

Dear Friends:

For many of us, this Easter has extra meaning this year. Even in this time of political tension, we can rejoice on a weekend where our focus is on the One who conquered the grave. We are living in a time of unrest. Yet, we can exhale a sigh of relief and hope as we embrace the Prince of Peace.

We are facing truth-defying policy changes and confusing decisions in our country. Yet, we can be steadied and renewed as we kneel before our good and glorious King who embodies truth and never changes.

Even amidst the building anger and gnawing fear, these past few months have been a crystal-clear reminder that we live in a fallen world that desperately needs a Savior. If we trust Christ, then even in the midst of a broken world and the never-ending battle for truth and justice, we can find a peace that surpasses understanding, a hope that never fades, and endurance to not grow weary in doing good.

Friends, it starts at the cross and the empty tomb. This Easter, I thank you for your steadfast support and engagement in our church family. But let's not turn our eyes from our responsibility as Christians. Together, we can spread a message of joy, forgiveness and hope.

May you all be blessed with the joy and peace that only Christ can bring.

Shalom, Pastor Julia

April Worship Leaders

Elder – Chris Austin

Deacons – Troy Greer &
Larry Teichert

Communion Deacon – Jenny Bryan

Lord's Lectors

April 6 – Chris Collins

April 13 – Kim Sayre

April 20 – Diana Musick

April 27 – Chere Saunders

Holy Week Scheduled

Palm Sunday – April 13 – 10:30am

With the children leading, we will gather in the Chapel to process into the Sanctuary with the palms.

Agape Feast and Last Supper

Thursday, April 17th at 6:00pm

Please bring an appetizer, finger foods or sandwiches to share. Sign up on the bulletin board to help us set up.

Good Friday – April 18th – Noon – 3pm

Everyone is invited to Robinson Hall any time from Noon to 3:00pm on Friday, April 18th for a time of private meditation and prayer. Readings will be available and Communion will be available for those who wish.

Easter Sunday – April 20th

Easter Breakfast - 8:30am – 10:00am

Resurrection Worship – 10:30am

Holy Humor Sunday – April 27th

We continue our Resurrection Celebration with a joyful Holy Humor Worship service as we continue to celebrate our Risen Lord with laughter.

CMF Pancake Breakfast – Join the men for their famous pancakes and sausage on Saturday, April 5th 8:30am – 10:00am. Tickets are \$6.00 and \$3.00 (under 12). Tickets are available from any member of the CMF or at the door.

Church Board Meeting – The Church Board will not meet in April. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brason Ricks
- 2 Dena Hosier
- 9 Neal Johnson
- 9 Dave Snodgrass
- 11 Ruby Closser
- 12 Katie Humphrey
- 13 Susan Heiden
- 14 Maura Stewart
- 15 Corbin Greer
- 19 Bob Miller
- 22 Jenny Bryan
- 25 Larry Hueston
- 27 Cheryl Wegner
- 28 Christie (Musick) Mason
- 28 Whitney (Hosier) Webb
- 30 Joanna Willmann

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Pastor Julia and Jim Bratton
- 28 Raymond and Pam Garner

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Debbie Burchette
- 9 Hayden Swegman
- 13 Nichole Ellis
- 13 Alison Domi
- 19 Faith Swegman
- 22 Brock Cooper
- 22 Julie Barton
- 23 Annabelle Vctor
- 29 Frances Sizelove
- 30 James Bratton

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Barbara & Chris Austin
- 19 Brandon & Jessica Hammond
- 28 Larry & Sharon Hobbs

Pete's Pantry – We continue to collect our Loaves and Fishes offering (boxes of crackers and cans of fish) through April. We are also collecting cake mixes and cans of frosting so every family can have something sweet for Easter. Cake mixes and frostings need to be in by April 10th. For the month of May the highlights will be Spaghetti Sauce, pasta and rice.

30 Pieces of Silver – We invite you to collect coins in remembrance of the 30 pieces of silver that Judas was paid for betraying Jesus. These coins will be collected through Holy Week and donated to Beauty for Ashes.

Easter Flowers – We are collecting orders for Easter Lilies to adorn our sanctuary for Easter. Please use order form on the tables in Robinson Hall or text Pastor Julia at (260)341-3669. We are requesting a donation of \$10 or more per plant. Orders must be in by April 6th.

