



InSpire

Newsletter

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Church Office Hours

Mon. & Tues. 8 am-12 pm

Wed., Thurs. Fri. 8 am-4 pm

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March Events

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

7 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy

and Foot Washing

Youth Group Lock in after the Service

The Watch

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

12:05 pm Stations of the Cross

7 pm Good Friday Liturgy and

Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday

8 am Holy Saturday Service

9:30 Altar Guild Set Up for Easter

and Flowers

Sunday, April 4

Easter Day

8 am Holy Communion

No Church School

9 am Breakfast

10 am Festival Holy Eucharist

From the Rector

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The only place where people still say "indeed" is in the church. This is a familiar word in the greeting of Easter! These words shout out our hope, prayer and belief that as Christ has risen, therefore, so shall we. However, it is more than that. It's more than just dying to this life and finding new life in Christ that we celebrate on Easter morning with the lighting of the new Paschal Candle, the sound of trumpets, the singing of the choir and shouts of joy. It's also dying to this life and therefore living in this world as the light of Christ to others who may not know the King of Glory, the new light that is born in us in our baptism.

We gather every year on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as have millions of others in the last 2000 years (for that is how we calculate when Easter Sunday is to be.) But has it really made a difference?

Oh sure, we still put on our best "bib and tucker" and some even don an Easter bonnet, eat special food, hunt Easter eggs, and gather as a community of faith to sing and say these familiar words, but has all this really made a difference for you and for me?

Well, I suspect the answer is that it depends...just like it did for Mary Magdalene as she went to the tomb and found it empty; or the disciples who gathered together that evening in fear and hopelessness. It depends on whether the resurrection is true; whether anything really happened or was it a hoax. Does our life show any evidence that we believe that Christ is risen? How do we proclaim it?

As a community of believers, we show it in our hospitality to the stranger in our midst, and our desire to serve those in need. We proclaim this belief as far away as Haiti and as near as the Open Door Food Kitchen and Meals on Wheels. We serve Christ at the Living Community, as advocates for families with autistic children, and as the song goes, "you meet them in school, or in lanes or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops or at tea." (The Hymnal 1982 #293). We give thanks that God has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, and will keep us in eternal life through his grace.

Little by little we are all succeeding in fulfilling the promise we made in our Baptism, "to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ...seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself." (BCP p. 305)

This is our Mission, and we have given ourselves to be restored by letting those things that separate us from God and each other, seeking those things that bring justice, peace and love and we are resurrected people of faithful believers. As we enter this new season of the Church and springtime as a new season of the earth, I rejoice with you, Alleluia! Christ has risen. The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!

Have a Spiritual and Joyous Easter Season
Mother Mimi

Easter Egg Hunt after 10 am service

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

Thursday, April 8

6:15 pm Vestry

Friday, April 9

12:05 Holy Communion

1 pm Staff Meeting

Saturday, April 10

Memorial Service for Dr.

Vaughters, St. Michael's

Sunday, April 11

2 Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Donation Sunday ODFK

Monday, April 12

11:15 am Service Day Open Door

Food Kitchen

Wednesday, April 14

12 pm Amy Golding Salad

Luncheon

Friday, April 16

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, April 18

3 Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 21

12 pm Endowment Committee

Thursday, April 22

6-8 pm Autism Support Group,

Undercroft

Friday, April 23

Garage Sale for Haiti

No Communion

College of Presbyters

Saturday, April 24

Garage Sale for Haiti

Sunday, April 25

4 Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Youth Group Miniature Golf and

Lunch after 10 am service

Friday, April 30

12:05 Holy Communion

The **Brotherhood of St. Furse**y will not meet this month due to conflicts in the schedule. We will resume our normal meeting time of the first Thursday of the month on May 6.

Next Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday, is **Breakfast Sunday**. If you would like to help. Please speak to Sue Means.

Church School: 9 am classes continue for the children in April through May 23, excluding Breakfast Sunday on April 4 and May 2nd. On the Sunday after Easter, the primary children will continue their engaging "Episcopal Exploration" journey while the middle/high school children will investigate the book of Galatians, "staffed" by student historians, geographers, and a "Strange Intelligence Committee" formed to determine the meaning of this epistle and what it has to do with our lives today.

NOTE: There will not be any Church School before the Easter service so we can hide the eggs in the church library! Any primary aged or younger child finding certain "special" eggs will be the proud winner of a BIG fuzzy bunny (no worries, parents, it isn't the variety that eats lettuce) or a parrot-shaped kite.

Sign-up sheets for the 9 am, April 18-May 16 adult education classes (excluding Breakfast Sundays) are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. You're invited to participate in one of these offerings:

1. One class will discuss the bestseller book entitled "The Shack" by William Young
2. A second class will discuss and watch video clips from "The Lord of the Rings," "Angels and Demons," and "Syriana"
3. A third class will experience an abbreviated version of the fall class on "Murder and Redemption at a Benedictine Abbey" by Paul Johnson.

For more information, contact Carolyn Johnson, carolyn.swede@gmail.com

The newsletter and schedules and readings are **now being produced online** as an experiment to see if we can save some money on printing and the cost of mailing these items to people every month. If you receive this issue and have an email address that is not on record with the church you are asked to please furnish this to us at christchurchsj@sbcglobal.net to continue to receive the newsletter. If you do not have email and would like to continue receiving a copy please drop us a note at Christ Episcopal Church, 207 North 7th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501, and let us know where you would like your copy sent

Thursday April 1 and Friday April 2:

Youth Group: Following the Maundy-Thursday service we will have a Lock-in. We will be up all night in prayer and fellowship. When the sun rises, we will be eating at IHOP and heading home.

Sunday April 25

Youth Group--Lunch and Miniature Golf--immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

The Amy Golding Guild will meet on Wednesday, April 14, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a Salad Luncheon. So all ladies of the church are invited to bring their favorite salad and join the other ladies for lunch with a short business meeting to follow.

Mother Mimi will be out of the office on Friday, April 23 to attend The College of Presbyters. There will be no Friday Communion on this day. If you need anything while she is away please contact the church office or Senior Warden Allene Wright.

The Service Schedule for Holy Week will be: Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Foot Washing and Eucharist, Youth Group Lock In, and the Night Watch to Follow; Good Friday, April 2, 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross (no Eucharist); Holy Saturday, Holy Saturday Service at 8:00 a.m. (15 minute service); Easter Day: April 4, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist (with incense), Easter Egg Hunt to follow the 10:00 a.m. service.

Garage Sale: Want to help the people of Haiti, but don't have the cash? How about donating to our garage sale. The dates for the sale are Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24. Proceeds will benefit Episcopal Relief and Development's efforts in Haiti. You may begin to bring your items to the church. Just give Jim Sauls a call Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and he will be glad to meet you at the undercroft door to help you unload. If you have items you need help with to donate to the sale let us know and we will try to make arrangements for their pick up. Contact Cathy Caldwell at 676-0665 with any questions.

My sincere thanks to each of you who were so generous with your donations of warm clothing for the homeless. You helped to make a miserable winter more bearable. Thank You. Nancy Hampton.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Bartlett 7, Ted Wright 8, Judy McMurray 8, Jeremy Burrigh 8, Allison Robaska 8, Joshua Robaska 9, Gregory Ford 10, Gladys Freeman 12, Ben Vega 16, Taira Roth 25, Andrew Robaska 27.

"O God, our times are in your hand; Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

APRIL ANNIVERSARY: Jim and Susan Vega 21.

"We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating and sustaining these marriages in Christ's name. Lead them now and forever in love and companionship with each other and with you. And may the Spirit of Christ's peace which passes all understanding be with them now and forever." Amen.



Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially: Winston, Claudia, Jeannie, Ruby, Mike, Gordon, Louise, Harold, Chanelle, Janie, Ethan, Chrissy, Mearl, Boomer, Jane, Cullen, Ted, Lou, and Jim. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Norma Caldwell, grandmother of Ben Caldwell, who died recently, May the peace of God be with all during this time of loss.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers



Thank you to the Amy Golding Guild who donated the money for our Palm Branches for the Palm Sunday services.

Sunday, April 4 Easter Day

Sunday, April 11 The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Jacklynn H. and George W. Roth by their sons, Robert W. and James H. Roth and families.

Sunday, April 18 The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Eva Lindley Stewart, and her sister, Patricia Stewart Rogers, by Billie Stewart Vories.

Sunday, April 25 The flowers at the altar are given in memory of loved ones by Kay Temps.

If you would like to donate altar flowers or a cascade in Thanksgiving or Remembrance please contact one of our Flower Ministry coordinators, **Kay Temps (233-8179)** or **Ginny McLaughlin (901-0254)** or sign up on the flower schedule posted in the front hallway across from the youth bulletin board on the office door and fill out one of the attached donation forms. The cost is \$25.00 per vase and \$25.00 for a cascade.

Church Humor: Courtesy of Clark Hampton

Goat for Dinner

The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?" "Yep," said the youngster "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Today is just as good as any to have that old goat for dinner.'" Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth.

The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City , the finest restaurants in New York , performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean " "Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Episcopal Church, Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church." The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"