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EASTER

April is finally here. The snow has hopefully gone away until October or later. We are getting ready for spring. We are making ready for spring flowers, which if you're paying attention have already started to pop up. Birds have begun to fly north. And robins, that wonderful sign of spring have started to return. Even the grass has started to change color. It has gone from a gray and brown hue to something which more closely approaches green. Buds on trees are becoming more and more visible. Temperature are even moving warmer, although not nearly as quickly as any of us would prefer. Soon spring will be in full bloom. Instead of complaining of the cold and the snow, we will soon be complaining about pollen and how humid it is.

There is something special about this time of the year. The world seems to be coming back alive. Or perhaps it is like the creatures of the animal kingdom it is returning from hibernation. It is a wonderful reminder of the greatness and majesty of God's creation. And paired with that return to life is our celebration of Easter.

As the earth returns to life we gather together to celebrate Easter in which our Lord both rises from the dead, but also sets us free from the power of sin and death. At times the earth and Easter aren't exactly well in line. There are years when Easter is so early that we might be more worried about conditions that more closely resemble winter than what we expect for Easter. I'm sure that many of us have memories of Easters past that have resembled what we envision as the ideal of what Easter should look like. And I am also sure that we have memories of Easters which were dreary and rainy or even snowy.

With the coming of spring whether it looks

that way or not comes the promise that the earth is coming back to life. And that is what Easter is about as well. Although Easter candy and the joy of Easter Baskets and Easter egg hunts are wonderful, they aren't what Easter is about. As much as I love getting together with family and enjoying fellowship and all the wonderful food, it isn't about that either.

Spring shines a light for us and shows us the meaning of Easter, and if we aren't careful we will miss it. While all the candy and the plethora of traditions which accompany how we celebrate Easter are great and fun, they aren't what Easter is about. And if we aren't careful to keep the true meaning of Easter present, our celebration will be like a chocolate Easter bunny –Hollow. I remember years ago when I got my first chocolate bunny. I was mistaken in believing that it was a solid chocolate bunny, and to my lasting disappointment that idea was crushed as I bit the ears off.

Without making a point of remembering Christ's resurrection and the resurrection that it should bring to us, our celebration rings hollow. Without Christ taking precedent, no matter how sweet our candy, or how wonderful our family gathering the reality is that without Christ, His death and resurrection, all of our celebrations, all of the new life of spring means nothing. Don't lose sight amidst the celebration of Easter and the coming of Spring of the true reason why Easter is Easter. Don't forget as new life come to the earth, the new life which all of us has because of Christ's resurrection.

Rev. Bill



APRIL EVENTS

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesday Bible Study
April 7	Communion
April 3, 17	Women's Bible Study
April 4	Senior Citizens meeting
April 8	Consistory
April 10	Social Solos
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	Maundy Thursday
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 26	Movies with Meaning
April 27	Spring Clean Up Day
April 3, 4, 10, 11	AARP Tax Aide

GREETERS AND USHERS FOR APRIL

April 7	Greeters: Aileen and Teagan Helsley Ushers: Marilyn Lowe and Russ Glass
April 14	Greeters: Ellen Richards and friend Ushers: Jim Pirro and Doug Constant
April 21	Greeters: David Kent Ushers: Linda Clarke Dido; Chris Decker
April 28	Greeters: Rebecca and Alan Masters Ushers: Sandra Gregory; Kathleen Jansen

COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS

April 7	The Raffertys
April 14	Helen Van Kirk
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 28	Tuesday Bible Study

HOLY WEEK

April 14	Palm Sunday 10:00 am Service
April 18	Maundy Thursday 6:30 Dinner and Service
April 19	Good Friday Sanctuary Open for Meditation and prayer
April 21	6:30 am Sunrise Service 10:00 am Worship Service



Mission of the Month

Our mission for
the month of April

is Hospice. As a tax exempt foundation, Hospice of the Hudson Valley has provided essential services to all patients and their loved ones for over 35 years. Regardless of age or ability to pay, Hospice will care for the seriously ill at critical times in their lives and counseling sessions for them and their families. Please donate generously so these wonderful services can continue to be there for all.

Thank you and God bless.

Marilyn Lowe, Chair



SOUP'S ON.

The Soup Elves are preparing
soup for Sunday April 14.

\$8.00 a quart



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next meetings are on
Wednesday, April 3 and 17 from
9:00 am to 11:00 am. We are
studying the book of **Esther**.

**WOMEN'S
Bible Study**

Please join us; we have refresh-
ments and much laughter and love!

Deb Zuill



Next Lunch date:
April 10, 2019 at 12 Noon.

Place: TBA

He does it again...

God gives us all kinds of reminders

as the trees bud, the flowers are in

bloom, the songs of birds fill the air...

Re-creation!

God touches His creation and new life

springs forth all around us but also

in His promise to us. Take a moment

at the Columbarium to sit and reflect

upon all that He shares with us...

in life and in the promise of new life.

STICKLEY GARDENS

FOR MORE INFORMATION – CONTACT ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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A SACRED PLACE OF BEAUTY AND CONTEMPLATION.

(LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE CHURCH)

April BIRTHDAYS

Wayne Waligurski	1	Beverly Roosa	12	Mackenzie Dockery	27
Travis Horvers	2	Barbara Baker	12	Cody Baker	27
Mildred Mattison	4	Christine Beesmer	14	Julie Jordan	27
Barbara Bondar	4	Zachary Burns	15	Emily Waligurski	26
Trevor Davenport	4	Lily Barra	16	Pat Brennan	28
Mia Zimmerman	5	Kyle Constant	17	Molly Shambo	29
Kathy Hauck	5	Ann Every	17		
Thomas Mann	5	Liz Carpinelli	17	ANNIVERSARIES	
Fred Kurtz	6	Joan Sutton	19	Allan & Bonnie Dumas	13
Jeff Rafferty	7	Todd Jordan	19	Nita & William Rockwell	19
Jean Dussol	8	Lauren Shaffrick	20	Carla & Craig Paton	22
Shirley Burns	9	Lois Morehouse	20	Dan & Midge Stott	23
Esther Stickley	11	Karen Waligurski	25	Lia & Tom Rutski	
		Kendra Rubino	26	Gary & Lisa Longto	30
		Braison Boice	27		
		Miranda Davenport	27		



STRAWBERRY HILL FIDDLERS

perform at Hurley Reformed Church on May 18, 2019.
7:00 pm

Adults \$15;

Seniors \$12

Students Free.

Call 845-687-4006 for tickets



**REACH OUT TO
THOSE WHO NEED
YOUR SUPPORT IN
THEIR DAY**




TO DAY NEEDS:

Keep them in your prayers.

Don Kent at the Baptist Home; Ruth Harkin is home; Terry Conlin is in the VA in Albany; Bob Williams is in Ivy Lodge; Dolores McGoldrick is at Ferncliff; MaryLou Vogt is in Hudson Valley Senior Residence; Clarence Jansen is at Golden Hill; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Friedel Borst, Audrey Hornbeck and Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Tony Peralta (Julie Provenzano's son-in-law); William Wiacek (Cathy McGraw's brother), Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro).

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Apr 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>
1pm - Basket Class 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - 1st Capitol 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 4:30pm - PC 101 @ 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - AARP Tax 9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Boy Scouts	9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 9:30am - finance 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir	<div>nursery school play</div>		
<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>
10am - Worship @ 11am - Prayer Chain 11am - SHD 1pm - Ella Carr	11am - VFW @ 1pm - Basket Class 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7pm - Consistory @ 7pm - Hudson Valley 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - AARP Tax 12pm - social solos 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 6:30pm - Local 1582	9am - AARP tax aide 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir	7pm - Motorcycle	9am - soup cooking 10am - Genealogy @ 1pm - HV Contesters
<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>
<div>Palm Sunday</div> 10am - Worship @ 11am - Women's 12pm - Helsley	10am - Genealogy @ 3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 6pm - nursery 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	9am - women's bible 4:30pm - Dog 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Hurley Lions	<div>Maundy Thursday</div> 9:30am - Badminton 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - NE	<div>Good Friday</div>	
<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>
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<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
<div>Dorothy on vacay</div> 10am - Worship @ 11am - program and 2pm - birthday party	3pm - Quilting @ 4:30pm - Dog 7:30pm - Al-Anon @	9am - Bible Study @ 11am - balance 7pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Sisters in	<div>April 2019</div>			

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