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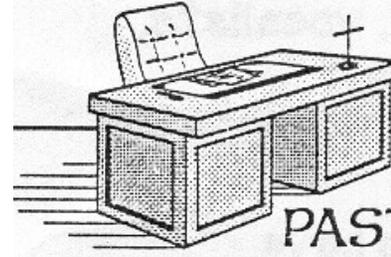
April 19th at noon.

E-mail submissions to:

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April 2018 Issue



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



Ready for spring? Ready for resurrection?

Even though this winter has been relatively mild, I am still thrilled when the signs of spring start to show. The days begin getting longer with less grey days and more moments of bright sunshine. The temperature is warmer and the birds can be loud enough to wake you in the morning. Some flowers are already trying to break through and soon there will be buds and blooms everywhere! Signs of spring! Signs of life! Signs of resurrection!

In the seasons of the year, we see the cycle of this earthly life. Life begins in the spring, flourishes in the summer, fades in the fall, and ends in the winter. Bishop Desmond Tutu, while fighting a recurrence of cancer, spoke of the reality that all life has a beginning, a middle, and an end. We wrestle with this reality throughout our lives, holding on to ‘keepsakes’ and relics that help to keep memories alive. We struggle to preserve life, even while questioning its quality. Like a good meal, we want to draw it out and make it last, even if it means we eat more than we should and eventually feel stuffed instead of just full. Everything in this life is meant to have a beginning, a middle, and an end.

In 1 Corinthians 15:36b-37, Paul writes, “When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn’t grow into a plant unless it dies first. And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting.” (NLT) This is the story of resurrection! Spring is our re-

From the Pastor's Desk continued

minder that although life as we know it here on this earth may end, life springs eternal with our Creator, the Giver of Life. It is easy to focus on the dying first and being buried, like the seeds. The Hymn of Promise (N. Sleeth, 1986) captures this well:

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

We are not meant to remain at the earthly end of our lives, we are meant to be born again into eternal life. Although we cannot see it or fully grasp it, it is God's design for us. How else can we face the temporary nature of this life? We know within us that there is more to life than our physical beings. There is another life, a resurrection to eternity.

I know I'm ready for spring! And I'm very ready to gather and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of grace and mercy, the promise of our deliverance from death, the hope of eternal joy in the presence of God. Let us celebrate life together!

Easter Blessings!

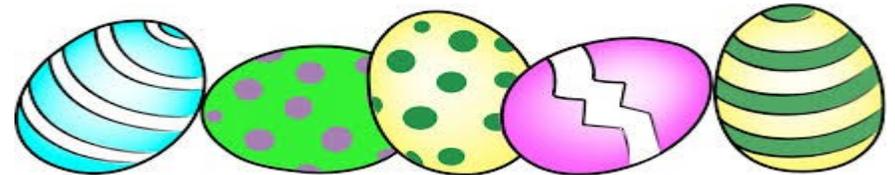
Pastor Joy

Romans 10:17 *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.*

Locking the Church



Because of the recent lockdown situations at some of the local schools, we are asking anyone who stops by the church to please be sure to lock the door behind you even if you are just stopping in briefly. We want to assure the safety of the students in the Head Start program here at Faith.



Scrap Metal Drive

We will be holding a scrap metal drive to raise money for the boiler fund.

Celebrate Earth Day Weekend by bringing your old metal items, large or small, to the bin located in our lower parking lot.

You can bring items Friday, April 20th through Sunday, April 22nd.

Please be sure to only put scrap metal items in the bin!

Thanks in advance.



Romans 6:5 *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2—Colt Maxwell

April 7—Amy Wolfe

April 9—Peg Beitzel

April 12—Tori Farmer

April 13—Julie Wolfe

April 13—Greg Beitzel

April 16—Charlotte Cole

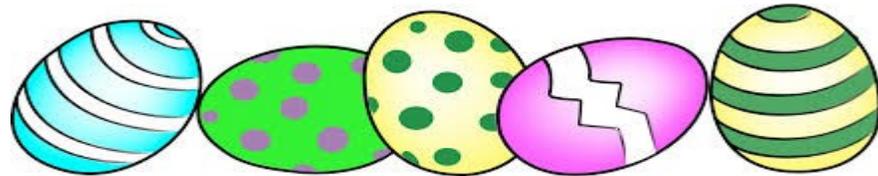
April 23—Karson Hatfield

April 26—A.J. Harper

April 28—Pastor Joy Wigal

April 28—Karen Graham

April 29—Kurt Wolfe



April 20—Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Servant Schedule

April 1

Don & Roberta Covert, Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Liturgist: Lari Harper

Communion Stewards:

Jim & Barb Tignor, Heather DeGarmo, Susie Dunlap

April 8

Jim & Barb Tignor, Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Liturgist: Nick Howard

April 15

Mark & Thea Crawmer, Doug & Bradley Adams

Liturgist: Roberta Covert

April 22

Nick & Cindy Howard, Floyd & Pat Tolle

Liturgist: Barb Tignor

April 29

Beth Dougherty, Nonny Brackman, Orlen Bates, Jr.,

Susie Dunlap

Liturgist: Orlen Bates, Jr.



United Methodist Women

Eventide Circle

Eventide Circle will meet at 1:00PM on Thursday, April 5th.

Program: Pat Tolle (Outreach Offering)

Devotions: Betty Howard

Response Moment: Marilyn Inman

Hostess: Bernice Osborne

New Hope Circle

Members of New Hope Circle will meet on Sunday, April 8th at 6:30PM. Barb Wolfe will host.

A look ahead...

The United Methodist Women will have their annual Spring Dinner on Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 at 6:00PM. Details coming soon. Mark your calendars and plan on a wonderful time.



John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Breakthrough Prayer

Abundant God, we are bursting with anticipation to see the new that you have in store for Faith Church and our community.

Thunder forth your will for fresh possibilities!

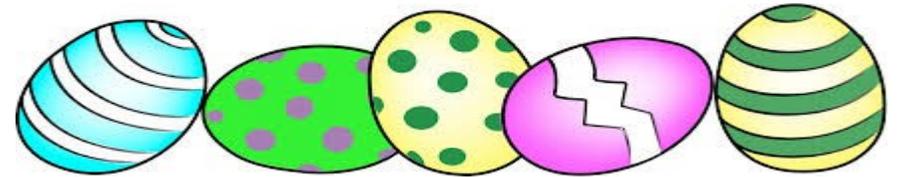
You say in your word,

"See I am about to do something new.

It begins now! Don't you see it?" (Is. 43:19)

Lord, help us to see clearly

the next steps on your path. Amen.



Easter Service

Easter Sunday is April 1st. Come and join us for our Easter Brunch at 9:30AM followed by our worship service!



John 19:30 *When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

Prayer Requests

Doug Adams
Kay Baker
Jim Boetcher
Tom Brennon
Sherry Brooks
Johnny Brown
Tom Burkhardt
John & Kim Cain
Dan Campbell
Wayne Clark
Suzanne Collins
Clinton Cox
Mysti Davis
Shannon Davis
Bobby Dudley
Marlene Farley
Janice Farmer
Chris Flynn
Family of Chad Foster
Wanda Founds
Marissa Furbee
Jim Grosscup
John Herman
Jeannita Johnson
Kelton Family
Robbie Mack & Family
Jill McDonald
Peggy McGee
Don Miller
Janice Miller
Paul Mills
Mary Jane Mitchell
Jimmy Moore
Joesy Moore

Bill & Judy Muck
Jim Porter
Carla Price
Bonnie Reichenbach
Richards Family
Lori Rivercomb
Todd Sands
Carole Sayre
Ronald Shaffer
Heather Shepherd
Christie Shirer
Shellie Siefert
Chris Smith
Stimpert Family
Barb Tignor
Sharyn & Harold Tucker
Cheryl Watt
Erin Watts
Don West
Jeff Wheeler
Vicky & Don Wolfe Family
Logan Wolford
Melissa Wood

Peace, Faith UMC, the home-
less, abused, sick, imprisoned,
those who have not yet ac-
cepted Christ and those who
only minimally follow the
teachings of Christ.

Medical Faith shut-ins:
Kathleen McCutcheon and
Frances Johnson.



Calling All Readers!



We are ready to start our 2018 United Methodist Women Book Club! We have chosen the books that meet the requirements of our mission emphases:

Education for Mission - Massacre at Sand Creek by Gary L. Roberts

Leadership Development – Hollow Faith by Stephen Ingram

Nurturing for Community – The Book of Joy by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Social Action – To be determined.

Spiritual Growth - Bus to Corinth by Ladine Housholder

The following dates have been chosen: May 21st, July 30th, September 24th and November 19th. All dates are subject to change and there may be another date added.

The **FIRST** book that we will be discussing is Hollow Faith by Stephen Ingram led by Barb Wolfe. Location of the discussion/meeting will be announced at a later date.

If you need suggestions as to where to get the books, please see Marsha Kelly, Barb Wolfe or Pastor Joy Wigal.

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday, April 1 | | |
| Easter Brunch | 9:30AM | |
| Worship | 10:30AM | |
| Thursday, April 5 | | |
| Clergy Meeting | 9:00AM | |
| Eventide Circle | 1:00PM | |
| Sunday, April 8 | | |
| Sunday School | 9:30AM | |
| Worship | 10:30AM | |
| Birthday Party Fellowship Hall | 12:00PM | |
| New Hope Circle | 6:30PM | |
| Wednesday, April 11 | | |
| Trustee Meeting | 4:00PM | |
| Sunday, April 15 | | |
| Sunday School | 9:30AM | |
| Worship | 10:30AM | |
| Tuesday, April 17 | | |
| Finance | 6:00PM | |
| Leadership | 6:45PM | |
| Thursday, April 19 | | |
| Newsletter Deadline | 12:00PM | |
| Friday, April 20-Sunday, April 22 | | |
| Scrap Metal Drive | | |
| Sunday, April 22 | | |
| Sunday School | 9:30AM | |
| Worship | 10:30AM | |
| Driggs Recital Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 6:00PM | |
| Tuesday, April 24 | | |
| Breakthrough Team | 6:30PM | |
| Sunday, April 29 | | |
| Sunday School | 9:30AM | |
| Worship | 10:30AM | |

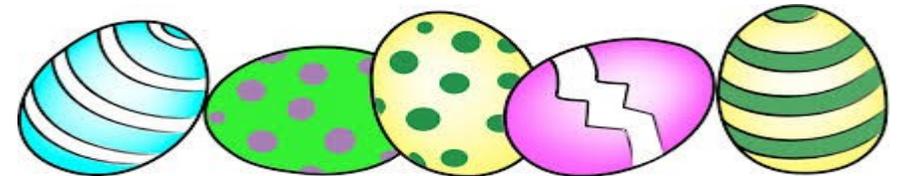
Community Yard Sale

This years community yard sale will be from 8AM-5PM Saturday, May 5th with a rain date of May 12th.

Jim and Barb Tignor have offered to lead it and Barb Wolfe has offered to run the kitchen with the help of Don and Roberta Covert.

We still need lots of volunteers to help with the sale. A sign-up sheet is located on the welcome table.

If you are donating items, they can be dropped off during office hours the week of the Yard sale. Please call ahead so we can have the doors unlocked for you. No heavy items. Contact the church office if you have items and are unable to transport them to the church.



New Office Hours

Amanda has started a new work schedule. She will now be in the office Monday, Thursday, Friday. She will still work from 9AM to 3PM with a lunch from 12-1. Thanks for your understanding with this schedule change!

[Luke 24:6](#) *He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:*