

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Wise Words

A verse you may not be to familiar with is Proverbs 18:20: "Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction."

Now here is a thought. You won't get the blessings of God just because you believe. You don't receive the benefits of the resurrection of Jesus Christ by believing, alone. You don't get saved, healed, or get answers to prayer just because you believe.

Most Christians think that is the case, but it isn't what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches that you must believe and you must

say or confess what you believe.

For example, in order to be saved, Romans 10:9 and 10 says, "...if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Notice it doesn't say you'll be saved just because you believe. The very next verse says, "For man believes with his heart and is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved."

Our faith, our believing, is always expressed in spoken WORDS! The words that you speak not

only on Sunday in church or when you pray, but the words you speak in your everyday life, at home, with your friends, in school, and on the job—determine what you have in your life.

This Easter I am reminded that "wise words satisfy like a good meal." I serve a RISEN SAVIOR WHO LIVES IN MY HEART TODAY! I not only believe that, but those words spoken with my lips bring great satisfaction!! How about you?

HAPPY EASTER

Pastor McGill

Your Seasonal Contributions

Your Lenten contributions will support the church's transportation ministry. Our vans are kept safe and road-worthy for church outings by our Transportation Committee, under the leadership of Dave Lee and Hal Hutton. The vans and

bus are used annually for mission trips, Youth Fellowship outings, Emmaus Walk and Chrysalis, Women of Faith and other outreach projects. The fund also provides for newer vehicles when these need to be replaced.

Your Easter offerings will be shared by the

Mount Hope Youth Fellowship mission team, the Eastern PA Conference Youth Mission Team, HIS (Hearts In Service) Ministry, scholarships for Youth Fellowship retreats, and the ongoing ministry of Mount Hope Church.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

April 2009

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ **4th: Easter Egg Hunt**
- ◆ **5th: Palm Sunday; "Day in the Life of Christ" at 6:30**
- ◆ **9th: Holy Thursday communion services**
- ◆ **10th: Good Friday**
- ◆ **12th: Easter Sunday, He Is Risen Indeed!**
- ◆ **13th: Office closed**
- ◆ **19th: Confirmands join; Baptism**
- ◆ **23rd: Emmaus Walk**
- ◆ **26th: Spring Cantata**

Mount Hope Youth

Spring Issue

April 2009

Jr. Sr. High Leaders

Cindy Babiak

Karl Babiak

Elaine Faulkner

Dana Messick

Jim Powell

Lauren Plummer

Michele Thomas

Dan Vickers

Pastor Phil Ealy

KFC Leaders

Robin Powell

Chris Bergeman

Bill Faulkner

Dave Saville

Judy Brower

Sara Kiker

Sandra Crockett

Fuzzy/Muddy

Leaders

Lynne Bigas

Linda Schmitt

Karl Babiak

Dan Vickers

30 Hour Famine

Every day 26,000 children under the age of 5 die in the world as a result of hunger or hunger-related sickness.

On May 16-17th Mount Hope Youth will be having a 30 hour famine to raise awareness of this world-wide crisis. The event is sponsored by World Vision ©. Monies raised during the famine will help to provide food, medical care, Christian education, shelter and supply clean water to the poor in countries all over the world. All

monies raised during the event will go directly to World Vision ©.

The 30 Hour Famine is a national event that youth groups participate in in order to generate funds and let the young people experience first hand a feeling for a short period of time in their lives what so many people in the world face every single day, hunger. So as our young people are hungry, they are helping to

stop hunger. The youth will also be sharing in each of the Sunday morning services on May 17th what it has been like to go a day without food. Remember they will not have eaten anything since 7am the previous day.

Following the 11am service the congregation will be invited to join the youth as they “break the fast” and eat a simple lunch together. For more information please contact Cindy Babiak.

Youth Bible Studies Continue

The “Fuzzie Slippers” girls Bible study will be holding a “Mothers Day Tea” May 11th from 7-9pm in Habbersett Hall. So wear your Spring best and plan to attend. Please contact Lynne Bigas or Linda Schmitt for more information. (fuzzieleaders@comcast.net)

Our boys Bible study “Muddy Boots” continue their study from the Nooma© series. Please contact Karl Babiak for more information. (kbabiak@comcast.net)

April 2009

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5YF & KFC	6	7 Fuzzy Slippers 7:30	8 Muddy Boots 8:30	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter! No YF/KFC	13	14	15	16	17	18
19YF & KFC	20	21 Fuzzy Slippers 7:30	22 Muddy Boots 8:30	23	24	25 Youth Rally 12-6pm
26YF & KFC	27	28	29	30		

April 5, 19 and 26 YF and KFC

April 12th NO YF or KFC

April 7 and 21 Fuzzy Slippers

April 8 and 22 Muddy Boots

April 25th District Youth Rally at UMCR

What's Happening in the future?

***Conference Youth Rally** - "Connect" is an event sponsored by the Eastern PA Conference of the UMC to connect teens with people their age from all over the Conference. There will be food, praise bands, and games. The speaker for the day will be Duffy Robbins.

This will be held April 25th at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Exton PA from 12 to 5pm. Vans will leave Mount Hope at noon sharp and return approximately at 6pm. See Cindy Babiak for more details.

***30 Hour Famine** - May 16th - 17th our Youth Group will be involved in a 30 hour famine. This event held nationally is to help our young people experience first hand what it is like every day for the millions of hungry people in the world. The youth will be sleeping in homemade cardboard shelters overnight and sharing briefly what they experienced with the congregation on Sunday Morning.



DEATH

Edith Clayton Lloyd, March 16

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dr. & Mrs. Paul Miller
Brian and Amanda Withelder
Reynolds

Food Pantry

This winter has shown a greatly increased need to help others through the Food Pantry. Many families have come to our church in search of this assistance. The Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable foodstuff, especially cereal, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, juice, canned veggies, baked beans, evaporated or powdered milk, jello and puddings, and canned meats and tuna. Items can be dropped off at any time. No time to shop? Cash donations can be given too. Sue Keeley (610-485-1272) or Peggy Stuart will do the shopping for you. **Be sure to give your money directly to Sue of Peggy, not placed in Sue's Narthex mailbox.**

Additionally, the 1st Sunday of each month will be an opportunity for all members to bring a canned good or non-perishable to church. A receptacle will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for your donations.

Thank you for your continued support. *"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me."* Matthew 25:40

Holy Week and Easter Services

◆ April 5th - Palm Sunday:

Pastor Ealy's message: *"Do We Know the Jesus We Are Praising?"* John 12: 12-19.

Come celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and into our hearts. All who attend will be presented with a palm cross made by members of Mount Hope Church.

◆ April 9th - Holy Thursday, com- munion, 12:30 and 7:00 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m., Pastor Rigby will share a

presentation of the Maundy Thursday Upper Room and Gethsemane narratives, with communion. Later, at 7:00 p.m., he will lead us in a "tenebrae service." We will celebrate the Lord's Supper followed by the formation of a human candlelight cross in the Sanctuary.

◆ April 10th - Good Friday, Noon to 3:00 p.m.

The worship time will be divided into approximate 25 minute segments. Plan to join in as we rediscover the meaning of the sacrifice of Jesus for us on the cross.

◆ April 12th - Easter Sunday 6:30 A.M. Service of Res- urrection

On "The Hill" in the cemetery by the white cross, weather permitting; in the Sanctuary if inclement. Pastor Ealy's message: *"Take Your Stand."* Breakfast in Habbersett Hall following the sunrise service.

8:15 and 11:00 A.M. tra- ditional, 9:30 contempo- rary worship.

Pastor McGill's message this morning is: *"Celebrate the Power of Easter"*

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 4th from 9am to Noon, for children up to 10 years old. The Easter Bunny will be here for photos.

We would appreciate your baked goods donations. If you bring them in before the 4th, please leave them in the Habbersett kitchen clearly marked for the Egg Hunt.

Also, we need volunteers the day of the hunt. Please contact Donna Lofthouse at 610.874.3758 to offer your help. Thank you!

Education News

Sloman Shield vs Sunday School

As parents we take all the appropriate safety measures to protect our children from a world filled with hazards. However, the only sure foundation for security is God's promises. Invest in you and your children's secu-

rity – attend Sunday school. Learn what promises God has made. **Sunday School – It's for Life!**

Summer Sunday School

We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school during the months of July and August. Help us give our teachers a much needed vaca-

tion and touch a child's life in the process. You can volunteer for one or more Sundays by contacting Carolyn at 610-494-1267. All teaching materials will be supplied. Volunteering early guarantees you the Sundays of your choice!

Welcome, New Members

We're delighted to welcome the following new members who have united with Mount Hope Church:

Laura Blanda, Lori Coleman, Matt and Jennifer Culp, Rich and Patty Dougherty, Frank McCollum, Bruce

and Barbara Montag, and Stephen Poore.



Spring Cantata

Footprints in the Sand ~

A Journey to the Cross and Beyond

by Joseph M. Martin and David Angerman

Sunday, April 26, 2009

At the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Come with us as we follow Christ's journey that lead him to Calvary, death, and resurrection traveling the dusty roads of Galilee and the ancient streets of Jerusalem, tracing the path that leads to Calvary.

Mark your calendars and plan to be there on April 26. The cantata will be presented at the 8:15 and 11 a.m. services. All who attend worship will experience "A Journey to the Cross and Beyond" as we retrace the "Footprints in the Sand"

We need extra voices in the choir. Please consider helping us. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7-7:45 pm in the choir room. See Sharon Kope or any choir member if you have any questions.

Congratulations, Confirmation Graduates!

This year Mount Hope Church has the privilege of welcoming 22 new members through our confirmation classes. Graduation will take place Sunday April 19th at the 11 a.m. worship service. A brief reception will follow. Please plan to attend and welcome the Confirmation Class of 2009!

*Rachel Adams
Anastasia Amand
Randy Blanda
Ryan Caris
Jake Coleman
Raymond Crozier
Andrew Duck
Vivian Dutton
Kenneth Griner
Tyler Michaels
Ashley Morgan
Anastasia Morgan*

*Kevin Morgan
Shannon O'Neil
Tyler Piecara
Caitlyn Piecara
Rebekah Powell
Karley Russell
Alexander Shah
Cameron Shah
Arielle Thomas
Devon Williams*

A Lesson in Contentment

One of my toddler's favorite things to do every morning is play with his trains. We usually play at the train table throughout the day as well. The other day while we were playing I realized that he is amassing quite a nice collection. There are different destinations, a windmill, a bridge, ramps, many of the Thomas and Friends character engines, and other accessories as well. There are enough tracks that we can routinely change the layout to keep it interesting.

However, I can remember when my husband and I bought him his first train set. It was a beginner set con-

sisting of a simple small oval track, one engine, and a railroad crossing sign. He was quite content to sit on the living room floor playing with it for hours. Sometimes we would build tunnels for the train with his blocks. When I think of how content he was when he had very little, I am reminded of what the apostle Paul wrote in the book of Philippians. He said, "I know how to be abased and live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty and live in abundance. I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation, whether well-fed or going hungry, hav-

ing a sufficiency and enough to spare or going without and being in want." As little children, it may be easy to feel content with what we have, but as we grow older we can become ungrateful and even unhappy because of our circumstances.


We are told many times in the Bible that we should be as children are. Jesus said we are to receive the kingdom of Heaven like little children. Children live in the moment and do not worry for tomorrow. God, like all parents, wants to see His children happy. And like all parents, He is happiest and most wants to

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Angel Food Ministries



Don't forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for April's menu and to order your meals. See the calendar on page 7 for the order dates.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Homebound members
Thelma Fox, April 23
206 Robin Hood LN
Aston PA 19014-1911
Dorothy Kieffer
38 N Avon DR
Claymont DE 19703-1510

Word of Hope

A Lesson in Contentment (continued from page 3)

give to us when we are content with what we already have.

I am often amazed that my family and I have been able to have all of our needs met on just one income. When I left full-time work to become a stay-at-home mother, I never expected to be as blessed as we have been. I honestly did not think it would last a month. I was

consumed with worry and anxiety. It was difficult but over time I have learned to be content in our situation. Although it has not been easy, it certainly is working out. I can only describe how we're making it as Providence, God's divine guidance.

In this difficult economy many of us are being tested. We may find that we must adjust our lifestyles. Many things we were once accustomed to having

may now be out of our reach. Some of us will find this adjustment more difficult than others. Perhaps we will learn to be like Paul and accept our situations whatever they may be, whether abased or abounding, continuing to trust in God and realizing that we can do all things through Him.

Bridgette Crockett



Children's Center News

April Bible Verse:
"For God so love the world He gave His only begotten Son." John 3:16

We will be getting ready for our joyful Easter festivities this month, hoping to enjoy the outdoor activities that celebrate the holiday again this year. The children can really understand when Easter coincides with the re-

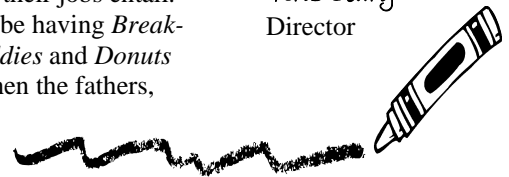
birth of the world around us. Our fruit of the Spirit this month is *gentleness*. Please join us for chapel on April 23rd and 24th at 9:25 A.M.

This month we will be learning about Community Helpers where our parents are good enough to come in and explain what their jobs entail. We will also be having *Breakfast with Buddies* and *Donuts for Dudes* when the fathers,

grandfathers, etc. come in for a celebration with the children since we miss Father's Day.

We are taking registrations for our seven-week summer program again this July and August. Call or stop up for more information (610.558.0442).

Kris Leary
 Director



What's New In the Library

Heaven, by Randy Alcorn, is the result of 25 years of extensive research into all the questions you've ever had about heaven, and many more. After reading it, the next time someone says, "We can't begin to imagine what Heaven will be like," you'll be able to say, "I can!"

Sabrina, by Lori Wick, continues the Big Sky Dreams series. Sabrina left her life as a prostitute behind and embraced her

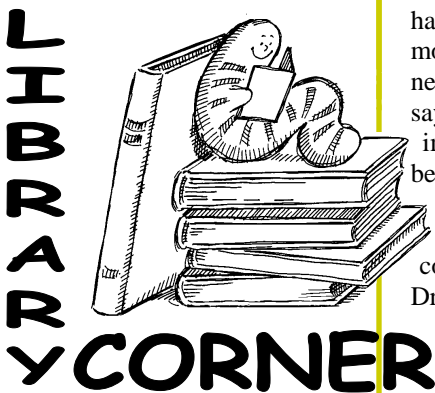
new life in Christ. She moves to Montana and finds that life is still full of challenges, and possibly love.

Healing Promises, by Amy Wallace, features FBI Agent Clint Rollins, injured and ill, still tracking a serial kidnapper, as his wife, an M.D., is trying to save his life.

In the second century, St. Anthony renounced his affluent life and moved to a deserted place. In the twenty-first, Roberta Denys does the same in *The Feast of Saint*

Bertie, by Kathleen Popa. All she wants is to live simply and seek God, but will she be able to walk away from life's claims on her? Molly McGarvey's life is about to change forever in *The Edge of Light*, by Ann Shorey. When her husband succumbs to cholera, his brother takes over the family business, leaving Molly with no support. She begins a dangerous journey in 1838 Missouri, determined to care for her family.

Lynn Ward, Librarian





Early Response Team Training

- ◆ Saturday, April 4
 - ◆ 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Thorndale UMC, 3503 Lincoln Highway, Thorndale, PA 19372
 - ◆ Cost: \$10 each
 - ◆ A light breakfast and lunch and will be provided courtesy of Thorndale Church
- Early Response Teams (ERTs) are the folks who go in right after the emergency phase of a disaster to muck out homes, remove wet dry-wall and insulation, cut up downed trees and so on. They often need to be totally self-sufficient, taking care of their own meals and trans-

portation into and out of the affected area. Training is mandatory in order to participate on one of these teams.

Our goal is to eventually be able to deploy ERTs from each of the six districts in our conference, each with their own fully equipped trailer. Please consider serving in this ministry. If you wish to attend either of the training sessions, please contact Ben Botti at bbotti@entermail.net or 215-723-8367.

Ben Botti
The United Methodist Church Eastern PA Conference Volunteers in Mission Coordinator
127 Barndt Road, Sellersville, PA 18960; 215-723-8367

This will be very important training for anyone who wants to volunteer during any disaster. All volunteers will need to be badged to work in any disaster in the future. UMCOR will be providing the badges to the conference after verification has been received that you took the required training. Our Early Response Team Coordinator will make sure the badges get distributed to each trainee.

*Debra DePrinzio, Disaster Response Coordinator
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church*

Disaster Response



Help for Those in Need

The ongoing economic crisis has caused difficulties for many families. The State has established a web site, www.heretohelp.pa.gov, to connect people with programs that can help get them

through tough times. The site includes information on unemployment benefits, heating and utility bill assistance, job search and training resources, mortgage assistance, low-cost and no-cost health insurance, veterans' ser-

vices and more. You may also log on to www.senator-pileggi.com or call Rep. Stephen Barrar's office for additional information.

He Is Risen Indeed! (Continued from the back page)

Jesus had predicted He would rise in three days. To assure that the disciples could not conspire in a resurrection hoax, Pilate ordered the official seal of Rome to be attached to the tomb to be attached to the tomb to put grave robbers on notice. To enforce the order, soldiers stood guard (Matthew 27:62-66). Any disciple who wanted to tamper with the body would have had to get by them, which wouldn't have been easy. The Roman guards had good reason for staying alert--the penalty for falling asleep while on watch was death.

3. The Grave Was Found Empty

"The resurrection proclamation could not have been maintained in Jerusalem for a single day, for a single

hour, if the emptiness of the tomb had not been established as a fact" --Paul Althus (theologian)

Another strong piece of evidence that the tomb was empty is the reaction of the authorities when the guards reported the events in the garden.

We are faced with two facts. (1) Jesus died and was buried. (2) In a short time, His tomb became empty.

4. Many People Claimed to Have Seen Him Alive

Peter, the 12 apostles, more than 500 people, James, Paul, Mary Magdalene several women near the tomb, two disciples on the road to Emmaus, ten disciples in the upper room, eleven disciples in the upper room, seven men at the Sea of Galilee, eleven disciples on a mountain, and an undisclosed amount of disciples near Bethany all saw the risen Christ!

5. His Apostles Were Dramatically Changed

Some would say that the disciples had nothing stronger to spur them on than a story they had made up. But can you imagine what it would take to believe this? Just picture Peter standing up before the disciples, who had remained safely hidden behind locked doors after Jesus' death for fear of their lives, and saying, "Well, the entire weight of the Jewish religious community and the Roman government was just used to put Jesus to death by crucifixion. Even though we know that He is still dead, we are going to start a rumor that He isn't. We are going to say that He rose from the tomb and that we all saw Him."

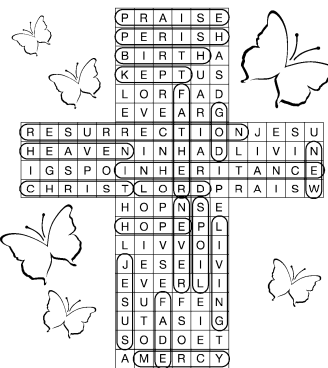
Pastor Phil

Rescheduled:

"A Day in the Life of Christ"

**Dr. Jesse Duplantis on DVD
Sunday, April 5th
at 6:30 p.m.
In the Sanctuary**

Answers to Kid's Page puzzle:



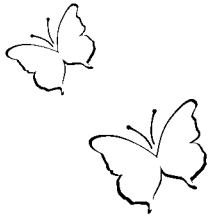


Just for KIDS

OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

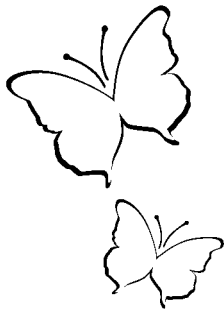
"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you"



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EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
If your little sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
You can't hide broccoli in a glass of milk.
When you Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.



This Update Printed: Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Every Sunday: 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages</p> </div>			<p>1</p> <p>April Fools Day 9:00 AM Library Open 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:30 PM Education (L) 6:30 PM Parent Seminars (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Trustees (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 6:00 PM Hunt set-up (HH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation (Old St Georges Phila) 9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (HH)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Palm Sunday Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 9:00 AM & 10:30 Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 9:30 AM Confirmation Class (FH) 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM "Day in the Life of Christ" (S) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L) 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (home) 7:30 PM Fuzzie Slippers C Bbl Stdy (6)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH) 4:00 PM WOH Dine (Ofc) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (Nrtlx) 6:30 PM Parent Seminars (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104) 8:30 PM Muddy Boots BS (2)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Communion Holy Thursday 9:00 AM Library Open 11:00 AM Busy Beavs (Kit) 12:30 PM Communion Serv (S) 7:00 PM Communion Serv (S)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Good Friday 12:00 PM - 5PM Office closed 12:00 PM Worship (S)</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>12</p> <p>Easter 6:30 AM Serv of Res (Hil) 7:15 AM Sunrise Brkfst (HH) 9:00 AM & 10:30 Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed 9:00 AM Angel Food Order (HH) 7:00 PM Men's Felwshp (L)</p> <p>MHCC Closed Library Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Ad Bd (HH) 7:00 PM Cantata Instru Reh (S)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM Parent Seminars (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 6:00 PM Chaga/Wiggins Reh (S) 8:00 PM EPaC Mission Training (HH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM Angel Food pick-up (HH) 9:30 AM Confirmation Rehearsal (S) 3:00 PM Chaga/Wiggins Wed (S) 5:00 PM EPaC Mission Training (HH)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Baptism 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 11:00 AM Confirmation Class Joins 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Cantata Instru Reh (S) 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (home) 7:00 PM SPR (L) 7:30 PM Fuzzie Slippers C Bbl Stdy (6)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 9:30 AM Parent Seminars (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Finance (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104) 8:30 PM Muddy Boots BS (2)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 AM WOH Morning (HH) 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (S)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 6:00 PM Firein/Dawson Wedding Reh (S)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Cantata Reh (S) 12:00 PM Conference Youth Rally (Exton) 3:00 PM Firein/Dawson Wedding (S)</p>
<p>Emmaus Walk</p>						
<p>26</p> <p>Cantata Native American Ministries 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p> <p>Emmaus Walk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Men's Felwshp (L)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Worship Com (L)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM Parent Seminars (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>Community Events: Sundays - 6:00 p.m. Cub Dens 1 & 5 Mondays - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Trp 292 Tuesdays – 8:30 pm AA (FH) Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den (101) Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH) Fridays - Cub Den 2 (101) 1st Friday - Pack 77 Parents (FH) 3rd Friday - Cub Pack 77 (FH)</p>	



He Is Risen Indeed!

The resurrection of Christ is fundamental to our Christian faith. It is the mark of approval God the Father gave for the sufficiency of the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. We know today for sure that God will accept us, because He accepted Jesus.

Sometimes though, in the course of our Christian life we are faced with the challenge of defending what we hold to be dear and true. There might even be times in our heart of hearts that we ourselves wonder about certain events of scripture. It is during these times that God can work in and through us to increase our faith. So at this Easter time of year, if you have some misleadings regarding the resurrection, take heart. Do not “doubt to doubt”, but rather “if you doubt, find out.”

Here are the top five “proofs” that aside from that actual testimony of scripture itself that we can be assured that Jesus actually did rise from the dead on that third day. So no matter if you have ever doubted, or need this information to help you in your conversations with friends, let it encourage you today that He is risen, He is risen indeed!

1. A Public Execution Assured That He Actually Died

When Joseph of Arimathea asked for the body of Christ so he and Nicodemus could bury Him, Pontius Pilate ordered a centurion to verify that Jesus was dead (Mark 15:43-45). The Roman governor would not release the body to Joseph until the centurion was certain that all signs of life were

gone. You can be sure that an officer in the Roman army would not make a mistake about an important matter like this in his report to such a high official as Pilate.

As a matter of fact, Justin Martyr, a Christian debater in the second century, said that the record of Jesus' crucifixion was sent to Rome and stored in the Roman archives and was available for anyone to see as a matter of public record. Jesus was killed by the Romans. It would take more than resuscitation for Jesus to ever trouble them again.

2. High Officials Secured the Gravesite

The next day, religious leaders again met with Pilate. They said

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