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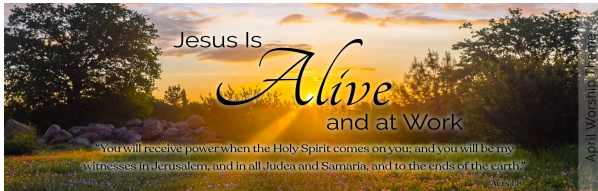
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“Jesus Is Alive and at Work”

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)



Jesus’ death on that cruel cross did not signify the end of his ministry as those early disciples thought. Instead, it was the fulfillment of planning and preparation for a way that our sins could be forgiven so each person in the world could live a life of fulfillment and have a life walking with Jesus if they choose to accept his invitation. Jesus rose from the dead and returned to Heaven because his mission was accomplished. However, Jesus made it clear in multiple teachings before and after the resurrection that he was not leaving this world. He promised to be present here with us and be involved in our life day after day.

Jesus is at work in this world. Just as the disciples and the religious leaders missed the work Jesus was doing when he was here in human form, so many times we miss the work he is doing all around

us and around the world. The world is a fallen place because of humankind’s rejection of a relationship with God. Because of that, we see suffering and pain around the world. We fail to see how Jesus brings about comfort and wholeness from grief. We fail to see the many places that people are turning to follow Christ by the hundreds. We fail to see how Jesus is guiding events to bring about his purposes.

Jesus is at work in our community. If we look carefully, we can see Jesus at work locally as he draws people to him, as he brings healing into lives, as he guides us to be a part of his work right here in our towns and neighborhoods.

Jesus is at work in our church. We have seen new people drawn into our church because they were searching spiritually. For some they have renewed their walk with Christ. For some they have made that commitment for the first time to make Jesus a part of their lives and to accept his offer of forgiveness of sins and wrong doing. For some long-time followers of Christ, they have found a new joy in studying the Bible and in sharing with others their life in Christ. Jesus promised that his Holy Spirit would be with believers and continue working to draw people closer to each other.

Jesus is at work in each of us. In John 15, Jesus gave the illustration of the vine and the branches. He promised to abide in (to dwell in) us and promised that we could abide in him. By abiding in Christ we have his power and guidance in our life to meet any problems we might encounter. He promised that we would have the power to share his love and forgiveness with others.

Jesus is at work! Let’s pray together that we will open our eyes and hearts to see that work and to become a part of his work in this world.

David Brock

One Question After Another - Episode 2

We are in our second month of looking at a list of questions intended to stimulate our thinking and hearts as we live out our Christian faith. Historically, early Friends called these questions "Queries." They were commonly used during unprogrammed worship to help turn hearts and minds toward God's thoughts during worship. These questions are an excellent way for us to consider our faith journey. I plan to address these questions (queries) one at a time in our 2023 newsletters. I pray that you meditate sincerely on these questions in a way that brings closeness and confidence to your Christian walk.

Here is the question for April: Are you in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures, giving time for reverent waiting upon the Lord?

Go ahead! At this moment, make a decision to draw a mark across your life's timeline. After that mark, from this day forward, commit to spending a few moments each day in scripture and quiet prayer and meditation with your creator and savior. You just have to make a decision to do it. There will never be anyone making you. Go ahead! Your God awaits. He waits patiently. Knowing his heart better will change your day, week, and life.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

Eric Bowman

Upcoming Easter Events

Monday, April 3 – Fill Easter Eggs – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Soup Supper and Video, "Resurrection" – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt – 12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 9 – Easter!

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

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Easter Worship Service



Good Friday Gathering

The Christian Education Committee invites you to join us as we remember Christ's Crucifixion.



They will be hosting a soup supper on April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center, followed by the Max Lucado video, "Resurrection." The entire church is invited. The meal is provided!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8, at noon – rain or shine. We are asking for donations of candy and cookies. Candy is needed by Monday, April 3. Cookies are needed April 8 by 11:30 a.m.

Community Early Easter Service

This year's community early Easter service will be held at Spiceland Friends at 8:00 a.m. (April 9). Join us for a time of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, as well as the hope, joy, and new life God offers us each day. Join us for a delicious breakfast sponsored by our Social Committee immediately following the service. Bring your family and friends!

Easter Service Is Planned

On Sunday, April 9, we will have our Easter Celebration at 10:30 a.m. **David Brock** will bring our Easter message entitled "Jesus Is Alive and at Work." **Hayley Painter** will provide special music, and **Virginia Bryson** will play the organ prelude and special. Come and sing your favorite Easter hymns and bring your family and friends. Let's fill up our pews on Easter Sunday! Sunday School classes will meet at 9:30 a.m.

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Family of Lin Sadler

Judy Smith

Correna Thompson – health problems

Jim Williams – heart surgery on March 29

Marcia Byrket – health issues; Glen Oaks

Sarah Reiblein – cancer

Steve Neal – liver cancer



Extended Family and Friends

Mark Allhands (Pam Pyle) – sepsis

Carmelle (Darlene Darling's sister) – in need of prayer

Art Whitaker – recovering from pneumonia

Gary Dice (Marilyn Thompson) – needs heart transplant

Danny (Marilyn Thompson's cousin) – back surgery

Mai Nguyen (Julia Bouslog) – breast cancer

James (Donna Hall's son) – lymphoma; chemo

Sherry Butler (Tasha Crandall) – kidney transplant

David Butler (Helen Rust's brother-in-law) – in need of prayer

Franka Dick (Tom Pyle's sister) – health issues

Ed Cole (Debi Zimmerman) – pancreatic cancer

Kathy Gortner (sister of Cindy Mitchell) – kidney failure

Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – Parkinson's

Betty Kirtley (Marilyn Thompson's mother) – severe back pain

Susan Weaver (Kristen Davis) – lung cancer

Carolyn Lantz – health problems

Rita Beavers (Garners) – bladder cancer

Melissa Humerickhouse (Jenny McDaniel) – brain tumor

Joyce Lacy (Sandi Swann) – needs prayer

People in Turkey and Syria

People in Ukraine

Students, teachers, and school administrators

Our country and servicemen and women

Three Ways God Answers Prayer

1. Yes. I think your request can be arranged.
2. No. I have something better in mind for you.
Your request would only make things worse.
3. Wait awhile. Some things take time and patience. Accept the promise that all things work together for good with those who love Me.
Check Romans 8:28.

Sermon Topics for April

David Brock will be preaching all five Sundays in April. We will be focusing on the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and the teachings of Jesus after he rose from the dead.

April 2

Sermon – "A Big Celebration"

Scripture – Luke 19:28-47

April 9

Sermon – "Jesus Is Alive and at Work"

Scripture – Luke 24:1-12

April 16

Sermon – "Recognizing Jesus"

Scripture – Luke 24:13-35

April 23

Sermon – "A Surprising Offer"

Scripture – John 21:1-25

April 30

Sermon – "The Promise"

Scripture – Acts 1:1-11

Worship Assistants for April

Scripture Readers

April 2 – Carly Griggs

April 9 – Eric Bowman

April 16 – Monica Altman

April 23 – Janet Putnam

April 30 – Dale Albertson



Children's Story

April 2 – Mike Van Osdol

April 9 – Janet Putnam

April 16 – Diana Bowman

April 23 – Linda Brock

April 30 – Mike Van Osdol

Junior Church

April 2 – Linda Brock

April 9 – David Lahr

April 16 – Linda Brock

April 23 – Claudia Garner

April 30 – No Junior Church

Greeter – Cindy Mitchell

200th Anniversary Announcement

Next year will mark the 200th anniversary of the first Quakers gathering for worship under the trees in Spiceland, Indiana. In 1824 John Sheridan offered his new log barn to the local Friends, where the first recorded meetings were held in which forty or fifty Friends assembled. Fifty years later, in 1874, the present brick meetinghouse was built. Worship of the Lord has continued uninterrupted by Friends in Spiceland for 200 years. A legacy, which is to be celebrated!

We want wide participation in shaping how we observe this significant milestone. There is need for help with planning. Maybe you have memories you would like to share or a testimony of the impact that Spiceland Friends has had on your life. Anyone interested in helping in any way can contact **Barbara Lacy** or **Janet Putnam** or email your ideas or memories to the church at spicelandfriends@frontier.com.

We desire to acknowledge the faith and commitment of those first dedicated Quakers and honor those who have followed which have steadfastly upheld the Gospel of Christ and the principles and practices of Friends in Spiceland.

– Janet Putnam

Graduation Sunday Is Coming Up

We will be celebrating and honoring our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 21. If you have a student who you would like to be recognized, please give **Nancy Wadman** the following information: the school or schools attended, major if in college, activities, future plans, and parents' and/or grandparents' names. We would like to have this information by April 30. If you have questions, please see Nancy.

P.S. I will be gone a lot in May as I will have company from England and will be traveling some, so it is essential that I have your information by the end of April.

Thanks,
Nancy Wadman

With Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Lin Sadler** upon his passing on March 1 at the age of 92.

We also extend our sympathy to **Terry & Linda Dukeman** upon the recent passing of Terry's mother.

Notes of Thanks

"The family of **Lin Sadler** would like to thank all involved with preparing and serving the funeral dinner. We appreciated the extra effort to bring it to us in Raleigh. It was delicious! We would also like to thank everyone for all of the cards, messages, and prayers during Lin's extended illness and passing. Thank you so very much!"

"I appreciated so much the use of your church facilities for our funeral dinner. And an extra thank you to Nancy Wadman for being there assisting in the kitchen. I consider all of you a part of my extended church family."

– Sharon Day

"Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 and for your continued support of the Men's Shelter."

– The Guest House Staff

Directory Update

Please make the following change to your 2023 Church Directory:

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