

The Springs



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"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:6)

Dear Friends in Christ,

This passage from Mark's Gospel is a small part of the complete resurrection narrative available to us. I include it here to encourage you to pick up your Bible and read all the accounts we have in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20. I promise that your efforts will be rewarded with some of the most exciting passages in the New Testament.

There is another reason why I draw our attention to this narrative. Not only does it give us a wonderful picture of the glory of the resurrection, it also gives us a profound statement about the power God has to take care of whatever problems we may encounter.

As the women were walking to Jesus' tomb that morning, they asked one another, *"Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.* (Mark 16:3-4) For me, this is one of the most important messages we can take away from the Easter story. No matter how big the obstacle we face may be, God has the power to move it out of our way; that's the power of the Risen Christ!

Each one of us has faced, is facing, or will face something in life that seems insurmountable; a problem so difficult that we can't imagine how we are going to get through it. We get discouraged and frustrated; we worry and feel our blood pressure rise; stress-filled days and sleepless nights become all too common. *"Who will roll the stone away?"*

Jesus promises that he can handle whatever challenges we face in life – If we will only lay our burdens at his feet. I hear you saying, *"But that's just so hard to do!"* You're right – it *is* hard for us to let God be in charge of our life.

Most of you know the challenges Linda and I have faced over the past several months. A cancer diagnosis can often be "a stone" far too big for us to roll away. It is a time when emotions take over and it becomes difficult to understand how

God is going to take care of us.

You may also recall that I haven't always been in ministry; I had another life before – a life filled with many twists and turns; frustrations and discouragements; lots of stress and sleeplessness. There were times when no memory of church was strong enough to break through to me. There were problems no prayer could solve. The stone was so big and heavy that rolling it away was not an option; I would simply remain behind it forever entombed.

Praise God, I was wrong! Grace is a wonderful thing – it moves those heavy stones out of our way. **Is it really that simple, you ask? That's up to you.**

This is where the hard part kicks in. When we turn our lives over to God we must really trust him to handle things for us. We can't turn a problem over today and then take it back tomorrow. We can't ask God to help us and then get impatient when things don't move as fast as we want. Faith is all about trust. Faith means trusting in things we often can't see or understand. It means believing that God has the power to be in charge of our lives. It means believing the Gospel and trusting the promises of Jesus Christ. It means trusting that God's Word isn't just for people two thousand years ago – it's a living, breathing document that still speaks to us today and continues to be true in spite of changing cultures and circumstances. Faith is all about trust and trust is all about patience.

God's timing is almost never the same as our timing and we must be prepared to wait. The thing is – **if** we truly trust in God's plan the waiting isn't so bad. There is peace in knowing that my way is being guided by Jesus and that I don't have to trust in my own feeble attempts to fix things. What a relief!

This Easter I pray that we will all come to understand more fully that Jesus Christ will roll away any stone that gets in our way. I know it's not easy to give up control of our lives, but I also know that Jesus does a much better job than we do – if we'll let him. Christ is risen, alleluia! He is alive and waiting for us to turn over our lives to his loving control. Take the easy road – Let God be in charge.

Pastor Don

Mission To Stitch

We will meet in the parlor on April 19th at 1:30 p.m. We got a big donation of yarn and we will be handing it out so you can continue your projects. Hope to see you there!

A BIG THANK YOU to the

Needlework group that used to meet at the church. They donated the yarn to us. Come And Get It—knitters, crocheters, embroiderers...



Calling all Cooks/Bakers

The Herbal Affair is just around the corner and we need your help. Dig

out your favorite recipes and make a batch to sell at the Herbal Affair. We have labels for most of the recipes that have been made in the past, but if you are trying something new this year, please give Tracey a list of ingredients so she can make labels for us. We can always use sugar-free products. The Herbal Affair is one of the UMW's major fund raisers so the more we can sell, the more we can contribute to local mission projects.

The Herbal Affair is April 22 and we will be gearing up on April 20 by making cinnamon rolls at the FLC. Cynthia Edelman, Winnie Mansfield and Trish House will be doing the actual baking, but if you can help with packaging, that should start around 10:30 or so. Then on April 21, we will be packaging and weighing all the other goodies at the FLC beginning at 9:00.



Hey Kids!

What an awesome job you did yesterday as we made 67 Easter baskets for kids at Sand Springs Community Services. We loaded the baskets and then we walked up to the street to help unload the baskets. Many thanks to Lisa & Caleb, Amy, Taylor, Lauren, Sara, Amanda and YaYa for all your help yesterday.

Remember to be here next Sunday, April 9th -Palm Sunday.

Kids will be taking part in both services. Please bring them to the Caleb House by 8:15 a.m. The kids will bring in the palms and they will also be playing the chimes. Easter Sunday, is April 16, 2017.

Kidzone Parents and Grandparents-You are invited to Kidzone Annual Breakfast in the Caleb House at 9:45. We will have breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls, muffins, fruit and juice and milk. Please join us we celebrate Easter together. Have a wonderful week.

Miss Debbie and Miss Marty



Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—April 9-Palm Sunday

Visitors Center & Coffee—TNT
 Head Usher-8:30-Amanda Honeycutt
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder

Sunday Volunteers—April 16-Easter Sunday

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT
 Head Usher-8:30-Amanda Honeycutt
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Counters-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford

In case you were wondering...

There are still UMW Blue Cookbooks available. Here is a sample of a yummy recipe-also an example of a great treat for the UMW Herbal Affair Bake Sale!!

SPICED NUTS

Submitted from Clare Caldwell

1 egg white	1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp. water	1/2 tsp. nutmeg
3/4 c. sugar	2 c. whole walnuts or pecans
1 tsp. salt	1/2 tsp. ground cloves

Beat egg white with water until stiff. Combine spices in a second bowl. Pour nuts into egg white, toss to coat, then pour nuts into spice mixture and toss again. Spread on greased cookie sheet, separating nuts as much as possible. Toast in a 275° oven for 30 minutes. Cool, separating nuts again, if necessary, and store for up to a month in an airtight container.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday—8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Closed 1:40 to 2:40 p.m. (temporarily)

Please remember, push the door bell button before using your key. The front door is unlocked with the key but magnet locked for us to buzz you in. If you use your key, you will not be able to get in as it will actually lock the door. If no one clicks you in, go ahead and use your key.

Please Keep In Prayer



Please remember these in your prayers:

Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, Bert Woodward, Ron Hay, Elsie Jones, Sue Shaw, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW Proft, Bill & Clare Caldwell, Ruth Weaver, Jack & Jewell Brown, Pauline Hanigar, Barbara McClintock, Angy Krebs-Warden, Montie Box, Albert Kahl's mom & sister in law, John & Sylvia Johnson

If someone needs to be added to the prayer list or someone was taken off too soon, please contact Tracey in the front office so the prayer list can be updated.



Here are your	July 10
2017 Newsletter	July 24
weeks. Please	August 7
remember-articles are	August 21
due by 11 a.m. on this	September 4?
date. Please, mark	September 18
your calendars.	October 2
April 17	October 16
May 1	October 30
May 15	November 13
May 29 ?	November 27
June 12	December 11
June 26	January 8, 2018



Here is some of your 2017 Youth Dinner Schedule

April 5-Noah/Searchers
 April 12-Harmony
 April 19-CIA/Pathfinders
 April 26-Faith Circle
 May 3-TNT
 May 10-Ruth Esther Circle
 May 17-Seniors In Action
 May 24-Priscilla Circle
 May 31-Noah/Searchers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, April 3

9:30am-UMW Memorial flower prep work-FLC Kitchen
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, April 4

9:30am-UMW Memorial flower prep work-FLC Kitchen
12:00pm-Lenten Devotion/Lunch-St. Patrick's Catholic Ch.
6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, April 5

7:30am-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café
4:00pm-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall
5:45pm-Y4Y
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

9:30am-UMW Memorial flower prep work-FLC Kitchen
*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, April 7

No Activities

Saturday, April 8

10am-12pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9-Palm Sunday

8:30am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship
1:30pm-Boy Scout Leadership Training-FLC

Monday, April 10

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, April 11

9:30am-UMW Memorial flower prep work-FLC Kitchen
12:00pm-Lent Devotion/Luncheon-St. Matthew's Episcopal Ch.
6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, April 12

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
5:45pm-Y4Y
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

*FLC-Family Life Center
*-Not sponsored by
SSUMC but welcome*

*For more calendar
information, call the
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Holy Week Schedule

April 4-Lenten Devotion/Luncheon-St. Patrick's Catholic Church
April 8th at 10am-12pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal-sanctuary
April 9-Palm Sunday
April 11-Lenten Devotion/Lunch-St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
April 13-6:30pm-Maundy Thursday Service-FLC
April 14-6:30pm-Chancel Choir Cantata-Sanctuary
April 16-HAPPY EASTER!
6:30am-Son-Rise Service-FLC
8:30am-Contemporary Service
10:00am-Sunday School-Parents/G.parents join your kids in KidZone for breakfast
11:00am-Traditional Service