

Newsletter April 2025



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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

Dear friends,

The Easter story is the foundation upon which our faith and hope is based. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. These familiar words have echoed throughout the ages, affirming our belief.

Mary came to the tomb fully expecting it to be as she left it. Instead she found the stone had been rolled away, so she ran to find the disciples and tell them what had happened. ***“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”*** We don’t know if Mary actually looked into the tomb. She assumed she knew what had happened by her first impressions. Many reading this story for the first time might have great difficulty believing a person could be dead and is now alive. Our job, in making disciples, is to be like “them” and help remove any stone that may block others from seeing the risen Lord.

For us it may also be the time to look honestly at a stone that may be blocking our way to complete transformation. In the life of faith we are becoming new creatures. We may find there are areas in which we do not completely trust Christ. We set up our own stones. Our stones take on many looks. They may be the stones of distrust, the pebbles of sexism, the boulders of homophobia, or the granite of selfishness. Any stone that stands in the way of making disciples for Christ or sharing God’s love with others, or prevents us from living life more abundantly, needs to be rolled away.

May we, in this Easter Season, read with new eyes and hear with new ears the good news. May your stones roll away to reveal the joy anew, and may you be transformed.

Grace and peace to you,
Larry

FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

The congregation has donated 59 paperback books to the **Big Book Nook** project. (This does not include the children’s books that were donated - they were too numerous to count!)

\$ 750.00 has been collected for the California Wildfire relief.

\$ 100.00 has been collected for One Great Hour of Sharing.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Judy Turner

THE MISSION COMMITTEE is looking into scheduling yoga classes at our church with Jacquie Moku. If you are interested, please let Judy Turner know the days that would be good for you and whether am or pm classes would work for you. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary where you can leave your preferences.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Lent is the season to request donations for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This offering helps Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People. Over the next few weeks, you will hear in our Minute for Mission about people who have been helped through OGHS donations.

There are special "OGHS" envelopes on the table at the back of the sanctuary for you to use for your donation. Or, you can also add it to your weekly donation by completing the "Special Offering" section and marking it for OGHS. On March 23, we distributed Fish Banks to the children to use. We have a few banks left, so please help yourself to the banks if you choose. Easter Sunday will be the day to turn in the fish banks.

Calendar of Events

Apr 13th – Zeta Alpha will meet in the church basement at 9:30 am; Bible Study: Let Justice Roll Down, Lesson 8: Intergenerational Justice. All women are welcome to attend.

Apr 13th – Palm Sunday

Apr 17th – Maundy Thursday

Apr 18th – Good Friday Service at Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church at 7 pm

Apr 20th - Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service is at Bethel Cemetery - time to be determined; Easter Sunday Communion Service is at 10:30 am.

Apr 27th - Session Meeting following worship

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Apr 17th – Susan Hoffmann

Apr 22nd – Corey Riley

Apr 22nd – Abigail Grace McCandlish

Apr 28th – Ryan Nicholas Ray

*****Please Note: There are no anniversaries for the month of April.*****

April Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

Apr 6th – Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher
George Shreyer: Usher

Apr 13th – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader
Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

Apr 20th – Susan Henwood: Lay Reader, Easter Communion Server & Usher
Susan Hoffmann: Easter Communion Server & Usher

Apr 27th – Judy Turner: Lay Reader & Usher
Jane Griffith: Usher

Kids' Section



Unscramble the letters to reveal the word.

YKOEND _____

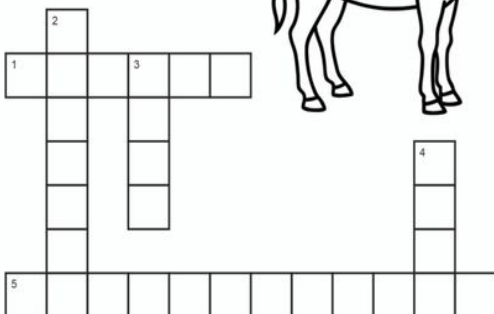
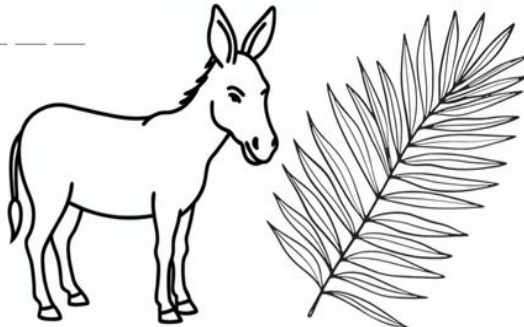
LPMA _____

NSOAHNA _____

VAEW _____

EDRO _____

IGKN _____



Across

1. Jesus rode this into Jerusalem
5. People waved these in the air

Down

2. People shouted _____
3. People said Jesus was the _____ of Israel
4. "Blessed is he who comes in the _____ of the Lord."



EASTER WORD SEARCH



P	L	S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	K
S	A	B	B	A	R	A	B	L	A	M	B
J	P	C	P	I	L	A	T	E	T	M	C
B	E	W	H	L	P	M	W	N	V	Y	E
R	E	S	U	R	R	E	C	T	I	O	N
S	A	A	U	Y	I	T	F	V	N	F	A
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W	S	M	V	C	F	L	X	C	T	W	E
E	D	K	X	E	D	C	K	Z	B	D	G
C	R	U	C	I	F	I	X	I	O	N	C
L	Z	B	L	A	H	T	O	G	L	O	G

JESUS	CROSS	RESURRECTION	GUARDS	TOMB
ANGELS	GARDEN	CRUCIFIXION	ALIVE	CHRISTIAN
LENT	JUDAS	PASSOVER	SUNRISE	LAMB
SACRIFICE	PILATE	GETHSEMANE	GOLGOTHA	BARABBAS

The Big Book Nook

The Big Book Nook is a non-profit bookstore donating 100% of the money raised to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Ohio.

Email: bigbooknook@bbbs-fairfieldoh.org

Donations are accepted

Monday- Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm



DONATIONS ACCEPTED
MONDAY-SATURDAY

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

- ✓ NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS
- ✓ PUZZLES & GAMES
- ✓ DVD & CD
- ✓ MAGAZINES (2 YRS OR NEWER)
- ✓ NEW GREETING CARDS

IF YOU HAVE A UNIQUE ITEM-
CALL BEFORE YOU DONATE

DONATIONS



WE DO NOT TAKE

- ✗ ENCYCLOPEDIAS
- ✗ TEXT BOOKS
- ✗ READERS DIGEST
- ✗ TRAVEL BOOKS OVER 2 YRS
- ✗ DIET BOOKS OVER 2 YRS

740-214-0374

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DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE BOX ON THE
PEW UNDER THE NORTH WINDOW.

**The Mission Committee will make sure your donations get
to THE BIG BOOK NOOK!**