

E-Messenger

First Church of Christ

It's now clear that COVID-19 is a deadly serious global pandemic, and all necessary precautions should be taken. Still, C. S. Lewis's words—written 72 years ago—ring with some relevance for us. Just replace “atomic bomb” with “coronavirus.”

In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. “How are we to live in an atomic age?” I am tempted to reply: “Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age

of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.”

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have add-

ed one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and

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thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.

For the Christian today is no different than any other day, our hope is in Christ alone. We will love as God has called us to love. Serve as God has called us to serve. Sacrifice as God has called us to sac-

Serving in April

Greeters:

5—No Service
12—Scott Bard
19—Tom & Cindy Horton
26—Toby & Jane Runyan
Communion Ministry:
5—None
12—None
19—None
26—Dave & Melissa Beerbower

Prayer Warriors:

Marcia Gambler & Brienne Hetrick
Elder Schedule:
5—No Service
12—Mark Rhodes
19—Larry Snavelly
26—Dave Beerbower
Nursery:
5—No Service
12—Teresa Gambler
19—Jane Runyan

26—

Children's Church:

5—No Service
12—Todd Gambler
19—Luc & Rachel Hesel-schwardt
26—Kristi Schooley

Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Dan Nixon
6 Tootie Bowman
9 Julia Hull
10 Dale Puff
17 Curt Bennett, Todd Karnes
21 Trisha Hug
25 Wendy Garza
26 Barbara Alpaugh, Dan Yahraus
29 Shirley Kinnan

30 Joe Jerger



13 Ron & Linda Lewis (52)
15 Shawn & Marcia Gambler (8)
19 Rich & Sherry Trubey (34)
24 Josh & Emily Tonneas (11)

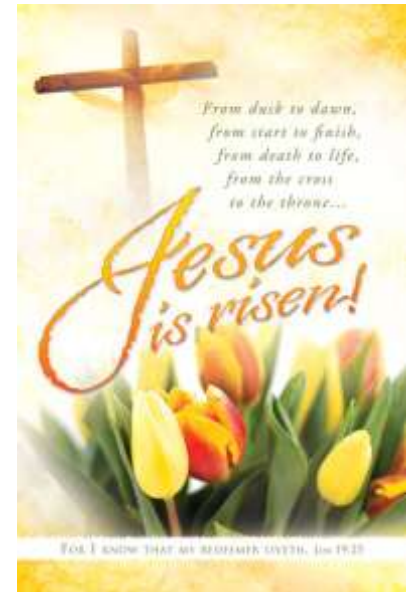
Family News

SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Wanda & Jerry Hug and Joe & LuAnn Jerger and families at the passing of **Wanda's & LuAnn's father, Ray Moore.**




Volunteers are needed for the following ministry areas:

- ♦ Home Communion
- ♦ Nursery—1st Service
- ♦ Nursery—2nd Service
- ♦ Nursery Subs



The Old, Old Story
A little boy was not exactly happy about going to church on Easter Sunday morning. His new shoes were too tight, his tie pinched his neck, and the weather was just too beautiful to be cooped up inside. As he sulked in the back seat of the family car, his parents heard him mutter. "I don't know why we have to go to church on Easter anyway. They keep telling the same old story, and it always comes out the same in the end."

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Activities	2	3	4
5 No Services	6	7	8 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Study	9 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	10 	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast
12 EASTER 8:00 Worship 9:15 Breakfast 10:15 Worship	13	14	15 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Study	16 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	17	18 1:30 Mom's Group
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Snively Life Group	20	21 12:45 Visitation Ministry	22 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Study	23 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers	24	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	27	28 11:45 Lunch Bunch @ Cookies on Demand	29 5:30 Supper 6:15 Fusion 6:30 High School Youth 6:30 Adult Bible Study	30 9:15 Ladies Bible Study @ Seasons 9:30 Senior Seekers		



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Office Hours: Monday-
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM

Facts & Figures

March 1

Attendance SS	49	Worship	55/117
Offering			\$4,029.00

March 8

Attendance SS	37	Worship	49/94
Offering			\$6,615.96

March 15

Attendance SS	25	Worship	38/51
Offering			\$4,985.00

March 22

Attendance SS	0	Worship	0/8
Offering			\$

March 29

Attendance SS		Worship	
Offering			\$

Needed for Budget \$5,149.15

Love All

Our Service Personnel:
Lindsey Carter (FL), Caleb
Lloyd (Japan), Josh Severs (S.
Korea), Braxton Singer (MS),
Katie Sparks (PA), Jessie Still-
man (OH), Josh Tonneas
(TX)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-
Dickinson, Joyce Bailey, Na-
than Bailey, Sue Bever, Tim
Bight, Brent, Sherry
Buchsteiner, Jennie Case,
Chuck, Andrew Dell, Adam
Farger, Carrie H., Molly John-
ston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron
Lewis, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nar-
tker, Alan Ordway, Mary

Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Steve
Ringer, Bob & Sue Secoy, Eliz-
abeth Shetler, Terry Shinaberry,
Dean Smethurst, Lyle Snavelly,
Norma Stambaugh, Ron Stark,
Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin,
Linda Walker, Kathy Walton,
Drew Wayman. *Other Con-
cerns:* Jennifer Mavis, Trevor
Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff,
Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer,
Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse,
Paul Newcomb, Asher Cra-
vens, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy
Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl
Towers, Keller Gardner, Gene
Nash, Marilyn Lundy, Kim
Beek, Shirley Bard, Joshua

Taylor, Keely Strouse, Ken
Idle, Carson Strouse, Annie
Engel, Gene Crawford, youth
ministry, Ramon Alpaugh, Tra-
cy Rendleman, Danny Hull,
Ellen Walker, Sandy
Stensland; *Shut Ins:* SKLD:
Gloria Wright; *Home:* Annie
Engel, Ken Idle, Linda Lewis,
Marilyn Lundy, Edith Wagner;
Ottawa Riverview: Barbara
Hake, Hawthorn Glen: Roy
Koerner.



For God *so loved*
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son, that
whoever believes
in him shall not
perish but have
eternal life.

John 3:16



Have a Blessed Easter.

rifice. Loving one person at a time that the
world will see Jesus.

Destined to Win,
Larry Snavelly

**Easter is the proof that evil
men never have the last
word about the things of
God.**

—C. Neil Strait

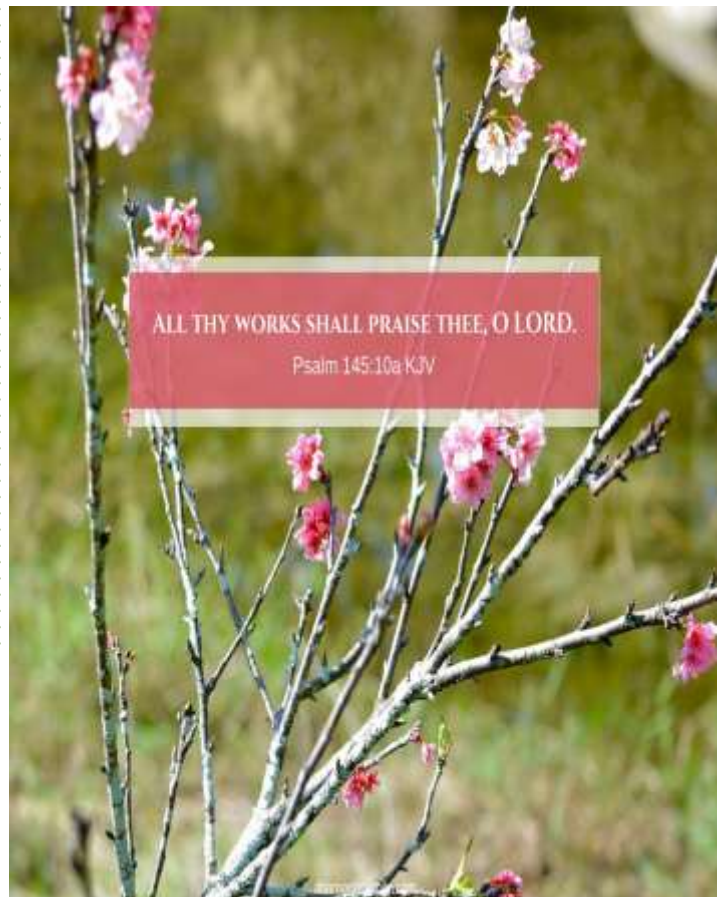
Peace, Be Still

When I sang in the small rural church choir of
my youth, one of my favorite hymns was about a
storm at sea and the wind and the waves obey-
ing Christ's will. The refrain, "Peace, peace, be
still," came to me again today when everything
about me seemed in crisis. Tense, worried, anx-
iously running to and fro, I was like that tumult-
uous sea.... I suddenly realized that as long as I
was rushed and agitated, I could not see beyond
the surface of my problems. I asked Jesus to
calm my emotions as he calmed the winds and
the waves.

—Jill Bakke

**It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot
tough to make a difference.**

—Tom Brokaw



ALL THY WORKS SHALL PRAISE THEE, O LORD.

Psalms 145:10a KJV