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EASTER MONDAY?

I will be honest, when I saw it on the calendar as a day off for students, I had no idea what it was referring to... Easter Monday? I know the events of Holy Week Monday, but since when does the day AFTER Easter hold calendar significance? While I still question the historicity of the day, I can see the merits to acknowledging it!

For 40 days after his Resurrection, Christ walked the earth, appeared to the disciples, advanced the kingdom and trained his followers to do the same, and testified in flesh to the power of God over death. That's a pretty significant time in ministry!

With that in mind, Easter Sunday (and sure, Easter Monday too), represent the first day of a NEW creation. It's the first day in a new reality where God's kingdom has broken in, resurrection existence is a possibility, and the followers of Jesus now know without a doubt that not even death can hold back the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ! What a powerful story to attest to! **But I wonder: do our lives bear out this boldness still today?**

I invite you to ponder that this week—how am I living as one who truly believes that, because Christ lives, I can live eternally too? No scheme of hell or man can EVER take that away! To help you celebrate that this Easter Monday (and first week after the Resurrection), let me invite you to consider some of the stanzas from Charles Wesley's "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" that do not often get printed or sung:

King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, Thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing and thus to love, Alleluia!

But the pains that He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Christ is risen! His kingdom is yet advancing into the world—by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the committed efforts of his followers. Not even death can hold it back! How might we live as Easter people even more so together this year? As always, it is my privilege to serve as your pastor. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Reverend Josh Beeler - "Joanna"

Luke 8:2-3, 24:1-12, 22-24

Chancel Choir - "Earth, Earth" &

Resurrection Song"

Children's Choir



MISSIONS

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

April items are canned hams and meats.

WOM APRIL PROJECT - DAILY BREAD

Boxes of cereal and individual packs of snack crackers and chips.



FELLOWSHIP

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to attend a birthday party for Barbara Witt!

Sunday, April 27 from 2 - 5 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

Come celebrate with Barbara and her family!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS PRESENTATION

Sunday, April 27 at 6 p.m.

featuring

GPS: God's Plan of Salvation

from the 1st - 5th grade Children's Choir

Join us to hear our children sing followed by ice cream in the Fellowship Hall.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - APRIL 30

AT MONACAN PARK

6:00 p.m. until dusk

Hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

Bring a side dish or desert to share!



CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

April 27 Carl LaFerney & Sharon Walters-Bower

DEACONS SERVING APRIL 27

Allen Ashwell	Steve Owen
Ellen Saunders	Jesse Staton
Sharon Walters-Bower	Billy Williams

APRIL 27, 2025 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....\$ 6,234.00

(Weekly Budget Needs \$9510.00)

Plate Offering.....\$ 199.00

Designated Offering.....\$ 350.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$ 6,783.00

Find Us Faithful.....\$ 200.00

USHERS FOR APRIL

John Mann & Claude Mays

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

If you wish to participate in the dedication service on Mother's Day, please contact the church office a by May 1.

GRADUATION 2025

If you are graduating from high school or college or know of some who is, please contact the church office by May 1, so that you may be included in our recognition service.

DEACONS MEETING

7:00 p.m. Monday, April 28

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