

WOODS WORDS

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A POST EASTER COMMUNITY

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

These words of greeting are the tradition of the Christian community at Easter, but their use is not restricted to Easter Sunday: The church is an ongoing Easter community. That first Easter morning was filled with surprise, wonder, fear, and questioning. The women who arrived at the tomb are bewildered to discover the stone seal rolled away. The men who raced to the tomb are uncertain what to make of what they've witnessed, yet they believed and have passed the news to future generations.

What we celebrate isn't an empty tomb, but a risen Lord. The disciples will encounter Jesus – not as a ghostly apparition and not as a vision or dream – they will encounter their risen Lord in the flesh. He will invite Thomas to touch his hands, to see the wound in his side. The risen Lord will take bread, give thanks, and break it to share with traveling companions on the way to Emmaus.

While we don't use the greeting of Easter every week, it is the underlying basis for which the church exists and is known in everything we do. As a post-Easter faith community, our commission is to share the news with the world that Christ is alive and victorious over death. We announce that Christ is risen in worship. We demonstrate Christ's presence in our contributions of food to Crossroads. We bring Christ's peace to families who are unsettled about the future when we provide assistance through our Helping Hands program.

You will notice that our bulletin header throughout the month of April reads "The ___th Sunday of Easter," and I hope you will be reminded that Easter isn't just a day; that Jesus is alive and among us by the presence of the Holy Spirit; and that we are a post-Easter people who proclaim, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

Blessings,

Edward



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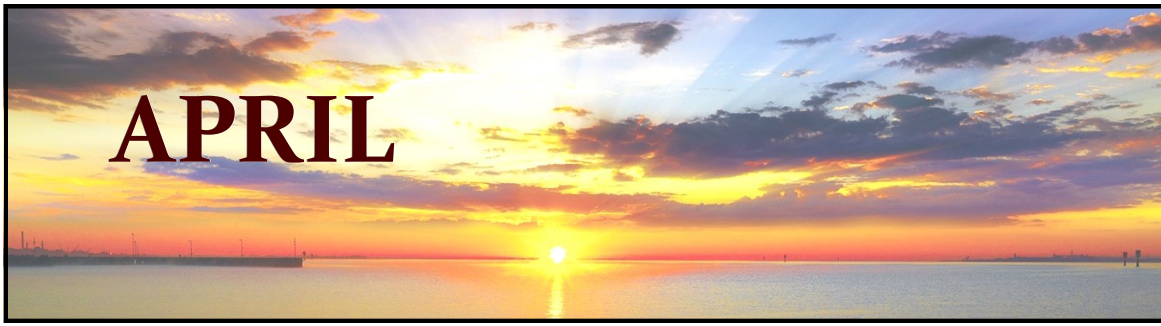
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Looking Ahead...

- ◆ Easter Worship Service
April 1 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Worship/Choir Cantata
April 8 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Sunny Days TCBY Fundraiser
April 17 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- ◆ Worship with Sunny Days
April 22 10:30 a.m.
Teacher Reception 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Worship w/ World Premier of
GPWPC Commissioned
Musical Piece *Psalm 23*
April 22 10:30 a.m.

Our Mission

**A welcoming and caring
congregation, fostering
growth and reaching out
in Christ**



THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH THIS MONTH:

In Our Prayers

Lois Chasteen

In Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Walter Albrecht
Katherine Brouwer
Mary Dykstra

The Family of Elizabeth Beaupre, who passed away March 14, 2018

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
- *John 11:25-26*

Birthdays

April 4	Blair Colson	April 10	Lauren Irving
	Morgan Johnson	April 14	Delilah Krebs
April 5	Debra Conley	April 28	Eleanore Beckley

Sunny Days News

We love our Sunny Days kids! An important part of our congregation's outreach into the community is our Sunny Day's Cooperative Preschool. Children, ages 3-5, in our program receive instruction in skills to prepare them for Kindergarten and beyond. Our curriculum includes recognizing letters and numbers, shapes and colors; knowing how to interact with others and with their class. Each session provides opportunities for play and imagination and each week we spend time learning what it means to be a loved and loving child of God.

Our Sunny Days kids will be joining us in worship on Sunday, April 22 to share some songs they have been learning. We will also be recognizing our teachers, Audine Puckett and Mary Mancus, who have announced their retirement at the end of this school year, and we invite all our Sunny Days families, past and present, to join us that day. Services will begin at 10:30a.m. and a reception honoring Audine and Mary will take place after worship.

Pledge Offerings by Credit Card

If making an offering by credit card, please notify me by phone, or email, so I may credit your statement in a timely manner. Thank You!

- Natalie Hatzenbuhler nataliehatzenbuhler@comcast.net

A Connectional Church

One description of Presbyterians is that we are a "connectional church." Connectional, in that Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations work and have relationships with one another. Our church is not alone and isolated in its ministry and mission. We work in partnership with other congregations that comprise Detroit Presbytery, the Synod of the Covenant, and the General Assembly of the PCUSA.

These partnerships are supported by contributions made by members and congregations called *Per Capita*. *Per Capita* dollars provide for the operations of these governing bodies; they also provide a means for training programs and events for leaders and pastors in local congregations.

Per Capita is an annual support and is determined by the Councils, Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly, where those funds are remitted. The current (2018) *Per Capita* amount is \$ 26.33 of which \$15.35 goes to the Detroit Presbytery, \$3.25 goes to the Synod of the Covenant, and \$7.73 goes to the General Assembly.

Would you consider making an extra donation this year for *Per Capita*? If so, please make your check payable to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and designate the amount on your check's memo with the words *Per Capita*.

Thank You,

Stewardship & Finance Committee

APRIL 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Worship/ Communion 10:30 a.m.	2 <i>Office Closed</i> AA 8:00 p.m.	3 Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m. Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m.	4 Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	5 Painting Class 12:30 p.m. Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	6	7 GPT YOS Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
8 Education Hour 8:50 a.m. Worship/ <i>Choir Cantata</i> 10:30 a.m. ACT 5:00 p.m.	9 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	10 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. PW 10:30 a.m. Finance 4:00 p.m. CE 6:00 p.m. Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m.	11 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	12 Painting Class 12:30 p.m. Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	13 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m.	14 GPT YOS Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
15 Education Hour 8:50 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. ACT 5:00 p.m.	16 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	17 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m. Sunny Days Fundraiser 3:00-10:00 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	18 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. Tai Chi 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	19 Painting Class 12:30 p.m. Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	20 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m.	21
22 Education Hour 8:50 a.m. Worship/ Communion Premier of Psalm 23 Composition 10:30 a.m. Sunny Days Teacher Reception 11:30 a.m.	23 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	24 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m. Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m.	25 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m. Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.	26 Painting Class 12:30 p.m. Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. AA 8:00 p.m.	27 Sunny Days 8:15 a.m.	28
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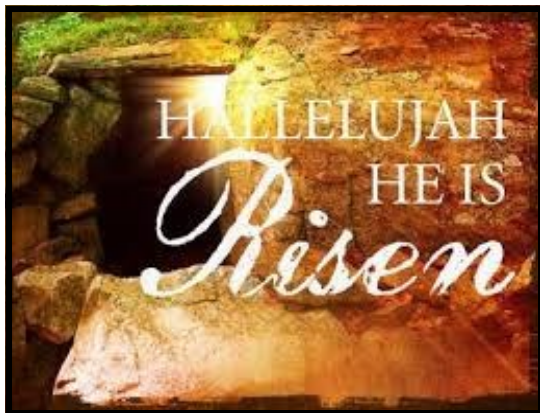
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Upcoming Events

Two Special Musical Events in April

On Sunday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m., our Chancel Choir will perform a choir cantata during worship. Musical selections will include works by Handel, Mozart, and featuring *Five Mystical Songs*, by Ralph Vaughn Williams.

On Sunday, April 22, the world premier of a musical composition commissioned by our church will be presented. The piece is entitled *Psalm 23*, and was composed by Nathaniel Weil. We hope you will join us for worship and sacred music on these two Sundays.



EASTER
A SERVICE OF RESURRECTION
SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018
10:30 a.m.

PW Meets April 10

All are invited to the Presbyterian Women's meeting on Tuesday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Come join us for a Bible study and refreshments.

*Call moderator, Sue Allum, for further information.
(313) 881-1982.*