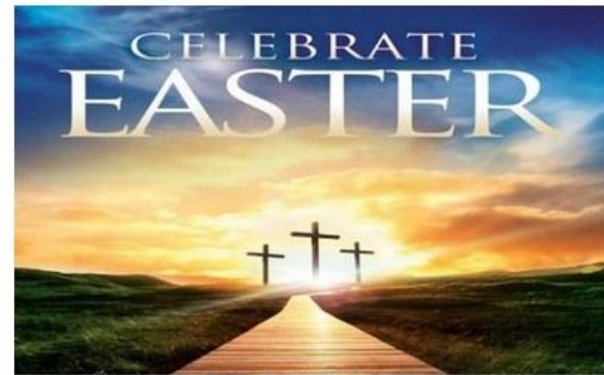


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Celebrate Easter, April 21st

The New Testament states that the resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is the foundation of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the powerful Son of God. For those who trust in Jesus' death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Through faith in the working of God those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation.

Easter is linked to Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the matzah and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed.


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While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)



Palm Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:4 tells us:

*'This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' *The prophecy is cited from Zechariah 9:9 and Isaiah 62:11.*

Birthdays

Addison Clevenger, 9th
Tonya Malo, 11th
Doree Shewell, 13th
Nicole Miller, 22nd
Carol Burns, 26th
Jesse Andereck, 28th
Jerry Stinocher, 28th

Anniversaries

Sherman & Sue Cates, 23rd

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Gathering
Every Tuesday @ 9:30 am

Crusaders' Potluck
Saturday, April 6th @ 6:00 pm

Ministry Leaders' Meeting
Sunday, April 7th after worship

Council Meeting
Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm

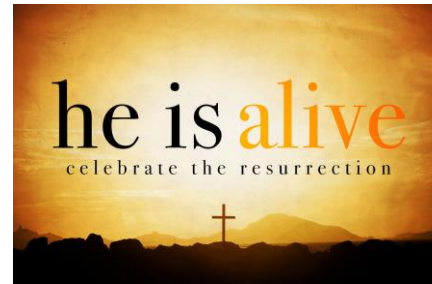
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Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, April 16th @ 2:00 pm

Unity Circle
Wednesday, April 17th at 1:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21st

MiGS Serving
At the Men's Shelter,
Saturday, April 27th @ 5:30 pm



MCC's Prayer List

Breanna Allen, Pat Baker, Lynette Cameron, Evelyn Day, Earl & Charlene Dreon, Bev & Jim Ducey, Bob Engelman, Kathy Johnson, MaryLou Johnson, Darry Kannenberg, Don & Donna Long, Dillon McDonald, Rodney Millington, Earnie Pannabaker, Julie Rind, Linda Roller, Bob Runge, Matt & Ava & Andy Simmons, Jerry & Barb Stinocher, Ella Williams, Charles York, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of our prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit," please contact the Church Office.