



# Among Friends

APRIL, 2021



## FROM DIANE'S DESK

*Easter Message  
From the Pastor*



Greetings;

There are 2 testaments in the bible. There are 66 books in the bible. There are 1,189 chapters in the bible. And there are 727,969 words in the bible (no, I didn't count them). And the 3 most important words in the bible are these, **"He has risen."**

*"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."*

Mark 16:6

Jesus came to earth as a baby. Jesus performed many miracles. Jesus taught us many lessons. Jesus showed us how to love others. The last week that Jesus was here on earth, he was celebrated, he communed with his disciples, he prayed, he was arrested, mocked and beaten. And Jesus died a horrible death on a cross. And all that would have been for nothing if they weren't followed by the words, **"He has risen!"**

Jesus was resurrected from the dead and that means that we too can be resurrected from the dead. Folks, we have hope...the hope of the resurrection. We have nothing to fear, Jesus overcame death.

Are you afraid today? Are you afraid of losing everything that you have? *"What good is it for a man to gain the world, yet forfeit his soul?"* (Mark 8:36)

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**MAY**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**April 28**

## SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL

- Maundy Thursday, April 1
- Good Friday, April 2
- Easter Sunday, April 4
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 21



Deadline for  
MAY  
submission of  
information is  
APRIL 28

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## From Our Pastor’s Desk (continued)

Are you afraid people will reject you? *“What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?”* (Romans 8:31)

Are you afraid of Covid-19? *“Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”* (John 14:19)

Folks, we have nothing to fear, because *“He has risen!”* This Easter season, remember that fact. Remember that God has got you! Remember that we above all people have hope. Remember, *“He has risen, He has risen indeed!”*

In His service,  
*Diane*



## LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.



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## Beaver-Butler Presbytery NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Harmon was installed as the new Executive Presbyter at the March 23 meeting of



the Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Harmon is well known to the presbytery as he has served as the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Evans City for the past several years. In his first "executive" report to presbytery he noted that during this past year in pandemic, the church never stopped preaching the good news of Jesus Christ. We count as successes the integration of technology, the fact that finances did not become a disastrous situation, and that Sunday worship became a national and even international experience. There are challenges ahead as "we learn how to become a church coming out of a pandemic." By the way, there are 63 churches in the Beaver-Butler Presbytery with 6092 members not counting children and friends in our churches.

Please pray for our presbytery, for our new leadership, and for each other.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We are learning about many Old Testament Prophets this spring. The Easter Sunday lesson takes a look at Isaiah's prophetic writings that portray Jesus as the Suffering Servant and the one through whom believers receive salvation. In the following weeks in April, lessons from Ezra, Nehemiah, and Lamentations show the faith of God's messengers as they presented new hope to the Israelites. All are welcome to join in this time of Bible study and discussion at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Children's Sunday school class is learning about people from the Old Testament and how they parallel with people from the New Testament. We meet in the basement at 9:45 a.m. each week.

## MISSION UPDATE

**THE BLANKET CAMPAIGN:** There is still time to "purchase a heart" that represents the purchase of a blanket to be distributed to those in need around the world...\$5 each. Envelopes are on the vestibule table and can be placed in the offering plate. Thanks to Jeremy and Michelle Whitehouse for heading this up.

**ONE GREAT HOUR SHARING:** For over 70 years the Presbyterian Church has been supporting this offering providing a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. This offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. It also provides food to the hungry through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. And it provides resourcing to communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression through the Presbyterian Committee on Self Development of People. Envelopes are available on the vestibule table.

**FEED MY SHEEP FOOD CUPBOARD** has continued to operate throughout the pandemic with more of a contactless pick-up arrangement. They still need donations of food and money. Monetary donations can be sent to Feed My Sheep at 324 N Main St., Slippery Rock. A box for donations of food and personal care items is located in our vestibule near the top of the stairs.

# Prayer List

Anne D.  
April and Todd  
The Alben Family  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
Candy Boulanger  
Kayla Brundige  
Martie Cooper  
Ruth Cooper  
Kay Curtis  
The Family of Bessie Datt  
Heather Datt  
Jim Dickey  
Mark Doerr  
Blanche English  
Jennifer Gilliland  
Donna Grossman  
David Hall  
Kimberly Harrison  
Nancy Huntington

Timothy James  
Jennie Jamieson  
Rev. William  
Jamieson  
Graham Larimore  
Landry Lawson  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Will McCoy  
Kevin Michael  
Willard Morse  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Anna Mae and Jon  
Richards  
Bill & Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott  
Helen Taggart  
Joe Vivelo  
Seth Vogan

Our military at home  
and abroad  
Persecuted Christians  
around the world,  
Alpha Omega (SR)  
Pregnancy Center  
Feed My Sheep Food  
Cupboard  
Beaver Butler  
Presbytery  
Cooperstown  
Congregation

All those who have  
been impacted by  
COVID19

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the  
elders of the church to pray over him and  
anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”  
James 5:16*

## BELIEVING “IN”

Sometimes we get caught up in thinking we need to understand God in order to have faith. But faith is more about trust than knowledge; it's more about believing in someone than believing information. A child, for instance, doesn't have to know the precise roads to Grandma's house; he only needs to believe in his parents and their ability and desire to get him there safely. Similarly, we need not understand all the intricacies of how God works; we can take a cue from the disciples and let belief in the risen Christ transform and empower us.

In the words of Madeleine L'Engle (The Rock That Is Higher): “The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.”



### BIRTHDAYS

Heather Datt, 4/1  
Chauncey Allison, 4/11  
Roy Pepper, 4/22  
Donna Walker, 4/22  
Kevin Finch, 4/23  
Micheal Adams, 4/24



*Happy  
Easter!*

### REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES

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## JUST FOR FUN



### SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

#### What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

#### What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

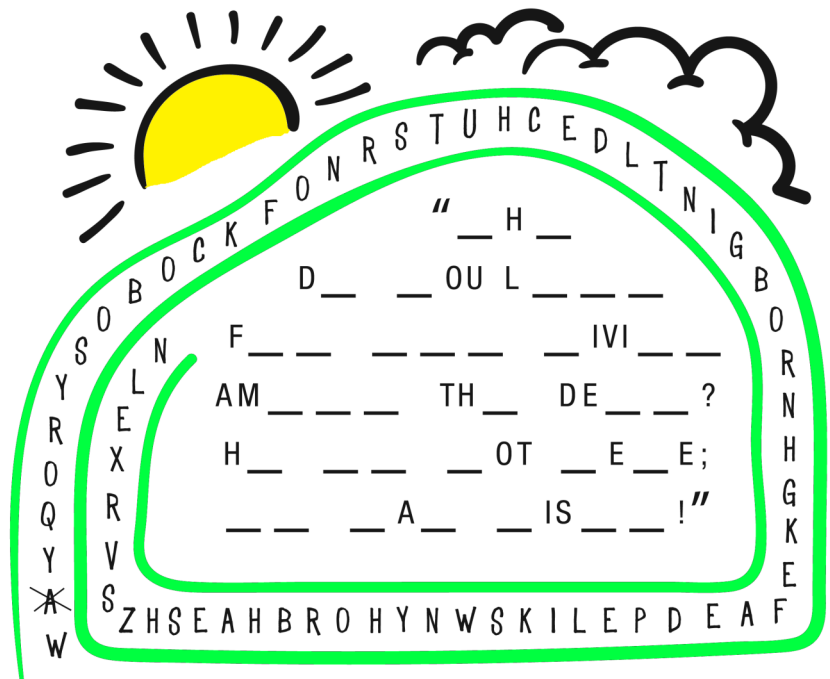



# PUZZLE

## EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

*Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.*



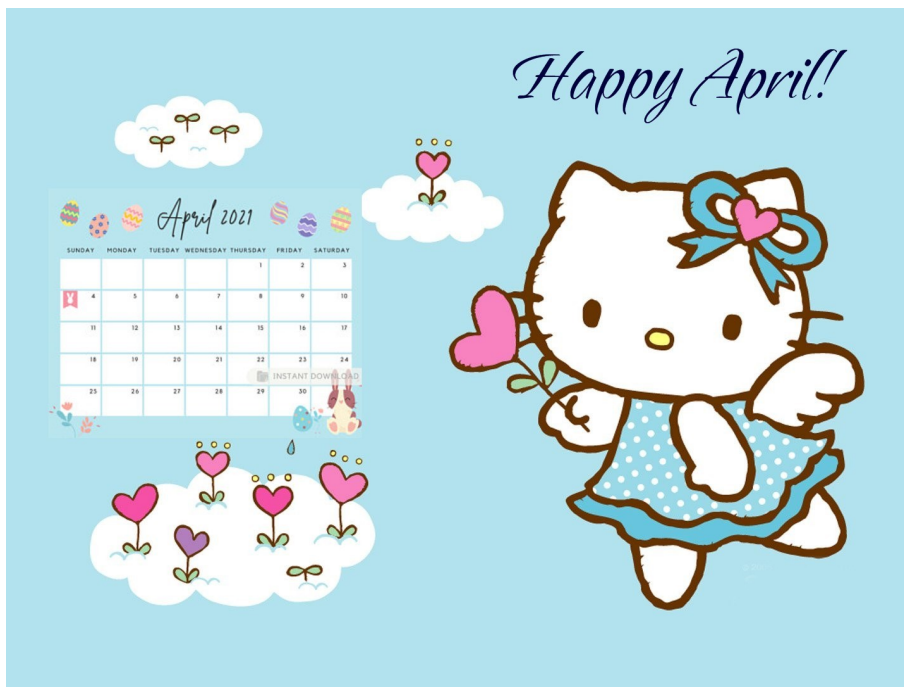
LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV





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