



Alleluia!

CHRIST IS RISEN

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes. (Psalm 118)

Down by the River

News from the River of Life Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

A Daffodil Church

Daffodils are my favorite flowers. I love their brave green shoots that rise out of the frigid ground long before it's safe for them to show their greenery. They weather snow and ice, sometimes battered and frozen by late storms, but still their courageous heads bob in the spring breeze or bend, almost to breaking, in the winter-like winds. Their bright yellow color speaks of hope, sunlight, and the love of God. They are always present, even when hiding under deep drifts of snow.

We have weathered a long winter of Covid. Do you remember where we were at this time a year ago? Do you recall how we were scrambling to try to figure out how to worship together? Do you remember the chill of the empty grocery stores? Do you remember thinking it would be a matter of weeks or perhaps months before things returned to normal?

Like daffodils, we still raise our courageous heads, after this year long winter. Perhaps some of us are feeling a bit battered and/or weary. Yet, we worship, gather, praise God, and sing (behind those dratted/wonderfully protective masks) together. We have prayed for one another. We have fed the hungry. We have done our best to visit the sick and shut-ins with cards, letters, plastic baggies with communion elements, and drive by waving parades.

River of Life is a brave, daffodil church. I am grateful to and for each and every one of you. May this holy season of Lent richly bless you.

Betsy

I would like to share the resurrection story from Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalen and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. The Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

He is risen! He is risen indeed! The guards' shook as dead men. Do not be afraid, the angel tells the women. He has been raised from the dead. Because Jesus conquered death once and for all, we shall live. Abundant life here and now, and eternal life with him forever. What love is this that Jesus, knowing exactly how I would be, went to that cruel cross on Calvary for one such as me? He has been raised from the dead. He goes ahead of us in our life, too just like he told the women. He is risen! He is risen indeed! We hope that you will join us this Easter season.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.



April 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. led by Cary Green on Zoom
(Information for Zoom will be sent out to join)

CONVERSATION & COLORING: Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church
(Information for Zoom will be sent out to join)

FLOWERS FOR SANCTUARY, we will be ordering Easter Flowers from Martins and if anyone would like to donate \$7.50 for the purchase of them would be appreciated, also we will take to our nursing home residents

Monday, April 12th: We will be collecting food for Emmaus House from 9:30 am-10:30am, or you may bring to the church Sunday, March 28th, April 4th and April 11th. Thank you. Items that are especially appreciated are individual servings of oatmeal, soup, mac and cheese etc

Maundy Thursday Service

On Thursday, April 1st we will hold a Maundy Thursday service of prayer, communion, and mediation at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please plan to join us for this special service.

Zoom Update/Volunteers Needed

We are working to make the Zooming experience better for those of you who are worshipping from home. Thank you for your feedback that the sound isn't coming through well. We are working to solve the problem.

Meanwhile, volunteers are needed! Every week, we need someone to monitor the camera/phone as it projects the service. (Betsy and Cary have been doing this, but are finding it difficult to preach, greet those who are present, and run the camera.) We need someone, on a computer, who can run a Zoom meeting. (Bill and Cary have been doing this every week for quite a while now. It is impossible for Cary to do this when he is preaching in the sanctuary.) We also need someone in the sound booth running the PowerPoint presentation and monitoring the microphones. (Dennis and Skip are ever faithful, but they'd be happy to train new volunteers.)

If I can run a Zoom meeting and figure out how to make the camera phone work, any one can. I am about as technologically savvy as a turtle. (Just ask Bill if you don't believe me!)

Thank you in advance for volunteering!



Alice Snider, home from hospital praying her lungs heal
Skip Perry his ongoing battle with cancer
Ben Ashby ongoing battle with stage 4 cancer
Jim Brown awaiting test results
Connie Kiesling's, granddaughter, Claire's best friend is dying of cancer, keep this child in your prayers, her family and her young friends
Mary & Dave Bunte, Mary has Stage 4, inoperable brain cancer, please keep them in your prayers & their 3 daughters
Lillian Parkevich, neighbor of Mary Jean Shanks
Connie Kiesling
David & Pam Herd
Bob and Nancy Stwalley, Nancy has Alzheimer's disease
Paige Smith
Laura Gingerich lost her 3 children in house fire
Ruth Collins suffering from the beginning stages of Leukemia
Kamryn Kollmar
Jill Trachsel in the hospital
Joe and Janny (Bonnie Uchida's cousin and her husband)
Lyndsay Kremer, 37-year-old battling cancer
Matt Hughes Connie's nephew
Butch Jones
Iris Ashby
All who suffer from Covid or who have lost loved ones to the virus.
Prayers for peace in our Country
Doctors, Nurses, 1st Responders, Essential Workers, Teachers and Students
Marge Ingmire
James Drake and his wife, Pam
Neil Myers
Mark and Rita Uchida
Jim Cooke
Dick Smith
Katrina Cook
Ken & Bonnie Uchida

Keep in Touch

Joan Hipsher (Woodbridge)
Marge Ingmire (McKinney Place, 152)
Cyndy Gentry (McKinney Place)
Norma Harris (Millers 203)
Shirley Horn (Cass Plaza Apts)

Joys

The blessing of this Easter Season
Jim Brown's biopsy was negative!

BIRTHDAYS



Mary Jean Shanks April 11
Jim Brown April 16
Phillip McIntire April 19

ANNIVERSARIES



Norman & Debra Rivard April 29

Fresh Strawberry Sheet Cake

- 1 pkg. white cake mix
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry gelatin
- 3/4 c. cooking oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. pureed fresh strawberries

Add all ingredients to a large bowl. Mix well.

Pour into an 11×15 sheet cake pan.

Bake at 350° for 30-40 minutes. Cool completely.

Frosting

- 1/2 c. butter (softened)
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 1/4 c. mashed (pureed) strawberries
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Beat together butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla. Fold in strawberries. Mix well. Spread over completely cooled cake

Serving in April

Elder

Prayers at the Table

4 Ted Jones
11 Connie Kiesling
18 Dennis Kollmar
25 Jane Kollmar

Worship

Leaders

4 Jim Brown
11 Barb Erickson
18 Reshma Green
25 Ken Uchida

Name: _____

Date: _____

BIBLE EASTER WORD SEARCH



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ROMANS
RISEN
SACRIFICE
THREE DAYS
ANGELS
SAVIOR

GOLGOTHA
BLOOD
SIMON OF CYRENE
JESUS
ROBE
LAMB

SON OF GOD
TOMB
APOSTLES
CALVARY
CROSS
NAILS

MARY
CRUCIFIXION
PILATE
HIGH PRIEST
PASSOVER
SUNDAY