



# INTO THE FOLD

## April 2023

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### Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn...

Spring Is Right Around the Corner  
April 2023 Newsletter Article

Spring has sprung in parts of the world, and it is quickly around the corner for us. Observe the grass returning to its green state, and yet; the trees have not yet joined the parade. Nature will soon renew itself once again, very quickly during the next month. This marvelous season brings to mind our own personal renewal, a fresh start in whatever area we feel needs to experience newness.

As Christian believers we are blessed to experience renewal following difficult times. We can and do go through the metamorphic changes following various life situations or struggles.

When we first come to Christ the scriptures remind us that some adjustments need to occur: *<sup>22</sup> So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to—the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires. <sup>23</sup> Your hearts and minds must be made completely new, <sup>24</sup> and you must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy.* Ephesians 4:22-24  
GNT

Even with all this beautiful change, we will still struggle at times. Worldly desires and thoughts will still step-up and present opportunities to sway us to and fro. Because transforming is not just a onetime thing. Transforming happens in stages and one spring does not a change make, when our minds

seek renewal our hearts benefit as well. [Romans 12:2]

Living the life of a Christian, can be overwhelming at times, especially when physical and personal stresses enter the mix. Know that our confidence can be found by following this suggestion: *<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* 2 Corinthians 4:16

The trees will soon put on new leaves, becoming as green as the grass. The birds will build a new nest. Nature will have a blessing along with our personal Spiritual renewal.

Praying You Through,  
Pastor JoEllyn

We would like to share some family changes:  
Our son, Matthew James Chadwick, Sergeant 1st Class, has retired from the Army after 20 plus years in service. This happened on October 31, 2022.

He is now extending the knowledge he obtained while serving his country. His new position is with the U.S. Department of Defense, in Fort Meade, Maryland. His title: IT Cyber Security Specialist.

This is the last newsletter and bulletin that will list his military involvement. We thank everyone for your consistent prayers during his time of duty with the United States Army.  
Pastor JoEllyn and Lester

### Bette's Bits & Bytes:

In the February newsletter I shared that I was contemplating Flying and Fishing.. I have never had an urge to fish, although my Mom and Dave loved to fish... Fishing means you will be by water, which I am not fond of..... It hasn't happened yet, but time is getting closer & closer..

None the less, because of the someone new, Brad, I will be trying out fishing this summer.. Will I like it? Hmmm?? Time will tell!!

These last 2 months I have learned something I never knew existed... Bass Fishing Tournaments... The 2023 BassMaster Classic, equivalent to the Super Bowl, Mar 23 -Mar 26 just finished.... Classics & Invitationals are big deals in Bass Fishing World... There are well-known big-name Anglers, just like big known names, in Football, Nascar, Baseball, & Basketball. Jeff Gustafson, was the Big Winner this year... with a total weight of fish caught over the 3 days, of 42 pounds, 7 ounces... Tournaments are held in Michigan, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas to name a few.. Matter of fact, Every Wednesday, there are tournaments held in our area... Pine Lake / Stone

Lake, Potato Creek, Hudson Lake.. What is a tournament? There are 2 anglers (fishermen) per boat, competing against other teams during an allotted amount of time, 6 or 8 hours, for cash prizes. The goal is to end the day with the heaviest catch possible. There is a limit of 5 fish they can hold at a time, in a LiveWell. As caught, they are put on a culling strap, a numbered 5-color system for identifying your fish by size or weight, making it easier to determine what fish to replace with one that weighs more...

There are even Casting Couples Tournaments, which maybe we will do one or two. The first one is May 20..

In Bass Fishing, I understand, you use lures... There is certain way to secure a line with a lure... There are different weights of lines, even different types of poles to use depending on what type of fish you are fishing.. There are bait caster & spinning reels, bass anglers, use.. I also understand that fish are not the only thing you can hook when fishing... You could get your hand hooked as well.. Which I hope doesn't happen.. Looks painful to get out...

There are many different makes & models of boats, just like cars, that are made just for Bass Fishing, but can also be used for a enjoyable cruise down a lake. Brad has a red/silver sparkle BASS CAT- Puma Boat.. Bass Cat boat models are named after different types of cats: Puma, Lynx, Jaguar, Cougar etc.. These boats can be equipped with two or three cameras, to be able to see underwater and to aid in spotting fish... A Bass boat has a flat bow, and a flat stern, that is wide & big enough for a fisherman to stand on, to cast from. One angler casts from the front bow, and one from the back stern.. There are times you might go home from a tournament with no bass caught...

As soon as the weather gets warmer, I will be out practicing my Casting.... And believe me I will need lots of practice casting & figuring out how to get the fish off the hook... Maybe Brad will take off for me... Let's HOPE!!

This fish contemplating has made me think about the time after Jesus was raised from the dead, and he appeared to his disciples. After they fished all night without a single fish to show for it.. Jesus, standing on the beach, called to them to throw the nets on the other side of the boat and wellah! Their nets were full and so heavy they couldn't pull the net in... When Simon Peter realized it was Jesus on the shore, he jumped into the water, to greet him, while the others pulled their haul of fish to shore..

Jesus had breakfast all ready for them on the shore & served them bread & fish...

Jesus is an excellent guide, and I'm sure Brad and his son, Mark, would like Jesus, calling to them to cast their lines over there by that log, or dock, where there would be, two or three, 8 lb 6 oz bass hanging out ready to be caught.. Wouldn't it be awesome to sit and eat a meal with Jesus, and discuss why did this happen, the mysteries of the universe or, say "Go Fishing With"..

### **John 21:3-18 NLT**

Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied. Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread. "Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn. "Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

**Stayed tuned for my next adventure,  
Flying!!!**

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

*Bette*



**The February  
meeting of Best  
Years met at  
Blacksmith**

Shopped , hosted by Iva Wasielewski. Iva said grace.

Birthdays from now to next meeting, are 2-22 Karen Fitzgerald, 3-5 Joyce Blint, Iva 3-10, Wayne Kirkham 3-11.. Wayne & Shirley Kirkham celebrated their 32 anniversary today 2-15.. Wayne shared that they had their first date on valentines day. Iva shared that 68 years ago, on valentines Day, her son David was born. Vada Pulver shared that her daughter was married on Valentines Day.

Attendance Prizes were won by, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham, Mike Harris, Cathy Reese, Ben Rison, Bette Schaefer, Jack Cook, Arlos Scofield, Linda Everingham, Pastor JoEllyn and Vada Pulver

Others present were: Karen Rison, Jean Snyder, Mary Kessler, Connie Galloway, Lester Chadwick, Susan Knowlton, Karen Fitzgerald, Deb Harris, Bobette Elkins, Bob Russell, Kathy Fitz.... The next meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup>...

The March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of BEST YEARS, met at the Blacksmith Shoppe hosted by Jean Snyder. Iva said grace.

Only one March Birthday Mike Harris, 3-30...

Jean gave a history of St Patricks Day Shamrocks. Door Prizes were Shamrock Plants.

Attendance prizes of these candies were won by Mike Deb Harris, Nickolas Masek, John & Mary Smith, Mary Kessler, Linda Everingham, Lester Chadwick, Sue Hartwick, Ben Rison, Bette Schaefer.

Others present were: Rose Lenig, Bob Russell, Joyce Blint, Karen Rison, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham, Dave & Virginia Bradford, Pam Pask, Pastor JoEllyn, Cathy Reese, Gail Daily, Jack Cook. The next meeting will be Wed 4/19..

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have finished the Study "Unlocking the Secrets of the Feasts, It was a study on God's Holy Days, and why we should remember them, as God's commands.... Thank you Bette April 2, 2022 we will begin the Study, **The Rapture of His Bride – Opening the Sixth Seal..** Is Jesus coming back for a church, or is He coming back for His Bride. Suppose the letters written to the Seven Churches of Asia were written for the purpose of discerning who that Bride is? Only one of those churches had no concerns...and only one was told that they would be Raptured and kept from the Tribulation.



### Come join us for the discussion.

#### CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We still are in need of teachers... We ask that you prayerfully consider being a teacher.. Our goal is to have you teach only one Sunday every other month.. But in order to do that, we need your help in prayerfully considering to take on a week...

### EVENTS & MEETINGS 2023

#### April May



**Every Tuesday 7:30 a.m.**

#### UWF (UMW) Meeting

Tuesday April 11, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday May 9, 9:30 a.m.

#### Best Years,

Wednesday April 19, & May 17,

Noon

#### Board/Council Meeting

Sunday, April 16, 5 p.m.

#### Good Friday

April 7 - 5 p.m

#### Easter Breakfast

Apr 9 - 7:30 a.m.

#### Egg Hunt

8:15 a.m.

#### Easter Worship Service

Apr 9 - 9 a.m.



#### Missions & Outreach..

Total Received \$273

Kings Club \$20

Birthday Club \$207

House Banks \$46.

#### February Missions:

Wayne & Shirley gave in celebration for their 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Jean Snyder gave in celebration Of her birthday.

Bill & Jean Dare turned in their house banks.. \$46

Iva gave in celebration of her birthday  
Wayne gave in celebration of his birthday..

#### Mission & Outreach Report

by Rose Lenig

Jean Synder, chairperson, led the group during the first meeting of the year January 27. It was decided that the last Friday of each month the committee would meet at the church at 1:00.

Jean started the discussions with her idea - TAKE A PLATE OF COOKIES TO FIRST TIME VISITORS DURING THE WEEK FOLLOWING THEIR VISIT. The committee agreed that was an excellent start to reaching out in the community. Jean had asked Jackie Wheatbrook to bake the cookies. Bette has been giving the cups with various items in them to first attenders. Deb Wordinger was asked to keep filling the cups to replace the ones given out.

During the course of the meeting many ideas and volunteers for some of them were established.

1. Re-establish the TEDDY BEAR PROGRAM which Iva volunteered to be in charge.

2. Those who use to come to church establish visits or phone calls or cards. Penny Melton volunteered to be in charge...

3. As a way to support our budget, a Lenten calendar along with a house bank was decided to be used. Gretchen Krivak will make up the calendar and give out Sunday, February 26th to be returned the Sunday after Easter

4. Plans for the sunrise Easter breakfast was discussed

5. The next meeting, Friday, February 24th plans will be made to involve ourselves with our shut-ins. Members of the committee present: Penny Melton, Jean Synder, Joyce Blint, Gretchen Krivak, Cheryl Lenig, Bruce Wordinger, Rose Lenig. Others were absent because of health or work responsibilities.



#### **April Anniversary**

- 14 Steve & Kayla Vogel
- 22 Justin & Rita Chadwick

#### **April Birthday**

- 01 Roseann Woolverton
- 03 Elizabeth Worachek
- 03 Olivia Worachek
- 04 Sherry Iwaszewski
- 05 Aiden Worachek
- 05 Piper Ray
- 07 Jenny Goodspeed
- 09 CJ Woolverton
- 10 Peggy Zolman
- 15 Debbie Beason
- 15 Lynsey Daley
- 16 Scott Hughes
- 17 Ashley Chadwick
- 17 Abigail Chadwick
- 17 James Williamson
- 18 Steve Lenig
- 21 Gail Dailey
- 21 Mallory Porter
- 24 Malinda Lutz
- 25 Braydon Flagg
- 26 Doug Lenig
- 29 Lisa Tucker
- 30 Dottie Sue Davis
- 30 Diane Siford
- 30 Deborah Wordinger
- 30 Doris Burkus

#### **May Anniversary**

- 08 Dave & Virginia Bradford
- 11 Rick & Shirley Novak
- 17 Mike & Deb Harris
- 21 Thomas & Mallory Floyd
- 25 Neal & Suzanne Syverson

- 27 Aaron & Amanda Askew
- 29 Terry & Joann Nickerson
- 30 Ben & Karen Rison

#### **May Birthday**

- 01 Connie Smith
- 02 Morgan Phillips
- 07 Tonya Nickerson
- 07 Garret Obenchain
- 10 Jim Davis
- 10 Bette Schaefer
- 10 Kayla Witkowski
- 11 Karyn Schuck
- 14 Justin Chadwick
- 16 Arlos Scofield
- 16 Stacey Moody
- 18 Amanda Askew
- 18 Bruce Parker
- 18 Benjamin Hakes
- 18 Dawn Swanson
- 18 Dennis Masek
- 18 Steve Everingham
- 19 Troy Nickerson
- 23 Lori McCarty
- 27 C.J. Daley
- 28 Addison Broadway
- 29 Jackie Watnick
- 30 Cory Parker
- 31 Anthony Nickerson

#### **June Anniversary**

- 01 Steve & Cheryl Lenig
- 06 Mike & Gretchen Krivak

#### **June Birthday**

- 03 Michael Swanson
- 05 Linda Everingham
- 05 Bailey Lenig
- 06 Jason Lenig
- 08 Scott Hakes



**April  
Food Pantry Needs...**  
Need plastic bags  
Jelly, Peanut  
Butter, Tomato Soup

#### **FOOD PANTRY REPORT**

Jan, Feb, March 2023

By Rose Lenig

The months of January and February of this year were compared with those

same months in 2022. This was the interesting result. In 2022 61 families needed the pantry's assistance while this year there have been 113 families that came for help. Double the number in one year. In 2022, 43 families came to the Food Pantry while this year 116 families came in February. That is triple the need. You can see the need is great.

Thank all of you for your support so that the Food Pantry can continue to provide food for our families in our community. The Board of Directors try very hard to have projects that will provide funds for the purchase of food. Two GRANTS will be written with the hope we will receive them. The first has been submitted --Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte County. \$9,000 has been asked for. In June a grant will be submitted to THE UNITY FOUNDATION. This organization has given our Pantry \$3,000 in each the last five years. Your support by going to Meijer's on March 4th and 29th on its double your \$10 gift. We should know sometime in April or the first of May how much the Food Pantry will receive. On April 29th a DOLLAR FOR DOGS and BAKE SALE will be at the West Kabelins store and again July 15th the same event will be held. Please continue to support these projects, your donations, food from your gardens and canned foods. Just to emphasis how much you are needed. In 2022 \$37,425.91 was spent for the food given to our clients, but only \$25,536.94 was donated or brought in through our projects. Fortunately, there was money left from 2021.

March 27, 70 supporters gathered in the Fellowship Hall for the Soup and Salad and Dessert APPRECIATON

**DINNER.** It's great to see so many who support the Food Pantry to gather in love to show how important this project is to our community.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Jeremy Obenchain, Chairman; Sue Hartwick, Treasurer and Director; Phyllis Austin, Secretary; Leeann Alcalá, Vice - Chairman; Dawn Ackerman, Sue Sanders, Wayne Kirkham, Dan Hartwick, Cathy Farrington, Diane Stovall.

### **STAFF/PARISH NEWS** by Rose Lenig

The Staff/Parish Committee has met two times this year. In January we participated in the ZOOM meeting the District Superintendent presented. February 27th the committee met to establish a commitment and better understanding of several of the sections from the ZOOM hand book. One of the sections impressed on us the need to prepare a JOB HANDBOOK for our employees so there would not be misunderstanding between the church and those employed. The ZOOM hand book suggested an outline for the Employee Handbook. After much discussion the committee established which of the suggestions were pertinent for our church. The handbook has been written and members have proof read it and made additional suggestions.

April 17th the committee will meet with each employee privately to review each job description, additions or eliminating of some items, allowing the employee to indicate concerns and allow the committee to ask questions about the job and to give praise for jobs well done. At this time the EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND JOB DESCRIPTION will be given to each employee.

Committee members: Bobette Elkins, Jeremy Obenchain, Rose Lenig, Bruce Wordinger, Cheryl Lenig, Shirley Kirkham, Jackie Wheatbrook, Denice Tuholski, and Monica Stouffer.



The year has started off with a couple of fun months! The meeting in

February began with a presentation from Catherine Kelly from Women's Care Center. She is part of an organization that helps pregnant women and women with children. There are several locations but we are lucky to have one in LaPorte. They are sponsoring a bingo night as a fundraiser in May that anyone is encourage to participate in. We will go as a group if anyone is interested.

Both in February and in March, we discussed both the spring district meeting that is being held at our church this year on April 22 and fundraisers to fund our yearly budget. The spring district meeting is also a fundraiser because we get a portion of the entry fee of each person. We are providing a breakfast along with our wonderful facility to have the meeting in. Jean met with representatives of the district to get details of what is needed for the day. We welcome any women in the church to join us. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 with the program following. We are planning a market in August named Trunk of Treasures! Anyone wanting a spot can either bring a table or use their car trunks to sell their wares out of. Vada has someone willing to collect anything left that vendors don't want to take back home. It can be anything, crafts, clothes, or good things for sale. We are having a table for the church that Iva will coordinate. She is only accepting new or slightly used items and in good condition, not dirty. We

will also provide something for sale for food. We are hoping that his can be an ongoing fundraiser as well as the euchre nights.

Rose ended our March meeting with a program on women of the Bible. We had some pretty amazing, as sometimes promiscuous, women of the Bible! We hope to see all of you at our next meeting April 11! We will save you a seat! Cheryl Lenig Secretary



Thank you for the Birthday Card...  
John Sardeson

A note  
From Bobette



I and our family would like to thank everyone who gave their love and time to help us say "goodbye" to our loved one, Jeff. It was quite unexpected, but he was the type not to complain or show that he was not feeling well. He was always making sure that I was OK.. He was always doing God's work in his own way. He said he understood, when I said, "I didn't pray, but God and I had a lot of talks together..." I would like to share something I came across some time ago. I don't remember where or when I got it but it has helped me through a lot, when things seemed too bad and hard to face.

### Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness..  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all the laughter we've shared through the years. Now I am contented with my life,.. It was worth it. Knowing I made someone smile. As I passed along the way,  
When you are walking down the path of life and you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.. So Please don't me unhappy just because I'm out of sight,

Remember that I'm with you each morning, noon, and night.

Thank You, My Church Family,  
Bobette & family...

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Many things have been accomplished so far in the year 2023 under the leadership of Wayne Kirkham and the members of the committee-- Mike Harris, Mary Kessler, Scott Lenig, Mike Krivak, Deborah Wordinger, Jack Cook, Bruce Wordinger, Marilyn Livinghouse along with several others, John Smith, Bette Schaefer, Lester Chadwick, and Tom Wheatbrook.

At the first gathering of this committee on January 17th, a list of items that needed to be done that Wayne had gathered were discussed. 1. Put up the new TV's in the Fellowship Hall, adult Sunday school classroom and the children's Sunday school classroom; 2. Remove Noah's ark in classroom and the fireplace in Fellowship Hall; 3. a salt spreader was needed 4. the kitchen door lock needed attention. 5. kitchen sink strainers and baskets needed to be replaced... 6. The Sanctuary lights needed cleaning and the roll up shade needed fixing; 7. new seals are needed in the 1/2 bath in the parsonage and 8. estimates for parsonage windows. Various members volunteered to do these needs.

The second gathering was held March 20th with nine present. Wayne went through the above list indicating when and who had helped in getting each item crossed off the list. All TVs were up, sinks repaired, Noah's ark and fireplace in storage, salt spreader had been purchased and put together and was being used, lights cleaned, parsonage sink fixed and three

estimates for parsonage windows had been received - Anderson Windows, Window World and Home Improvement Group from New Carlisle. These estimates will be presented at April's Administrative Meeting.

Wayne presented a new list of TO DO items. 1. remove the water heating system under kitchen sink; 2. clean 2 lights in lobby, 3. clean the air filter ducts in hallway, 3. Outdoor stuff, 4. new threshold for entry double doors, 4. Corral finish for garbage and recycle containers.

Other new business was electing Jack Cook as Vice-chairman and Marilyn Livinghouse as secretary. Much discussion regarding spring clean-up and basement clean out. A date will be announced later. Wayne was chosen to contact a person he knew regarding the soft water system that is not working at the parsonage. Lester elected to volunteer to check on solar lights on portico so that area would be better lit. Bruce said he would check with Pastor JoEllyn regarding a railing to the altar area. The amplifier to the Fellowship Hall and other rooms is not functioning. This will be looked into. Bette is to call AEP regarding lights in the parking lot. The clocks and their need was discussed without any conclusion. The next gathering will be July 24th.

*With heartfelt sympathies to the families of:*

**Patricia Majot** – friend of Bette  
**Denise Garoote** – Friend of Gretchen & Karen F.  
**Todd Decker** – nephew Joyce



Myrna Everill (fell fractured hip upcoming surgery),  
Marolyn Klockow,  
(Millers rehab broke

ball of hip friend Pastor), Vada Pulver (struggle with Health, friend Pastor JoEllyn), Dan Hartwick (health issues), Youth Struggling with the stresses of Life, Marti Gaulrapp (struggling with Health, friend Bette), Amy Luther (Cancer, daughter Renee Meyers), Connie Bishop, (lung cancer, friend Susan Knowlton), Dave Enoch (diverticulitis, father, Courtney Masek), Marianne Schaefer (Peace, Comfort Strength in dealing with brother's death), Diane Stovall (Home, treatment for infection after back surgery, friend Rose), David Bradley ( Leg surgery March 14, friend Rose), Dorothy Bagweiler Obrien, (lymphoma & Parkinson's, aunt of Jeannie Scott Nordin), Gail Gross, (battling Cancer, friend Karen Fitzgerald) Delores McVay (cancer, June Lenig's sister-in-law), Betty Armstrong, (cardiac Health, Jean Snyder granddaughter), Martin Schloesser (recovering Shoulder Replacement, friend of Bette), Allison Howard, (Cancer, Jeff/Bobette Cousin), Clara Lawrence (peace & comfort) Ron Ashlock (recovery after colon repair surgery, Shirley Wayne brother-in-law), John VanWinkle (MDS Blood Disorder, Chemo to keep from Leukemia, friend Sue Flagg & Greg Snap), Pam Dixon (cancer returned, Chemo), Tammy Merrill's (personal struggle Mom Shannon Merrill), Diane Sudman (Lung Cancer friend Karen Fitzgerald), Bob Wideman (health, Cheryl/Steve Lenig's dad), Bobette Elkins (health issues), Denice Boyce (Continue Rehab, sister Sherry Iwaszewski), Diane Bali (Acute Amiloid Leukemia, Rose's cousin), Susan & Joe Knowlton (Health) Bill Dare, (Lung Cancer), Sharon Campos (Macular Degeneration, Health)

**If you want someone on the prayer list, please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910**

**If someone needs immediate prayer because of emergency, or a surgery taking place, or anything you believe just can't wait till Sunday, call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette to get the Prayer Chain activated...**

**There is power in prayer. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you**

ask me anything in my name, I will do it."



Eric Nieto US Army-  
grandson-in-law  
June Lenig

Kaily Collins Tirone, US  
Army  
granddaughter  
Marjorie Olah

David Armstrong US Army –  
grandson-in-law of Jean Snyder

Garrett Obenchain  
Air Force Reserves -  
Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain.

Grandson Rose Lenig  
Dylan Elkins Air Force –  
brother of Brandon Elkins  
Jacob Adams Army-  
grandson Chris Adams

Craig Carlson (pilot) Air Force –  
son Harold & Carrie Carlson

Michael Showalter Marines -  
grandson, Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

Matthew Rompca Air Force - nephew,  
Shirley & Wayne Kirkham

Katelyn Williamson Marines -  
Granddaughter of Jim Williamson

Matthew Chadwick Army –  
son Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick  
Thank you Matthew, for your 20+  
years of service...

From my stack of stuff..

“How does the thief on the cross fit into your theology? No baptism, no communion, no confirmation, no speaking in tongues, no mission trip, no volunteerism, and no church clothes. He couldn’t even bend his knees to pray. He didn’t say the sinner's prayer and among other things, he was a thief. Jesus didn’t take away his pain, heal his body, or smite the scoffers. Yet it was a thief who walked into heaven the same hour as Jesus simply by believing. He had

nothing more to offer other than his belief that Jesus was who he said he was. No spin from brilliant theologians. No ego or arrogance. No Shiny lights, skinny jeans, or crafty words. No haze machine, donuts, or coffee in the entrance. Just a naked dying man on a cross unable to even fold his hands to pray.”

For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son so that whosoever believed in him would not perish but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*  
*I read this today and was reminded of the simplicity of the Gospel.*  
*Copied from a Friend.*

Loved by the Shepherd

Every once in a while, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are lots of reasons she may do this. If the shepherd tries to return the lamb, the mother might even kick the baby away. Once a ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind.

These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with their little necks. Their spirits are broken.

These lambs are called "bummer lambs."

Unless the shepherd intervenes, that little lamb will die - rejected and alone. Do you know what the shepherd usually does?

The shepherd will take that rejected little lamb into their home, hand-feed it and keep it warm. They will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to their chest so the little lamb can hear their heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock. That sheep never forgets the shepherd's love and care when their mother rejected them. When the shepherd calls for the flock, guess which sheep runs first? That sheep knows the shepherd's voice...

The bummer lamb isn't loved more, it just knows intimately the one who loves it. It trusts the shepherd because

it has experienced love from the shepherd. Many of us are bummer lambs. Rejected and broken. But Jesus is the good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heartbeat. We may be broken but we are deeply loved by the Shepherd who will never leave us.

~ Author Unknown

Do these 3 items belong to anyone.. They have been hanging in coat room for several months now...



A man’s Large charcoal Coat, with black elbow pads...



A lady’s large pink sweater with white pearl like buttons



Fold up baby Stroller.....

If not claimed by April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will give to the Food Pantry, for them to put out for someone who may need.....



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

April 2023  
Dated Material

*April 2, 2023*  
PALM / PASSION SUNDAY  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

*April 7, 2023 Good Friday*  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22 (UMH 752)  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

*April 9, 2023*  
Easter Sunday  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)  
Acts 10:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10  
John 20:1-18

**April 2023**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
From UMC Lectionary Calendar

Visit the Website at:  
[www.umcrp.org](http://www.umcrp.org)

**Church Office Hours**  
Mon – Wed 10.- 2  
Thurs 12 - 4

**Pastor JoEllyn Hours:**  
Tues & Thurs  
12 pm – 4 p.m.  
Other times by appointment

Happy Easter  
To You All  
May this Joyful  
Season of Easter  
Fill your heart  
With renewed HOPE  
LOVE, and PEACE