



State Line UMC

April 2022

# Without Borders

## Message from the Pastor

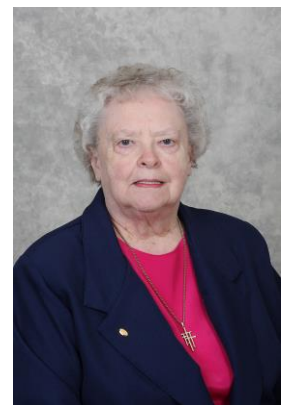
### Happy Easter!

The Gospel of John (Chapter 20) gives the account of the very first Easter. It began before dark when some of Jesus' women followers went to the place they saw Jesus buried to complete the burial procedure they had to put a hold on because of the Sabbath. When Mary Magdalene got in sight of the grave, she was alarmed. The stone had been removed from the entrance.

She ran to Simon Peter and John and told them "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put Him." Mark's Gospel (16:1) tells us they had planned to go early with the spices used in the burial.

When Peter and John heard, their thoughts were to go see for themselves. They ran to the cemetery to see for themselves. Peter and John saw where Jesus was laid, saw the grave cloths, the special cloth that was around His head.

What are we running to or from this Easter? Do we really know that empty tomb is for us? The reason Jesus came to earth that first Christmas was for you and me! The reason Jesus died on the cross was for you and me! That's the reason for a very Happy Easter for all who know Jesus the Christ.



Encounter God

Grow in Faith

Serve in Christ's Love

Share God's love with our church family and invite friends and neighbors.

You must be intentional in growing your faith and in helping others do the same.

Jesus gave us the example of helping others and charged us with sharing the faith.

*Our Mission To make new disciples of Jesus Christ*

*Our Vision To invite and reach out to our neighbors to encounter God, grow in faith and serve in Christ's love*



#### April

5<sup>th</sup> Rodger Kennedy  
6<sup>th</sup> Sherrill Courtney  
7<sup>th</sup> Michelle Scheide  
12<sup>th</sup> Linda Baker  
14<sup>th</sup> Hunter Rhoe  
14<sup>th</sup> Hayden Rhoe  
17<sup>th</sup> Robbie Gregory, Jr.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Judy Ellis  
29<sup>th</sup> Margaret Davis



#### Anniversaries

#### April

22<sup>nd</sup> Rodger & Ellen Kennedy

#### Serving in Worship

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Worship Asst.</u>
April 3	Bonnie C. / Ellen A.	Ellen Kennedy
April 10	Tim B. / Rodger K.	Terry Berkley
April 17	Dixie E. / Gary R.	Ellen Avey
April 24	Tim B. / Ellen A.	Matt Ellis

## Church Calendar

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Continued Adult Sunday School Lenten Study

Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Adult Lenten Study

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Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

11:45 a.m. Adult Fellowship

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Closed

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

### ***EASTER SUNDAY***

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. Outreach to pack food bags

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

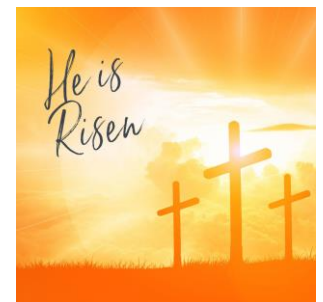
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Noisy Collection

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

11:45 a.m. Outreach to deliver food to State Line Inn



## Outreach Pantry Needs for April

Please bring in donations by Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday).

**Peanut Butter, Jelly, cereal, applesauce and pop tarts**



1:00 p.m. – Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Join the Outreach Team to help pack food for delivery. No stairs or heavy lifting required.

11:45 a.m. – Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Help take the food down the ramp from the front door and deliver to the Inn's parking lot.



## Adult Fellowship

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

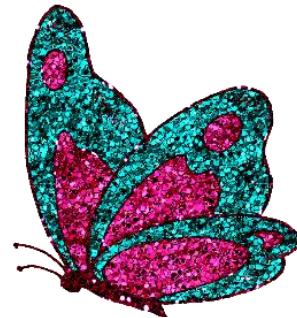
11:45 a.m.

**Adult Fellowship will meet for lunch and a simple craft (Butterfly Sun Catcher).**

Provided: Lunch meat and toppings

Sign-up to attend and to bring one of the following:

- Sandwich rolls
- Chips
- Veggies & dip
- Drinks



Following lunch and the craft, the gathering will break into small groups to deliver the finished products to the shut-ins of our church family.

## Tithes & Offerings

Week of March 6 <sup>th</sup> :	\$1046.00
Week of March 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Snow Cancellation
Week of March 20 <sup>th</sup> :	\$2012.00
Week of March 27 <sup>th</sup> :	\$1505.00



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~ OR ~

Mail slot at back door

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ONLINE GIVING on the website



## Easter Prayer

When everything was dark  
And it seemed that the sun would never  
shine again, Your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,  
Too wide, too deep for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love dance and spread  
And burst forth with resurrection light.

Gracious God,  
We praise you for the light of new life  
Made possible through Jesus.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
That shone on the first witnesses of  
resurrection.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
That continues to shine in our hearts  
today.

We pray that the Easter  
light of life, hope and joy,  
will live in us each day;  
And that we will be bearers  
of that light into the lives of  
others.  
Amen.

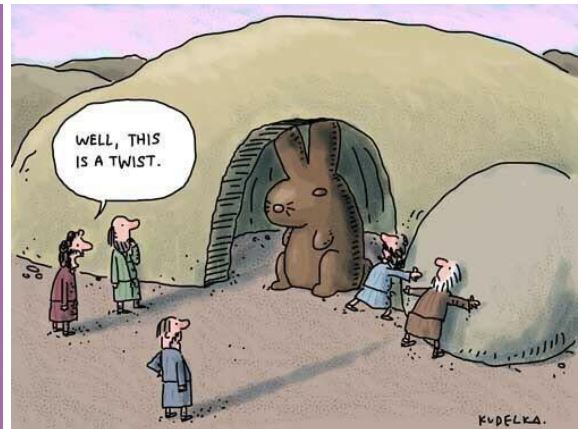
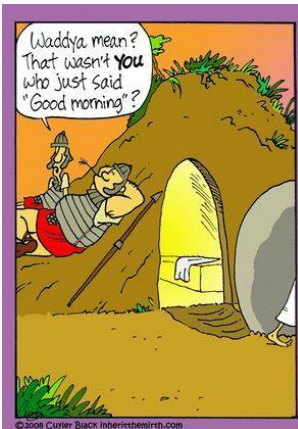
*Composed by Rev. Michaela Youngson, the Methosit Church of Britain*

## MARCH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Leadership team met March 15 for a regular meeting and continuation of the book study Choosing The Faithful Path. Discussion included the following topics:

- The audit of the 2021 financial records has been completed and was approved by the committee. Property taxes due in 2022 will be paid out of the Rental Account. There was additional discussion regarding purchase of a sandwich board sign to be used for Outreach and other activities where the church mission and contact information can be displayed.
- Adult Fellowship shut-in visits were postponed due to weather. The activity will occur April 10 after church services and choir practice. Adult Sunday School finished the previous study series and began a new 4-week study Monday, March 21 (both Monday evening and Sunday morning classes are available).
- Water in the basement near the restrooms was observed two different times, and Eberly's Plumbing was contacted to diagnose the issue, which was determined to be the toilet in the men's room spraying water from the tank after flushing. We are thankful that this is clean water, so there is no need for ServPro cleanup.
- Outdoor solar lighting has been ordered to improve visibility in the rear parking area. Since no electrical installation is required it will be installed by church members.
- A bad weather contingency plan re: church closure was discussed and approved. Pastor and Leadership team chair will determine by 7 a.m. or deploy Gary Rhoe to advise on conditions at the church. Announcement will occur by 8 a.m.
- The church will participate in the Pregnancy Ministries Walk For Life on May 19. More details will follow.
- The team approved donation of a basket valued \$75-100 to the Annual Conference Youth Service Fund. Terry Berkley will assemble the basket and Ellen Avey will transport it to the conference office.

Report submitted by Terry Berkley, Leadership Team Chair



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