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Whiteface Community

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Alice Pelkey celebrates her birthday on April 20th

Jordyn Fish celebrates her birthday on April 28th

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A Note From the Pastor



Pastor's Reflection

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciles us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling himself to the world through Christ, not counting our sins against us. And God has commissioned us to share the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors - God is making this appeal through us! So we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. God's fellow workers, we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain! ~ 2

Corinthians 5:16-6:1

Well, here we are already in the first days of April. We are traveling the Lenten road, headed soon into Holy Week, where we will ultimately arrive at the joyous day of Easter, symbolized in part by the transformation of the stark wooden cross in our worship center to one that is covered in flowers. So once Easter is over, what next? Or is Easter over? Is it ever really over?

Did you know Although we think of Easter as a day, it is not really a day but a season. Easter is a season that lasts for 50 days ending on Pentecost Sunday which, this year, falls on June 9. Scripture tells us that during a 40-day period of time after Christ's Resurrection, he appeared to his disciples and many others in various places. We read at the end of Luke that before he ascended to Heaven, Jesus instructed the disciples to go and wait in Jerusalem for something God had promised them: "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Not knowing exactly what that would be or how it would come, the disciples nonetheless

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Regional Events

First United Methodist Saranac Lake- Rummage Sale (Saranac Lake) will be held on May 2nd and 3rd from 9 AM to 7 PM and on May 4th from 9 to Noon.

Plattsburgh UMC- Shoe drive running from March 1st through May 31st. Gently worn shoes welcome, to be sent to developing nations.

Wood, Wire and Voice April 19th and May 17th from 7 to 9 PM on 127 Beekman street in Plattsburgh.

Lenten Luncheons will be held at the Jay Baptist Church on Wednesday's during the season of lent from 11:30-1PM.

Upcoming Events

April 8th Kids Club Easter Pageant and Dinner, everyone is welcome to attend!

Easter Sing Out (date and time to be determined)

Easter Sunday April 21st 7AM Sun-rise service at the Wilmington Beach. 7:30-830 AM Free breakfast fellowship hall. Easter egg hunt following service.

April 28th Jon Ruff will share about mission work in Jamaica.

did as they were commanded. They waited in Jerusalem for 10 days, praying and keeping themselves open to what God would do. Luke 24:53 says "They stayed continually at the temple, praising God." Many years ago, someone once noted to me that scripture says they were "praising God", not praying to God. So I offer this thought: is not praise directed personally to God a form of prayer? And many a faithful and fervent petitioning (asking) prayer will end with expressions of praise for what God is already doing or will do. The idea here is that they were praying, expectantly and with joyful anticipation because they knew that God was up to something!

What do you suppose God is up to in your life? What do you suppose God is up to in our church? In our community? How might we pray like the those early Pentecost disciples, confident of God's current and coming action, open to however it will come about, and with our very spirits in prayer, ushering in the movement of the Holy Spirit.

I challenge you to join me in a 50-day (from Easter, or even from now, to Pentecost) Prayer Adventure. Make a list of Prayers and Praises. Include on your list a time of thanksgiving and openness for how God is currently gifting and growing you, and spend a designated period of time holding each item in expectant prayer. And when that day of Pentecost comes, let us celebrate together what God is doing in our midst!

Resurrection blessings!
Pastor Chrys

PS. Consider sharing your 50-day Prayer Adventure experience in our June newsletter that together we may rejoice, be encouraged, and praise God!

Kids Club

Kids Club children have been learning about the life, teachings, and miracles of Jesus. On **April 8 at 5PM, they are going to re-enact some of what they have been learning for their families, friends and church family! Dinner will immediately follow the program!** Please come and see this amazing group of children (and the dedicated adults who arrange their weekly schedules to be here every Monday afternoon, ready to teach God's love in so many different ways!) Occasionally we begin to wonder if we are making a difference, or if the children are even listening, then suddenly a child will grab a Bible and want to know where a story is that we had learned, or they will recall in detail something we taught weeks ago, or they will pray a prayer that brings tears to our eyes, or ask a deeply profound question. We see relationships being formed, children growing in faith, and we find

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Thank you from Florida

I wish to send you all my deepest appreciation for all of the cards and prayers. I look forward to seeing you all in April.
Mildred VanHolten.

ourselves growing. If you are free on Monday afternoons from 3-5, stop in and join the chaos – Our creating and grace-giving God is in the midst!

Lenten Study Group

Our Lenten Study has been meeting every Sunday after church! Newcomers may join in anytime and add to the discussion. We have been using the book: Easter Earthquake, by James Hardish, but you do not need to have the book to join in. Our discussions have been lively, thought-provoking and inspiring!!

A Birthday Blessing

By: Ashley

I had come across what I thought would be a really neat idea for Birthday Bags. The idea was simple, decorate a brown paper bag, and fill it with everything one would need to have a birthday party. We then donated the bags to the Jay/Wilmington food pantry as well as the St. Agnes food pantry. What I learned was sometimes the simplest ideas are actually the most meaningful, and can really make a big difference. We had a group of eight folks putting the bags together, but more importantly sharing our stories and life experiences. A woman had shared that at one point in her life she could not afford to buy a cake mix and frosting for her child's special day. She was so thankful to be able to give back! Though I admit that a birthday bag is not life saving and will not save a family in hardship, one cannot deny the beautiful and loving memories these ten bags we made will create. My hope is that these bags bring peace of mind if only for a moment to the parents and caregivers and the children feel how loved and special they truly are. On March 26 our church along with A.C.A.P hosted our first Helping Hands project; The Birthday Bags. The idea is to host one event a month on a Tuesday and to create something that will be donated around the community. We would love to hear your ideas for future projects and for you to join us. You will get back far more than you give!



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