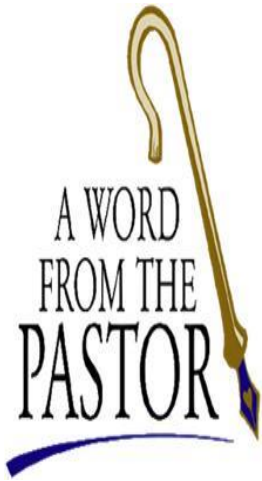


Pastor's Note

This year Holy Week and Easter have a special meaning. For over a year, we have been going through a kind of Lent, a kind of wilderness. We have been making it up as we go along. We have been restraining



ourselves from social gatherings and hugs, some of us to a greater degree and some to a lesser, depending on our circumstances. We have been wearing masks and staying six feet apart from people we don't live with. Perhaps most of all, we have had to

deal with the possibility that we or a loved one might get the virus. We might suffer long term symptoms, permanent damage to our lungs, or death. Or we may recover just fine. We just don't know. That's hard. We do know that God is present and God will see us through, but that has not stopped the pandemic from being a weight on our shoulders. It has not stopped Covid from snatching some of us away.

Now Covid-19 is fading. Numbers of hospitalizations and deaths are going down. Vaccinations are going up. It seems that a gradual Easter is coming.

What I have to say for this moment is not complicated, not in its depth at least. The specific tasks are varied, of course. Move forward with caution. Keep wearing masks

and social distancing. Gather more if we have finished our vaccines. Listen to the experts.

The deeper message is this, though: To live in the midst of blessing takes faith, just as it takes faith to live in the midst of hardship. Faith makes the hardship less soul-killing. Faith makes the blessing more soul-healing. God is with us in the times of both. God cried with us when we had to shut down. Now God laughs with us as we begin to open up. God rejoices.

Hooray!

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Andy





Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Andy will be out of the office April 5-11. Rebecca Dimon will preach and Scott Meier will preside at communion.



Parking Lot Paving

Please be aware that at some time in April the church parking lot will be repaved. The work will occur over two Saturdays, therefore no one will be able to park in the lot on those days. You may, however, park in the parking lot of the adjacent medical office building and walk over to the church. The specific dates will be announced as soon as the work is scheduled.



Online Worship

Daily Prayer – 12:00 Noon Monday-Friday
Sunday Worship – 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Visit our website for links to online worship via Zoom. To access Zoom via telephone:
Dial-in number – (301) 715-8592
Meeting number – 671 535 477



Vacation Bible School

For this summer's Vacation Bible School program, our theme will be Rocky Railway! Climb aboard for a mountain of fun as we go on a faith-filled adventure where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. As we start the planning process, we are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Leading A Class
- Locomotion Games
- Imagination Station (Crafts)
- KidVid Cinema
- Bible Adventures
- Snack
- Music
- Decorations

Please consider volunteering your time to ensure our kids have a great experience - our VBS program would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers! Let Whitney know if you'd like to help out or if you have any questions!



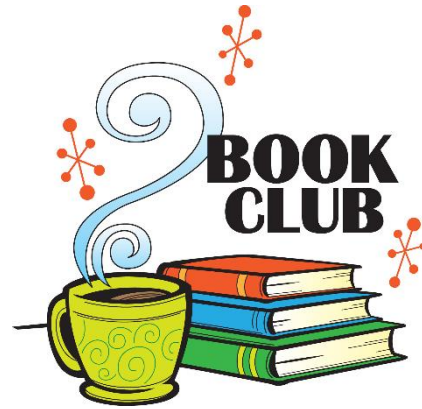
Pick Up Your Easter Flowers

If you donated Easter flowers, they will be available for you to pick up anytime after Easter Sunday. The Altar Guild will keep the flowers watered for a couple of weeks after Easter, so you may pick them up at your convenience. The best-looking flowers will be used to decorate the altar on the Sundays following Easter.



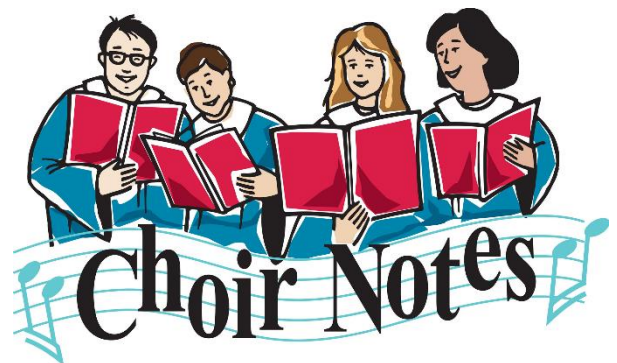
COVID-19 Guidelines

Please remember that if you have to visit the church **you must wear a face mask** while in the building. **Your face mask must cover your mouth and nose at the same time.** You must also maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet from others. We love seeing you, but encourage you to stay home and stay safe. For the latest information on the coronavirus in Kentucky please visit the state website at www.kycovid19.ky.gov.



Wednesday 4:00 Book Club

Saying Yes to Life, by Ruth Valerio. Ruth Valerio is the Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Church of England. This is her book of reflections for 2020. "Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1) as she relates themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern."



Choir Spring Sing

We will have an outdoor Spring Sing for the SJLC Choir in the courtyard on Wednesday, April 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Online Children's Time

Sunday, April 11, 10:15 a.m. We will have some songs, and a game about prayer. Join us at our regular worship link.



Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Week

- April 1, 6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday
- April 2, 6:30 p.m. – Good Friday
- April 4 – Easter Sunday
- 8:45 a.m. – Online Worship
- 11:00 a.m. – Online Worship
- 12:30 p.m. – Brief In-Person Outdoor Easter Worship with Communion
- 1:00 p.m. – Easter Zoom Celebration



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Jan-21	Feb-21
Income	\$22,802	\$24,215
Expense	\$23,047	\$22,553
Result	-\$245	\$1,662

(Income less Expense)

No benevolences have been paid thus far in 2021. Please continue to mail in your contributions. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Jim Kushman if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

PUZZLE

EASTER MORNING
message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.

LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

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April Birthdays

Janet Heitmiller	04/01
Christy Pollock	04/01
Nancy Johnson	04/02
Keith Worley	04/02
Jerry Wiebusch	04/04
Bob Gordon	04/07
Ian Holt	04/07
Beth Leister	04/07
Lorrie Meserole	04/07
John Uldrich	04/07
Nancy Walsh	04/07
Cheri Hines	04/08
James Oost	04/08
Hanna Schultz	04/08
Christopher Filardo	04/09
Emily Holt	04/09
Michael Jarrett	04/10
Dorothy Lotz	04/11
Dick Martin	04/11
Molly Sample	04/11
Gary Ward	04/11
Patricia Coffey-Ward	04/12
Annie Worman	04/12
Ethan Ball	04/13
Alex Berglund	04/13
Emilia Jean McCollum	04/13
Brandon Zellers	04/13
Ann Hovell	04/16
Debbie Utz	04/16

Gretchen Hoskins	04/18
Kyla Walsh	04/18
Derrick Brown, Jr.	04/20
hatcher Cook	04/20
Marty Dick	04/23
Wendy Rube	04/23
Rhonda Franklin	04/24
Chet Gentry	04/24
Jodi Hugues	04/25
Shelby Mattingly	04/25
Scott Stinson	04/25
Joanne Nordstrom	04/26
Carol Webb	04/26
Angie Greer	04/28
Heather Roth	04/28
April Caswell	04/29
Karen Choate	04/29
Chris Hall	04/29
Noah Rizwan	04/29
Aspen Roth	04/29
Barbara Beck	04/30
Taylor Hines	04/30

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April Anniversaries

Charles & Linda Boley	04/02
Derik & Laura Novak	04/09
Marshall & Jessica Sample	04/25
Bill & Scarlett Mattingly	04/29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Council Reports Due Maundy Thursday 9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Maundy	Good Friday 12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - Good	Holy Saturday 8pm - AA (ABC) @
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Sunday Easter Sunday 8:15am - Cancelled - 8:45am - Online 9:30am - Cancelled - 10am - Cancelled -	Easter Monday Easter Monday Office Closed 10am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily	12pm - Online Daily 6:30pm - 6:30pm - Property	10am - Sewing 12pm - Online Daily 4pm - Online Book 6pm - Cancelled - 6:30pm - Cancelled - 7pm - OA (ABC) @	9am - Cancelled - 12pm - Online Daily 6pm - Congregation	12pm - Online Daily	8pm - AA (ABC) @
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APRIL 2021 WORSHIP TEAM

04/01	04/02	4/04	4/11	4/18	4/25
Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter			

Assisting Minister (same person will serve at both services)

8:45	Diane K	-----	James H	Jen S & Rebecca D	Diane K	Mark L
11:00						

Crucifer/Communion Assistant (not needed until further notice)

11:00

Lector

8:45	Denise P	Patti M	Renaë B	Jen S & Rebecca D	Mary Lou F	Dina H
11:00			John N	Betty M	Mark L	Patti M

Cantor

	Diane K		Blair H	Cindy L	Diane K	Laura R
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Computer Technician

Altar Guild

Dinah H, Brenda P

Communion Prep (not needed until further notice)

8:45

11:00

Send a cheerful note to our members who are “under the weather” and/or can’t make it to church services or church events.

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

Lorraine Beyer
Merle Dahl
Annabelle Krupp
Vivian Lenberger

Phyllis Neumayer
Skip Stearman
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8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday
12:00 p.m.

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