

Friendship International



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EASTER HOPE

Easter is a holiday that falls in the spring and is observed by Christians around the world. The date is always changing because of the unique process used to determine when it will be. Each year, Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the Spring equinox (the first day of Spring). This year, the first day of Spring was March 20th, the next full moon will be April 6th and that means Easter falls on April 9th!

Christians celebrate Easter Sunday as the resurrection (the coming back to life) of Jesus Christ, the son of God, from the dead -- three days after he was killed by the Romans through crucifixion (death on a cross).

Easter has also become a cultural celebration and many people who are not Christians join in various Easter traditions, such as egg hunts and the giving of Easter baskets filled with chocolate, candies and other goodies.

For the Christian, the story of Easter, Christ's death and coming back to life, is a story of hope. On Friday March 31st, Rev. Jessica LaGrone, who was with us at Christmas, will be back with us to share the story of Easter from the Bible and what it means.

Whether you've never heard the story before, or you've heard it since you were a small child, we hope you'll come join us on March 31st and hear this story of redemption and hope.



UPCOMING DATES

March 24th	Program: Photography
March 31st	Easter Program with Rev. Jessica LaGrone
April 7th	No Friendship (<i>Spring Break</i>)
April 9th	Program: Severe Weather

Spring Break Idea!



Spring Break for most local schools is coming up soon, the first week in April! Whether you have kids or not, you may want to plan a visit to see Breaks Interstate Park this spring or summer. If you were at Friendship last month, you heard Penny Lamb share about this beautiful location, positioned on the border of southeast Kentucky and southwest Virginia. It's been called "The Grand Canyon of the South" for having one of the deepest gorges east of the Mississippi River. It is about a 3 hour drive from Lexington.

[Click here for more information and to plan your visit.](#)



Recommended Service Providers

We've updated our list!

Moving to a new city or country can be a big challenge, and knowing where the best place you can go for a needed service can be hard even for locals! We often rely on suggestions from our friends.

That's why we've provided a list of recommended doctors, dentists, car shops, repairmen and more. Everyone on this list has been recommended by a volunteer or attendee at Friendship. We hope you find it useful! If there is a specific recommendation you need that you do not see listed, feel free to contact us by email.

[Click here to view and download the updated list.](#)

Free Kids Japanese books

This Friday, March 24th, there will be free kids Japanese books available for whomever would like to take some. These were given by a Japanese family who left the U.S. to return home. Instead of taking them back with them – they kindly donated them to us!

The books (only in Japanese) are for a variety of kids ages, so whether you have younger or older children, come by and take a look at Friendship this Friday!



EASTER EGGS:
DYE EGGS WITH COOL WHIP & FOOD COLORING!



FEATURED DESSERT RECIPE FROM THE COOKING CLASS:
EASY CARMELITAS (CHOCOLATE, CARAMEL + OATS!)