

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

PASTOR BRITTANY SCARINGELLO

Another month has passed! We are getting ever closer to Easter, while still fully entrenched within the somber self-reflection that Lent brings. We have discussed what fasting means in our weekly Lenten Services on Wednesday with the United Methodist Church. On Sundays we've explored what Jesus was saying to his disciples and the crowds that followed him about what it meant to live meaningful lives and to search for things like living water.



It's hard to believe that I've only been at St. Peter's for a couple of months, as you all feel like family to me and my family. I'm very excited for our upcoming events, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday. I'm also very excited for warmer weather, so we can enjoy a service outdoors at the Wares.

Please be sure to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns or anything you'd like to see in worship. I'd also love to grab coffee or just sit and have a chat. Our connection as a church family is important, as is our connection with God. Let us work together to strengthen that connection.

Great Creator,

You have formed us, blessed us, and called us into your fold. Help us to grow our connection to each other and help us cling to You. Let us listen to the stories of the Bible and the words of Jesus together and make a difference in Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

-Pastor Brittany



Pastor Brittany's ordination is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Johns Church in Springfield. Mark this special date on your calendar and make plans to help her celebrate this momentous occasion. Plans are to have Pastor Brittany's installation at St. Peter's on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, at 3:00 p.m.

The Miracle of Easter

We often hear people refer to an unexplainable event as a "miracle," and we have become a bit too used to hearing the term used out of context and meaning.

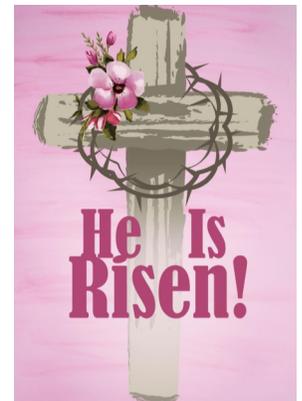
When Jesus was here on this earth, the Bible tells us this:
Acts 10:38 (NKJV) 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

The good that Jesus did was miraculous in so many ways and had no explanation for what took place other than it was an "act of God." We often hear the term "act of God" today as it references tragic events such as hurricanes or tornadoes, etc. **but the acts of God Jesus did were good things!**

From the moment Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and placed in the womb of the virgin Mary, Miracles marked his life! He gave sight to the blind and gave the lame man the power to walk again. A woman reached out to touch the hem of His garment, and that act of faith healed her immediately!

The list could go on and on, and one of the miracles that astounded the people was raising Lazarus from the dead. Yet, we know that eventually, even Lazarus would die once again.

The miracle of Easter is that Jesus rose from the grave because death could not hold Him! He had lived a sinless life and died as our substitute so that we can experience the amazing miracle of Salvation!



Without the Miracle of the Resurrection, we have nothing, but with it, we have not only abundant life in the here and now, but eternal life! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ sets Christianity apart from all the religions of this world!

1 Corinthians 15:17-22 (NKJV) 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

—adapted from churchletters.org



Community Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 17 at 7:00 a.m.

Mt. Olive Methodist Church



Thank you for supporting Pine Street Pantry! The need in our community continues and your donations are very much appreciated. Bring a couple of items each week to church, and we'll make a big difference for our neighbors in need.

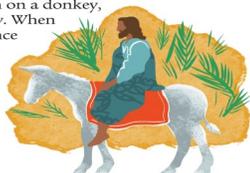
Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 3rd
after worship service to discuss church repairs

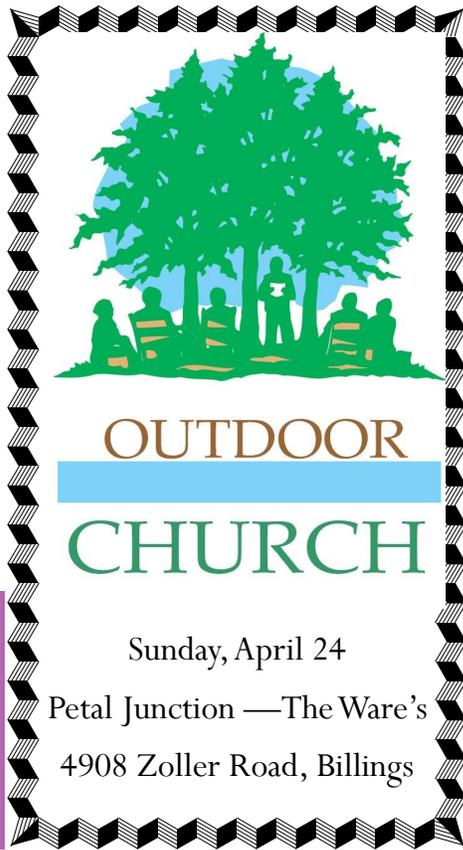
Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40)



OUTDOOR CHURCH

Sunday, April 24
Petal Junction —The Ware's
4908 Zoller Road, Billings



Ladies' Friendship Guild did not meet in March. Next month's meeting will be on April 9th, at 9:30 am. All ladies are welcome to attend!

April Scriptures

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Sixth Sunday in Lent April 10, 2022	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 19:28-40
Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday April 15, 2022	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
Easter Sunday April 17, 2022	*Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
Second Sunday of Easter April 24, 2022	*Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 2022

CASH ON HAND FEBRUARY 1, 2022						\$ 88,482.99
RECEIPTS:	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Exp.	1,575.00	905.00	1,075.00	960.00		4,515.00
Loose	36.00	15.00	16.00	20.00		87.00
Paw Packs			50.00			50.00
Little Food Pantry	50.00			150.00		200.00
TOTALS	<u>1,661.00</u>	<u>920.00</u>	<u>1,141.00</u>	<u>1,130.00</u>		<u>4,852.00</u>
RENTAL INCOME						500.00
INTEREST INCOME						<u>8.17</u>
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND MONTHLY RECEIPTS						\$ 93,843.16

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL UCC
ACTUAL ANALYSIS
2022**

	<u>ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR CUR. EXPENSE</u>	<u>ACTUAL DISBURSE- MENTS FOR CUR. EXPENSE</u>
JANUARY	5,384	3,616
FEBRUARY	5,110	3,846
YTD	<u>10,494</u>	<u>7,462</u>
DIFFERENCE =		3,032

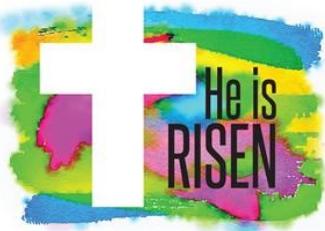
Earth Day offers a reminder to be wise stewards of God's creation. Former U.S. Senate chaplain Lloyd Ogilvie wrote about how the universe reveals the greatness of its Maker. "If we were to drive a car day and night at top speed without stopping," he writes, "it would take us nine years to reach the moon, 300 years to reach the sun, 8,300 years to reach the planet Neptune, 75 million years to reach Alpha Centauri, and 700 million years to reach the Pole Star.

"This is the reason the Psalmist, even with his limited cosmology, could say, 'When I consider the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained; what is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him? Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, and dost crown him with glory and majesty!' (Psalm 8:3-5)." Astonishing indeed!





APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> 	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i> -9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> -10:30 AM <i>Worship and Communion</i> <i>Congregational Meeting</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Lenten Services</i> 7:00 p.m.	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Friendship Guild</i> 9:30 a.m.
<i>10</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i> -9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> -10:30 AM <i>Worship</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Holy Week</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Church Board</i> 6:30 pm	<i>14</i> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>St. Peter's</i> 7:00 p.m.	<i>15</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	<i>16</i>
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<i>24</i> <i>Outdoor Church</i> <i>Petal Junction @ the Wares</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>



A love-filled victory

It's tough to read about Jesus' agony on the cross, where he felt "forsaken" by God (see Matthew 27:46). But as Philip Yancey explains in *Where Is God When It Hurts?* the Father didn't desert Jesus — and doesn't desert us:

"God was not 'up there' watching the tragic events conspire 'down here.' God was *in Christ*, reconciling the world to himself," he writes. "If Jesus was a mere man, his death would prove God's cruelty; the fact that he was God's Son proves instead that God fully identifies with suffering humanity. On the cross, God himself absorbed the awful pain of this world.



"To some, the image of a pale body glimmering on a dark night whispers of defeat," Yancey continues. "But another sound can be heard: the shout of a God crying out to human beings,

'I LOVE YOU.' Love was compressed for all history in that lonely figure on the cross, who said that he could call down angels at any moment on a rescue mission, but chose not to — because of us."

He concludes: "Any discussion of how pain and suffering fit into God's scheme ultimately leads back to the cross."

Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete words with various vowel arrangements. Then place the circled letters in the correct blanks below to complete an Easter phrase.

- Brave: E O U
- A dark profile: O U E
- Circular: O U
- Running away: E E
- Savage, fierce: I O U
- Odd or nostalgic: U A I
- A person from the 50th state: A I A
- Compress, push together: U E E
- A large tree in California: U I A
- Paddling in a small, narrow boat: O E I
- Upright, moral and righteous: U O U
- Lining up in a row: U E U
- Gorgeous: E A U E U
- Precipitation: A I



Easter phrase:

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9	10	11	12	13	14		

Answers: 1. courageous, 2. silhouette, 3. round, 4. fleeing, 5. vicious, 6. quaint, 7. Hawaiian, 8. squeeze, 9. sequoia, 10. canoeing, 11. virtuous, 12. queuing, 13. beautiful, 14. rain; Christ is Savior!

Why Friday is good

To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ is to live already in his kingdom. This is the essence of the Christian message, the heart of the Good News, and it is why the cross has become the chief Christian symbol.

A cross of all things — a guillotine, a gallows — but the cross at the same time as the crossroads of eternity and time, as the place where such a mighty heart was broken that the healing power of God himself could flow through it into a sick and broken world. It was for this reason that of all the possible words they could have used to describe the day of his death, the word they settled on was "good." *Good Friday.*





April BIRTHDAYS

- 4-01 Cody Verch
- 4-03 Sierra Watson
- 4-05 Jean Robinson
- 4-08 Shauntae Staiger
- 4-18 Mark Schultz
- 4-19 Kelsey Rumley
- 4-21 Millie Webb
- 4-30 Lavona Lurvey



April ANNIVERSARIES

- 4-12 Douglas and Deanna Dahlman
- 4-15 Jay and Shauntae Staiger
- 4-22 Fred and Diane Zell



Pastor Brittney's Sunday Sermons are now available on video at the St. Peter's Church website and Facebook Page. Check it out!



May Newsletter Articles

Due on Wednesday, April 27, 2022
 Send to Mary Kastendieck
 Email: marykasten@gmail.com
 Call or text: 913-594-2484

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Nursing Home Care:

Mary Lou Hutter and Judy Rauch

Health & Wellness:

Chet Jenkins, Larry Mathews, Raymond Garbee, Jenise Huffman, Steve Netzer, Aaron

Sears (Denise Hampton request), Jeannette

Wilson (Friend of Cindy Wagemann), Dwight

Worstenholm (Chris Rauch's brother), Ann

Staiger (Hearing), Shirley Snyder (Luella

Thomas's Friend-cancer), Brandy Richter

(Cassie Staiger friend), Mike Rauch, Rebecca

Davis (Shauntae Staiger's friend/breast cancer

and medication complications), Mary Stein-

mann, Pat Barker (lung cancer), Jennifer Wil-

liams (cancer), Alicia Verch, Jessie Verch, Pen-

ny Kastendieck, Albert Rauch, Michelle Lam,

Mary Beyer, James Rumley, Larry Worden. All

those dealing with COVID.

Dear Jesus, my teacher and friend, as you greeted Mary, thank you for speaking my name and calling me into abundant life.



April 2022						
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