



# THE CALLER

## Kyle's Korner

Every Easter Sunday, I surprise myself that I have a difficult time singing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" as it happened again this year. It is not that the words are complicated to pronounce or the tune challenging to sing. Rather, it is the power of the emotions of the holiest day of the year combined with the weight of the mystery of the Resurrection that causes me to get a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye.

Easter is the oldest of our Christian festivals -- it's what makes us Christians. It is because Christ's resurrection happened on a Sunday (the first day of the week) that we, for nearly two millennia, have chosen to worship on Sundays rather than the Jewish Sabbath of Saturday (the last day of the week when God rested in the creation story). Each Sunday, then, is to be a mini-Easter, a celebration of the Resurrection, but there is something holy, sacred and special about Easter Sunday.

Having served several different churches and getting to experience the traditions of those congregations, Easter is truly a sacred time. In one church during the Children's Moment in worship, we literally buried "Alleluia" on the first Sunday in Lent and raised it in celebration on Easter. In another, similar to your tradition as enacted on the front steps outside the sanctuary, congregation members brought flowers to be placed in a cross as a symbol that life overcomes death. In another congregation, a man would break his fast with Communion on Easter that started with Communion on Maundy Thursday. Every family and family of faith have ways to mark this powerful day in the Church.

Easter Sunday was no exception to that. Beautiful music highlighted a day of celebration. A larger crowd than a usual Sunday helped build excitement. Children in their Easter outfits and dresses brought more smiles from everyone. It was truly a day of celebration -- as was the Saturday before at the Easter Egg Hunt at Missy and Margaret Eakin's farm. Thank you to everyone who helped make Easter a wonderful day.



## April Budget Corner

General Budget received in April	\$15,959.00
Building Accounts received in April	\$ 0

So, now what? Do we go back to the regular routine or do we claim the message of Easter that God is alive and active in our congregation and our lives individually? Do we just go back to business as usual or do we affirm joy we claim when we said, "Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!" Easter Sunday is a powerful day in the life of the Church. Yet, Easter is a season that continues long after the folks who attend twice a year have settled back into their usual Sunday comfy clothes. Easter -- Christ's resurrection from the dead -- is to be a new way of being and living on earth. When we believe, we must act as we believe.

The hymn instructs us well: "Praise God, join in Christ's victory and follow wherever Christ leads." May we do so and thus become people of the Resurrection!

I'll see you on Sunday!  
Kyle

Tuesday, May 9, members of First Christian Church will be volunteering their services to the Community Soup Kitchen at the First Methodist Church on the Square. We will be preparing the meal this time. Serving begins at 5:30 pm so volunteers should be there early enough to prepare and have the meal ready to be served by 5:30 pm. There will be a sign up sheet available on the Communication table to volunteer.



## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



The women of First Christian Church will be hosting Church Women United Friendship Day Friday, May 5, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The theme is "Kindling New Fires With Love."

Kay Dennis will be our speaker. The topic will be Special Needs Children & will also incorporate Great Strides Therapeutic Riding Program. Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the program. We look forward to hosting this wonderful group which consists of women from many of our local churches. Please join us!

## GOOD SAMARITAN

### Food Needs

Thank you again to everyone for your generosity in supporting Good Samaritan. No matter what time of year it is, Good Sam is always in need of food. We will continue to ask for any of the following: canned meats, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, crackers and peanut butter. You may also bring other kinds of food that is not mentioned above. If you would rather not shop, please feel free to leave a donation in the box on the Good Sam shelf in the Gathering Area. Your continued support is very much appreciated!



## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Worship and Wonder: Children ages 3 years old through fifth grade are welcome to join Bonnye and Donnye Fields following the praise hymn the 1st & 3rd Sunday of this month for their own special time of worship in the Worship and Wonder room and sometimes in Class Rooms 2 & 3.

May 7          Worship and Wonder  
May 21        Worship and Wonder

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday School for adults. The Adult SS Class, led by Ruth Cartwright, meets in the Parlor. The Caring & Sharing Class, led by Wayne Schumann, meets in room 11. The Cross & Chalice Class, led by Frank Douglas meets in room 15. Classes begins at 9:00 am.

## ELDERS MEETS

The Elders will meet Sunday, May 21, at 8:00 am.

## BOARD MEETS

The Board will meet May 21, at 11:30 am.

## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will host a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14, at 7:45 am. Kyle will continue with our monthly Congregational Conversation immediately following breakfast.

**CWF** will meet May 9, 2017 beginning with Helping Hands at 9:30 am, followed by a sack lunch at 11:30 am. Virginia Parrish will be our guest speaker.

## CIRCLE I

Circle I will meet, Tuesday, May 16, 2:00 pm in the Parlor

## CIRCLE III

Circle III will meet Tuesday, May 16 at 4:30 pm

## In Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Assisted Living

*Carriage House Inn*

Rose Marie Clark  
Mary Lynn Prince  
Carolyn Ray

*The Heart Remembers*

Mattie Ray Wiser

*Brookdale Senior Living*

Cornelia Riddle

*Celebration Way*

Harriet Melson

## At Home

Lisa Adams  
Ernie Brewbaker  
Wallace & Brenda Hancock  
Virginia Ann Haynes  
Edna King  
Annette Palmer  
Ted York



## Reading Through the Bible Schedule

### May

1	1 Chronicles 1-4	Proverbs 26:1-16
2	1 Chronicles 5-8	Proverbs 26:17-28
3	1 Chronicles 9-11	Proverbs 27:1-14
4	1 Chronicles 12-14	Proverbs 27:15-27
5	1 Chronicles 15-17	Proverbs 28:1-14
6	1 Chronicles 18-20	Proverbs 28:15-28
7	OFF	
8	1 Chronicles 21-23	Proverbs 29:1-14
9	1 Chronicles 24-26	Proverbs 29:15-27
10	1 Chronicles 27-29	Proverbs 30
11	Hosea 1-4	Proverbs 31
12	Hosea 5-8	Song of Songs 1
13	Hosea 9-11	Song of Songs 2
14	OFF	
15	Hosea 12-14	Song of Songs 3
16	Ephesians 1-3	Song of Songs 4
17	Ephesians 4-6	Song of Songs 5
18	1 Kings 1-3	Song of Songs 6
19	1 Kings 4-6	Song of Songs 7
20	1 Kings 7-9	Song of Songs 8
21	OFF	
22	1 Kings 10-12	Psalm 95
23	1 Kings 13-15	Psalm 96
24	1 Kings 16-19	Psalm 97
25	1 Kings 20-22	Psalm 98
26	Jonah	Psalm 99
27	Philemon	Psalm 100
28	OFF	
29	1 Timothy 1-3	Psalm 101
30	1 Timothy 4-6	Psalm 102
31	Esther 1-3	Psalm 103



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	1	2	3 7 pm Choir	4 Noon National Day of Prayer at 1st Nazarene	5 1:30 pm Church Women United	6
7	8	9 9:30 am Help- ing Hands 11:30 am CWF 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen	10 7 pm Choir	11	12	13
14 7:45 am Mother's Day Breakfast	15	16 2 pm Circle I 4:30 pm Circle III	17 7 pm Choir	18	19	20

**Kyle at Festival of Homiletics**

21 8 am Elders 11:30 am Board	22	23	24 7 pm Choir	25	26	27
28	29 <b>OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY</b>	30 5:30 pm T- Ball Coaches Mtg 6:30 pm T-Ball Parents Meeting	31 7 pm Choir			



**May Birthdays**

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| 3 Frank Philpott   | 25 Ted York      |
| 4 Jimmy Clark  | 29 Iris Schumann |
| 5 Wallace Hancock  | 30 Amy Philpott  |
| 7 Rhonda Reed  | 31 Chris Boggs   |
| 8 Chris Simmons  |                  |
| 9 Tom Hulan  |                  |
| 11 Bonnye Fields<br>Donnye Fields<br>Sarah Riddle Caperton |                  |
| 12 Brandon Byrd  |                  |
| 21 Carol Crouse  |                  |
| 22 Ruby Taylor   |                  |
| 24 Tera Davis  |                  |

**May Elders**

- Ruth Cartwright  
Lynn Riddle

**May Deacons**

- Cort Huffman  
Virginia Parrish  
Hilda Smith  
Becky Thompson