have to fear death. We do not have to fear intimidation or change or defeat. We are free to repent. We are free to love as Christ loves. We are free to be a part of God's realm coming, not just at the end of time someday, but breaking from the future into this day, this time, now.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Andy

**St. MAM Donations**

The Evangelism committee is grateful for Donna and David Gladstone's help with picking up the donations for St. MAM that are generously brought to St. John and gathered in the hallway outside Diehl Hall. They picked up these items and delivered them to the St. MAM facility located in Beechwood Baptist Church. David has moved and it is time for Donna to turn over this responsibility to another volunteer. We are fortunate that Debbie Utz has agreed to

take on the job. Thank you to Donna, David, Debbie, and to all who contribute food and household items to this helpful neighborhood resource for those in need.

Intergenerational Event

The Christian Education and Worship and Music Committees will collaborate to make Palm crosses on Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, in Diehl Hall. We make palm crosses for St. John and for Christ Chapel at Churchill Downs so many will be made. We would love to teach each of you how to make them. But we also need counters and people to place the pins in each cross. All ages are welcome, so come one and all as we prepare for Palm Sunday! We appreciate all the help.

Wednesdays in Lent

Wednesday Lenten Worship will take place Wednesdays through April 10, 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. The noon service will be a brief, spoken Holy Communion. 7:30 we will use a Taizé form of worship—contemplative and repeated songs to focus our minds on God's mystery and love.

Friends School Temple Talk

After the sermon hymn on April 7, at both services, Kris Christenson, head of Friends School, will present a ten-minute temple talk on the work of Friends School. She will be available for questions and conversation afterward.

Monday Morning Bible Study

We will be starting a new study guide called *Study and Meditation* in April. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays in Diehl Hall. Contact Diane Kushman, 773-0836, to order a book or for more information. Please join us.

Holy Week

Passion Sunday, April 14 – We begin worship with a procession into the sanctuary, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. – From the Latin word "mandate" or "command." This is the celebration of the Last Supper, where Jesus began the gift of Holy Communion. At this supper, Jesus commands us to "love on another."

Good Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. – We remember Jesus' sacrifice at the cross for our salvation. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar, during which we take all items off the altar and leave it bare until Easter.

Prayer Vigil for Peace, Poverty, and People, April 20, 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. – Sign up for a time in the Narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 20, 10:00 a.m. – Bring any children you might know for a fun time hunting Easter eggs, hearing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, a brief prayer with the prayer vigil, and playing in the bounce house!

Easter Sunday, April 21 – Special music, Youth Easter Brunch, and, of course, celebration of Christ's RESURRECTION! Bring a friend or loved one to this, our BEST GOOD NEWS!



A Note from Fellowship...

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

A big hand goes out to our coffee & pastry hour volunteers for the past months: Mike & Renae Barkley, Debbie Utz, Ann Hovell, Connie Schumacher, Jim Kushman and Jennifer Sturgeon.

Upcoming events:

- April 8 - West End School - deliver food and serve the meal
- April 14/15 - Backside Ministries, prepare, deliver, and serve the meal
- April 20 - Prayer Vigil from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., provide snacks and beverages
- April 28 – West End School coin collection, both services

If you would like to volunteer to bring a treat for the coffee & pastry hour on Sundays between services, the sign-up sheet is on the refrigerator in Diehl Hall.

If you would like to donate your time to help with an event in April, please contact Shawn Hall, (502) 494-0101 or shawnhall2@bellsouth.net

God's Peace



Book Club

We continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Kitchen, 3737 Lexington Road.

We welcome all readers, even those who just want to hear about the books.

Our 2019 books are...

Mar. 12 – *Calyпсо*, David Sedaris

Apr. 9 – *The Broken Road*, Richard Paul Evans

May 14 – *Code Girls*, Lisa Munday

Jun. 11 – *Never Caught*, Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Jul. 9 – *The Japanese Lover*, Isabel Allende

Aug. 13 – *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, Alexander McCall Smith

Sep. 10 – *My Sister's Keeper*, Jodi Picoult

Nov. 9 – Each reader to read a new classic and share with the group.



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What Are the Youth Up To?

March

On Fat Tuesday, March 5, the youth hosted a Pancake Supper in the Activity Center. We raised \$300 in free will offering and served some delicious pancakes! Thank you to all the youth, parents and congregation members who helped out, and thank you to those who came to eat with us!

On Saturday, March 16, the youth from St. John participated in a conference-wide Variety Show fundraiser. Ally Lynch, Amber Lynch and Holly Perry performed a song, and Pastor Andy did a reading.

April

On Saturday April 20, the youth will be hosting the annual Easter Egg hunt for kids! If you have any kids in your life (children, grandchildren, neighbors, etc.) please invite

them to join us! We will hunt for eggs, hear the Easter story, and have a bounce house!

On Easter Sunday, April 21, the youth will host the annual Easter Brunch in between services. Join us in the Young Activity Center at 10:00 a.m.!



Vacation Bible School

It's that time of year again! We are starting to plan for our annual Vacation Bible School program! VBS will take place from Monday July 18 - Friday July 19 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Information will be in the bulletin and upcoming newsletters for donating items and volunteering your time. Our wonderful volunteers are the key to a successful VBS week, so please consider helping out - we would love to have you! Let Whitney know if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions. This year's theme will be ROAR! Join us in the jungle as we explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life!



April Birthdays

Janet Heitmiller	4/1
Christy Pollock	4/1
Nancy Johnson	4/2
Keith Worley	4/2
Jerry Wiebusch	4/4
Donald Fugate	4/7
Bob Gordon	4/7
Ian Holt	4/7
Lorrie Meserole	4/7
John Uldrich	4/7
Nancy Walsh	4/7
Beth Wilkinson	4/7
Cheri Hines	4/8
James Oost	4/8
Hanna Schultz	4/8
Emily Holt	4/9
Michael Jarrett	4/10
Dorothy Lotz	4/11
Dick Martin	4/11
Carl Neumayer	4/11
Molly Sample	4/11
Patricia Coffey-Ward	4/12
Annie Worman	4/12
Ethan Ball	4/13
Alex Berglund	4/13
Emilia Jean McCollum	4/13
Ann Hovell	4/16
Debbie Utz	4/16
Gretchen Hoskins	4/18
Derrick Brown Jr.	4/20
Thatcher Cook	4/20

Marty Dick	4/23
Wendy Rube	4/23
Chet Gentry	4/24
Jodi Hugues	4/25
Shelby Mattingly	4/25
Scott Stinson	4/25
Joanne Nordstrom	4/26
Carol Webb	4/26
Angie Greer	4/28
April Caswell	4/29
Karen Choate	4/29
Noah Rizwan	4/29
Barbara Beck	4/30
Taylor Hines	4/30



April Anniversaries

Laura & Derik Novak	4/9
William & Scarlett Mattingly	4/29



Prayer Vigil for Peace Poverty, and People

Holy Saturday, April 20 we will pray for peace, poverty, and people from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex or the overflow for your time to pray. You can sign up for as little as a half hour or as long as the whole day.

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APRIL 2019 WORSHIP TEAM

4/07

4/14

4/21

4/28

Assisting Minister

8:45 Jen S
11:00 Mr. Shawn H

Rebecca D
Mark L

Easter
Mrs. Shawn H
Patti M

Diane K
Terri M

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00 Nicholas S

David J

Amber L

Holly P

Lector

8:45 Denise P
11:00 Lois D

Margi H
Sherley S

Diane K
Alice F

John T
Don F

Ushers

8:45 Dinah H
Paul H

Christi E
Larry E

Don F
Mary Lou F

Nany F
Barry F

11:00 Tom J, Rosie W
Margi H, Ann H

Terri M, Jake M
Sherley S, Ann H

Mr. & Mrs. Shawn H
Edie M, Marty & Lisa D

Matt A, Whitney A
Dan L, Ann H

Acolytes 11:00

Ben S

Lauren J

Jake M

Madeline B

Altar Guild

April – Brenda P

Communion Prep

8:45 April – Renae B, Diane K, and Karen K
11:00 April – Various member

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If you would like a copy of the addresses emailed or mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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