

## April 2018

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### Pastor's Corner

**“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’”**

John 20:16a (NIV)

Most of us are familiar with John’s account of Jesus’ resurrection. We know that our faith depends on a Savior who was crucified and then defeated death, rose again, and now lives forever as our friend, advocate, and guide. In the scripture reference listed above we read the first thing he said after his resurrection, only one word, the name, “Mary.”

Our names are important to us. We all listen when our names are mentioned. We identify with our name. We relate to others by our name. To some degree our names define who we are. Can you imagine then what must have been going through Mary’s mind when this “gardener” called her by name? Immediately her whole outlook changed. No longer was she searching for a dead friend. No longer did tears wrack her body in the face of death. At just that moment, she entered into the intimacy of Jesus’ love. At once her mourning was changed into joy. Suddenly light and life banished darkness and despair. Her world that was turned upside down had been turned right side up again!

And you know something friends, that is what the presence of Jesus in our lives can do for us as well! Jesus knows our names. We are special to him. He loves us. He desires a relationship with us, just like one we would have with our closest friend. And that relationship and closeness can make all the difference in our lives just like it did in Mary’s. Imagine the hope and love that were in her heart after she saw the risen Lord! Without a doubt, all the problems and concerns in her life were overshadowed by the hope and fulfillment she felt that day. And her hope continued, because she knew Jesus would continue to be there and she would see him often.

Jesus’ resurrection did not just guarantee us life after death, it gave us a living friend, a confidant, a guide, and a helper for every day of our lives. That’s why I want to challenge you this Easter, to desire a closer relationship with the living Christ, to cultivate a daily relationship that is not confined to a few prayers before we go to work in the morning or a few verses of Scripture before we go to bed at night. Because when we work on our relationship with Jesus – and it is work, as we are often distracted by our daily tasks, worries, or self-concerns – he becomes a wonderful source of love, assurance, and blessing, to us and to others as Christ works in us and through us to his good pleasure. Happy Easter my friends, Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!

In the Name of Christ,

*Buddy* 😊

Come Join us  
**Easter Day**  
Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00 am Outdoor  
Sunrise Service  
in the Dave Clark  
Pavilion and  
11:00 am Worship  
and Resurrection  
Celebration



# April 2018 Events

## Volunteers for April

	<i>Lay Leaders</i>	<i>Sound Booth</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Youth Nursery</i>	<i>Sanctuary Flowers</i>
01 *	Ruth Morrison	Nyssa Brumagin	Missy Turner	Natasha Ferry	Easter
08	Bill Gross	Jim Ashbaugh	Anne Ward	Natasha Ferry	Mark and Sheryl Ash
15	Chris McClellan	Stephen Ashbaugh	Lois Marshall	Natasha Ferry	Eunice Bish
22	Sarah Wilson	Joshua Ward	Ruth Morrison	Natasha Ferry	Nancy Bullock and family
29	Celia Gross	Gary Brumagin	Joshua Ward	Natasha Ferry	Caroline Benson

	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Hospital Visitor</i>
01 *		Darrell Pusateri		
08	Amanda Myers	Mark Ash	Bill & Celia Gross	
15	Bill Ransom	Lynn Olsen	Mark & Sheryl Ash	Lee Jones
22		Teresa Blumquist		
29		Christina McClellan	Nancy Bullock	
*Easter				

### Birthdays

April 3	Stacie Stuart
3	Bruce Swanson
5	Stephen Lewis
6	Anna Nickerson
7	Sarah Arnold
7	Paige Rimer
9	Joseph Arlington
10	Mike Hepford
12	Jamie Caito
12	Marge Jones
12	Sara Nickerson
15	Vicky Hepford
15	Lee Jones
15	Tammy Mix
15	Jayna Sowers
16	Amanda Knopf
19	Heidi DeWald

20	Kathy Swartz
20	Janene Zaffino
22	Chad Hamilton II
22	David Snyder
23	Elizabeth Lucks
25	Megan Grady
26	Emily Jones
26	John McKown
26	Jerry Nelson
28	Lois Marshall

### Anniversaries

April 1	John & Jerry Schultz	46
5	William & Joann Stevenson	60
13	Mark & Sheryl Ash	
17	Raymond & Londa Barrett	
23	Don & Roxy VanOrd	
25	David & Janene Zaffino	



# April 2018 News from the Pews

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be included in our email prayer chain



please provide your email address to the church office. We have found this to be an effective

method of notifying

our prayer warriors of those who are in need of prayer. We are happy to add you so that you can be praying for those in need.

If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call or email the church office or Pastor Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.

## Easter is Already Here!

Since Easter falls so early this year, we need to cover a few items that we covered last month, hoping that if you didn't get them on your calendars then, you will be able to do so now at the last minute!

- March 29, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM
- March 30, 10:00 AM, Prepare Eggs for the hunt
- March 30, Good Friday Service at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC at 7:30 PM
- March 31, Kid's Easter Egg Hunt and Party, 10:00 AM

- Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM in the pavilion with breakfast right after
- Easter Service at 11:00 AM

## The Church's Roadway

Genesis 1:28 speaks of humankind and says, "God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." We have done that and now must take care of our carelessness that results in His creation becoming less than well managed.

North Warren Presbyterian Church will do some of that with its adopted highway volunteer program. Our section of highway is North State Street from Rt. 62 near Ekey's down to and including Jackson Street.

In observance of Earth Day on Sunday, April 22, 2018, we will be cleaning up the roadway on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>



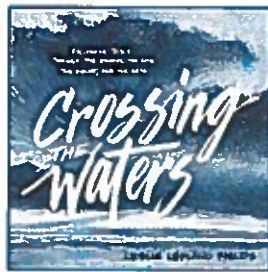
starting at the church at 9:30 AM. We have plenty of gloves and vests for lots of people and everyone is invited to participate in this service project. Come and share in this missional project to help make our community cleaner.

## *New Ladies Bible Study to Begin May 14*

The new study is entitled "Crossing the Waters" by Leslie Leyland Fields. In it you follow Jesus through the storms, the fish, the doubt, and the seas

- 12 sessions,
- Starts on May 14, 2018
- Through November 12, 2018
- Get ready for the wettest, stormiest, wildest trip through the Gospels you've ever taken!

The gospels are dramatic and incredibly wet, set in a rich maritime culture on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Yet we've missed much of this perspective—until now. Leslie



Leyland Fields. A seasoned Alaskan fisherwoman, leads us across the waters of time and culture out onto the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament beside the ragtag fishermen-disciples. Her own story and her fresh insights will challenge your understanding of Jesus and what it means to "Come, follow me."

Leslie Leyland Fields is an award-winning author of ten books, a national speaker, a popular radio guest, and a commercial fisherwoman for four decades, working with her husband and six children in a salmon-fishing

operation on their own island off the coast of Kodiak Island, Alaska.

Books are \$12.00 each, currently there are a limited number of books available, but more can be ordered if needed. Six sessions have video lessons; there is no homework except to read a chapter of the book prior to that session. See Gloria Lindell if you have any questions or would like to participate in the study.

## *Ladies Prayer Luncheon*

The Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group will meet on Thursday April 12 at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. This luncheon is a Bagged Lunch so please bring a sandwich of your liking. Desserts and drinks will be provided by the hostesses, Donita Redick and Judy McElhatten. Please contact them if you would like further information. All ladies of the church are invited.

## *Church Themed Notecards*

We offer custom note cards designed by Rick Blumquist, pictured here. They are available for purchase in the church office during regular office hours. You can also purchase them Sunday mornings by request. This is a fundraiser for our church and your support is appreciated. The cost is \$2 per card and envelope OR you can purchase a pack of 3 for \$5.00. What a great way to send a note to a friend!



# Youth Stuff

## Bulletin Board



### Easter Youth Opportunities

**Thursday, March 29th** Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.



**Friday, March 30th** Stuff Easter Eggs 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, March 31st Kids' Easter Party & Egg Hunt** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. Youth needed to help hide eggs! We will make the breakfast casseroles after the party!



**Easter Sunday, April 1st** Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Regular worship service at 11:00 a.m.

### Easter Breakfast!

Come and celebrate Jesus' resurrection early on Easter! The 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service in the picnic pavilion will be followed by a breakfast cooked and served by the Youth Group. The cost is a donation to go toward this year's mission trip.



**Penny Sunday is April 1st and May 6th!**

## YOUTH 180 WARREN

There is a new youth ministry sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church the third Friday of each month called Youth 180. It will be held on Friday, April 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Grace UMC on Pennsylvania Ave. Check it out if you're interested!

Please pray for our college students who are completing the school year in May: Grant Wood, Aldyn Poston, Olivia Ashbaugh, and Tristan Brumagin, who will be graduating.



## Youth Group

**Youth Group will be: Sunday Nights**

**6:00—7:30 p.m. 7th through 12th grades**  
**April 8th, 22nd, & 29th**  
(No YG on April 1st or 15th)

**Recreation**, for those in grades 5-12, is on Wednesday nights from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. at the Community House. Bring your water bottle!



## Spring Community Service Project

**ALL** church members and friends are invited on **Saturday, April 28th** to help with the Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up at **9:30 a.m.** Our roads are North State Street and Jackson. Gloves, bags, and vests will be provided. The project should not take more than a couple of hours. Meet at the church. Thanks!



## 2018 Summer Mission Trip!

Our 2018 mission trip is scheduled from **June 17th—22nd** tentatively if spaces are available.

We will be going with YouthWorks! Interested youth may sign up by **April 22nd** and submit a \$60 deposit. There is a minimum number that need to sign up for the trip to happen. It promises to be an exciting and inspiring week. Contact Anne Ward if you have questions! The sign up sheet is on the Youth bulletin board.



## High School Sunday School Class

The High School Sunday School Class will be studying about friends and friendships with Sean McDowell, youth speaker. We are using Right Now curriculum. Some topics are loneliness, peer pressure, and identity. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Youth Room.



Thank you to those who prayed for us! We felt your prayers!



## 30 Hour Famine Final Results!

A final report on the **30 Hour Famine** for 2018 is that six youth and four adults participated and **\$1,870** was raised, which is enough money to help save almost four children for a year through World Vision! Some of the activities we did were to build shelters from assorted materials, play soccer in various ways, and learned what it is like to be living in a place where food and good water are scarce. We also learned about the worldwide refugee crisis. Our service project was to move stuff from the Pregnancy Support Center in the Post Office building to Faith Fellowship Church. THANKS so much for everyone's support! Special thanks go to Buddy Ward and Ruth Morrison, for helping with the weekend, and Lynn Gage for helping on Saturday. Thanks go to Nancy Bullock, Teresa and Rick Blumquist, and Jim Morrison for helping with the Break Fast. With this year's amount, North Warren Presbyterian Church has donated over \$37,000 to World Vision for the 30 Hour Famine in all the years we have been participating. May our Lord be praised!

World Vision



### For More Information...

The church's website is [www.nwpchurch.org](http://www.nwpchurch.org). Check it out!




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Easter / Penny</b> <b>Sunday 1</b> 7:00 AM Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 5:45 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Youth Rec	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Deacons	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>
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For a complete up-to-date view, visit our website at <http://www.nwpchurch.org/events-news-and-lists>



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## Dead Is Dead



After all this depressing weather we've had during March, we need something lighter to think about. Perhaps a humorous look at that ever present subject that many folks just try to avoid completely, but eventually happens to all of us.

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When somebody dies, folks hardly ever say "dead."  
They prefer "expired" or "departed" instead.  
Most of the euphemisms don't do any harm,  
Like "biting the dust" or "buying the farm."

There are "fallen off the perch" and "given up the ghost."  
"Taking a dirt nap" is one I like most.  
"Kicked the oxygen habit" and "gone offline"  
Are a couple favorites of mine.

How about "at room temperature" or "fell off the twig,"  
"Wearing a toe tag" or "played his last gig"?  
"Bought a pine condo" and "six feet under,"  
"Became a root inspector" makes one wonder.

Try "went belly up" and "bit the biscuit."  
"Laid down his burden" and never missed it.

"Gone to his maker" and "out of print,"  
"In a horizontal phone booth" for a permanent stint.

"Defunct," "extinct," and "in the crisper."  
Most say 'em no louder than a whisper  
"Gone to sleep city" and "passed his sell by date,"  
"Cashed in his chips at the pearly gate."

Now we could go on, but you get the point.  
Have a fun in life before "checking out of this joint,"  
And should you come to my funeral, don't bring a thing.  
Just sit back and listen to the fat lady sing.

Source:  
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