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OUT OF MY MIND

Easter may fall on April 1st this year but the resurrection is no “April Fool’s Day” prank. The resurrection really happened. Because of that every sunrise should be a reflection of that first Easter sunrise. Every morning when we get up we should feel beneath our feet the vibration of the stone rolling away to reveal the empty tomb. Every day the first sound we should listen for is the echo of the angel’s words to the women that first Easter morning, “He is not here, he is risen just as he said.” (Matthew 28:6)

We do our faith as Christians an injustice if we confine the truth and joy of Easter to a single Sunday of the year. We are Easter people and we should live every day in the light, grace and hope of Easter. Easter means not just that Christ conquered death back then, it means that Christ is alive right now. That means we should approach each day’s circumstances and challenges with confidence because Christ is with us. It means that we should treat each person we meet with care and concern because Christ’s living presence is within us and we know that he loves that person.

Frederick Buechner has written: “It’s not his absence from the empty tomb that convinces us, it’s his presence in our empty souls.” The Easter hymn, “He Lives” puts it this way, “You ask me how I know he lives, he lives within my heart.”

Though our annual celebration of Easter will soon be a distant memory, may knowing that Christ is truly alive make a difference in how you live your life each day and may others know that he is alive, because he lives within your heart.

Your Pastor,
 Mike



Manly has been invited to participate in a Community VBS program this summer sponsored by the downtown churches. It will be held **June 4th - 8th from 9 am till noon**. Our VBS program at Manly Memorial will be held July 30th - August 2nd in the evenings. More details will be announced soon, but we wanted to let our church family know the dates for these two VBS programs. It provides two options as families plan their summer. We hope one, or both, of these programs will be a good fit for your children, grandchildren, friends, or neighbors. Alysyan Raymond



The Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the downtown churches will be held on **Sunday, April 1st**. This year the service will be held at Randolph Street United Methodist Church at **7:00 am**. The Rev. Joe Cailles of Trinity United Methodist Church will be the preacher. Breakfast will be served following the worship.

CHILDREN’S EASTER CELEBRATION



Join us on **Sunday, April 1st** during our **11:00 am** worship service for an Easter lesson, snacks and egg hunt! Children of all ages are invited!



The casserole & cake ministry will meet **Saturday, April 7th at 9:00 am**. Please join us!

We will have our quarterly Business Meeting on **Wednesday, April 18th at 6:15 pm**.



April 4th - Effie Wallace
 Beef tips, rice, mixed vegies, rolls & dessert

April 11th - Patsy Paxton & Friends
 Ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls & dessert

April 18th - Effie Wallace
 Fried chicken, green beans, coleslaw, rolls & dessert

April 25th - Brian Kave & Friends
 Spaghetti, tossed salad, bread & dessert

OFFERTORY PRAYER

April 1st - Roger Williamson
 April 8th - Jan Meador
 April 15th - Clyde Keen
 April 22nd - Brenda Grose
 April 29th - Sherry Miller

HALL WATCH

April 1st - Mike Bozeman
 April 8th - Gary Judy
 April 15th - Bucky Joyce
 April 22nd - Patsy Paxton
 April 29th - Joel Snow

BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

April 1st - Loretta Ballard
 April 8th - Barbara Heckman
 April 15th - Carole Berger
 April 22nd - Loretta Ballard
 April 29th - Barbara Heckman

BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 1st - Robyn Sherman
 April 8th - Cathy Wranek & Bobbie Canfield
 April 15th - Beverly Shotwell & Debbie Fox
 April 22nd - Barbara Cash & Robyn Sherman
 April 29th - Sandy O’Connell & Bobbie Canfield

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 1st - No Nursery (Children’s Easter Celebration)
 April 8th - Patsy Williamson & Carole Judy
 April 15th - Sharon Martin & Carole Berger
 April 22nd - Molly Kay Moore
 April 29th - Linda Carter & Maggie Moore



8th Barbara & Fred Vaughan

If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up, please share it with us!



4th Tom Tait
 6th Judy Dunning
 7th Alysyan Raymond
 13th Gordie Valentine
 John Wranek
 Amanda Merchant
 17th Robyn Sherman
 19th Anderson Huger
 22nd Rick Lollis
 30th Charles O’Roark



The WMU held its' quarterly business meeting on March 19th will 11 members present. Our guest speaker was Jen Handy, Executive Director of RARA. She gave us an overview of what RARA does, including the food pantry, emergency relief, help with energy bills, etc.

A party was held for the residents of Natural Bridge Manor on Wednesday, March 28th. Members furnished refreshments and accompanied David Shreve on his visit to sing and share with the residents. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks also to all who donated cleaning supplies for Lisa's House for our February project.

Our **April project** will be cookies for the faculty and staff of Central and Mountain View Elementary Schools. Bobbie Cash (261-6884) is coordinating this project. Cookies will be delivered to the schools on **Monday, April 30th**.

Sunday, April 22nd will be Women's Day at Manly Memorial! Our guest speaker will be Rev. Lynn Litchfield with GraceInside. She will present her "Orange Jumpsuit" program, dealing with life of a woman prisoner at Fluvanna Correctional Unit. Our women will lead all aspects of the morning worship service.

Our **May project** will be a tea for the Lexington House residents. Patsy Paxton (463-4618) will coordinate this project. Donations of sandwiches, cookies and tea will be needed. A date will be announced in the May newsletter.

If you wish to help with either of these projects, please contact the coordinators listed.

We will again participate in the Standing Rock sewing project, which will be our **June project**. This year they have asked for pillow cases. A very simple instruction sheet is available online under "WMUV Standing Rock Sewing Project" or by contacting Patsy Paxton (463-4618).

Each case requires one yard of 42" or 44" material. If you cannot sew, a donation of material is welcomed.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, June 11th** at **5:15 pm**. Please join us!!



The MBC Endowment Fund invites applications for funding for 2018 church activities. We are especially excited to hear of new plans that you may have to show God's love to others. Please send a summary of the request to Linda Hooks, Endowment Fund chair, at HooksL@wlu.edu by **Monday, April 16th**. Include in the summary the following information: (1) your name, e-mail, and phone number; (2) the church group's name, if it is for one of our groups (such as Youth Group or Children's Group); (3) a description of the request; and (4) an estimated cost or budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with any member of the Endowment Fund Board of Directors.

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL WE ARE HIGHLIGHTING WMU:



Loretta Ballard, Carole Berger, Linda Bond, Lib Bowyer, Anita Cruze, Bobbie Canfield, Linda Carter, Barbara Cash, Dot Fuller, Jennifer Fuller-Spears, Brenda Grose, Barbara Heckman, Lee Higgins, Linda Hooks, Priscilla Jamison, Carole Judy, Jeri Keen, Sylvia Loudermilk, Sharon Martin, Sylvia McCullough, Jan Meador, Sherry Miller, Molly Kay Moore, Patsy Paxton, Debbie Pruet, Alysyan Raymond, Ursula Rochelle, Beverly Saunders, Robyn Sherman, Beverly Shotwell, Lois Valentine, Barbara Vaughan, Lucy Wilkins and Patsy Williamson.



Their mission projects include: Sewing robes for children involved in domestic violence (a partnership with Project Horizon), Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes, Hygiene Kits for ladies at Fluvanna Correctional

Facility, Fulfilling the Christmas list of an inmate at Western State Hospital, Serving at the Community Table, Sponsoring a child from Honduras, Collecting & delivering cleaning supplies to Lisa's House, Providing a social party for residents of the Natural Bridge Manor, Baking & delivering cookies for teachers at Central and Mountain View during SOL testing, Providing a tea for the residents of Lexington House and Collecting & delivering school supplies for Central and Mountain View.

Let's take time this month to encourage and support the many people who give their time and talents as volunteers here at Manly to spread God's message!



Our primary focus at our March 20th meeting was fund-raising. The following events were planned:

Youth Car Wash (held at Advance Auto Parts) - Saturday, April 28th & May 19th 9 am till noon

Wednesday Fellowship Meal & Bake Sale - May 9th

Indoor Yard Sale - Saturday, May 19th 8:00 am till noon

If you would like to help with any of these projects, please contact Patsy Paxton (463-4618) or Molly Kay Moore (461-6074). Monetary donations are always welcomed! We have approximately 14+ interested in going at this time. If you think you might like to participate, please see Pastor Mike Wilkins for more information. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 24th at 5:00 pm.**



Come join us at the Pink Cadillac Restaurant for lunch and fellowship on **Thursday, April 19th at 11:30 am**. We will discuss plans for our fall trip to Lancaster, PA in October. Roger & Patsy Williamson



The Children's Choir will be singing twice this month:

Sunday, April 22nd - The choir and all other children in Children's Church will be going to Kendal during the **11:00 am** worship service to sing to our shut-ins.

Sunday, April 29th - The choir will sing in the **11:00 am** worship service. Choir members, please try to be at as many rehearsals as possible as we prepare for these two presentations.

The Handbell choir will be playing in the Founder's Day worship service on Sunday, May 6th.

CHILDREN'S SPRING FLING FUN DAY



Children of all ages are invited to our Spring Fling Fun Day on **Sunday, April 22nd from 3:30 - 5:00 pm!** We will have inflatables, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy. Invite your friends for an afternoon of fun! Contact Ms. Beverly Saunders (460-0409) for more information.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

The youth will hold a mission trip car wash fundraiser on **Saturday, April 28th**, from **9 am till noon** at Advance Auto parking lot. Please share with everyone to bring their cars by to be washed. If you are unable to attend please consider making a donation big or small to this wonderful group of teens working so hard to raise money for the mission trip!



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES



The Youth will be selling roses for Mother's Day as a fundraiser. You may give a rose in honor or memory of a loved one. Roses will be distributed at the end of the service on **Sunday, May 13th**. Please place your order form and payment of **\$5.00** in the offering plate **by Sunday, April 29th**. Your support is appreciated!!



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM

April 1st "Back To Life" with Molly Kay Moore Because of Easter, Jesus matters!

If the story of Easter feels like a distant thing that's hard to believe, then you're not alone. As we look to understand how we can believe the Easter story is more than just a story, we will also come to understand why the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus truly matters in our lives today!

April 8th "Inside Out" with Thomas Smals Joy points people toward Jesus!

One of the reasons some people don't want to follow Jesus is because the Christians they see live boring, unappealing lives. But is faith really supposed to look this way? This week we will see that Jesus left us with words of wisdom that, when we apply them to our faith, will help us live with the kind of joy that draws others to Him!

April 15th "Inside Out" with Molly Kay Moore Go and be for everyone!

In a group, we all want to be insiders. But wherever there are insiders, there are also outsiders. And even though we may not be against those we keep on the outside of our groups, we aren't exactly for them. This week we will discover that, insider or outsider, it's our job to be for everyone!

April 22nd "Inside Out" with John Wranek What we believe on the inside determines what we do on the outside!

Many of us know we could be doing more to help those in need, yet struggle to follow through. Could it be because our motivation is coming from the wrong place? This week we will see that when we're motivated by the things God cares about, we can't help but act on it!

April 29th "Inside Out" with Laura Jones Serving big starts at home!

Sometimes we think we need to travel halfway around the world to serve others. But the truth is, when Jesus called the disciples to make an impact, He told them to start at home. As we wrap up this series, we will discover that the best place start serving is right we are: at home!



Sunday, April 8th 5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)

Saturday, April 14th 8:30 am Massanutten Waterpark & CiCi's (Cost is \$25 and due by Sunday, April 8th)

Sunday, April 29th 5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided) (Lisa's House Service Project)