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***From Our Pastor***

1 Corinthians 1:20-25; 4:10

“We are fools for Christ”

April, rightly so, begins with April first. A day known as April Fools Day! Jokes and pranks abound. As Mark Twain said, the day is also “the day on which we are reminded of who we are on the other 364 days.” By fallen nature we will be found to act quite foolish on occasion.

Paul says that often how we appear as Christians to others is seen as foolish. But that is in contrast to the so called “world’s wisdom.” In the world, self-interest rules. For Christians, self-interest is subjected to the needs of others or kept in its rightful place behind love of God and love of neighbor.

There is the temptation to be “number one” in every way possible to the detriment of the needy, the poor, the lost. That is the wisdom of the world.

As we approach Easter, when we celebrate the biggest joke on the Devil, let us hopefully be “fools for Christ” in the sense that Paul showed us in 1 Corinthians. The “wisdom of God,” even in a Crucified Lord, is better than the wisdom of the “me first” world.

A challenge for us all....but we have help through the Helper!

Blessings on the road to Good Friday and on to Easter!

Pastor Barry

## **Fellowship Supper**

Our April Fellowship Supper will be Wednesday, April 3. This will be a bean supper. We have volunteers to provide the beans. We need others to bring dishes such as coleslaw, salads, cornbread, desserts, or whatever you choose to bring. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will join us.

## **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, April 6. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This will be a time of good fellowship and good food.

## **Administrative Council**

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, April 14. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

## **Youth**

The Youth met on March 23 at Kedron. One of their activities was dying hard-boiled eggs in anticipation of Easter. They shared the eggs with the congregation on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Youth. The Faith Formation study is progressing well. The group will meet again on April 27. The time and place will be announced.

## **Bible Study**

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna.

## **Bucket Offerings**

In April our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to our local food bank.

## **Shared Lenten Study**

Again this year there has been a shared Lenten study held at various United Methodist churches in our area. The study will conclude on April 7. Pastor Barry will announce the time and location of the final evening of the study.

## **Easter Worship Service 9:30 a.m.**

Our Easter program will be presented at this worship service. Delann Dunbar will be writing and directing the program.

## **Sunrise Service**

Our Sunrise Service will be with Lock's Memorial. The service will be at Kedron beginning at 6:30 a.m. There will be a light breakfast following the service.

## **Good Friday Service**

Our Good Friday Service will be a joint service with Lock's Memorial United Methodist Church. As the service was at Kedron in 2018, it will be at Lock's Memorial this year. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. The church address is 7880 Almaville Road.

## **Easter Egg Hunt and Activities**

Our Easter Egg Hunt and activities will be on Saturday, April 13. We will begin at 9.00 a.m. outside or inside if weather necessitates.

## **Laity Meeting**

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet at Eagleville First UMC on April 22. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The church address is 375 Highway 99E, Eagleville.

## **Food Bank**

You may bring food donations for the local food bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to our local food bank. The suggested items for April are sugar-free foods. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated..

## **Who said this?**

..."Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said...."

NRSV (hint – Book of Matthew)

**Exodus 15:2** was the scripture quotation in the March newsletter.

### Happy Birthday to:

Jim Pressley April 3  
Sue Harris April 9  
Linda Alexander April 25

### Happy Anniversary to:

B.L. and Miranda Fraley Rhodes April 24



### Calendar Note

Ever wonder why the date of Easter changes from year to year? There is a logic to it, and it goes back to ancient times.

Unlike Christmas, which always falls on a certain date (December 25), Easter by its very nature always falls on a Sunday. And, because the events of Jesus' death and resurrection occurred in the context of the Jewish Passover festival (remember, Jesus and the disciples were Jewish), the date is chosen in conjunction with the lunar calendar, because the Jewish calendar is lunar. So, Easter Sunday is always the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21 – the vernal equinox. Thus, Easter can fall anywhere in between March 22 and April 25.

*Let's celebrate Easter with the rite of laughter. Christ died and rose and lives. Laugh as if all the people in the whole world were invited to a picnic and then invite them.*

- Joseph Bably

### April Calendar

Tuesday, April 2:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, April 6:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 7:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Shared Lenten Study concludes.

Tuesday, April 9:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, April 14: Passion/Palm Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, April 16:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, April 19: Good Friday

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service  
at Lock's Memorial

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service  
at Kedron

followed by light breakfast

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Easter program

Monday, April 22:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford Co. Laity at  
Eagleville First UMC

Tuesday, April 23:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, April 27:

Time and location to be decided

Youth Faith Formation Group meeting

Sunday, April 28:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. May newsletter  
information due. Email:  
lf\_fraley@prodigy.net  
or phone: 615-459-2618.

Tuesday, April 30:

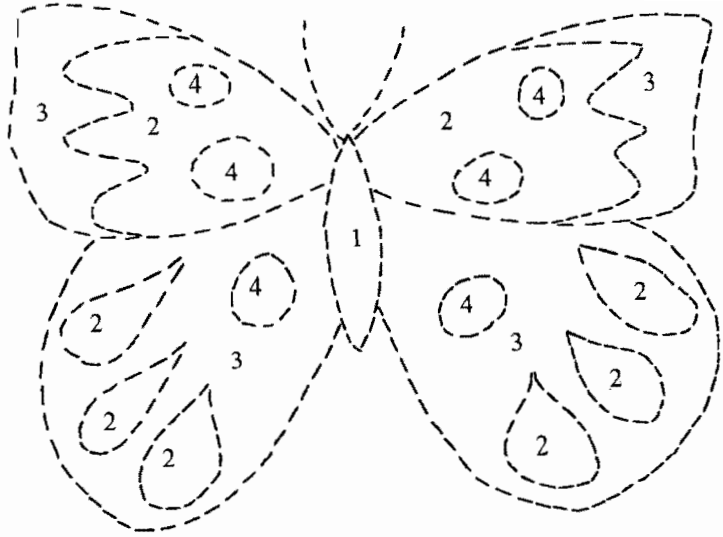
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

# Connect the Lines

Butterflies are a symbol of new life. Connect the dotted lines and color the butterfly with the colors listed below, or your choice of colors.

## Color

- 1 = Black
- 2 = Blue
- 3 = Purple
- 4 = Green



Caterpillars go into a cocoon, which looks something like a tomb, and then emerge as a beautiful butterfly. The butterfly can remind us that Jesus rose at Easter, and that God brings new life.

# Celebrate Easter

Fill in the blanks with the words relating to Jesus' death. The letters in the circles spell a word – we celebrate this on Easter Sunday.

1. Jesus died on a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus went to \_\_\_\_\_ after he left this earth.
3. The disciples got tired and went to \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.
- 4, 5. \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross that he carried.
6. After he died Jesus was placed in a \_\_\_\_\_, another word for a tomb.
7. The last week of Jesus' life was spent in or near the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The soldiers that guarded the cross were called \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Jesus asked his disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ and pray when he went to the garden.
10. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven took place after his resurrection.
11. Jesus shed his \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins.
12. Jesus was given vinegar to \_\_\_\_\_ when he was on the cross.

