

## “New-ness” Beyond Words

As I write this reflection, we are mid-way through the Lenten Season. By the time you read this, we will be nearing Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

This is a rich juncture in the Church’s annual journey towards the Day of Resurrection. As I began preparing to write this message, an initial thought I had was that this should be a fairly easy piece to compose because it will have to do with the Church’s Day of days—Easter Sunday. However, soon I began feeling this was actually quite a difficult piece to write. After all, how does one do justice to the miracle of Christ’s Resurrection? You and I can agree it is impossible to put any true miracle into human words. Further then, consider that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is God’s ultimate miracle! Now you may realize why commenting on this seems to be a daunting endeavor.

Christian faith, as I view it, is both (1) basic and (2) *beyond words*. Pastor and author Fred Buechner seems to regard Christian faith similarly. In fact, Buechner once composed a marvelous, spiritual anthology titled *Beyond Words: Daily Readings in the ABC’s of Faith*. This book is a collection of terms and names that point to the realm of mystery and depth which lies *beyond* our ordinary experience.

Our faith is basic and *beyond words*. It is both. Similarly, our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God

is simple. And it also is *beyond* our ability to express fully.

This brings me back to Easter. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a phenomenal event. It is a miracle of God which cannot be humanly explained—though many continue to try! It strikes me as disappointing when someone (especially clergy) tries to “explain” complex events in Christ’s ministry including the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Often, I find that those trying so hard to come across as authoritative are purporting claims that no human honestly can make. In my humble opinion, no one but God is capable of providing “true commentary” on such exceptional events.

Human know-it-alls still attempt this. But I view anyone who makes excessive, definitive claims about the Resurrection to be someone stating as “facts” things which no human being entirely comprehends. Claims intended to come across with indisputable authority tend to be claims largely “of this world.” And we are aware Christ tells his interrogators, “...you are of this world, I am not of this world” (John 8:23); Christ encourages his disciples to be “not of this world” (John 17:16); and Christ responds to Pontius Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36).

So, beware. At times, certain experts purport to “know” more than truly can be known.

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All this may lead you to ask, "Okay, Pastor Dan, then is there anything that we can know?"

My response to this is an echo of what I've already shared. Yes, I believe we can state some very limited claims about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In all likelihood, these claims are so basic that they do not satisfy some people. This is, I suspect, what drives many to forge on into unknown territory and emerge claiming we know things which we do not. I can't help this.

I believe basic claims such as the ones below are true of the Resurrection:

- 1) The Ministry of Jesus Christ has many aspects.
- 2) The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ are a unit.
- 3) The Resurrection is one portion of the whole Ministry of Jesus Christ.
- 4) Jesus Christ lived.
- 5) Jesus Christ died. He was killed. He was completely dead.
- 6) Jesus Christ was raised back to life. His life-less body came alive again.
- 7) God raised Jesus Christ from death to life.

I'd better stop here. I consider these claims (at least within God's Church) to be generally accepted tenets of our faith. These are the basics. To some extent, there's not a whole lot here. Nevertheless, anything more may be claiming in excess of what we genuinely can claim.

Next, I must warn you. I fear I may be about to violate the major contention which I just advanced. Ha!

For me, though, there is one thing more. Note that I ended my list where I did, because this next thing is more of a "belief" than it is a claim which can be backed up. As I say, this is a slippery slope which can all too easily slide into what could be described as "speculation."

Together then, friends, you and I must be aware. I may not be able to substantiate what I'm about to declare next. Even so, here goes. I believe that the Resurrection is God's message to creation that "God loves *all life*." The Resurrection of human Jesus of Nazareth expresses that God loves human life. It is my own personal expansion of the message broadening it from "God loves humankind" to "God loves *all life*." So, you see, now I myself am verging on making my own unsubstantiated claims! Look out! That's how tricky this can be. It's difficult to stop at the basics which we do know. We tend not to stop soon enough. And I'm guilty, too.

Finally then, what does the Resurrection mean for this world? What is God's Resurrection message to us who

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#### WORSHIP:

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 7:30PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 7:30PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16:     SUNRISE WORSHIP 6:30AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM**

Easter Egg Hunt

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### CONTINUE DURING LENT

Our conference minister Ginny Brown Daniel advises that Lent is a time for giving something up or committing to something. Your Council and Christian Action Board opted for committing! So the six Sundays during this special time in our faith year are designated for collections that benefit small local outreach programs. Creve Coeur Meals on Wheels was chosen for the first three Sundays; Baby Blue Pantry will be the focus for our colored-envelope collections on, April 2 and April 9. The effort was started this year by the caregivers at Wee Care Learning Center and so far the project has benefitted many families with young children in the Festus area. Parents can stop by 24/7 for food, formula and supplies such as diapers. Hopefully you heard Director Kathy Poss speak of this program during worship on March 26. After Easter, the total amounts received for both organizations will be published. Remember to make checks payable to Ivy Chapel UCC with Baby Blue Pantry noted on the 'memo' line.

### IVY CHAPEL IS REACHING OUT...

Giving is Christian outreach "Ivy-style"! Amen! Our congregation is responding to multiple offering invitations this Lenten Season. We give God glory for the many, additional ways in which people of Ivy Chapel UCC are reaching out beyond our church.

Rejoice over this extensive array of things our congregation has done and is doing this Lent: offering new underwear and new socks; supporting World Vision in connection with Ivy Chapel Youth 30-Hour Famine; supporting Creve Coeur Meals on Wheels; supporting Baby Blue Pantry (operating through Wee Care Learning Center of Festus); intentional Lenten canned Food Drive; supporting ecumenical, global ministries by offering gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

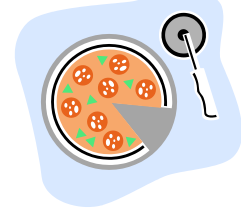
Praise God for Ivy Chapel's faithful responses to these invitations to give!



## APRIL 2017

### ALL YOUTH/FAMILY "MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA" PARTY!

Come join us at Ivy on Saturday, April 1st at 5:30 pm, to make, and eat, pizza. Families of all youth, from nursery age through high school are welcome. The Heends will supply the dough and the sauce. Bring your favorite toppings and cheese to share, and a veggie to throw into a potluck salad. Please RSVP to Sarah Heend at [skheend@gmail.com](mailto:skheend@gmail.com) or 314-283-5215. Don't forget to mention what toppings you are bringing.



### EASTER COOKIE FUNDRAISER

**The Alpha-Omega and Ark youth**, guided by Nancy Gerdes, are selling decorated Easter cookies. Place your order now for these delicious and beautiful Easter goodies. Youth are needed to sit at the table in Fellowship Hall to take orders on March 26, April 2 and April 9. Cookies will be decorated on Saturday, April 15 and be ready for pick up on Easter morning, April 16.

***We need your help decorating cookies on Saturday, April 15.*** We'll need at least 15 people to accomplish the feat of decorating so many cookies!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!** Meet at Ivy at 8:30 am. Bring your families, too!! It's a fun time—you can show off your creative abilities, and if you think you are artistically challenged (like me) be assured that there are lots of easy decorating jobs, too. ***There are usually a few fun contests as well! Don't miss out!***

***We are asking the families of each 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth to make a batch or two of cookie dough. Let me know if you can provide dough. We will get you the recipe.*** Please bring the dough to church before the Maundy Thursday service (April 13). Mrs. Gerdes and her helpers will roll, cut & bake the cookies (Thank you so much!) and have them ready for us to decorate. **RSVP to Linda Lowry so that we know how many decorators to expect.**







## LENTEN CANNED FOOD OFFERING

March 1 – April 16

We “can” help feed the hungry.

Thanks for the wonderful response we have had in the past two years during our Lenten Food Drive. The youth of Ivy Chapel and the Christian Action Board are sponsoring our 4th Annual Lenten Canned Food drive during the weeks leading up to Easter. Let’s help fill the shelves this Lent. During the Sundays in Lent we will be collecting canned goods for Circle of Concern and Joint Neighborhood Ministries. Collection runs through Easter, April 16.



### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

**Palm Sunday, April 9**

All youth meet in Fellowship Hall prior to worship to join in the Palm processional.

**Easter Sunday – April 16**

All youth meet in Fellowship Hall before worship to get ready for our special Easter processional. Following the Children’s message we will return to Fellowship Hall for Sunday School with special Easter activities.

### NURSERY/LAMBS/GENESIS EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

*All children Nursery age – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate!*

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on *Easter Sunday, March 16*.

*This year we will have our traditional Easter Egg hunt after worship.*



Children ages Nursery – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to bring a basket and hunt for eggs! Each family should bring one dozen filled plastic eggs per child in their family. That way each child will be able to find one dozen eggs. Bring your eggs to Fellowship Hall before worship. Please try to fill the eggs with "peanut free" products. Bring your baskets for hunting! Our “Easter bunnies” (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders – *you* are the “Easter bunnies” for this activity) will hide the eggs following the Children’s Message during our special time in Fellowship Hall. Following worship parents should meet up with their little ones and wait for the start of our joyful Easter Egg hunt! See you there!



Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School  
Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God

July 24 - 28

VBS Volunteer/Informational Meeting  
Sunday, April 2 following worship

**\*\*Looking Ahead – Youth Sunday, May 7(Rehearsal, May 6 4:00)\*\***

# The Note

So, as many of you know, Aaron and I struggled a bit last year to find the best school for Miller. Being in the city, we have many options, but it can be quite overwhelming. We decided, after much thought and prayer to send him to Lafayette Preparatory Academy in Lafayette Square. It is a newer charter school. It was born from parents like us who only wanted the best for a child. It is a grass roots school, not a company like so many charter schools in the country. I've been thinking and writing a lot lately about learning from others. Miller has taught me so much in his six years. I am insanely proud of the person he is becoming. He is thoughtful, caring and one of the most empathic people I know. I have a lot of respect for the leaders of his school. They are guiding Miller to be a good person, and when it comes down to it, that is what I want for him. I want him to be good and know that he is loved. Each Friday, I attend the assembly at his school mostly because Miller wants me to. It ends with the pledge and the school's motto part of which I feel I can really learn from. It is as follows:

I make mistakes so I can learn.

I learn so I can succeed.

I succeed so I can help others.

I think why I love this motto so much is that it emphasizes mistakes as a natural part of the learning process. If we already did things perfectly every time, we wouldn't need to grow or learn more. Life is all about growing and learning. Think of all the things you would miss if you weren't learning and growing every day. The focus should not be on being perfect, it should be on what we can learn from our shortcomings. If we were all to change our thought process to follow this motto, imagine what a better place our world would be.

I can't believe that it is almost EASTER! One of my favorite holidays. Is it one of yours? Would you like to help make Holy Week more meaningful in worship?



Anna DiVesta-Minister of Music

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The St. Louis Association  
of the  
MO\_Mid South Conference  
of  
The United Church of Christ  
and  
Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ  
cordially invite your presence to the ordination of

**Julie A. Hawker**

to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament  
and installation as  
Chaplain of Gambrell Gardens

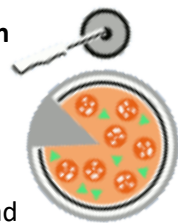
**Saturday, April 1, 2017,  
at 3:00 p. m.**

at  
Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ  
4205 Watson Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63109

Reception will follow the service.

## ALL YOUTH (AND PARENTS) MAKE-YOUR-OWN-PIZZA PARTY

Calling all youth from nursery to high school, and their parents! Let's all spend some time together as we make our own pizzas. The Heend family will provide the dough and the sauce. Bring your favorite pizza toppings and salad fixings and plan to come to Ivy Chapel's own pizzeria. We will get together Saturday, April 1st, at 5:30pm to practice our pizza making skills. Contact Sarah Heend at [skheend@gmail.com](mailto:skheend@gmail.com) or 314-283-5215 to RSVP.



I have some super exciting anthems planned, and I would love extra musicians! Finally, the Sunday after Easter is usually an off day for the choir as they have worked really hard

to be there during Holy Week. Would you like to provide a musical offering for the week after Easter? Let me know if you are interested.

Happy Easter, my friends. He is risen, indeed!

Until next time...

Smiles,

**Anna DiVesta**



# Scripture & Worship

**April 2~Fifth Sunday in Lent:** Ezekiel 37:1-14,  
Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45



**April 9~PALM SUNDAY:** Matthew 21:1-11/Psalm 118:1-2,  
19-29 or Isaiah 50:4-9a/Psalm 31:9-16,  
Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66/  
Matthew 27:11-54



**April 13~MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10),  
11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 14~GOOD FRIDAY:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22,  
Hebrews 10:16-25/Hebrews 4:14-156, 5:7-9;  
John 18:1-19:42



**April 15~Holy Saturday:** Job 14:1-14/Lamentations 3:1-9,  
19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16, 1 Peter 4:1-8,  
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

**April 16~EASTER:** Acts 10:34-43/Jeremiah 31:1-6,  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4/  
Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10



**April 23~2nd Sunday of Easter:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32,  
Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

**April 30~3rd Sunday of Easter:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41;  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

Lectionary readings from: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

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are “in” this world, but who are urged not to be “of”  
this world?

Try this on for size. The Resurrection proclaims “*God  
loves all life.*”

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is God’s Ultimate Act—  
the Miracle of miracles—the “*New-ness*” which is  
behind every newness. (“...God gives life to the dead  
and calls into existence the things that do not exist.”  
Romans 4:17)

God gives hearing to the deaf; sight to the blind; healing  
to the sick; and life to the dead.

We know not how.

Christ is risen!

We know not how.

Just believe and receive.

God loves you. God loves all life.

God’s “*New-ness*” goes beyond words!

Pastor Dan

# Mary and Martha Group

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on March 21st with Pastor Dan for a Lenten Devotion. The lights were turned off and various lights gradually added to symbolize the lightening of our spirits with Christ. We looked at the Lenten Medallion given on Ash Wednesday which is three intersecting circles with the words, Christ beside me, Christ before me and Christ above me, on one side and Christ around me, Christ below me and Christ within me on the other side. Scriptures relating to all these ways Christ is with us were read and a thread and scrap of fabric were passed around to remind us that when we feel we are hanging by a thread that Christ is with us in all these ways. We then took Communion using bread and grapes. **Thank you, Pastor Dan.**

As a Lenten Project we will give the Emmaus Home at Seven Pines plants for their planters for this summer. We also discussed an Easter Basket for our friends there.

We made plans for the **Plant Sale on Sunday, May 7th** after worship in Fellowship Hall. See page 7.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. Ivy Chapel member, **Beth Noonan** will come to tell us about the Deaconess Foundation Construction Project, its purpose and her participation in it. Please join us.

It doesn't matter whether the glass is half full or half empty, because we can always fill it up.

~Jo Ann Moody, Ivy Moderator

**90 PAIR!**



**+YOU=S**



Over the year—to date, Ivy Chapel members and friends

have donated 90 used pairs of shoes, slippers, and boots. Woohoo! Collecting continues throughout the year. As long as footwear exists, please continue to drop your unneeded footwear in the collection box located in the cloak room. Ask your neighbors, friends, and relatives if they have shoes they want to get rid of. *Don't forget the shoes your toddlers are growing out of too!* Shoeman Water Project assists with creation of wells, purification systems, pumps, training, and even a dam in Kenya. [www.shoemanwater.org/impact.html](http://www.shoemanwater.org/impact.html)



# Trustees

Ivy Chapel would like to thank **Earl Kreder** for refurbishing and painting Ivy Chapel's tractor (see below). This endeavor required an enormous amount of time, effort, expertise and money for successful completion. Earl also removed rust, primed and painted the tractor to match its original color scheme. Ivy Chapel is blessed to have someone like Earl who is so generous with his gifts. Thank you, Earl!

Ivy Chapel is also thankful for all of those who volunteered their time on our March "inside workday". Much was accomplished; the majority of the lower Sunday school was cleaned and detailed. The Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall and the kitchen were also focal points of our efforts. Many hands made light the work. Thanks to all!

A few other items completed this month include:

- Cleaned gutters
- Cleaned and prep gardens and islands for spring.
- Repaired roof leaks on east slope of Fellowship Hall and flat roof over Narthex.
- Removed two rusted sinks and replaced with new ceramic sinks in girls restroom downstairs.
- Installed GFI receptacle, to be code compliant, in kitchen downstairs.
- Installed two new electrical circuits in Fellowship Hall.



Earl Kreder

**LOOKS LIKE BRAND NEW!**

## VBS PLANNING MEETING 4/2

It is time to plan for Vacation Bible School 2017, which will be **July 24-28**. Our first planning meeting will be Sunday, April 2, following coffee hour. Even if you have never participated in VBS before, we would welcome your help. This year the theme is **Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God**. Whatever your strengths, we could use them to share God's word with the young people of Ivy Chapel and the community. Specifically we need one or two people to organize VBS, we need someone to lead the opening and closing times during VBS week and we need someone to organize the decorating. We also can always use new crew leaders and station leaders. Come to the meeting and find out how you can help!



Contact Sarah Heend ([skheend@gmail.com](mailto:skheend@gmail.com)) or Linda Lowry ([linda@ivychapel.org](mailto:linda@ivychapel.org)) with questions.



## GREEN THUMBS UP PLANT SALE

**Spring Planting** is just around the corner and so is **Mother's Day**. The **Mary and Martha Women's Group** is planning an **Ivy Chapel Plant Sale on May 7th after worship in Fellowship Hall** with all proceeds going to Ivy Chapel's Budget. We are working with family-owned Duever Nursery on Mason Rd. Pre-Order forms will be available with the plant sale poster and on the table in the Narthex starting April 9th. Forms may be given to **Kay Kreder**, any M&M Member or to the Church Office. You may write in any special requests and, if possible, they will be filled. **The Deadline for pre-orders is April 30th**. We will receive 25% of the proceeds from the nursery sales. The pre-orders will be picked up and paid for on the day of the sale.

There will also be plants to look at and purchase the day of the sale from the nursery and also plants donated by Ivy Chapel members. All the money from donated plants will go to Ivy Chapel. This sale is not advertised publicly, but if you have family or friends who might be interested, they can also pre-order or come on May 7th. Payment will be by check or cash. We hope this project will benefit Ivy Chapel, a Community Business and Your Garden—Win, Win, Win!





# God's Blessings and...

# Happy Birthday



## Happy Anniversary to...

4/11/1987 Tom and Debbie Glenn

4/26/2008 Jason and Kristine Lowry

1 Elizabeth Carr	18 Ron Fix
6 Marilyn Gulotta	21 Ray Buente
7 Rod Hertenstein	22 Myrna Weiland
10 Kyle Ray	26 Annie Sampath
Ashton Wilson	30 Donna Grote

## Serving God's People

God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry.

If there is some way in which our staff may be of help to you, please contact us at 314-434-4991.

Pastor Dan Wilson: [pastordan@ivy chapel.org](mailto:pastordan@ivy chapel.org) 314-580-4564 Linda Lowry: [linda@ivy chapel.org](mailto:linda@ivy chapel.org)

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Monday/Friday 8:30AM-3PM Tuesday/Thursday 8:30AM-2:30PM



➤ **GIVING STATEMENTS** are available from Don Wolff 636-532-5080.

➤ **NEED TO BORROW** Chairs or Tables? Please call Ralph Weiland 314-878-3230.

Place your unwanted shoes and boots in the white box/bag in the cloak room at Ivy Chapel. Every time we fill it, Frieda will call them for a pick-up. [www.shoemanwater.org](http://www.shoemanwater.org)



**LIONS CLUB recycles old eyeglasses:** We have a collection bag in the office. If the office door is closed you may also leave unwanted glasses in the wall pocket next to the office door or in the cloak room.



### CIRCLE OF CONCERN NEEDS

Peanut Butter Jelly/Jam Pasta/Rice Pasta  
Sauce Dried Beans Canned Pasta Dinner  
Mixes Macaroni & Cheese Soup Canned  
Meats/Fish Baking Staples Canned Vegetables/Fruit  
Boxed Cereal Ground Coffee Bar Soap Toilet Paper  
Shampoo



**See the full Shopping List on Fellowship Hall bulletin board.**

For other ways to donate call 636-861-2623 or visit [www.circleofconcern.org](http://www.circleofconcern.org)

## CARE CORPS

**Care Corps Apr:** Leader Sue Lindhorst 636-391-9504 **Co-Ldr** Janet Wilking 314-275-8344

**Care Corps May:** Leader Nancy Marston 314-878-1317 **Co-Leader** Pat Winship 636-394-5991

ASSISTING IN LAY MINISTRY		Please find YOUR Name.		Reminders are sent each Tuesday.			
If you cannot help on your specific day, please switch with someone then inform the church office-314-434-4991.							
DATE	NURSERY	ACOLYTE	WELCOMER	GREETERS	USHERS	LITURGIST	COFFEE
2 April ☩	Sally Dodge	Skylar Droege, Rory Winship	Kay Kreder	Frank Pfau, Beth Noonan	Bob, Diane Droege	Jan Wirtz	Gerdes Family
Communion team 3: Kathryn Kuntzman, Jack Molyneaux, Jan Wirtz, Gary Lindhorst							
9 April Palm Sunday	Sally Dodge	Michael Pfau, Audrey Farrell	Marsha Ramey	Jack, Ann Molyneaux	Bruce, Janet Wilking	Frank Pfau	Evelyn Stecher, Gail Thoele
April 13 - 7:30pm ☩ Maundy Thursday	Communion Team 4: Sally Dodge, Rod Hertenstein, Marsha Ramey				Mike, Celeste Tichy	Calvin Heend	_____
April 14 - Good Friday Worship 7:30pm					Rod, Judy Hertenstein	Peter LaSalle	_____
April 16 - Easter-Early Worship 6:30am					Marsha Ramey, Sally Dodge	_____	Deacons
April 16-Easter Regular Worship 10am	Jo Ann Moody	Ben Wehling, Rory Winship	Earl Kreder	Jan Wirtz, Gail Thoele	Tom, Debbie Glenn	Tom Wehling	Mike, Celeste Tichy
April 23	Sally Dodge	Nick Wintrobe, Gregory Scott	Judy Hertenstein	Sarah Scott, Brenda Otterson	Jack, Nancy Litzinger	Aaron DiVesta	Molyneaux Family
April 30	Jo Ann Moody	Matthew Wehling, Miller DiVesta	Russ Washburn	Tom Wehling, Jennifer Noonan	Gary, Sue Lindhorst	Michael Winship	Lauer Family



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> <b>Family Pizza Making</b> see PPs 
<b>2</b> 5th S in Lent-Purple  9am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship w/ LS, SS	3  Christian Ed. Mtg 6:45pm	4	5  CC Rehearse 7pm	6	7	<b>8</b> <b>Workday</b>  Riverbend Community Trivia Night
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> -Red  9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS Mtgs Aft Worship: •Deacons •Christian Action •Trustee	10	11	12  CC Rehearse 7pm	<b>13 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30pm</b> 	<b>14 Good Friday Worship 7:30pm</b> 	<b>15</b> <b>The Ivy Vine articles due</b>  <b>Easter Cookie Decorating 8:30am</b> see PPs
<b>16</b> <sup>White</sup> <b>Easter</b> <b>6:30am Worship</b> 10am Worship/SS <b>Easter Egg Hunt-Aft Worship</b> 	17  Council Mtg 7pm	18  M&M Wms Grp 1p	19 Men's Lunch 11:30am at Harpo's - 136 Hilltown Village Center, Chesterfield, 636-537-1970  CC Rehearse 7pm	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 2nd S of Easter-Wht  9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS	24	25	26  CC Rehearse 7pm	27	28	29  <b>Anna Divesta-Recital 6-9pm</b>
<b>30</b> 3rd S of Easter-Wht  9am Adult Bible Study 10am Worship/SS	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May
<div>             All-Church Hwy Clean-up Dates              Please plan to join us the following Sundays to help with highway clean-up after Coffee Fellowship: <b>June 4, August 27, October 1</b>              Be sure to bring your gloves and a change of clothes.           </div>						

**MAY'S SPECIAL EVENTS**

7th Youth Sunday  
Plant Sale (set-up Saturday)

16th Blood Drive

**AA**=Alcoholics Anonymous  
**CA**=Christian Action  
**CC**=Chancel Choir  
**CE**=Christian Education  
**EMMP**=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion

Monday AA 10:30a  
 Tuesday Anna DiVesta 3:30-8pm

**FH** = Fellowship Hall  
**JNM**=JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES  
**KYP**=KEEPING YOU POSTED  
**LS**=THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wednesday  
 Thursday AA 12:00pm  
 Anna 7-8pm

**LL**=LOWER LEVEL  
**M&M GRP**=MARY AND MARTHA WOMENS GROUP  
**PP**=PURPLE PAGES  
**SS**=SUNDAY SCHOOL

Friday  
 Saturday AA 10:30am