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Prayer Progress

The Prayer Wall is a visual reminder of our invisible work as a people of prayer. Here is a picture of what the project looked like last week, and another from this week. If you haven't added to the prayer wall, please consider doing so. It is on the counter in the Gallery, moved there to see if it might be more visible and easier to weave. You are invited to visit any time during office hours, and can come participate without contacting another person or putting yourself at undue risk. Plus, you can help put together a great piece of art.

Here is how it works: Write a prayer on a strip of fabric. There are 2 different colors, dark strips and light strips. Once you have written your prayer, weave that strip into the mesh on the frame. Light colored strips go where the mesh is painted white, and the dark colored strips go inside the shape of the ampersand – the "&" symbol.

Signing up and participating in the Good Friday Prayer Vigil could be a good time to add a prayer strip. By Easter we should have a nice piece of artwork based on the prayer and participation of the congregation.

OFFICE HOURS

While we are usually open until noon on Good Friday, this year the office will be open until 3 p.m. and we will be closed on Monday, April 5, 2021.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil 9-3 p.m.

This year our Prayer Vigil will be held on Good Friday between the hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Instead of our traditional 1 hour time slots we are going to be using every 1/2 hour. Please sign up anytime by stopping by the church or calling with your choice of time. Participants will enter through the gallery doors where signage will be placed to help you navigate where to go. The stations of the cross will be arranged in the Sanctuary windows, there will be coloring pages, books, and other items present. All of these are being provided as help or guidance in prayer. Of course, if the Spirit leads you to pray in another way, follow that lead! Please consider participating in prayer in this way, on the day we remember the death of Christ - for each of us.



Maundy Thursday

While some folks have been vaccinated, many still are waiting for eligibility. We still don't possess, as a church a safely approved way to observe the Lord's Supper in person together. Because this is at the heart of a Maundy Thursday service, we will be providing a recorded video for that service this year. The video will be ready on Thursday March 31. It will be shared on the Facebook page and through other means as well. When you observe Worship through the video be sure to have bread and cup of your choice for the communion part of the service.

Easter is Coming

On April 4 we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord! Worship opportunities will be as follows: An 8:00 am service in the Courtyard which will not be recorded or available for live stream. A 10:30 am service in the sanctuary and livestreamed as usual.

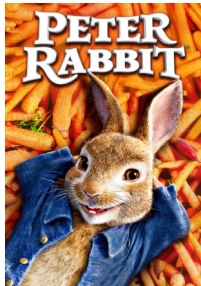
Attendance has been increasing the past few weeks, and we need to continue our vigilance in keeping one another safe and healthy. We are allowed to gather if everyone present wears a mask and maintains a 6-foot distance from others not in their family unit. This could be a challenge on Easter Sunday, so we need to take care of our guests, our church family members, and ourselves. We want to be known for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, not the bad news of endangering others.

Easter Movie Night & Egg Hunt

FREE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Friday, April 2nd from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Located in the Fellowship Hall and Courtyard.



The egg hunt will be at 6:30, with a showing of Peter Rabbit directly afterwards.

Games, crafts, snacks, and drinks will be available! Feel free to bring pillows and blankets to make yourself comfortable during the movie. The movie will be shown indoors.

All children and adults will be required to follow our COVID-19 guidelines, so that everyone can feel safe and welcome. Masks must be worn at all times, except when eating and socially distanced.

For families who are financially able, we recommend donating at least 12 stuffed eggs per child. This ensures that we will have enough eggs for everyone to find. If you are not able to bring an egg donation, no worries! This is NOT a requirement.

We would also appreciate any prepackaged snack donations, which can be dropped off at the church during normal office hours.



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following:

Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Jen Lanham; Mike Barnett; Pat Manis; Tid Turner; Jane Williams Gene Tying.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office.



BIRTHDAYS

Megan Kuhs	04/01
David Moran	04/01
Carrie Mogavero	04/02
Judy Gough	04/05
Debbie Van Zandt	04/06
Annie Gregg	04/07
Jenna Lee	04/09
Tony McClees	04/12
Sue Shelton	04/12
Laura Nicholson	04/13
Dan Tipton	04/14
Sydney Webb	04/14
Corey Fritz	04/16
Noah Viner	04/18
Frank Richardson	04/24
Pam Stevens	04/24
Matt Fiedler	04/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Diane VanCleave 04/21



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