



Newsletter April 2024



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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

Scripture: John 1:1-5; 8:12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

In the beginning of time the world was in darkness. God's light came and the creation began, giving order and life to it: land and sea - rivers and lakes - plants and trees - birds, fish and all living things- men and women – all to live in relationship with one another -and God called it all "Good."

During the fifty-day celebration of Easter, we remember that Jesus is God's light to use. In times we experience darkness in our lives. Our day becomes chaotic, and we cannot see our way clearly. It is like being in a deep cavern, like Mammoth Cave, with no flashlight available. We stumble and fall as we continue to walk the path. Yet Jesus is present with us. He is God's light. Jesus brings order to our chaos. He brings light to our darkness, and we can more clearly see the way of life we are to live. Jesus gives us God's life and God's peace.

FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

April, and spring is truly on the way....we hope!!!..April also brings April Fool's Day along with other 'important' days. April 1st is also International Tatting Day, April 2nd is National PB&J Day, the 4th is National Tell a Lie Day, the 6th is Plan Your Epitaph Day (this is a REAL barn burner!!!) the 7th is No Housework Day, I am sure some crafty lady(s) came up with this one!, the 11th is Eight Track Tape day, remember 8 trackers?, the 14th is Look Up the Sky Day, the 15th is Rubber Eraser Day, the 17th is Blah, Blah, Blah Day, the 19th is National Garlic Day, the 25th is World Penguin Day and the 29th is National Scampi Day, (I celebrated this on the 25th of March by attending the annual 'Shrimp Peel' at the Marietta Shrine Club.....500 pounds of shrimp for about 300 Shriners!!!!)



FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry (continued)

We celebrate Easter in the spring of the year when we see new life emerging and the promise of victory over death. It is difficult for us to fathom a father sending his only son to death under any circumstances but especially in the ignominious way in which Jesus died. In the grand scheme of the Father, we understand now why it happened. The Prophet Isaiah, born around 760 B.C., foretold the 'Easter Events.' Isaiah 43, vs 19 says "Behold, I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do not you perceive it?" We are in the midst of the awakening of spring and a 'new' year. Let us make the most of it!! (Partially reprinted from the April 2013 column.)



Apr 14th – Zeta Alpha Meeting at 9:30 am in the church basement; Lesson 7 of the Bible Study Sacred Encounters

Apr 22nd – Earth Day

Apr 28th – Session Meeting after worship service

Birthdays



Apr 17th – Susan Hoffmann

Apr 22nd – Corey Riley

Apr 22nd – Abigail McCandlish

Apr 28th – Ryan Ray



Please Note: There are no anniversaries for the month of April.

Anyone wanting to add a birthday or anniversary to the list, please send an email or call the church office.

April Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:



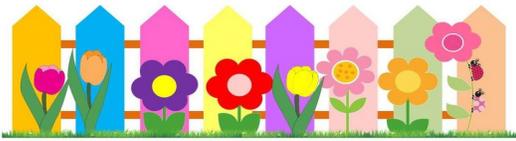
Apr 7th – Susan Henwood: Lay Reader & Usher
Susan Hoffmann: Usher

Apr 14th – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader
Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

Apr 21st - Judy Turner: Lay Reader & Usher
Jane Griffith: Usher

Apr 28th – Ila Bergreen: Lay Reader & Usher
Scott Bergreen: Usher



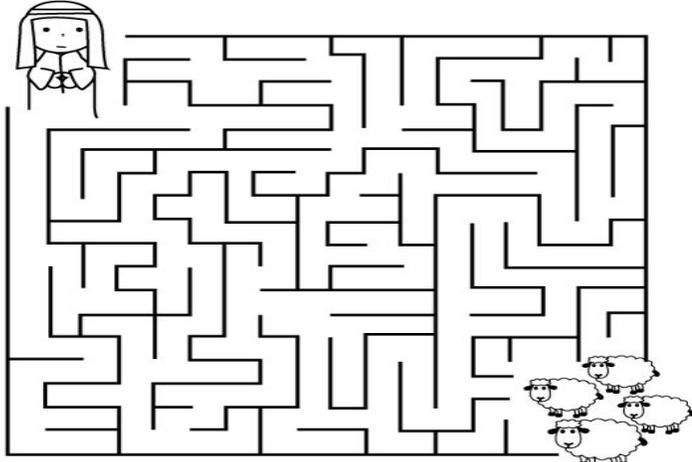


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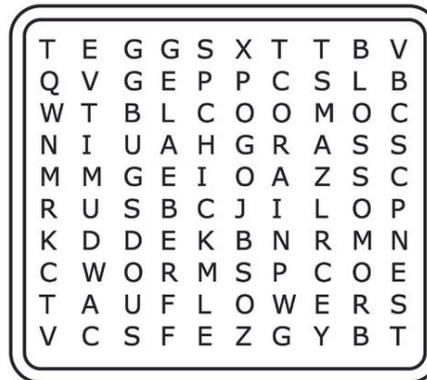
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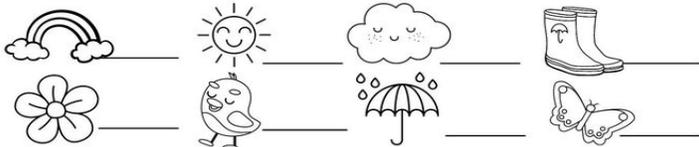
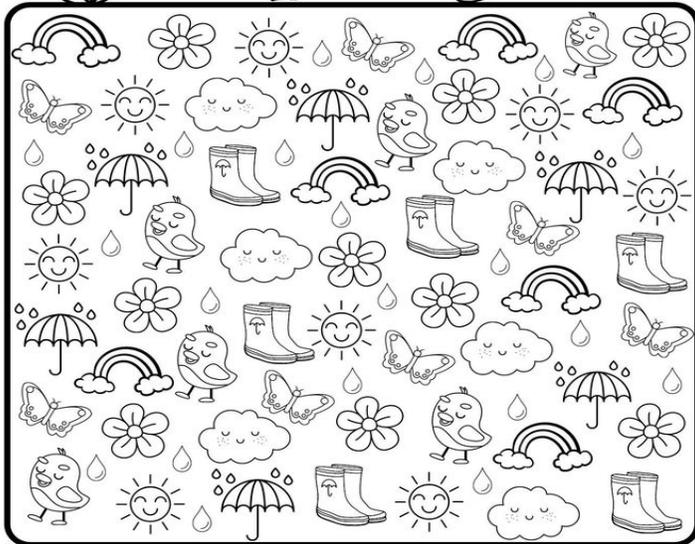
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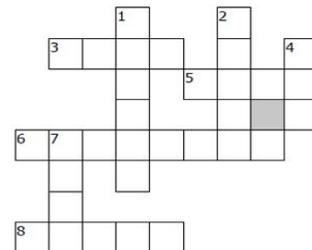
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The Family of God

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

Based on Galatians 3:26-29



ACROSS

3. A person who is not owned or controlled by someone else
5. A man or boy
6. Persons between birth and youth
8. A native or inhabitant of Greece

DOWN

1. A woman or a girl
2. A person who is owned by someone else and works for them
4. A member of a race of people whose religion is Judaism
7. One who receives wealth or property from a parent

JEW	FEMALE	SLAVE	MALE
HEIR	GREEK	CHILDREN	FREE