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Palm Sunday

On Sunday, April 2nd the children will enter the sanctuary waving palm branches.

Good Friday

The Good Friday Service will be April 7th at 7:00 pm at **Evangelical United Church of Christ**, 700 E Spring Street, Boonville. Coffee and sweet breads will be served prior to the service at 6:30 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy activities, snacks, and an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 9th at 9:00 am. The Youth Group will serve a light breakfast before the service at 8:00 am.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday; Penny Sunday; Benevolence Offering

Wednesday, April 5: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am

Wednesday, April 5: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 6: Lily Memorials Due

Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service of Sorrow at 7:00 pm at EUCC

Saturday, April 8: Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 pm

Sunday, April 9: Breakfast at 8:00 am; Easter Sunday Service at 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 12: Financial Reports due

Sunday, April 16: Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Thursday, April 27: Newsletter articles due

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If you plan to bring a lily or make a donation in memory of loved ones, please let Julie know by Thursday, April 6th. Please note: the Women's Guild is **NOT** purchasing lilies this year.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

March 8, 2023

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved, and financial reports were presented and approved.

Several members of the congregation relayed their appreciation for Rev. Andy's Ash Wednesday service.

The permit for the church sign by the highway has been renewed.

Steve's Pest Control was approved for rodent and insect control at both the church and parsonage.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

Thank You

To Barbara Miles for her donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Peter & Tessie Jane Muntzel and Jewell & Helen Marie Nash.

Colossians 1:13-14:

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, in the upstairs Sunday School room. Those present were Nancy Meyer, Rhea Helmreich, Ginger Wenger, Mary Bail and Marg Scott. Marg opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was called to order and the secretary's report was read. Nancy gave the treasurer's report. The reports were accepted as read.

There was a discussion of projects and the events the Guild would sponsor this year. The events are as follows:

- Provide lunch for students of Melissa Hundley when they have a workday at our church.
- Organize refreshments following the Memorial Day Service on May 29, with the Guild providing juice and coffee.
- Have a covered dish dinner for the congregation on Sun., Oct. 1, following worship. It will be our Fall Festival with a Mini-Country Store and homemade cookie sale on the same day. We will also invite the Evangelical UCC to join us for worship and the meal.
- Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection will be Sun., Nov. 5.
- Blanket Sunday offering will be the Sunday before Thanksgiving on Nov. 19.
- The Hanging of the Greens Christmas Service will be Sunday, Dec. 3. The Guild will be in charge of the service with volunteers helping. There will be a covered dish meal following the service.

The projects and donations that the Guild approved for this year are:

- \$100 for the Young Life Christian Club at Boonville High School. Two members of our church are members of this group.
- \$200 to the Festival of Sharing to be used where it is needed most and we will also collect used eyeglasses to donate to the festival. The Festival of Sharing will be Sat., Oct. 14, at the Methodist Church in Tipton.
- \$200 to Samaritan's Purse to help Turkey/Syria earthquake victims.

Rhea volunteered to be the secretary of the Women's Guild. THANK YOU RHEA!

Marg Scott, Secretary

“Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children;

To remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old;

To stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough;

To bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts;

To trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front of you so that your shadow will fall behind you;

To make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open;

Are you willing to do these things during the coming days? THEN YOU CAN KEEP EASTER!”

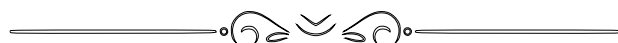
By Henry Van Dyke
From the clippings of Rev. Shroedel

In the Mail

To All our Church Friends & Family,
Thank you for loving prayers & support.
Thank you for cards, call, food,
chauffeuring and all the many ways you
have reached out to us over the past few
weeks.

We are so Blessed to have such a
wonderful church and fellowship.

With much Gratitude,
Holly & Charles



The family of Robert Friedrich would like to thank the members of St. John's for their kindness and prayers, providing a wonderful meal, and coming to Robert's service. You are a blessing to our family!

What If Christ Did Not Rise?

Have you ever considered the state of our faith and religion if Christ had not risen from the grave? Suppose it is just like the chief priest and Pharisees had said and the disciples came and stole the body of Jesus and the whole resurrection story was staged. All of the eye-witnesses who claimed to have seen Jesus after His death were really lying, and the body of Jesus is still somewhere in a secret grave.

It may seem unbelievable that Christians would think that, but it is exactly what Paul dealt with in 1 Corinthians 15. First of all, he makes the declaration that “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.” (v.3-4) He then states that the risen Jesus was seen by Peter, James and the Apostles, along with 500 others. So Paul asked the Corinthian Christians, “How do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?” (v. 12) He then makes the following conclusions if the dead do not rise (v. 14-19):

- Gospel Preaching is Empty, Hollow, and Cannot be Substantiated
- Our Faith is Empty, Useless, and a Waste of Time
- We Are Found to be False Witnesses of God
- If the Dead Don't Rise, Then Christ Did Not Rise
- Our Faith is Futile and We Are Still in Our Sins
- Then Christians Who have Passed Away are Just Dead
- If There is No Resurrection, Then There is No Hope

But hope is not lost, but now Christ is risen from the dead! (v. 20) Death came by man's sin, but by God's mighty power, and through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the dead do and will rise up. It is God's promise to us and basis for our hope of eternity.

Jay Launius – 2022
Maud Church of Christ

In Christian Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rob Friedrich who passed away on March 8. The following memorials were given in memory of Rob:

To the Women's Guild

Betty Bishop
Carol Fowler
Nancy Meyer

To the Cemetery Fund

Keith & Cathy Bail
Mary Bail
Dan Bishop
Norman & Carolyn Borgman
Jim & Sonya Farris
Robert & Louise Friedrich Trust
Sonny & Arlene Friedrich
Steve & Sarah Friedrich
Bill & Marilyn Geiger
Carl & Judy Gerhardt
Laura Grathwohl
Marty & Kim Graves
Scott & Peggy Grissum
Tim & Karen Harvey
Rhea Helmreich
Jason & Melissa Hundley

Kent & Donna Kammerich
Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan
David & Ann Muntzel
George & Tracy Pannell
Dan & Pam Pointer
Beth Royston
Ed & Lynnd Schler
Leola Schler
Von & Brenda Semke
Linda Simmons & Donnie Helmreich
Steve & Sharon Smith
Kenneth & Janet Stegner
Gary Watkins
Ed & Linda Wassmann
Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer

† TOMICS by Tom Gould

Easter Sunday



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MARCH STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
05	\$2240	\$25	43
12	\$1300	\$90 Penny Sun: \$28.26	24
19	\$880	\$50	41
26	\$580	\$0	24

HEALTH FACTS

AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT

Aortic valve replacement is a procedure to treat a damaged aortic valve in the heart. It is one of four valves that control blood flow in the heart chambers.

The aortic valve is located between the left ventricle and aorta. When the heart relaxes, the aortic valve closes to prevent blood from moving backward.

A diseased aortic valve can interfere with blood flow and allow blood to “leak” into the chamber which can force the heart to work harder to send blood to the rest of the body.

Symptoms of a “leaky” valve can be shortness of breath, dizziness with exertion, or fainting. Normal activities become difficult to perform due to weakness.

Aortic valve replacement is a surgical procedure to replace the failing valve with a new valve, which can be a mechanical valve or one made from a cow, pig, or human heart tissue.

This surgery will improve stamina and prolong life.

Nancy Meyer,
Health Minister

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
02	Janet Stegner	Ginger Wenger & Rhea Helmreich	Rev. Andy Mockridge
09	Angie Hackman	Rhea Helmreich & Bill Geiger	Rev. Andy Mockridge
Communion Prep: Jared Kueckelhan Communion Cleanup: Ginger Wenger			
16	Rhea Helmreich	Melissa Hundley & Kamrynn Hundley	TBA
23	Jason Hundley	Marg Scott & Donna Kammerich	TBA
30	Laura Grathwohl	Angie Hackman & Volunteer	TBA

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dalton Pannell	04
Abigail Pannell	05
Shane Jennings	10
Brittany Stretz	11
Jill Helmreich	12
Janice Cooper	17
Cathy Bail	20
Tucker Floyd	21
Tim Kueckelhan	21
Cate Smith	23
O. C. (Sonny) Friedrich	24
Andrew Grissum	24
Heather Simmons	24
Caleb Smith	25
Susan Forst	26
Kaylee Naylor	26

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie & Shawn Swalwell	03
Tami & Ben Rold	05
Deanamarie & Daniel Naylor	16

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Teresa D. Kueckelhan Carlson	09
Cora Louise Stegner Wisdom	09
Noel Katherine Schler	10
Linda Anne Atkinson Potter	13
Mary Jane Atkinson Fudge	13
Jaden Michael Keller	13
Douglas Eugene Johnston	14
Stacy Lynn Million Reuter	14
Karen Hibbard Johnston	20
Melinda E. Edwards Richardson	25
Sophia Ruth Carmichael	28

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Rob Friedrich

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St, Boonville, MO 65233

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Ruth Searfoss

Hartmann Village 615 Rankin Mill Ln, Boonville MO 65233

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

PRAYER CHAIN

Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
 Family of Rob Friedrich
 Tim Harvey, recovering from heart surgery
 Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemo treatments
 D.J. Muse, cancer
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 Kenneth Stegner, recovering from knee surgery
 Karen Tempfel
 Donald Warnke, recovering from knee surgery
 Cora Louise Wisdom
 The people of Ukraine

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Cliff Burgoyne	Jeff Burgoyne
Tony Davis	Chris Hawley	Natalie Meng
Blayne Vickery	James Walker	



Easter Sunday

Sunday following the first
full moon after the Spring equinox

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BASKET
BLESSINGS
BONNET
BOUQUET
BUNNY
CHICKS
CHILDREN
CHOCOLATES
CHURCH

DAFFODILS
DUCKS
DYE
EASTER
EGGS
FLOWERS
GRASS
GRATITUDE
HOPE

HUNT
JELLYBEANS
JOY
LIFE
PARADE
RABBIT
SPRING
SUNDAY



LECTIONARY READINGS

Liturgy of the Palms April 2, 2023 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>		<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</u>	<u>Matthew 21:1-11</u>	
Resurrection of the Lord April 9, 2023 <i>Easter Day</i>	<i>*Acts 10:34-43</i> or <i>Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or <i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	John 20:1-18 or <i>Matthew 28:1-10</i>
Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023	<i>*Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i>	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023	<i>*Acts 2:14a, 36-41</i>	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023	<i>*Acts 2:42-47</i>	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

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