



# FIRST FACTS



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To the Followers of Jesus Christ,

Easter tide is the liturgical season that immediately follows Easter and concludes on the day of Pentecost. The Biblical focus of our daily lectionary readings is the post resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ. There are numerous inspirational writings about these post-resurrection appearances.

It has been said by some that all of Jesus' post resurrection are a metaphor. The definition of metaphor is "*a figure of speech in which a term or phrase is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable in order to suggest a resemblance, as in "A mighty fortress is our God."*

One of my favorite theologians, Frederick Buechner, wrote the following

For Paul the Resurrection was *no metaphor*; it was the power of God. And when he spoke of Jesus as raised from the dead, he meant Jesus alive and at large in the world not as some shimmering ideal of human goodness or the achieving power of hopeful thought but as the very power of life itself. If the life that was in Jesus died on the cross; if the love that was in him came to an end when his heart stopped beating; if the truth that he spoke was no more if no less timeless than the great truths of any time; if all that he had in him to give to the world was a little glimmer of light to make bearable the inexorable approach of endless night—then all was despair.

-Originally published in *The Faces of Jesus* by Frederick Buechner

Our living out of the Gospel is a solid affirmation in the reality of the resurrection. It is experienced by others when the fruits of the Spirit are encountered. Galatians 5 written by Paul clearly outlines the evidentiary elements for a viable Christian.

*16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 By contrast, **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control.** There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

When the Fruits of the Spirit are evident in a person, others take notice. We become like yeast in a loaf of bread. Others are affected in ways often are not able see. However, the net result is that the Body of Christ transforms our community and world. We are the transformational elements that God has placed in this time and place. Our faithfulness determines the effectiveness of God's presence in our world.

One small way in which is transformational element will be seen locally is in our on-going support of the AMEN Center, serving the physical and spiritual needs of those less fortunate. Please see the accompanying article from our Mission Committee which outlines ways in which we are attempting to be a partner in ministry. Our gifts for the AMEN Center will be dedicated on Mother's Day, May 8. I wish to express my appreciation for you prayers and gifts for the residents and staff of the AMEN Center, prior to our dedicatory service.

Let's dedicate ourselves to making evident the Fruits of the Spirit.

In the Name that is Above Every Name, Jesus Christ,

Pastor Kim

## Adult and Youth Sunday School

**NURSERY:** Our nursery is open from 9 a.m. on Sunday morning through our worship service, for children birth through kindergarten. Children will be escorted upstairs from the nursery to the worship service for the “Kids” Message and then will return to the nursery. In the nursery they may participate in a brief Sunday School lesson and activity. Children are welcome to join their parents for the worship service at any time. **Parents come to the nursery after worship to pick up their children.**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Both Children’s Sunday School Classes will begin their new studies on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. They will continue to meet after the Kid’s Message in worship. The Lower Grade’s Class will meet in their classroom next to the Nursery, Kathy Woodfin and Cherie Herbst will be teaching this class. The curriculum will focus on “The Stories of the Old Testament” based on the *Read and Learn Bible*. The Upper Grade’s Class will meet in their classroom on the second floor. Their curriculum will focus on “The 12 names of Jesus”. This class will be team taught by Kathy Brown, Melissa Harris, Sandy Wilhelm, and Julie Harrison.

**ADULT CLASS:** Bible 101-a survey course, taught by Pastor Kim, covering the entire Bible, its history, context, tools of interpretation. Answering the questions about the Bible but you were afraid to ask.

**Sunday School-9:30a.m.**

**Sunday Service of Worship- 10:30a.m.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Treasurer’s Report As of February 29, 2016</b></p> <p><b><u>General Fund</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Year to Date Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$34,619</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year to Date Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">47,710</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses Greater than Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13,091</td> </tr> </table>	Year to Date Income	\$34,619	Year to Date Expenses	47,710	Expenses Greater than Income	13,091	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP</b></p> <p>Flowers for worship may be shared to celebrate your anniversary, someone’s birthday, or in memory of a loved one or friend. They can also just say “Thanks, God!” Please call the church office (335-2579) to sign up for flowers.</p> <p>The flowers on March 20, were given by Jean Cairns in memory of her father, Austin Cairns, who would have turned 100 on Tuesday, March 22.</p>		
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<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>April Meal-a-Month</b></p> <p>1 lb package of pasta Can of Spaghetti sauce Can of carrots or peas Can of Fruit of Choice</p> </div>	<p>The flowers on March 20, were given by Jean Cairns in memory of her father, Austin Cairns, who would have turned 100 on Tuesday, March 22.</p>								



### Daytime Circle

The Daytime Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Chateau dining room at 11:00 A.M. We will order off the menu and each person will be responsible for their own lunch.

The discussion will be on Lesson 9 from our study book "PSALMS" by Sue Edwards. This chapter will cover Psalm 98, so if you would like to join us, but do not have a study book, by reading this Psalm you will be ready to participate in the discussion. We would be happy to have you join us. If you plan to attend, please call Sharon Metcalfe at 651-5274 or Ruth Needle at 334-4515 and let one of them know you are coming so that arrangements may be made for a table big enough to accommodate all of us.



**The Book Club** will meet on Thursday, April 14 at the home of Rebecca Nelson and we will discuss Anne La Motts' "Thanks, Help, Wow: Three Essential Prayers". In May we will meet at the home of Ruth Needle. We will discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.



### TROOP 4 BBQ

Troop 4 will be having their annual BBQ on Sunday April 10, right after church. The scouts use this money to help pay for summer camp. If you would like to pre order a pork butt (\$30) or by the pound (\$9), call Shirley 382-0495 or the church office. Dinner tickets (\$8) may be purchased at the door. To-go orders are available. Thanks to our chief cook. Will Bahn



**"I am resurrection and the life"**

**Robert Smith**

**May 17, 1928-March 6, 2016**

### Memorials

Memorials have been received in memory of:

**Bill Stover**, from Ray & Ann Ritter

**Thomas Phillips**, from Ray & Ann Ritter,

**Myra Peo**, from Daryl Henry

**Robert Smith**, from Daryl Henry, Ruth Needle, James & Beverly Hirsch, Bob & Ann Parkinson, Madge Ridings, Barbara Calvin

**David Ketchum**, from Madge Ridings, Daryl Henry

### POWER OF PRAYING WOMEN

#### Prayer Breakfast

Prayer of women establishes relationships Wednesday, May 4, Ray's Conference Center, 3257 William St, Cape. Doors open at 5:45 am, Buffet begins at 6:00am, Program begins at 6:30 am. Featured Speaker will be Rekha Patterson, Southeast Missouri State University Women's Basketball Head Coach! Call 573-200-1408 or email

[PrayingWomen2@gmail.com](mailto:PrayingWomen2@gmail.com) to request a seat or table. \$10/seat; or a table of 8 for \$100. Mail checks payable to: Power of Praying Women, 300 North Ellis, Cape 63701



Pack 15 recently welcomed their newest Bobcat members. Mason Easley and Fletcher Everett. These scouts have worked very hard on learning the Scout Law and Oath as well as completing the other Bobcat requirements. The Scouts have also learned about being Thrifty this month and to how use items you already have to make something new and creative.

**At the February 28, 2016 Stated Meeting, the Session:**

1. Heard two new proposals regarding the sale of the Activities Building and property. Pastor Nelson read the following:

Rust & Martin offered a proposal to purchase the property for \$200,000.00 cash at closing with down payment/earnest money of \$5,000.00, with balance at closing.

The Rhodes Group offered a proposal to purchase the property for \$217,000.00 cash at closing with the additional terms that they would allow the Scouts to use the building for 6 months after closing and additionally would contribute \$10,000.00 to the Scouts, closing to be no later than April 15th with offer to expire March 3rd.

The Property Committee then reintroduced their previously postponed motion that: the property be sold to the "Friends of Troop 4" for \$200,000.00 with the request that they be given until June 30, 2016 to pay that amount before the church puts the property on the open market.

A voice vote was taken with 3 votes voiced in opposition. Pastor Nelson declared the Property Committee proposal to be accepted.

2. Approved a committee to conduct a Financial Review of the 2015 year.
3. Gave permission for Ethan Hochstein to use a corner of the Activities Building parking lot for the sale of plants from mid March to the end of June.
4. Gave permission for the Prodigy Academy to hold a rummage sale in the Activities Building on April 23rd.
5. Approved several recommendations from the Personnel Committee regarding benefits for staff.
6. Approved leave for Pastor Kim July 11-14 and September 27 to October 4.
7. Elected Paul Farris as the Session member to serve on the Endowment Committee for one year.
8. Elected Charles Wiles to serve as church Treasurer for one year.

**At the Stated Meeting of the Session held on March 20, 2016 the Session:**

1. Approved removing Joan Slaughter from the church rolls, as she has joined Bryantsville United Methodist Church in Lancaster, Kentucky.
2. Approved the purchase of exterior security cameras providing there are available funds to cover the cost.
3. Approved asking an attorney to review, on behalf of the church, the sale contract presented by the Friends of Troop 4 regarding the Activities Building.
4. Approved including the Finance Committee with the Personnel and Worship & Arts Committees regarding the search and proposed salary for a choir director July through December 2016.

**LILLIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY  
IN MEMORY OF**

**Our Parents**, from Don & Shirley Gibson  
**Austin & Martha Cairns**, her parents, from Jean Cairns  
**Dorothy Baron**, her cousin, from Jean Cairns  
**Vince Rueseler**, her husband, from Kitty Rueseler  
**Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Rueseler**, her parents, Ruth Knot  
**Charles Knot**, her husband, & **Barbara Knot Head**, her daughter, from Ruth Knot  
**Bob & Rogene Stoup**, from Dave & Stephanie Bengtson  
**David & Esther Bengtson**, from Dave & Stephanie Bengtson  
**Tom Phillips**, from Willie Phillips  
**Our Parents**, from Willie Phillips  
**Ed Calvin**, from Barbara, Jennifer, Greg and Whitney  
**David S. Metcalfe**, her husband, from Sharon Metcalfe  
**Bill Needle**, from Ruth Needle & Family  
**Charles, Mark, & Sam Hopkins**, from Dixie Hopkins  
**Bill Stover**, from Evelyn and Family  
**Betty Sitter**, from Ralph Sitter  
**Fred Henry**, his father, and **Dwayne Henry**, his brother, from Daryl Henry  
**Maxine Buxton**, from Harold, Kirk & Dick Buxton  
**John Ritter**, from Ray & Ann Ritter  
**Our parents Raymond A. Ritter, Helen Ritter, John S. Wescoat & Jessie B. Wescoat,**  
**Lillian K Ritter** from Ray & Ann Ritter  
**Mary Lou & Paul Bray**, from Nancy Bray  
**Lou Sewell**, her husband, from Betty Sewell  
**Pat Rowland**, Peg's sister, from Peg & Pete Hirschburg  
**Jim & Kathryn Hopkins Hathoway**, Rebecca's parents, from Rev. Dr. Kim & Rebecca  
Nelson  
**Virgina Ann Osborn Nelson**, Pastor Kim's mother, from Rev. Dr. Kim & Rebecca Nelson

**LILLIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY  
IN HONOR OF**

**Sarah & Greg Hopkins**, from Dixie Hopkins  
**Pat Rowland**, Peg's sister, from Peter & Peg Hirschburg  
**Loved ones**, from Jean Miller

## APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR

The Session hopes you will use this 'Prayer Calendar' as we daily pray for each other and some of the mission concerns of our church.

<p>1<sup>ST</sup> Presbytery of Beaver-Butler                  2<sup>ND</sup> Sarah Holt (birthday)                  3<sup>RD</sup> Presbytery of Carlisle                  4<sup>TH</sup> Presbytery of Donegal                  5<sup>TH</sup> Willie Phillips (birthday)                      Kathy Brown (birthday)                  6<sup>TH</sup> The Presbytery of Huntingdon                  7<sup>TH</sup> Joan Gohn (birthday)                      Will Bahn (birthday)                      Hannah Taylor (birthday)                  8<sup>TH</sup> Presbytery of Lackawanna                  9<sup>TH</sup> Joanna Shaver (birthday)                  10<sup>TH</sup> The Synod of Alaska-Northwest                  11<sup>TH</sup> John Broeckling (birthday)                  12<sup>TH</sup> Presbytery of Northumberland                  13<sup>TH</sup> The Presbytery of Philadelphia                  14<sup>TH</sup> Pittsburgh Presbytery                  15<sup>TH</sup> The Presbytery of Redstone</p>	<p>16<sup>TH</sup> Kathy Woodfin (birthday)                  17<sup>TH</sup> Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery                  18<sup>TH</sup> Leland Shivelbine (birthday)                  19<sup>TH</sup> Paul Rice (birthday)                  20<sup>TH</sup> Sam &amp; Sharon McCune                      (anniversary)                  21<sup>ST</sup> Karen Fieser (birthday)                      Lee &amp; Missy Smith (anniversary)                  22<sup>ND</sup> The Presbytery of West Virginia                  23<sup>RD</sup> Ann Ritter (birthday)                  24<sup>TH</sup> Presbytery of Central Washington                  25<sup>TH</sup> Presbytery of Northwest Coast                  26<sup>TH</sup> Pittsburgh Theological Seminary                  27<sup>TH</sup> Bob &amp; Cherie Herbst (anniversary)                  28<sup>TH</sup> Ralph Sitter (birthday)                      Dale &amp; Sue Watkins (anniversary)                  29<sup>TH</sup> Emily Harris (birthday)                  30<sup>TH</sup> Presbytery of Yukon</p>
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### From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study

God of all creation, teach us to protect and preserve; teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves; teach us humility before all you have created. Teach us to treat our food and the land from which it comes with reverence. In the name of Jesus, who is the true bread of life. Amen.



### Faith and Film Discussion Group for April

We are again excited to have more new movies for upcoming conversations and intergenerational fellowship. On **Sunday, April 3, 4:30-6:00 pm**, we will meet at Pastor Kim's home to discuss **The Young Messiah** (opens March 11) and **Miracles from Heaven** (opens March 16). The former is based on the Anne Rice novel, "Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt" and focuses on a seven year old Jesus returning from Egypt to Nazareth. Will the movie reveal when Jesus knew he was the Christ? Something to think about, for sure! The second movie, "Miracle from Heaven," is based on the true story, and subsequent book, about a young girl's miraculous healing. Are there medical mysteries that truly defy explanation?

Come and have some pizza with the pastor and discuss these movies. Call the church office at 573.335.2579 or Becky Nelson at 415.517.9444 to RSVP, and for directions and more information, if needed.

# April 2016

## Monthly Planner

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