

# The Herald



## Eli Project

Return your completed forms to Ann Andrus, Kevin Beers or Carol Goss by Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>



**HELP!!** The Nurture Commission needs your help in gathering small trinkets, wrapped candies, stickers, bouncy balls, coins, etc. for filling the plastic eggs for children to find on Easter Sunday. Please bring your donations by **Palm Sunday**. A collection box is in the gathering room.



**CELEBRATION** It's starting to look a lot like Spring and we hope your flowers will be blooming at Easter because the Music & Worship needs them for Easter Sunday's early service's flowering of the cross. Please bring as many as you can to the service, where we will put the flowers on the large cross that will be our centerpiece for morning worship.



### HOLY WEEK EVENTS

**Palm Sunday, April 9**  
6:00 pm ..... Love Feast

**Good Friday, April 14**  
7:30 pm ..... Tenebrae

**Easter Sunday, April 16**  
8:15 am ..... Breakfast  
9:00 am ..... Early Service  
9:20 am ..... Egg Hunt

*There will be more information to come on all of the services. Please continue to check the bulletins.*

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# Don't Rush to Easter

Easter's coming, but it's not here yet. And that's a good thing, even though it might not feel like it. Lent might not be your favorite season of the church year. If we're honest, most of us prefer major chords over minor keys; hallelujahs over penance; celebration and affirmations over penance and requests for forgiveness. But here's the reality: we should not - in fact we cannot - get to Easter, without journeying through Lent and Holy Week. Resurrection cannot occur without death, and death rarely occurs without suffering or at least release.

During this Lenten season, we are wise to ask ourselves what do we need to die to or release in order to fully experience resurrection and new birth? What habits or attitudes do we need to let go of in order to adopt ones that allow us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God?



These are also great questions for us to ask ourselves as a church during this interim season. Rebirth and resurrection will come; God will call out a new leader. But we may have some hard work to do first. Are there things here we need to let go of so that God's Spirit can blow in fresh ways? Are there old programs or attitudes that need to die so that resurrection can happen? These are hard questions we would rather not ask, but they are necessary and fruitful ones.

While we do not like to struggle; struggle is what makes us stronger. I heard a story about a young girl who couldn't stand watching a butterfly struggle to make its way out of the cocoon. Loving and carefully, the girl stripped away the layers of binding to free the butterfly. When she finished her task, she watched in horror as the butterfly flopped helplessly about. Without the strength that came from working its way out of the cocoon, the butterfly was unable to fly.

I am honored to be walking with you through this Lenten season and beyond. May we all have the courage to engage in the hard work that God is calling us to do. I'm in the struggle with you,

Tracy



# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>FIFTH</b> <b>Sunday in Lent</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>3</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Craft Group 4:00 pm Group Theory <b>5:45 pm Hull Street Ministry</b>  7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study 7:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café <b>6:30 pm Handbells</b> 7:30 pm Boy Scouts <b>7:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>PALM</b> <b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Love Feast 	<b>Local County Schools Closed for Spring Break</b>				<b>14</b>  7:30 pm 	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> <b>EASTER</b> <b>Sunday</b> 8:15 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Early Service 9:20 am Egg Hunt for Kids 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 	<b>18</b> <b>9:45 am Craft Group</b> <b>1:00 pm Volunteer at Community Kitchen</b> 	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Friendship Café <b>6:30 pm Handbells</b> <b>7:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>20</b> Kindergarten Registration in public schools 9:30 am Friendship Café	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>LAMB's Basket Collection</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Yard Sale set-up begins	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 10:30 am Craft Group 7:00 pm Cub Scouts (away)	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 pm Handbells</b> 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (away) <b>7:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>  7:00 am Set up outside 8 am—1 pm Yard Sale! 12:30 pm Clean-up
<b>30</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2-6 pm Gathering Room & sanctuary in use						

# Who's celebrating and Who's Doing What in...



## Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

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| 2..... Don Ziegler  | 14 .... Alexandra Arthur   | 23 .... Cameron McCloud   |
| 4..... Finley Breen (13 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Steve Driver   | 15 .... <i>John &amp; Jennifer Fleming</i>   | 26 .... <i>Mike &amp; Ann Andrus (25<sup>th</sup>)</i>            |
| 5..... Taylor Holsinger (21 <sup>st</sup> )               | 16 .... Renae Aigner   | 27 .... Braeden Evenson<br>Sandra Lynch<br>Carly Ziegler-Crawford |
| 6..... <i>Chris &amp; Katie Heatwole (5<sup>th</sup>)</i> | 18 .... Dolly Guyer  | 28 .... Sarah Beers<br>Isaiah Lipato                              |
| 8..... Jennifer (Altic) Harris                            | 19 .... Missie (Pendleton) Hurst<br>Larry McCann<br><i>Jack &amp; Peggy Mace (65<sup>th</sup>)</i> |   |
| 11..... Ryan Sabel  | 20 .... Konrad Wampler   |   |
| 12..... Jack Martin                                       | 21 .... Shirley Wampler  |   |
| 13..... Susan Diamond<br>Donna Sabel                      | 22 .... Josslyne Harding   |   |

March	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Greeters</b> <small>(Dolly Guyer)</small>	Dolly Guyer	Sandi Davis	Paula Bryant	Betty Altic	Sarah Niswonger
<b>Acolytes</b> <small>(Belinda Layman)</small>	Shaun Finchum	Elijah Beers	Elijah Beers	Shaun Finchum	Elijah Beers
<b>Worship Leaders</b> <small>(Lib Kinzie)</small>	Sandi Davis	Richard Barry	Terrie Glass	Shirley Wampler	June Diehl
<b>Nursery Care</b> <small>(Carol Goss)</small>	Richard Barry & Sandi Davis	Gary Fields & Nancy Martin	Dianna & Kara Faison	Carolyn Arthur & Terrie Glass	Jon & Keri Beers
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b> <small>(Sandi Davis)</small>	Jeff & Carol Goss	Kevin & Barbara Beers	Paula Bryant & June Diehl	Bob & Pat Gangwer	Jori Carter & Thoko Lipato
<b>Tellers</b> <small>(Nancy Martin)</small>	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman	Joel Guyer & Larry McCann	Bob & Pat Gangwer	Betty Altic & Sandi Davis	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
<b>Care Giving</b> <small>(Barbara McCann)</small>	Betty Fuller				

Want to be included in any of these activities? Please contact its coordinator.  
If you cannot fulfill an assigned date, please swap with someone and then contact the church office.

# In Our Congregation



**ELI PROJECT** The Christian Education Commission invites adults to participate in our **Eli Project** by being a secret pal for a child or youth in the congregation for a five-week period (April 23 through May 21). The purpose of the program is to nurture relationships between the older and younger members of our church family. As a secret pal, you'll pray for the child, send anonymous cards or notes to him or her and give him or her a small and inexpensive gift every Sunday for those five weeks. The Christian Education Commission has forms for participation by children and adults. **Return the forms by April 9** to Ann Andrus, Kevin Beers or Carol Goss. The Christian Education Commission will match participating adults with their secret pals by Sunday, April 16.



**Hull Street Ministry** — the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, you can prepare meals or help serve; see Barbara McCann or Susan Robertson



**Community Kitchen** — the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, various tasks are completed; see Betty Altic or Judy McCloud



**LAMB's Basket** — the shopping cart is available everyday by the front doors, all types of non-perishables can be donated, as well as money to purchase fresh eggs; see Sandi Davis



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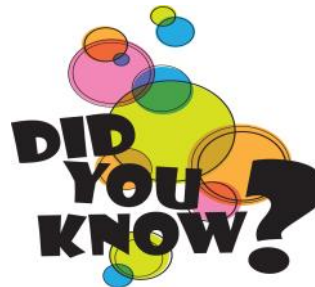
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 Coordinator of Music ..... Gabriella Ryan (804-615-4638)

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Church office (M-F) ..... 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If no one is in the office or the line is busy, voice mail will pick up — please leave us a message. Items for the bulletin's weekly newsheet **MUST** be submitted by **noon each Thursday** to the church office. Articles for the **May** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **April 15, 2017**.

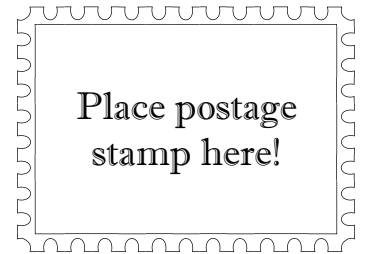


If you cannot be present for worship, you can receive email copies of the bulletin and newsheet. Simply contact the church office to make it happen.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

This year's **Church Yard Sale** will be held on  
**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** at the regular times,  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — *rain or shine!*

Help is needed on these dates (sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room):

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... After church we set up tables and unload the sun porch and White Building.
- April 24-28<sup>th</sup> .. From 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. to sort & price items.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> ..... From 7-8 a.m. to set up outside items, then from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. for the sale, and also from 12:30 – 2 p.m. for break down & clean-up.

We can receive donations Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. The best time to bring items for donation is early in the week. Prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, items can be left in the White Building as long as there is remaining space. If you have large items that need to be picked up, please call Betty Altic or the church office (288-6439).

