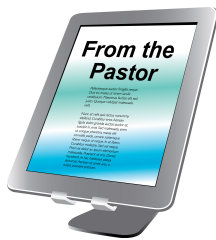




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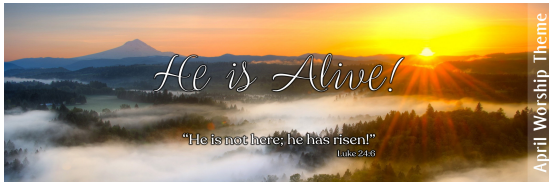
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“He Is Alive!”

“He is not here; He has risen!” Luke 24:6



During this month, our focus will be on the risen Jesus and what that means in our lives. The news the disciples received on that first Easter morning seemed unbelievable. After several days filled with persecution, fear, rigged legal proceedings, and the crucifixion, they were discouraged and worn out. All of their dreams had been shattered and they had no idea what was next for them. Not only was their leader killed at the hands of the Romans and Chief Priests, but their own lives were certainly also in danger now. Guilt by association was the issue and now they were in hiding to save their lives.

Mary Magdalene and some other women came early on Sunday morning and told this news to the disciples – something about an angel, an empty tomb, and the angel’s statement to them, “He is not here; He has risen!” It seemed like good news, but what did it actually mean to them and their

friends. The women’s words seemed like nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter went and looked at the tomb, saw it was empty, and went away wondering what it meant. He still had not grasped God’s plan for human beings – that we would actually have the opportunity to experience the presence of the living Christ each day in our lives. His presence and power would transform each person’s life who would allow Jesus into the center of their lives. Peter found out how it would work, as we see in the opening chapters of Acts, when the message of the gospel took root in his life and he became a powerful speaker – proclaiming Jesus and his forgiving power to everyone.

During this month, as we study the scripture passages, let’s think, “What does this mean to me?” Ask God to help show you what it means to you in the circumstances of your life and in this time of your life. Just as spring unfolds more fully day by day in April, let’s pray that God’s grace, power, forgiveness, and guidance will unfold in each of our lives more fully each day.

David Brock

Upcoming Easter Activities

Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m. – Help the

Christian Education Committee stuff eggs

Saturday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21 – Easter!

8:00 a.m. – Community Early Easter Service
and Breakfast at Spiceland Friends

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School at SFC

10:30 a.m. – Special Easter Worship Service
at Spiceland Friends

Community Early Morning Easter Service

This year's community early morning Easter service will be held right here at Spiceland Friends Church at 8:00 a.m. (April 21). Join us for a special time of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus as well as the forgiveness, hope, joy, and new life God offers us each day. **Cathy Harris** will bring the message. Join us for a delicious breakfast immediately following the service. Bring your family and friends!

Special Easter Service Is Planned

On Easter Sunday – April 21 – we will have a special Easter service at 10:30 a.m.



David Brock will bring an Easter message of hope and new life in Christ, and a variety of inspiring special music will be shared. Come and sing your favorite Easter hymns and bring a friend or invite your family. Sunday school classes will meet at the regular time of 9:30 a.m. that day.

Sermon Topics for April

David Brock will be preaching three Sundays in April. **Cathy Harris** will be preaching on Palm Sunday (April 14) and at the Early Morning Service on Easter Sunday.

April 7

Sermon – “Something New”

Scripture – John 12:1-11; Isaiah 43:16-21

April 14 – Palm Sunday

Cathy Harris is preaching.

April 21 – Easter

Sermon – “He Is Alive!”

Scripture – Luke 24:1-12

April 28

Sermon – “Faith to Believe”

Scripture – John 20:19-31; Acts 5:27-32

Alleluia!

Worship Assistants for April

Scripture Readers

April 7 – Art Whitaker

April 14 – Judy Sadler

April 21 – Judy Smith

April 28 – Teresa Batt



Junior Church

April 7 – Cathy Harris & Brenda Reece

April 14 – Megan Harris & Tom Harris

April 21 – Megan Harris & Darlene Darling

April 28 – Cathy Harris & Judy Smith

Hosts – Joe & Priscilla James

Children's Messages – Mike Van Osdol

Help Decorate Our Church for Easter



Easter
Flowers

If you would like to furnish a flower or plant for Easter Sunday, April 21, please fill out a form available in the Welcome Center at the church and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. The flowers need to be at the church by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, so the Decorating Committee has time to arrange them. A memorial list will be printed in the May newsletter. All types of flowers or plants are welcome! You can take them home with you after worship on Easter Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. The children (ages toddler through 5th grade) will be divided into different age groups to hunt for eggs. Bring the kids for a wonderful family gathering. Refreshments will be available. The event is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Prizes will be awarded for each age category. The event will be held rain or shine – outside in nice weather and indoor if raining. Each child that participates will receive a gift bag.



Candy Donations Are Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

It's hard to believe, but Easter will be here before you know it, and that means that before long our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place, and we need your help! We need to fill over 1,000 Easter eggs! **Candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit into the plastic eggs.** Please place donations in the box in the Welcome Center. Bring candy to the church by April 17 at 6:00 p.m.



Cookie Donations Are Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

Cookie donations are needed to help us serve refreshments at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20. Cookies can be homemade or store bought. Please bring them to the church any time the week before Easter or by 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center at church.

Youth Group Meetings

Elementary Youth Group

April 14, 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Easter Party)

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

April 7 – No Youth Group (Most of the kids are gone on spring break)

April 14 – 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Easter Party)

April 20 – Youth Group will help with the Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

April 21 – No Youth Group (Easter Sunday)

April 28 – No Youth Group Meeting (SFC hosts New Association that day)

The **Walking Group** will continue to meet the first two weeks of April before discontinuing for the summer. Feel free to walk in the Family Center if the weather is bad or you prefer indoor walking.

SFC Hosts New Association of Friends

On Sunday, April 28, we will be hosting the spring business meeting of the New Association of Friends (of which we are a part). Everyone is welcome to come. Here is the schedule:

2:30 p.m. – Worship

3:00 p.m. – Business

4:30 p.m. – Refreshments in the Family Center

We will need volunteers to serve as greeters/ushers that afternoon. Please see **Cathy** if you would be willing to help.

Baby Bottle Boomerang



There is still time to turn in your baby bottle. Bring it to church and leave it in the church office or give it to **Vickie Richardson** or **Nancy Wadman**. All proceeds go to the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center.

VBS 2019:

Roar! Life is Wild! * God is Good!

Are you ready for some fun? Mark your calendars for June 17-21 so you don't miss out on all the fun! This year's theme is: ROAR! Life is Wild! * God is Good! VBS will be 6:00-8:30 p.m. each evening that week. Kids will have fun throughout the evening – kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that will power them through this wild life. VBS is for 3-year-olds through those that have completed 5th grade.



Mark Your Calendar – Spiceland Day of Caring is Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. – noon. Call **Donna Tauber** at 987-7565 for details.

Loss of a Spouse Workshop

When a spouse dies, the husband or wife who survives faces some unique challenges from other losses. We are offering a one-night 2-hour Loss of a Spouse workshop on Thursday, April 25, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will look at the surprising emotional, physical, and spiritual effects of grief, as well as challenges that surviving spouses face (loneliness, additional household responsibilities, financial stresses, and relating to others). We will also talk about questions that many folks struggle with – like, “How can I have hope now?” and “Can I really be honest with God?”

Anyone who has lost a spouse is welcome to come. If you know of someone who has lost their spouse, please invite them to come (and feel free to come with them for support). We want to come alongside you/them in your/their journey of grief, and to help you/them process your grief and think about what life after the loss of your/their spouse might look like.

The class will be led by **Janet Putnam** and **Cathy Harris**. We will meet in the Mary M Room.

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Linda & Mike Van Osdol and family** upon the passing of Linda’s father, **Robert Kleeman**, on March 13.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **James Michael “Mike” Gardner**, upon his passing on March 9.

We have been informed of the passing of **Wilma Jean Apple** in Peoria, Arizona, on March 10. Jean was the daughter of **Myrtle Jackson**, a long-time member of Spiceland Friends, and sister of **Lynne Jackson** of Blair, Nebraska.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Eleanor & Don Painter** and **Max Jessup** upon the passing of **John Jessup** on March 18. He was the brother of Eleanor and Max.



Notes of Thanks

“Thank you so much for the lovely flowers sent in honor of our mother, **JoAnn McCormack**. We also appreciated the wonderful meal afterward. Special thanks to David Brock who led a very meaningful service and to Cathy Harris who played beautiful music and was very gracious to accommodate our requests. You all are very special to our family.”

– **Family of JoAnn McCormack**

“Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and for all the support from this wonderful meeting. Cathy & Dave: Thank you so much for your participation in Phil’s memorial. You two have lifted my life. Thank you to all who worked and cooked the great food for the meal after the memorial. You had so many compliments. It was so appreciated.”

– **Family of Phil Alexander**

“On behalf of Charlie, Marcia Byrket and family: Thank you all for your continued prayers, support, comfort and food over the past few weeks. We hope the final leg of this adventure is underway (pun intended). We are so grateful for each and every one of you, our church family. God has blessed us each step of the way and we look forward to getting back into our normal routine.”

– **Byrket, Ash and Cannon Families**

“Thank you for allowing us to use your facilities for our Christmas Party. You are very gracious to us.”

– **Raintree Square**

“Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement and food.”

– **Jim, Lisa & Lori Gardner**

“Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Dad enjoyed any time he spent at Spiceland Friends.”

– **Mike, Linda and the entire family of Robert Kleeman**

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Family of Robert Kleeman (Linda Van Osdol's dad)
Don Mead – fell; surgery for broken femur
Family of John Jessup (brother of Max Jessup & Eleanor Painter)
Janet Craft – recovering from broken shoulder
Linda Brock – recovering at home
Sandy Alexander – at Glen Oaks undergoing therapy
Charlie Byrket – at home, recovering from broken leg
Marcia Byrket – health problems
Rhonda Jones – job situation
Max Jessup – at Glen Oaks with advancing dementia
Paul Weber – leg injury
Eleanor Painter – PET scan shows additional cancer remaining
Don Painter – therapy for injured hand
Chris Garner – recovering from back surgery
Wendy Reno (Teresa Batt) – protection for their family
Pete Kiger (Judy Sadler) – serious illness
Pat Bogue – eye problem
Bobby Thompson – recovering from pneumonia
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Youth Groups & College Students
Unspoken prayer requests

Extended Family and Friends

Karen Fisher (Nancy Wadman) – surgery complications
Family of Rose Wheatley (Judy Sadler) – Rose was a former teacher's aide at Carthage Elementary
Dwight & Lori Elliott – Dwight will be new pastor of Marion First Friends
New Castle Walmart employees (Janice Radcliff) – one of the managers died
Daughter of Jimmy & her family – pray for protection Jimmy – visitor/friend of Rusts)
Karen Reno (Pam Reno) – cancer has spread
Doyle Chandler (Vickie Richardson) – prostate cancer complications
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – lung cancer
Cathy Chamberlin Smith (Tasha Crandall) – breast cancer

Franka Dick (Pam Pyle) – recovering from surgery
Lesley Reece (Beverly Reece) – hip replacement
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer treatments
Ron Cox (R. J. White) – cancer
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – fell; broke hand
Our country and servicemen and women

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie, Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

2019 Quaker Haven Camp Dates

Quaker Haven Church Camp is a wonderful camp, which is located in northern Indiana on beautiful Dewart Lake. There are lots of fun activities, and it's a great opportunity to get to know other Quaker youth from around Indiana. It is also a great time to learn more about God and to deepen our relationship with God.



Our church pays half of the cost for each camper to attend camp (half of the cost listed below). If the cost of the remaining balance is a concern, please see **Cathy Harris** for additional help. Questions? Contact Cathy Harris.

You can register online at <http://www.qhc.youthprogramming.com/> or Cathy will help students register.

Below are the dates for 2019:

Beginners Camp – June 14-16 (ages 5-7 with parent/grandparent/guardian) Cost: \$156
Little Friends Camp – June 7-10 (ages 7-9) Cost: \$196
Adventure Camp – June 23-28 (ages 9-11) Cost: \$296
Jr. High Camp – June 9-14 (ages 11-13) Cost: \$296
Sr. High Camp –
Week 1: June 16-21 (ages 13-18) Cost: \$296
Week 2: July 14-19 (Ages 13-18) Cost: \$296
Young Adult Camp – June 7-9 (ages 20-35) Cost: \$50