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THE GOOD WORD

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The Story of Christian Symbols told by Taylorsville UMC Stained Glass Windows

Window Six – The Lamb Seated on the Book of Seven Seals



The lamb, a great Christian symbol for our Easter season. The lamb represents so much in our relationship with God and Jesus. Let's start with the specific symbol on the window in the sanctuary – The Lamb Seated on the Book of Seven Seals. This image, especially the book part, comes from the Book of Revelation from a vision of John. The seven seals of God are symbolic and secure the book of scrolls. The seals can only be broken by one who is worthy, the Lamb. As each seal is opened a judgement is released.

Our window has four significant parts – the cross shaped staff, the banner, the lamb and the book of seals. What is missing, and is typically included in this image, is the nimbus, a halo which is indicative of a deity. (Was it a matter of cost that drove our predecessor's decision?) The cross-shaped staff and banner represent the victory over sin and death. The lamb is almost always lying down, which indicates being wounded. It is the symbol of Christ's sacrifice.

The Lamb on the Book with Seven Seals



If the lamb happens to be standing with the banner, it means he is no longer wounded, but standing with the banner of victory again suggesting the victorious nature of His sacrifice. John called Jesus the Lamb of God. The book with seals, marks the second coming of Christ.

The blood of a lamb without blemish was commanded by God to be sprinkled on the doorpost of Hebrew homes in Egypt so His destroying angel might pass over and spare Israel. This was memorialized in the Passover Festival.

St. Agnes's symbol is the lamb on a book with two crosses and represents her devotion to Jesus, which led her to steadfastly refuse all offers of marriage, claiming she was the "Bride of Christ". She is the patron saint of chastity. Although, not a lamb, the symbol of sheep is a sign of fidelity to the shepherd, representing followers of Jesus Christ – the Good Shepherd.

To summarize "The Lamb", a weak little animal when born which will die if separated from his flock, is the symbol of the greatest man who ever lived – what a strange pairing, but universally recognized. Sacrifice is a key aspect of the selection, with the image of the Passover lamb, and who better to represent sacrifice and devotion, than our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Happy Easter and may you enjoy this
season of rebirth – Pastor Patty*



Lamb on the Book with Seven seal with Nimbus



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5	Ray McConchie	14	Jeff Franklin
5	Steve Novick	23	Brittney Keenan
13	Karen Keenan	23	Nathan Young

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

15	Gary and Sheri Maring
25	Steve and Sharon Iden

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.

Inclement weather policy:
Church: In case of severe weather and there is a need to cancel our worship, please check church email, Facebook or our church website any time after 8:00 AM Sunday morning. The church does keep a list of members/regular attendees without electronic connectivity and will notify them by phone of any cancellations.
Church Office: If Carroll County Schools are closed due to bad weather, the church office will also be closed.



Next Church Council meeting is Monday, May 3rd. Information and details will be sent out.

May Newsletter
 Deadline is: **April 22nd**

For April we are Collecting:

Brownie & Cake Mixes

You can drop off items to the church office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.
 (The Net will take any items you are willing to donate.)

For March we collected 13 rice & potato items.

Prayer List

Lifting Our Hearts In...

Praise

- Thankful to worship a risen Lord
- Flowers blooming
- Ray & Candy, Jeff & Debra anniversaries

Prayer

- Kay's son-in-law, Bronson, granddaughter, Kasey, have COVID
- Georgia & Colorado shootings
- Vivian-possible knee surgery
- Bruce-heart transplant, healing
- Matt Benka-loss of both parents to COVID
- Jean-arthritis
- Kathy's daughter, Stephanie-healing prayers
- Brenda Eaton-health deteriorating
- Ray & Candy's daughter, Kasey, & husband, Ryan, recovering from COVID
- Karen - battling cancer
- Sharon's friend, Claudette Brown in hospital
- June Maring-shingles
- Trent-Holstein's friend-rehab from accident
- Cindy's friend, Sherry Fisher-lung cancer
- Lynda Arnold has health issues
- Bob Wilson, prayers for Sharon & family
- Sandi Mennerick's friend, Michelle C-cancer
- The leadership of this country
- Loved ones who are sick, having surgery, or about to give birth. Family members not allowed in the hospitals now, which adds to anxiety & a sense of loss to all these situations.
- For those with small businesses and others who are financially at risk during this pandemic
- All those with COVID-19, cases going down
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our church
- Amy, friend of Kathy Cinnamond
- Healing: Cindy Watts, Rhonda Berg, Bob & Phyllis Herbig, John Hortie
- The Landerholm Family (missionaries in Unalaska)
- For those in assisted living facilities, those with loved ones in assisted living who are unable to visit to love and care for these folks during this time. Employees who have extra responsibilities when they are extra vulnerable. Our members in assisted living are Bud Kibbe and Brenda Eaton.



Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

John 6:68c



Prayers for Service Persons

Bryan Cinnamond - Army National Guard-Middle East
Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Bahrain)
Thank you for your service Bryan & Sean!!

We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.

Holy Week Decorators Needed

Wednesday, March 31 - 1:00-3:00pm
Thursday-April 1 - 3:00-4:00pm
Saturday, April 3 - 8:30 to 10:00am

Contact Pastor Patty or the church office if you can help.

Sermon Series for April



April 2nd – Good Friday: By His Bruises - Rend Your Heart: Claim the Promise – Series of Scripture and Hymns



April 4th - Easter– Terror and Amazement – Living the Resurrection –
John 20: 1-18

April 11th - Second Sunday of Easter – Unless I See – Living the Resurrection –
John: 20: 19-31



April 18th – Third Sunday of Easter – Touch and See – Living the Resurrection –
Luke 24: 36b-48 (Special Sunday – A Baptism and Native American Sunday)

April 25th – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Listen to My Voice – Living the Resurrection – John 10: 11-18



Adult Sunday School Class ~ 9:00 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg. or on Zoom

The class will start a study on Wesley & Methodism, the Sunday after Easter.

Contact Jeff Taylor if you have questions.

READING REVELATION IN CONTEXT

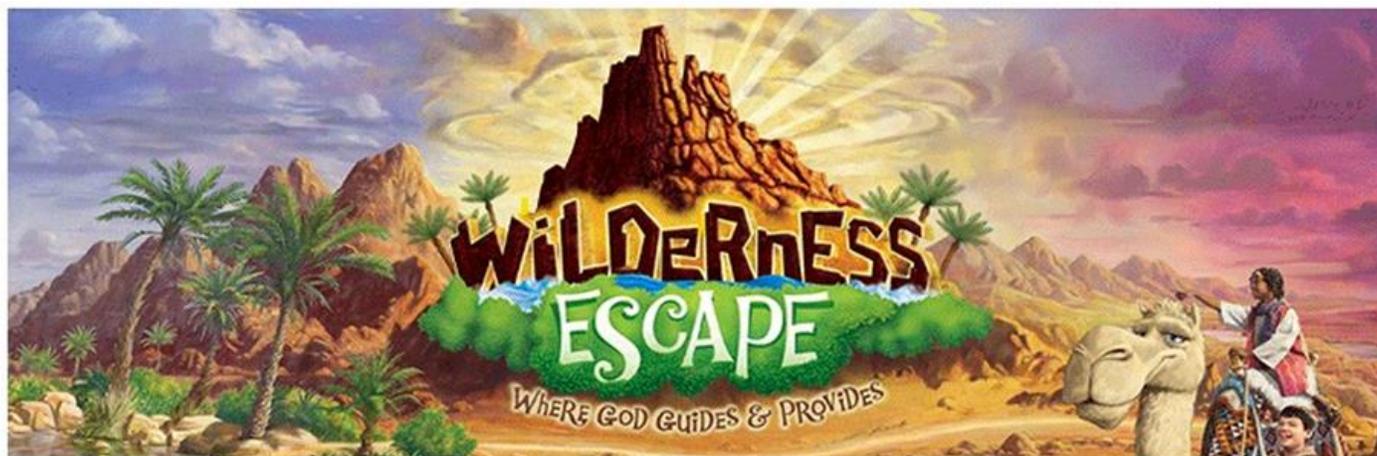
JOHN'S APOCALYPSE AND SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM

Adult Sunday School Class Two in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m.

In April we continue our study of some of the Old Testament prophets. The lessons begin with the Easter Sunday one that focuses on the connection between Isaiah's fourth Servant Song and the account of Jesus' resurrection. The sacrifice of Christ on the cross makes possible forgiveness of sins and removes our estrangement from the Father. That estrangement is powerfully illustrated by the prophet Jeremiah in Lamentations 5. Backsliders, then as now, often must take difficult and decisive action to remove obstacles to a restored relationship with God. But that must be done in order to experience God's blessings. We will also look at such decisive actions on the part of the post-exilic figures Ezra and Nehemiah.

We welcome you to join us in our study on Sundays at 9 in the social hall. Contact Dee if you need more information.

During the month of April the Children's Sunday school class will be studying Isaiah 40:8, "God's love for us never fades". We will also discuss the Parable of the Sower and how we can be "good soil". Finally, we will learn sign language for the Tree Song.



**Coming this Summer.....
 Vacation Bible Camp
 Save the Date: July 26-30, 2021
 Planning Meeting on Wednesday, April 7th
 at 7:00 PM
 More information to follow**

Save the Date:
April 24th
 9:00am-12:00pm



**CHURCH
 WORKDAY**

Contact: Sandy Wright if you can help.

Little Believers Activity Packets

Drive up to the Blue box in front of the church and pick up an activity packet for your favorite little believer.



We are holding a yard sale on **May 15th, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. If you are interested in having a table to sell items, contact Sandy or Hearl. (This is open to church members, family and friends. This event will be held outside.)



The work station at the church is located in the pastor’s office and the door is always open for those who need access to a computer for use to schedule your vaccinations, file your taxes or any other online activity, shopping, research, etc. Please take advantage of this service provided by the church.



*Missions
Helping Hands to
Heal Hearts*

Mission Team UPDATE

The Mission Team will be supporting the UMCOR request for **Cleaning Buckets**. Below is a list of articles that go in the buckets, with very specific descriptions. The actual buckets will be purchased by the Mission team and we plan on filling a total of 10. Your donations can be dropped off at the church during regular office hours or brought to church on Sunday. If you have questions, please contact the church or Vivian Overholtzer.

16 oz. bottle of liquid dish soap	Air freshener – pump, gel or solid	5 scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them)
scrub brush	32 oz bottle liquid laundry detergent	50 clothes pins
18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)	household cleaner, 16 oz. bottle (no spray)	Clothes line, 100 ft - cotton or plastic
5 packs KN95 masks	Work gloves - leather or cotton with leather palm	Insect repellent pump spray, 6-14 oz.
Latex kitchen cleaning gloves - 2 pairs per bucket	24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags - 33-45 gallon (Remove roll from box before placing in bucket.)	

ONLINE DIRECTORY

For several months now I have been discussing creating an online directory. Due to recent events with the church email being hacked, a backup process is needed to notify the congregation of situations like the email problem and other emergencies is needed. The online directory is a wonderful tool which can provide that service, as well as many more. However, I know there is much concern about an online directory, so I am scheduling a ZOOM meeting for those interested in seeing how it works and what it can do for the church on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

There are many features associated with an online directory, that will be easier to explain and show on a ZOOM meeting versus trying to write it all down in an article. The ZOOM meeting information will be sent to the entire congregation closer to the date. If there are those that would like to attend in person, I will set up the ZOOM meeting in the Social Hall. Mixing virtual and Face to Face meetings is not ideal, but I believe it will work in this situation.

I am a firm believer in an online directory for many reasons and hope you will join me on April 8th to see for yourself and be reassured that it is a safe and secure tool.

Pastor Patty

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours M, W, TH 9:00AM-2:30PM				1 10:00AM-2:00PM Stations of the Cross 3:00-4:00PM Moving Stations of the Cross	2 6:00-7:00PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	3 8:30- 10:00AM Decorating for Easter
4 EASTER COMMUNION 6:15AM-Sunrise Service No Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	5	6	7 7:00PM Vacation Bible Camp Meeting	8 7:00PM Zoom Meeting for Online Directory	9	10
11 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	12 7:00PM Finance Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	19	20	21	22 May Newsletter Deadline	23	24 9:00AM- 12:00PM Church Clean-up
25 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	26	27	28 Pastor Patty vacation	29 Pastor Patty vacation	30	31

Palm
Sunday

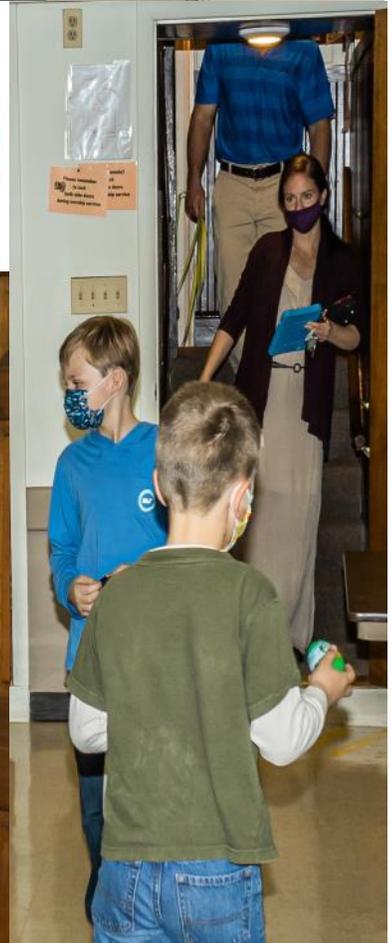


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Easter Egg Hunt!



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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

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