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Paul's Ponderings.

The Meaning of the Resurrection

As I pondered the beauty and the meaning of worshipping a Savior who was willing to die on a cross to bring all of us back into a proper relationship with God, I began to dwell on what "resurrection" really means... what does Easter actually mean to all of us who say that Jesus was the ultimate revelation of what our God is like? So, I wanted to share with all of you the thoughts of one of my favorite theologians, Marcus Borg on this topic as a way to make your Easter even more meaningful this year.

Easter is utterly central to Christianity. "God raised Jesus from the dead" is the foundational affirmation of the New Testament. Resurrection is also the best explanation for the rise of Christianity...indeed the only adequate explanation is the resurrection of Jesus. And, I believe that resurrection, as the core belief of Christians everywhere, provides Easter with two central meanings: 1) Easter means that Jesus was experienced after his death and lives even today

The historical ground of Easter is very simple...the followers of Jesus, both then and now, continued to experience Jesus as a living reality after his death. In the early Christian community, whether these experiences were real or visions or apparitions, they were numerous and well documented. The disciples, the

and 2) Jesus is both Lord and Christ.

Apostle Paul, the travelers on the road to Emmaus, the author of the Book of Revelation, and many others were visited in some fashion by Jesus after his crucifixion. I believe that these post-resurrection experiences of Jesus were why Paul wrote, and so many others believed, that Jesus was alive and still present but in a radically different way.

In the same way, Christians throughout the centuries have continued to experience Jesus as a living, spiritual reality...a figure of the present, not simply a memory of the past. These experiences have taken the form of visions, mystical encounters, and a sense of the closeness of Jesus in prayer, worship, the Eucharist, or in and through other people. The truth of Easter is grounded in these past, present, and future experiences of the risen Christ.

But, the meaning of of resurrection is not only "Jesus lives," as if Easter is only about the conquest of death and the promise of an afterlife. No, there is a second equally important meaning laid out for us in the New Testament...and that is "Jesus is Lord". A lord, of course, is a master to whom one gives one's allegiance. But, the word can have further meaning. In scripture "Lord" is one of the words used for God and therefore has resonances of divinity. Shortly after Jesus' death we see a shift in New Testament writings where prayers and hymns are already being addressed to Jesus as if to God.

The classic New Testament metaphor associated with "Jesus is Lord" is the phrase "raised to God's right hand". The right hand of God is a position of honor and authority. It means that Jesus not only lives but has become one with God and functions as Lord in the lives of his followers. This is proclaimed most boldly by Thomas as he experiences the risen Christ and exclaims, "My Lord and my God!"

So, as we come together in the Chapel to celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, let us join in a harmonious chorus of "Jesus lives even today" and "Jesus is Lord of our lives" for this is the true meaning of resurrection and the reason we celebrate on Easter Sunday morning.



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Prayers for Chapel Friends

Pat Kibbie, Sally Bagdan, Laura Lentz, Sarah Hewitt, Heather Tuft, Jessica McInnis, Reverend Bill and Marty Bruner, Patty & Jack Madden, Jennifer Grgurevic, Mary Faas, George Depuy, June Ann, Jack Sealey, Chris Flack, Tom Sullivan, Ernie and Lucy Dunn Martin, Phyllis Mahin, Mark Vasconcellos, Kathy Steele, Rob D'Amatto, Pricilla Johnson, Maria Karous and granddaughter, Jim Milliman, Mike Augustyniak, Bruce Lowe, Sue Freischlag, Pamela Kos, Nathan Ritter, Ken Amburgy, Derrick Marshall, George Hoffman, Daquaan Gadseen, Anthony Tuliano, Doug O'Brien, Emerico Bencivenga & Vincent Bencivenga, Bob & Trina Hamilton, James Gaffney, Cynthia Peppe, Mary White, Maggie Simmons, Reverend Elizabeth Forester, Ronnie Graham, Family of Hazel Crow, Larry Cagle, Mary Ellen Jones and her brother Craig, Adaline Higgs and people of the Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family

Jane and Charles Hinson, Mary Tuft, Bud Holzerland, Rob Guadalupe, Mary Kay Allen, Shirley Percival, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Jane Lowe, Meta Evans, Nancee Letter, Joan Tourt, Jeff Lowe, Dorene Tichenor, Harlan McCaskill, and Carol Caggiano







HAPPY SPRING

God has blessed us with beautiful spring flowers all in bloom.

The Dogwoods are out, both pink and white. And sadly, the pol-

len is filling the air and coating everything. Thank goodness it is early, and we will have a good May this year so we can open our windows—letting the beautiful fresh air inside.

I am happy that we are fully open at the Chapel and our attendance at Sunday services is increasing each week as well as our steadfast members attending online. Combined we are beginning to reach our pre-pandemic attendance.

We are also excited to have many new visitors each week and encourage each of you to welcome them to the Chapel and our coffee hour and other events.

The Worship Team is busy working to prepare for the Easter Season and all the events during that time. Please review the schedule online or in the weekly Bulletin.

The Mission team is busy working to gather, sort and price all the items we have donated so far. This is a big task. They appreciate all the help they can get. They are meeting at the Chapel downstairs at 10 am each Friday so run by for a couple of hours and help sort and price.

Don't forget the Rummage Sale is May 21st.

The Mission Team has also committed to match any donations for Ukrainian Relief up to \$5000. Please send any donations to the Chapel and in the 'note area' please add in "Ukrainian Relief".

There are other projects in the works which the Mission Team will bring to us throughout the year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Barry for his excellent work managing the Cemetery and the sale of plots and niches. He also is our 'Go To' guy for grounds and maintenance. Thank You Mike.

I want to also commend Susan Williams our Chapel Administrator. She is doing an excellent job, we are lucky to have her so if you have not been by the Chapel and met her please give her a call and introduce yourself.

Once last thought... as we share Gods love with each other throughout our lives and see each other on the street and in services I encourage you to share your Chapel experience with other. Reach out and invite your friends and neighbors to join our service in Sanctuary or online. God will reward you.

If you have a friend or shut-in that may like to join us on Zoom please contact Susan Williams to have them added to out email list.



Team Updates

Fínance Team

The Chapel currently has total liquid assets of \$297,040, including a balance of \$67,027 in the Schwab Investment Account. Peggy Reuter has volunteered to serve on the Finance Team in 2022. Joining her on the team are Nancee Letter, Chris Beck, Sue Barry, George Norman and Chairman Dick Van Horne



Building & Grounds



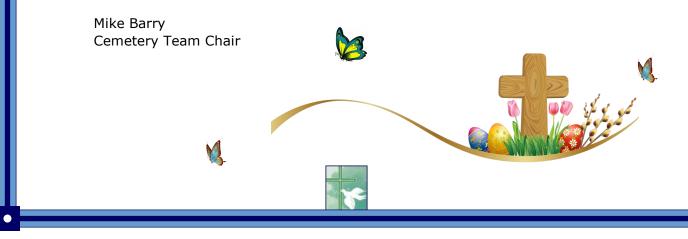
Co-Chairman Mike Barry reports that the sprinkler system was inspected on 02/24/2022, the first time since 2016, at a cost of \$468. This "annual" inspection had not been performed since 2016 and now incurs additional costs totaling \$1,321.23. The work included expenditures were for the following: Storage box of extras sprinkler heads/wrenches, internal piping inspection, check valve inspection and pressure gauges. Inspections and work performed by **Unifor Fire and Safety**.

Work continues in the Chapel columbarium area to mitigate water seepage into the basement of the Fellowship Hall. A third downspout has been installed on the exterior wall at the office entrance. In addition to that, Mike Barry and Dick Van Horne have removed thirty feet of gutter "cover" to improve water flow into t he downspouts.

Cemetery Team

On March 16th, we had a team of well repair people come to the cemetery and they repaired one of the wells, which was the newer one. The old well is not worth repairing. They also were able to get the irrigation system control unit to work. I will reprogram it and connect it up in unison with the pressure switch assembly, that I installed, so we can use a water spigot and also water different areas of the cemetery with the sprinkler system. Now, we can sod and water some bare areas.

Work continues on the new Columbarium at the Chapel. All of the face stones are in and now I am temporarily using silicone-cement to seal them until they are occupied.





Worship Team

The Worship Team met on March 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The primary purpose of this meeting was to obtain volunteers for Holy Week services. Following are the services, dates and volunteers:



• Sanctuary preparation volunteers for the Palm Sunday Service:

Carole Faas, Shirley Percival, and Alice McPheeters will meet on Friday at 10:30 AM



• Sanctuary preparation volunteers for Maunday Thursday Service:

Carole Faas, Jon Tichenor, and Laura Beth Urie will meet on **Thursday at 4:30 PM**.

• Soup, bread, and Dessert supper volunteers:

Shirley Percival, Tamara Lee, Chris Beck, and Thalia Beam will meet on **Thursday at 4:00 PM**.

• Sanctuary preparation for Good Friday and the Stripping of the Church volunteers:

Carole Faas, Shirley Percival, Thalia Beam, Tamara Lee, Edward Lee, Chris Beck, Steve Welch, Alicia DeLong, and Laura Beth Urie will meet on **Friday at 11:00 AM**.

Sanctuary preparation for Easter Sunday volunteers:

Carole Faas, Shirley Percival, Alicia DeLong, and Laura Beth Urie will meet on **Sunday at 8:00 AM**.







Míssíon Team

Update



- Apostles Build through Habitat for Humanity was a big success for a special family! We had a wonderful outpouring of love from a great group of people from the Chapel in the Pines, who helped with the build on March 17th, 18th and 19th in Aberdeen. A big thank you to those who sent in monetary donations too. All donations received for Habitat for Humanity will be sent along with an \$1,000 from our Chapel.
- The Mission Team made the decision to make a one-time donation to Moore Free and Charitable Clinic, North Moore Family Resource Center, and The Sandhills Food Bank. They also decided on assistance to West End Elementary on an as need basis.



- The decision was made to sponsor 2 golf holes f or an area 16-yearold who has cancer and lives in Moore County. The purchase of a gift card for her family will be provided with the intent of helping purchase gas for trips to and from Chapel Hill.
- Cookie Drive for First Responders on April 28th will be rescheduled at a later date.



 The t-shirt sales will be extended until *April* 30, 2022. Please place your order soon!



Ge Update



- We have begun collecting items for our spring sale on May 21st. Donations may be brought to the Kids Zone Monday - Friday between 9AM-2PM. We need empty boxes please.
- Volunteers may assist the Mission Team at 10:00 am each Friday as we meet to price and organize items for our spring sale.

Global Missions

 The Mission Team will donate up to \$5,000 and match funds collected from the prayer vigil on March 30th to send to the Ukraine. We will give to Project Hope, Mercy Chefs and Global Giving for this crisis.

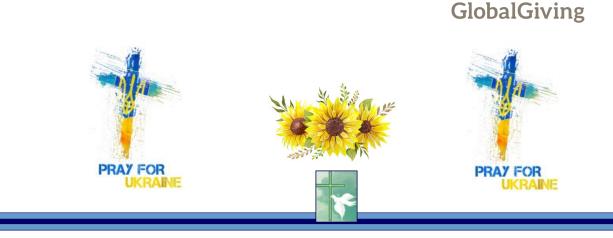


Medicine, medical supplies and equipment, hygiene supplies, infant supplies, mental health and psychological support...this organization is working with people inside Ukraine.



Food, water, baby nutrition; these folks have already established feeding centers and have acquired and filled a warehouse with food deep inside Ukraine...they are presently feeding thousands.

Providing shelter, food, water mental health and psychosocial support, and access to continued education for children...this organization is primarily working with refugees in the border countries around Ukraine.









The Choir Spotlight this month falls on Wendy Tetreault!

Where are you from originally?

I am from Connecticut, born and lived there my entire life.

What was your usual occupation?



I was a medical secretary, but did medical transcription at home for almost 18 years while raising 3 boys. I later worked in doctor's offices as a medical secretary.

How did you get to the Seven Lakes community, and the Chapel in the Pines?

We moved here in January, 2016, in a snowstorm. As I was looking for a church with a choir I went to Chapel in the Pines for Sunday worship during a snowstorm and no one was there. I didn't know everything closes down here when it snows. As I was looking for a good choir, I decided to visit choir practice at the Chapel that Wednesday evening. (I still hadn't been to service at the Chapel.) As I was walking down the aisle, Edward welcomed me and made me feel right at home. In fact, everyone made me feel that way. The Chapel was also close to my home on the North side. I never visited another church as I felt I had found my new church home.

What part(s) do you sing?

I used to sing alto, but I now am a tenor as I guess my voice lowered.

What other experience have you had singing, than church choir?

I sang in two singing groups in high school. We would sing songs at nursing homes, different clubs and school. I always liked doing volunteer work and singing was a great outlet.

What is the best part of being in a choir?

Singing makes me happy and is another way of connecting to people.

Do you play musical instruments?

I wanted to play piano but was told by my music teacher in junior high that my hands were too small to play a piano, so I decided I didn't need to learn how to read music. So my voice is my instrument and I have become a pretty good sight reader!

What is your favorite song?

My favorite songs are pretty much everything Edward writes. His songs touch my heart and almost always bring tears to my eyes. They evoke such heartfelt feelings.

What other activities do you enjoy?

I love to read, especially biographies and bestsellers, mostly around WW1 and WW2 time frame. I knit baby blankets for Project Linus here in Moore County. The blankets go to hospitals and Fort Bragg and elsewhere. I love to cook and bake and am always looking for that next recipe. I especially like to make soups and yummy desserts. I swim laps at the Fitness Center here on the North side three times a week and walk my dog Cody almost every day. I ride my bike too, around the neighborhood when I can sneak away from Cody. I look forward to the church re-opening so I can sign up for new adventures! I am so ready to sing again with the choir. I enjoy the whole experience - it just brings me so much joy!

Thank you, Wendy, for letting us get to know you better!



Flower Sign-Up

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to provide flowers for the chapel, please contact the office at 910-400-5188 or e-mail Susan at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

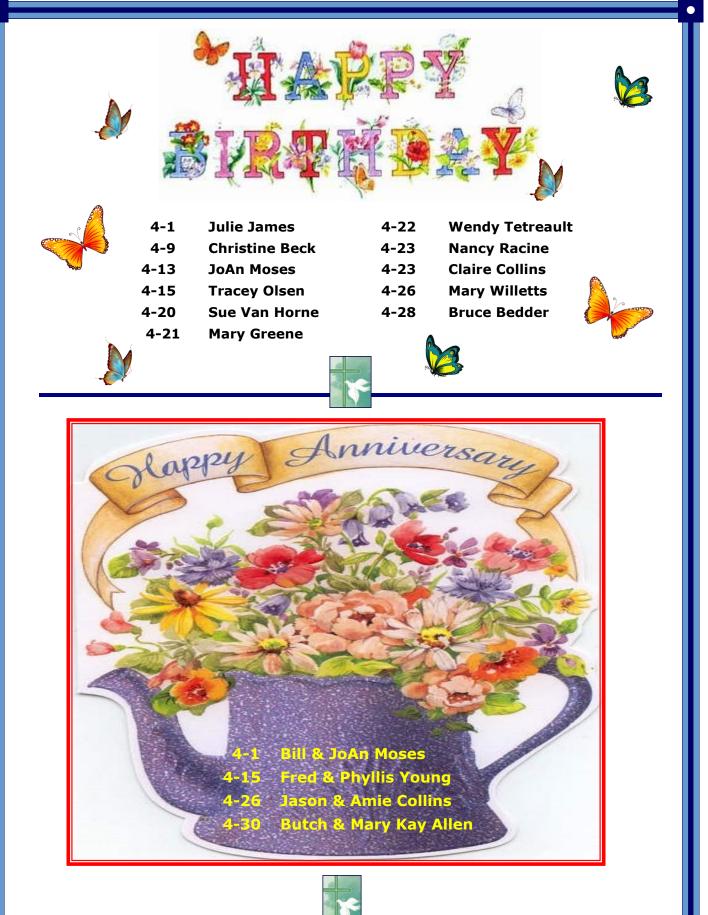
April	Volunteer
4-3-2022	Paul James
4-10-2022	David Grubbs
4-17-2022	Tracey Olsen
4-24-2022	Tim & RJ Peppe
Мау	Volunteer
5-1	Sue & Dick Van Horne
5-8	Volunteer needed
5-15	Tim & RJ Peppe
5-22	Carole Faas
5-29	Volunteer needed

If you would like to assist our teams, please feel free to volunteer by signing up for a Sunday using our signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. OR you can notify Susan by email at citp10@7lakeschapel.com or call 910-400-5188 to have your name placed on the list.



April	Cemetery Team
Мау	Building & Grounds Team Worship Team
June	Audio Visual Team
July	Financial Team
August	Mission Team

Come join us in the fellowship hall after the service for warm coffee and great conversation!





Usher Schedule Apríl–May 2022

If you are unable to serve, please find a sub from the below usher list to fill in for you. Please be at the Chapel by 8:30 a.m. When you all arrive, decide who will use the counter to keep track of the number of people attending, then record on the sheet inside the closet door in the entry. Sit wherever you like when service begins; at offertory collection simple stand and walk to the front to receive the plates from Paul. After Paul blesses the collection, return to your seat; **you don't have to wait for the music to end.**

<u>April</u>

Wed 5 pm Ash Wednesday Wendy Tetreault, Carole Faas
6Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Jim Beck, Dot Macdonald
13 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Cathy & George Norman
20 Sun 9 am Pat & Bob Dantzer, Shirley Percival, Thalia Beam
27 Sun 9 am Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Gisela Danielson, Joyce Singletary

<u>April</u>

3Sun 9 am Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Sue & Dick Van Horne
Sun 9 am *Palm Sunday* Peggy & Bart Reuter, Carole Faas, Lee Connelly
14 Thu 5:30 pm *Maundy Thursday* Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Gisela Danielson, Jim Beck
15 Fri noon *Good Friday* Pat & Bob Dantzer
17 Sun 9 am *Easter* Cathy Norman, Joyce Singletary, Kathy Goodman, Gordon Zeller
24 Sun 9 am Sue & Dick Van Horne, Thalia Beam, Dot Macdonald

<u>May</u>

1 Sun 9 am RJ & Tim Peppe, Wendy Tetreault, Carole Faas 8 Sun 9 am Cathy & George Norman, Joyce Singletary, Dot Macdonald 15 Sun 9 am Pat & Bob Dantzer, Shirley Percival, Jim Beck 22 Sun 9 am Wanda & Ollie Sweeney, Carole Faas, Lee Connelly 26 Thu 5 pm **Ascension** Shirley Percival, Dot Macdonald 29 Sun 9 am Peggy & Bart Reuter, Thalia Beam, Joyce Singletary









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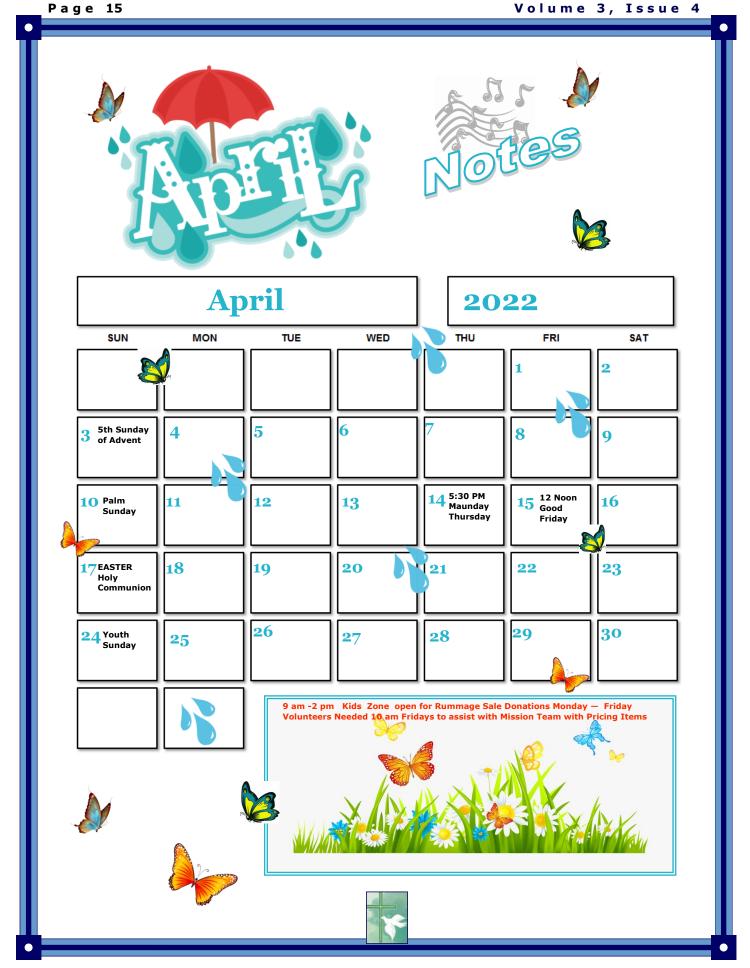
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