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Spring To Life

The days are warmer, the birds have returned, squirrels are rustling about and lawnmowers fill the air with noise on Saturday mornings. It must be spring again. IF the warmer weather, longer days, and all these things listed are not enough to make you joyful for the new season, then maybe this will help. Spring is God's reminder of His promise to us. A promise of new life.

Leaves die in the fall and return to life in the spring. Animals hibernate and birds fly south to warmer weather, but with the spring, they return (unfortunately the bees do too though). The grass that browned from being buried beneath snow starts to turn green again. All of these are reminders of new life. The same kind of new life we find in Jesus. Romans 8:18 reminds us that our present sufferings are no comparison to the glory that will be revealed in us.

Christianity is very unique in that regard too. The only world religion where the god of that religion, Our Lord and God, shares His glory and bestows blessings out of love and unconditionally. Jews and Muslims can be some of the most devout religious believers in the world but they are devout mostly out of fear. Fear of what will happen if they are not devout to the laws they know so well. This is not to say that we as Christians should not be devout as much as possible as we should, but when we slip, God's love overcomes and it is this love of which spring is a great reminder.

It was in the spring that Jesus gave His life up for the sake of those who would believe in Him. It was in the spring that He was resurrected back to life and now we share in that resurrection. Spring is a reminder of life. Jesus is our life.

~Pastor Phil

Did you know that in 1966 our church replaced its pews? New pews were purchased from Endicott Church Furniture Co., East Liverpool, at cost of \$6,250.

Church YARD SALE

INDOOR YARD SALE

We are planning an Indoor Yard Sale at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 3rd (during All American Days)

Please start collecting items you no longer want or need to donate to this sale.

The money raised at this yard sale will be used for needs of the church and community.

More details will be coming but in the meantime, if you have any questions please see Debbie Weeks, Nancy Hughes or Billy Palmer.



Worship Schedule for Holy Week

South Bellaire is having their annual Palm Sunday Singspiration at 6:00 pm.

Our Chancel Choir will be singing at this event.

*Maundy Thursday 04/13/17 at 7:00 pm,
we will be performing
"Living Last Supper".*

*This is based on DaVinci's painting of
the last supper, one by one, 12 actors
will give their thoughts to the words of
Jesus: "One of you will betray me" that
he spoke during the last supper.
Communion will be served afterward*

Good Friday 04/14/17 at 7:00pm

As part of the Lenten week services, the Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church in Bellaire will present Lloyd Larson's cantata, The Shadow of the Cross. The musical selections include many of the well-known contemporary songs such as How Beautiful and We Remember you, mixed in with traditional hymns such as Beneath the Cross of Jesus.

This Tenebrae service is complete with orchestration and as the program proceeds candles will be extinguished until it culminates in total darkness.



Easter morning
April 16, 2017



Sunrise Service begins at 7:00am

Easter Worship begins at 10:45 am

"When Jesus Says, "Rest..."

by Kathy McLeish

Matthew 11:28 (New King James Version) -

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

One of my favorite features of our church building has always been the beautiful Invitation Window above the altar. I have gone into many other churches, and even though they have gorgeous woodwork, a beautiful chancel area, and their own stained-glass windows, it just doesn't feel like "home". There is nothing, to me, that matches that image of Jesus welcoming us into His restful presence.

I've had my days, as I'm sure you all have, where you just feel overwhelmed and worn out. Circumstances in your life have just seemed to be too much to handle, and you feel like just one more thing is going to make you lose your grip on that full plate you're holding. I felt that way recently when my "To Do List" was a mile and a half long, and I found myself, as a wise friend put perfectly, "flitting from panic to panic". Then to top it off, I came down sick with a nasty cold, and everything kept getting pushed back further and further. How would I ever get it all done?

Then, it hit me - the image of that window popped into my head and reminded me of the verse worked into the glass where Jesus offers us His rest when we feel like we have the world on our shoulders. My cold was His way of letting me know I needed to stop, rest, and recharge - not only physically, but in His restful presence, and my "To Do List" would take care of itself - right after a nice nap on the couch.

Thinking of You Cards this month

~ Mary Florance Tarbet ~ 2074 Garden Lane ~ Brandon, FL 34205

- April Birthdays**
- 1st ~ Cathyann Hershfeld
Cole Harding
MaryAnn Baker
- 2nd ~ Mark Evans
- 3rd ~ Missy Conaway
- 4th ~ Bruce Oliver
- 6th ~ Madison Stock
- 7th ~ Tammy Crozier
- 9th ~ Luke DeMichele
- 17th ~ RJ Hadley
- 18th ~ Becky Shallcross
Carol Miller
- 19th ~ April Marinacci
Brandi (Baldwin) Yock
- 20th ~ Alex Colvin
- 22nd ~ Jennifer Albaugh
- 23rd ~ Lane Scott
- 25th ~ Brett Merryman, Sr.
Richard McLeish
- 26th ~ Heather (Wright) Murphy
- 29th ~ Addison Weeks
- 30th ~ Logan Thorp
- April Anniversaries**
- 7th ~ Bill & Becky Shallcross
- 8th ~ Steve & Helen DeMichele
- 12th ~ Bill & JoAnne Porter
- 26th ~ Bob & Summer Evans

April Serving Schedule

Usher Captain ~ Tom Myers
Trustee ~ JoLee Ramsay

April 9th

Counters ~ Forrest Merryman
& Melissa Shallcross

April 16th

Counters ~ R.J Hadley Jr.
& Alice Chirpas

April 30th

Counters ~ William Marinacci
& Beth Phillips

SPRC is having a meeting
Wednesday April 5th at 6:30 pm.
All committee members are
encouraged to attend.

Monday...

Monday Meals ~ 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday...

Produce ~ 8:00 am

Cub Scouts ~ 6:00 pm

Choir Practice ~ 6:30 pm

Thursday...

Boy Scouts ~ 7:00 pm

Bible Study ~ 7:15 pm @ Brooks Run

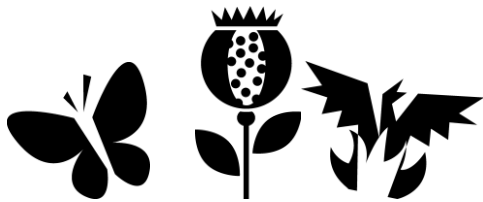
Sunday...

Sunday School ~ 9:30 am

Worship Celebration ~ 10:45 am

Living Bread Kitchen ~ 4/27 -4/28 from
11:00am – 1:00 pm

The symbols of Easter



Christianity has many symbols; the most recognizable is, of course, the cross. There are a number of symbols linked with Easter or the Resurrection: the butterfly, the lily, the pomegranate, the phoenix and the peacock.

The butterfly represents the Resurrection and eternal life. It emerges from its cocoon or chrysalis and gloriously rises into the sky in its splendid new body. Similarly, Jesus and his followers are born into a new life on Easter.

The lily is perhaps the most common Easter symbol because it's displayed during Easter worship services and blooms around this time each year. The lily's bulb decays in the earth, yet new life sprouts from it in the form of the flower — reminiscent of the new life that emerged from the tomb so many years ago.

The pomegranate is used as a symbol of the power of Christ and his Resurrection because of the many seeds that burst forth from the fruit. These seeds represent the many believers who follow Christ. They also represent the magnificence of divine grace and the fertility of the Word.

The peacock sheds his feathers annually. Each year the feathers grow back more beautiful and more brilliant in color. This renewal symbolizes eternal life or resurrection. There's also a myth that the peacock's flesh doesn't decay after death — immortality. (The peacock is sometimes used to represent human vanity, because of the way he proudly struts and displays his plumage.)

The phoenix was a mythical bird that lived in the Arabian Desert for five hundred years. It set its own nest on fire and perished in the flames. But on the third day it rose from its own ashes and ascended into the sky as a new and beautiful creature. It's easy to see why the phoenix represents immortal life and the Resurrection.

Our Vision: To be the Presence of Jesus in the Community.

Our Purpose: To honor and glorify God by Proclaiming and
Demonstrating the Life and Love of Jesus Christ.

Our Goal: To know Christ better and make Christ better known!