

# He is RISEN April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11 Zoom Bible Study	2 Good Friday	3
4 11 Easter 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	5	6	7 Youth Group 6-8pm	8 11 Zoom Bible Study	9	10
11 11 Church 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	12	13	14	15 11 Zoom Bible Study	16	17
18 11 Church 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	19	20 2 Martha CWF Zoom meeting	21 4-6 Youth Group SK service Proj	22 11 Zoom Bible Study	23	24
25 11 Church 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	26	27 6 new class Backward History	28	29 11 Zoom Bible Study	30	



## April Birthdays

Elizabeth Berryman	3
Raleigh Folger	3
Mike Kizer	18
Brooklie Moore	28
Sheryl Kizer	30



## April Anniversaries

- Mike & Sheryl Kizer  
April 10
- Cathy & Van Johnson  
April 10
- Judy & Earl Hunter  
April 13, 2013

### He is Risen!

Happy Easter church family,

There are many sides to Easter, but to get to that Holy Sunday of resurrection, you have to sit in the death and pain of Holy Saturday. We've been doing that for a whole year now, but even on that special day, there is mystery to the unfolding resurrection, there are unprocessed feelings even as we process that special moment. As we celebrate the places that have been resurrected, we must also honor the places that are still dying. As we approach our Easter service, it may not be the exact same joyous event that it always is, but I hope it will be one where both the mystery and the celebration are honored. So wherever you are and however you are feeling, and whether you are worshipping online or in-person with us, bring your whole self to both the mystery and the miracle, the waiting and the resurrection.

Starting at the end of April, I'll be offering a new class on Disciples of Christ Polity and Practice, and the History of the Stone-Campbell movement, in reverse! I'm calling it Backward History, and it will be offered both in-person and over Zoom, on the last Tuesday evening of each month. If you are a life-long Disciple or just wandered into our church in the past few years, there will be a lot to learn about our movement that became a denomination, and how the commitments of the Stone-Campbell movement interact with our personal religious commitments. The first class will

take place on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, last about an hour and a half, and primarily be about the Disciples of Christ denomination today, specifically how we can be both ultra-congregational and denominational at the same time!  
God Bless!  
Pastor Zane Ridings

### April Scriptures & Sermon Titles:

- April 4<sup>th</sup>: Mark 16:1-8 "He is not here" Easter 2021
- April 11<sup>th</sup>: Mark 3:20-35 "Unified houses"
- April 18<sup>th</sup>: Mark 4:10-20 "Why parables?"
- April 25<sup>th</sup>: Mark 4:21-26 "Sow to harvest"

**Virtual Bible Study**  
Every Thursday at 11:00 AM  
Please join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7639584201>

**Worship Service**  
Inside the Sanctuary—11:00 AM  
Live on Facebook—11:00 AM  
If you miss either you can find the service on  
**YOUTUBE by 12:30 pm**

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# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

April 7<sup>th</sup> 6-8 Youth Group: We'll meet for dinner, games and a lesson over Mark 4:1-10.

April 21: Soup Kitchen Service Project 4-6 pm:  
We'll be back in the dining room, so an RSVP if you can make it or not a week ahead of time is greatly appreciated.

I wanted to get you up to date on the regional conversation around camp this year. The current thinking is that we will not be able to do traditional overnight camp, but that we won't do virtual events either. The idea is to have "adventure days" where we would meet up with district churches for day trips to do activities, perform some service, and, like camp, hopefully eat good food and sing some songs. There's a meeting in mid-April to plan this further, so I should have more information by next month.

## AUDIO/VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS IN NEAR FUTURE!

I've shared many times that we are having conversations about improving our Audio/Visual capacities both for streaming, and for improved sound quality in the Sanctuary. Brinoch LLC from Eugene is working with us to show us the kind of equipment that will allow us to do this. Further, a generous contribution from the Phillips family in honor of their father Rod Phillips has been made to significantly jumpstart our investment for increased audio/visual capacity. The first phase that will soon be going to the board for approval involves upgrading the soundboard, a new camera, and a video switcher that will all greatly improve our streaming capacity, and make for better sound and less stress on Sunday morning. This installation and transition would happen probably mid-summer. It's very exciting, and we're extremely grateful for the legacy gift that allows us to dream these dreams.

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Cathy Johnson	Millie Patterson	Shelley Alsdorf	Marine Capt. Pete Brawn
Steven Morgan	Judy LeSeur	Joe Adkins	
Morgan Family	Vila Adkins	Ronita Slayden	<b>Pray for our World, our Church, our Ministers, the Soup Kitchen, and our Regional Ministers.</b>
Myra's brother-in-law	Earl Hunter	Gertrude DeButts	
Jesse LeSeur	John Stolsig	Diana Hoover	
Rod Phillips Family	Jerriane Stolsig	Baby Ella	
Arlene Breckel	Addy Opel	Paula Rosman	<b>If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.</b>
Del Eggert	Diana Johnson	<b>Service People:</b>	
Myke Eggert	James Lenfesty	Sgt. Scot Noss	
Betty Lou Rockwell	Clint Evans	Cpt. Tory Petersen	
Ruth Moss	Gary Brown	1st Lt. Kellen Peterson	

## Lebanon FCC Missions

Each year our church gives a portion of our offerings to several selected missions. The following are portions of letters received from two of our missions.

From Bushnell University (formerly Northwest Christian University and before that NCC)

Dear Friends,

You are a part of what brings us hope . . . Thank you for ongoing care and love . . . Thank you for your recent gift of \$500 to the Beacon fund.

With affection, Keith Potter, Vice President or University Advancement

From ABC House:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping a child in crisis!

Your generous gift of \$310 to ABC House ensures children who have ben impacted by abuse will receive the specialized care they need to heal and move forward in their lives.

Each year, ABC House serves hundreds of Linn and Benton county children who are facing the overwhelming crisis of abuse. Support from partners like you will ensure that increasing numbers of children receive the abuse assessment and support services they need in order to give them the best chance to heal, recover and thrive.

Your giving provides on-site medical exams and forensic interviews to identify abuse or—just as important—help screen in out. Donations also provide trauma counseling and ongoing support for the family throughout the assessment process and beyond, until support is no longer needed.

Thank you again for giving the gift of healing to each child who comes to ABC House for help. Many of these children are facing the worst time of their lives. Thanks to your support, they will know that healing is possible for them and their families. Thank you again for your gift and for making a difference in the life of a child!

With gratitude. Jennifer Gilmore-Robinson, Executive Director

A \$270 gift was given to Habitat for Humanity recently.

An estimated giving to the Disciples Mission Fund will probably be around \$3000 for 2021.

There are also the designated giving missions such as Week of Compassion and Pentecost . Last year we gave \$356 to Pentecost and \$584 to Week of Compassion.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL RESTORED AND OPEN FOR SERVING MEALS

The Fellowship Hall has been returned to it's former configuration! After an exact year of being closed and mostly used for storage, the fellowship hall is now completely cleaned up and ready for opening on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteer Art donated the lovely flowered crosses, and the quilt donated by Amy Propp has been returned to its display.

