



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

A church that is growing, praying, and serving to make disciples of Jesus Christ

THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

APRIL 2011

May we all rejoice in knowing that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has paid the price for our sins. All fear is gone! Praise the Lord!

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

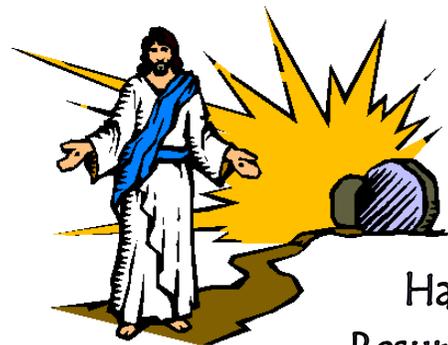
And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone!
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

--William & Gloria Gaither, 1971

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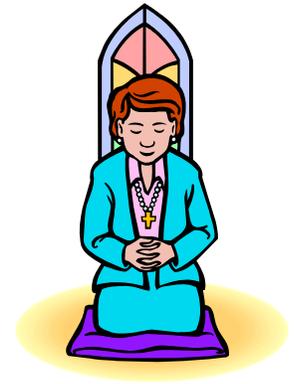
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Happy
Resurrection
Day!

PASTOR'S CHAT

Pastor Krista Price



We are in the midst of our Lenten journey and focusing on the end of the month as we Celebrate Easter. We have been teaching, preaching, and learning more about two disciplines that we often don't look at together: Prayer and Fasting. I pray this Lenten journey has been a time of renewal and rededication of your life to Jesus. We have much to do before Jesus returns and we are called to take that time to focus on what is important.

Approximately 6 (more can join) of you have shared with me that you are going to enter the life of fasting through the Daniel Fast. We are beginning April 1st and leading up to Good Friday. I am excited as I have witnessed some awesome things already happening.

1. We had the 30 hour famine and 3 of our youth drank water and juice. Some adults also shared in this fast as well. God worked through these people to glorify himself for the purpose of drawing us closer.
2. Another adult within our congregation fasted for 72 hours, Esther fast, the same weekend. It has affected those who witnessed the journey.

I challenged you at the beginning of our Lenten journey to try some kind of fast. A one day fast, a three day fast, the Daniel (21 day meat/sweet) Fast, or some other kind of fast from TV programs, video games, computer, chocolate, soda, etc. During your fast you are to replace food, activity with God.

My prayer is that you will challenge yourself so that prayer may become a disciplined focus of your life.

What is it that God is asking you to give up and replace it with something positive for your life?

May you pray this prayer, ***"Draw me closer, ever closer, Lord, to you."***

Serving together,

Pastor Krista

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LAY LEADER'S LINE

Butch Hackett

During this Lenten Season, Pastor Krista has challenged us to walk this journey with added disciplines. These disciplines can be a type of fasting (e.g. food, what we watch, what we listen to, or what we read) or an added spiritual discipline, (e.g. extra prayer each day, reading more scriptures, or longer meditations). She informed us that this will make Easter Day more meaningful and eventful for us. No matter where we are on our journey with Christ, an extra discipline(s) can help us experience Christ in a new and wonderful way. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, we all can draw closer to Him by taking intentional spiritual steps each day. Sometimes this requires us to change our habits, our choices, and our focus. Regardless of how long you've been a Christian, each one of us can grow in faith. That is the neat paradox about our Savior. We can keep getting closer and closer and yet never fully experience the wholeness of the Trinity.

Look at the disciples. No one on this earth has had the pleasure of being physically near the Lamb of God like the disciples and even they did not understand everything. In chapter 20 of John, we see that the stone was rolled away; not because Jesus needed a way out, but the disciples needed a way in!

I believe each one of us learn at various rates of time. Some Christians start running in the faith as soon as they receive Christ in their hearts. Others may have a slow deliberate learning style. The footnote in my Life Application Bible states that people who hear about the resurrection for the first time may need time before they can comprehend this amazing story. Like Mary and the disciples, they may pass through four stages of belief.

- (1) At first, they may think the story is a fabrication, impossible to believe (20:2).
- (2) Like Peter, they may check out the facts and still be puzzled about what happened (20:6).
- (3) Only when they encounter Jesus personally are they able to accept the fact of the resurrection (20:16).
- (4) Then as they commit themselves to the risen Lord and devote their lives to serving him, they begin to understand fully the reality of his presence with them (20:28)

During the remainder of this Lenten Season, I pray you will make deliberate efforts to strengthen your faith and renew the resurrection in your heart this Easter.

In His Grip,
Butch



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Feed
Your Faith
and
Doubt
Will Starve
to Death



HOLY WEEK

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

If you have young children, please make sure they get to church by 8:50 a.m. to receive a palm branch and march at the beginning of the service.



Maundy Thursday Service

April 21, 2011

6:30 p.m.

It will be a Tenebrae Service.
If you are willing to participate as a reader,
please see Pastor Krista.

Good Friday Service

April 22, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Musicians needed for special music.
Please see Pastor Krista if you are
interested in sharing.



Easter Sunday

April 24, 2011

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

There will only be one service.
Please also note that there will be no
announcements before the service.



Jumpin' 4 Jesus

The kids are currently studying the book, 24 Hours That Changed the World, which

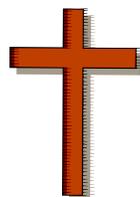
focuses on Jesus' final week on earth. They are also collecting new men's and women's socks that will be sent to Centenary UMC in Richmond, Virginia for the *Bless My Sole Ministry*. Please bring your sock donation and place them in the box at the welcome table in the entryway. Monetary donations will also be accepted as long as they are designated for "Bless My Sole." Further information regarding Bless My Sole may be found at <http://www.centumc.org/blessmysole.htm>

J4J

Wed. 6:00-7:30 pm
Age 3 to 5th grade

J4J April Schedule

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| 4/6/11 "Good Friday" lesson | 4/13/11 "The Resurrection" lesson |
| 4/20/11 t/b/a | 4/27/11 t/b/a |



LinC April Schedule

- 04/05/11 Team Planning Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 04/06/11 w/Doug Hennig
- 04/09 & 10 "Dead Serious About Life" Drama/Musical
- 04/13/11 w/B. Stoner, T. Blair, & D. Bircher
(personal testimonies)
- 04/20/11 w/ Butch Hackett
- 04/27/11 w/Butch Hackett



LinC (Life in Christ)

"DEAD SERIOUS ABOUT LIFE"



This drama/musical is to be presented by a drama team from Mason, Ohio, on Saturday, April 9th, at 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, April 10th, at 2:00 p.m. at Martinsville High School. Tickets are \$8.00 ordered in advance (by April 3rd!), or \$9.00 at the door. There will be a carpool group from Otterbein attending the Sunday afternoon performance—plan to meet at Otterbein by 1:00 p.m. if you plan to carpool. Those who would like to attend but are not able to go on Sunday can choose to go on their own on Saturday evening. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the church if you wish to order advance-sales tickets. Craigs will be ordering tickets on April 4th! Tickets for our Otterbein youth will be paid for out of youth ministry funds ☺

Wed. 6:00-7:30 pm
6th-12th grade

30-Hour Famine

Three M. S. & H. S. youth (*Sean Hackett, Keridwen McDaniel, and Debra Bircher*) attended the 30-Hour Famine event at Otterbein UMC on March 18 & 19, 2011. Another youth, Kenny Smallhorn, raised support for the Famine but was unable to attend. Their goal was to raise \$360 (*to feed one child for a year through World Vision*). To date, the total raised is \$448!! Under the direction of Betty Potts, the youth also made a "fingerprint banner." Each fingerprint represents a dollar raised for World Vision to help children and their families. The banner is currently hanging in the hallway by the kitchen—check it out!

Here is a summary of the Famine weekend at Otterbein:

- ✓ The youth came face to face with the realities of poverty and injustice. They learned about—and experienced—hunger for themselves during a 30-hour fast.
- ✓ DEW (*Derek & Wade Hennig and Evan Price*), along with their drummer-friend, Tristan Ferry, blessed us with two half-hour sessions of their great music!
- ✓ There were three devotional times w/Pastor Krista, and three Famine video and discussion sessions w/Jim Craig. We were also given times to "journal."
- ✓ There was a Kickoff game and 6 TRIBE game challenges throughout the weekend (*leaders: Adam Baker, Jessica Watton, Wade Hennig & Evan Price. Other adult helpers were Lisa McDaniel and Steve Price. Evan & Jessica also took the night shift to stay overnight at the church with the youth while us older folks went home to sleep.*)
- ✓ Each game/challenge led the youth through an experience that might be similar to that of an earthquake (*starting with an earthquake simulation—"towers" built from paper cups that toppled in a 35-second "noisy" earthquake disaster!*) ...representing the Haiti earthquake, Jan., 2010). Isn't it interesting how the recent earthquake in Japan was even more real to us on this particular weekend!
- ✓ Challenge experiences, using both youth and adults to form the teams, taught us what it would be like... to be separated from family and friends (*finding a new tribe*); to be injured (*each had a "handicap"*); to scavenge for food (*neighborhood food collection of canned food, bottled water & blankets*); to face a polluted water situation (*a relay race using socks filled with dirt, dipped in water, and wrung out in a pitcher*); to face being exploited as a child (*a version of "tag" with "wolves" in pursuit*); to try to communicate with others (*a word interpretation activity*); and to try to start over (*making the best use of our buying power, using a limited amount of "play money", to purchase supplies to "build" a business that would stand up against the forces of evil—a swift kick by the opposing team!*) Teams earned points as they completed each challenge, and the teams "tied" in the end! Great job!!
- ✓ For a service project, under the direction of Rick Waltrip, we helped to clean particular areas of the church (*inside and out*). Sharon Waltrip also did some mighty cleaning tasks, while Rick changed light bulbs and took on some other needed repair jobs!
- ✓ The event closed with "break-fast" communion and devotions with Pastor Krista... and at last, a MEAL--pasta, salad, fruit & cookies, before departure time!



Carolyn Craig served as the Famine Coordinator. She wants to thank everyone who helped in any way, as well as the folks from the Otterbein congregation who offered prayers and monetary support! The Craigs and the Youth Ministry Team, as well as World Vision, are all very grateful for your efforts to help make this event a success!!

OTHER NEWS



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it!

Please mark your calendars for **August 6, 2011**. We will be having a one-day VBS this year from 9:00am-4:00pm. We have had 100% participation in the last few years and are looking for the same in 2011! We need your prayer and financial support to make this a success. Please pray for the leaders, volunteers, children, and Otterbein UMC as we outreach to our community!

It is estimated that the cost is \$20 per child for VBS. Will you "adopt" at least one child this year?? Donations can be made in the weekly offering and should be designated to "VBS."

Your Assistance, Please!!!

We are in need of televisions and/or DVD players to be used in our Sunday School classes, J4J, Bible Studies and other events/activities throughout the year. If you have a television or DVD player that you are able to donate, please contact Pastor Krista or Jane Cox. The television must be "new" enough to be compatible with a DVD player ☺

Please Note!

All announcements to be made on Sunday mornings need to be run by Pastor Krista first and then handed to Butch Hackett, Lay Leader.



LET'S BE GREEN!

The monthly newsletter is now available for viewing, saving or printing on our website www.charlestonotterbein.org If you would like to join in our effort to be more "green" and reduce paper waste, please email the church office (charlestonotterbein@yahoo.com), and we will remove you from the paper copy mailing list. We will send you an email each month to notify you when the newsletter is available online.

BIBLE STUDIES

Please feel free to join any of the Bible studies at any time ☺

Women's Bible Study—
Tuesday mornings 9:00-10:00am

Adult Bible Study—
during Family Night on Wednesdays
from 6:30-7:30pm
(currently studying "The Ten")

Adult Bible Study—
Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30pm
(currently studying the book
Prayer by Philip Yancey)

Meet Dorothy Cox...

It is the first really warm day of spring. As I watch the clock tick away the final minutes of the school day I feel I can't wait much longer. Finally the bell rings and out the door I run. Once I am about a block away from school, I take my shoes and socks off! The feeling of the cool grass under my bare feet is so welcoming. As I walk home I know mom will be there waiting for me with a big smile.

That describes how it is to walk into Dorothy Cox's home. Dorothy babysits for her great grandchildren and this is what they see when they get off the school bus, grandma sitting in her chair (that she had reupholstered herself) waiting with a smile!

Dorothy was the oldest of five children. She had three brothers and one sister. There was 20 years difference between her and her youngest brother. It is only natural to help care for your younger siblings. This is how she got her start on nurturing.

The first seven years of her life she lived in Chicago. Her dad worked the second shift. He liked to give his children a hug before going to work everyday. She and one of her brothers were playing outside about a block from home. Her other brother came running down the street screaming a man was chasing him. So Dorothy grabbed her brothers and hid in a bush. Shortly after, her father came up. He was angry because his children hid from him when he came to hug them before going to work. Dorothy laughed saying her brother failed to mention the man chasing him was dad.

From there they moved to the Centralia-Mt. Vernon area. She tells of how she was always a tomboy but there was another side of young Dorothy. She was very competitive. She went to school in a one room school house where she was the only fourth grader. So they put her in the back of the room with the third graders. She felt she needed to prove herself as smarter than the "younger kids." Here they taught geography and history unlike in Chicago.

This was quite a culture shock. In the country they used kerosene lamps and heaters. They had an outhouse. When they came home from school their job was to find sassafras limbs for kindling. She adjusted very well. She was quite the tomboy though. She loved to play baseball, walk on stilts and even walk on rolling barrels.

Dorothy chuckles as she remembers her father wired their house for electricity. Her father was quite handy. He loved to read. So he added lighting to his reading room, the outhouse. They were the only family in the county with a lighted outhouse!

You may need to read this paragraph twice. When Dorothy was in the eighth grade she had a teacher who was into physical fitness. This teacher got her interested in tumbling. Dorothy loved it. They put on a few demonstrations such as Dorothy jumping over several kids lying on the floor. She also jumped through a hoop of fire! I would pay money to see her do that today! When she moved up to high school, she couldn't remember if they didn't offer gymnastics during school or if it was an extracurricular activity. As she reflected she said, if it was after school she wouldn't have done it because it would have been difficult on her parents to get her there and back since they lived in the country. She said they would have gladly done it but she didn't want to add another chore to her parents' daily routine. Even as a high-schooler Dorothy was thinking of others instead of herself.

Dorothy went to a youth church party with her cousin. Her cousin's boyfriend came in with a friend of his from the National Guard. Man was he tall! Dorothy stood 5ft. 1 in. He stood 6 ft. 4in. His name was Wayne. They talked and had a great time. They dated for about a month before he had to leave for Fort Benning Ga. They dated through the mail. He had one month left before he had to report to camp so he spent it sweeping Dorothy off her feet. She was 18. In August, Wayne Sr. sold his 1949 Ford Convertible to buy wedding rings. They were married against her mom and dad's wishes. Dorothy was shy of graduating high school and Wayne was a roughian. He did promise her parents she would finish high school. Her parents consented and they did stand up for her at her wedding. One week later the newlyweds moved to Washington D.C.

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Wayne Sr. loved to drag race and drive fast. So did his friends. One night shortly after they were married, his friends were out driving too fast and missed a curve. They hit a tree head on, killing some of them. If Wayne Sr. wasn't married, then he would have been in that car with his friends. So it was often said, marriage saved Wayne Sr.'s life.

Dorothy was creative. She had to wash clothes in a wash tub using a wash board. She needed to iron Wayne's clothes and didn't have an iron. She looked around, found a cast iron skillet, heated it up and started to iron his clothes. She used her country girl mentality of making do with what you have.

Wayne worked in a filling station (to our young readers, that is the old term for a gas station). From there he landed a job at the post office. Dorothy worked for a bakery (I can imagine that) and a finance company. After two years, Wayne George was born. Almost a year later, her youngest brother was born.

With a job in the post office, Wayne Sr. transferred back to Salem, IL, back to Dorothy's old stomping grounds. Dorothy worked at a bank, and Wayne left the post office to work for the Salem police force. At first he was a dispatcher and worked his way up to patrolman. Then he changed jobs and went to work as a Pepsi sales man.

When Wayne Sr. promised you something, you could count on it being done. So it is no surprise that Dorothy graduated high school. In Salem, the school system let her earn the few credits she needed and let her graduate. Crazy as this may seem, wait there is more! While Dorothy graduated high school, Wayne Jr. and Dorothy's youngest brother graduated from kindergarten at the same time!

The Brown Shoe factory is what brought them to Charleston. Both of them worked there. Wayne Sr. left there and sold candy and cigarettes for a vending company. He worked at Lerna as a janitor and part time bus driver. He was great with the tough kids. She tells of a time when he was put on a bus route that had rebellious teen boys. As they got on he asked each boy, "Are we gonna go round now and get it over with or not?" Looking at his size the boys never gave him any trouble.

When Wayne Jr. was 17 yrs. old, Dorothy gave birth to Lella. She affectionately tells how Wayne Jr. was proud as a peacock. He helped her a lot with her. He would go to doctor appointments so he could hold her when she needed a shot. Wayne Sr. was just as proud. There were three prominent men in Charleston who would tease him that they were Lella's father.

When she was around 50 years old, Dorothy shocked Jane and her daughters. They were outside doing cartwheels. Not to show off or anything, Dorothy came out and said, "Let me show you how it is done" as she proceeded to do a cartwheel. I don't know about you but I can't imagine seeing my mom or grandma doing a cartwheel.

She reflects on some of her most proud moments of her life. She tells of how Wayne Jr. spent the night with 300 band students at Radio City Music Hall in New York during a black out in New York City. Another time Wayne Jr. flew to France. As the plane left to head back to New York, it lost its wings along the way.

She brags of Lella playing the clarinet in the band for George H. Bush. They were kept under heavy security. They stayed in the basement of the convention center and fed boxed lunches. They had to be checked before and after going to the restroom as well.

After graduating from high school, Lella came down with a disease that caused her to go blind. It was a slow process. Lella didn't let it stop her. She continued her education. She got her doctorate and continued life with more strength and success than most people dream of. She met the young Kennedy who lost a leg and spread encouragement to him. She even wrote a chapter in a published book about overcoming a handicap.

Her most attractive feature was her ability to adjust, cope and move past any hurdle she encountered. Dorothy said, "Lella got her make do with what you have, form her. She got her stubbornness and determination from her dad." In true Lella style she found the love of her life. On June 5, 1999 Lella and David were married. They were perfect for each other.

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In 2003 after 46 years of marriage Wayne Sr. passed away. He was a unique, loveable Christian man. Two years later, Lella passed away as well. Dorothy has grieved but rejoiced as well. Both of them are relaxing in heaven after their hard fought battles here on earth.

Dorothy and Wayne started going to Otterbein about thirty years ago. They knew Rosie and Bill Snider from Wayne's days as a janitor at the Lerna school. God worked in their hearts, and they have stayed. Dorothy started to make the communion bread about 15 yrs. ago, and still makes it today.

Her fondest memories of Otterbein were on their 40th anniversary. She said the turn out and the support was tremendous. She recalls fond memories of making holiday presents with her entire family. These days she works on both sides of the family history.

It was not easy to get Dorothy to talk about herself. She talked in terms of family. She is very proud of her husband, her son and her daughter. She puts no emphasis on herself, only on her family as a whole. How much like Dorothy to put others before her. It is exactly what God wants us to do with our lives-put others first.

***Written by Sandy Smallhorn*

(Special thanks to Sandy for this fascinating article about one of Otterbein's special members! ☺)



Dorothy currently resides in Charleston as she busily and cheerfully cares for her great-grandchildren every day.

If you would like to send a special note or visit, her address is:

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CHARLESTON, IL 61920**

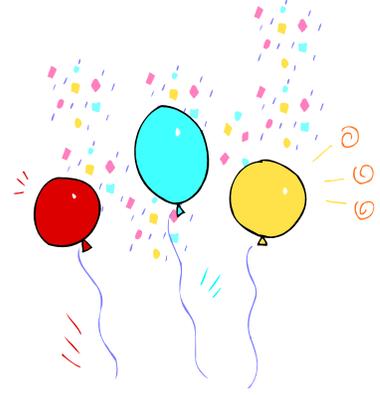
Do you know your HYMNS?

Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns	Weatherman's Hymn.....	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....	The Church's One Foundation	Tailor's Hymn.....	Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfer's Hymn.....	There's a Green Hill Far Away	Politician's Hymn.....	Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn....	Open My Eyes That I Might See	IRS Agent's Hymn.....	I Surrender All
Gossip's Hymn.....	Pass It On	Electrician's Hymn.....	Send The Light
Shopper's Hymn.....	Sweet Bye and Bye	Realtor's Hymn.....	I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop
Massage Therapist's Hymn.....	He Touched Me	Doctor's Hymn.....	The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

45 mph.....	God Will Take Care of You	65mph.....	Nearer My God To Thee
85mph.....	This World Is Not My Home	95mph.....	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100mph	Precious Memories		

Celebrations



Birthdays

4/5	David Schaaf
4/7	Mary Cavanaugh
4/11	Elizabeth Bircher
4/16	Lindsey Rice
4/17	Judy Harrison
4/20	Dorothy Cox
4/21	Joan Hutton
4/24	Jamie Hackett
4/26	Keridwen McDaniel
4/26	April Payne
4/28	Tom Blair
4/28	Daniel Lewis

Anniversary

4/5 John & Lisa
McDaniel



April Worship

	<u>4/3</u>	<u>4/10</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>4/24</u>
Greeters	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn	Bob & Betty Stoner	Jim & Toody Hackett	Doug & Mary Hennig
Acolyte	Christopher Schulz	Jade Smyser	Mackenzie Wilson	Keridwen McDaniel
Ushers	Wayne Cox Wade Hennig Adam Baker Jim Craig	Jim Hackett Toody Hackett Bill Harrison Judy Harrison	Linda Hackett Phyllis Hackett Tabatha Bircher Rachael Bircher	Derek Hennig Doug Hennig Bill Snider Bob Stoner
Family Cross	Randy & Becky Rice	Doug & Mary Hennig	Jessica Watton	Harold & Phyllis Hackett

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>Building in Use</u> 11am-4pm
3 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am	4 <u>Finance Mtg</u> 6:30pm	5 <i>David Schaaf</i> <i>John & Lisa</i> <i>McDaniel</i> <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am <u>Youth Min.</u> <u>Mtg</u> 6:30pm	6 <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm	7 <i>Mary Cavanaugh</i> <u>Prayer/Fasting Tech</u> 5:00pm <u>Choir</u> 5:30pm <u>Bible Study</u> 6:30-7:30pm	8	9 <u>Arts Council</u> 9am-3pm "Dead Serious About Life" <u>Musical</u> 6:00pm (in Martinsville)
10 <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am "Dead Serious About Life" <u>Musical</u> 2:00pm (in Martinsville)	11 <i>Elizabeth Bircher</i>	12 <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	13 <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm	14 <u>Tech</u> 5:00pm <u>Choir</u> 5:30pm <u>Bible Study</u> 6:30-7:30pm	15	16 <i>Lindsey Rice</i>
17 <i>Judy Harrison</i> <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am Palm Sunday	18	19 <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	20 <i>Dorothy Cox</i> <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm	21 <i>Joan Hutton</i> <u>Tech</u> 5:00pm <u>Choir</u> 5:30pm <u>Maundy Thurs Service</u> 6:30pm	22 <u>Good Friday Service</u> 6:30pm	23
24 <i>Jamie Hackett</i> <u>Worship</u> 9:00am <u>Sunday School</u> 10:30am Easter Sunday	25	26 <i>Keridwen</i> <i>McDaniel</i> <i>April Payne</i> <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 9:00-10:00am	27 <u>Family Night</u> 6:00-7:30pm	28 <i>Tom Blair</i> <i>Daniel Lewis</i>	29	30

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Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday School

9:00 am
10:30 am

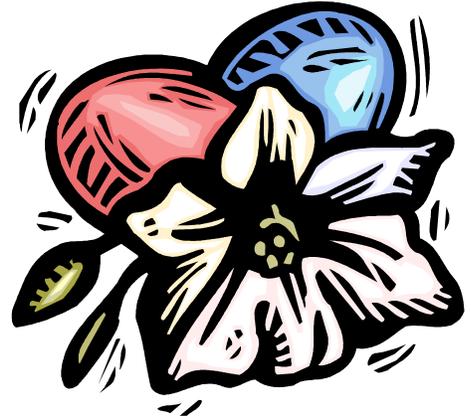
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