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Christ's empty grave is proof that no matter how bad things may seem, there is always hope for a new day. May God revive all your dreams and hopes this Easter. Rejoice in Easter.

This is the time to celebrate new beginnings and new life.

May the Spirit of Easter fill your hearts with joy and gladness and give you a reason to hold on even when times are tough.

This Easter may your love be renewed and may your hopes be revived. May all good things you dream of come true for you and your family.

Hold on to the hope that no matter what lies ahead, Christ has conquered the grave. And by conquering the grave He has given us new life for now and eternity to come.

Let your hearts be glad, shout with joy and celebrate this great day. Easter is here, and so is new life and hope.

This Easter may God bring you the revelation of what this holiday truly means, and with that knowledge stand and face the world with courage and hope.

Happy Easter.



Because of the Covid-19 restrictions that are still in place, and in a sincere effort to keep our congregation safe, session decided not to try to do any social gathering for Easter. In the past we have done either an Easter brunch or continental breakfast. Several ideas were expressed, but none seemed plausible.

For the same reason, the Easter egg hunt will be cancelled, as was mentioned in the last newsletter. Hopefully next year we will have passed this crisis and be able to be together to celebrate this Easter season.

We will have our Good Friday Service, April 2nd, at 5:30 p.m.. This will be an in-person service as well as being available on our website.

Easter service and communion will be at 11:00 a.m. All who are comfortable with being in our group setting as suggested by the Covid restrictions are encouraged to attend. The sanctuary is set up for social distancing. Seating will also be provided in Fellowship Hall where the service can be viewed on the screen that has been set up. May we all celebrate this joyous Resurrection Day.



Donations for Easter flowers or to the Memorial Fund can still be made. The cost is \$9.75. With Easter being the first Sunday in April, we realize this may be rather short notice. You may call the church office or leave a message there.

Celebrating Our 90 Plusers

Mary



On Sunday March 28th, Virginia Moore celebrated her 98th birthday. We celebrated with her in worship. A

Virginia



week later we recognized Mary Ottiwell during worship for her 94th birthday which was March 7th. Both are faithful attendees at our in-person services on Sunday. May they both have many more Happy Birthdays.



Doorstep

It is a little hard to believe that for over a year now we have been in the middle of this pandemic! We now have volunteers we have not seen for a year or longer! Our services continue to be over the phone, except for the clothing bank. We have certainly felt that loss of contact with people here at Doorstep, just as everyone has in their personal and/or work lives.

The month of April traditionally brings Doorstep's Annual Banquet honoring our volunteers, and the quilt drawing. With COVID still going on, we do not have plans yet for this event. It won't be in April, but hopefully later in the year we can gather again and celebrate Doorstep and our volunteers!

Most of our events are "up in the air" at this time as we see how the year goes. But, you can mark your calendars for Doorstep's **4th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk/5K Run** at Lake Shawnee. The big day is **Sunday, October 3rd at 2pm!** Come out and support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time! We made just under \$7,500 last year with the pandemic virtual event, and have a goal of \$10,000 for our fourth year

Rescue Mission

Following our rotating schedule between Doorstep and Rescue Mission, food and other contributions will go to the Rescue Mission for the months of April, May and June. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Needs List

Food Items:

- **Critical Kitchen Needs:**

- Onions, celery, yeast, baking powder, sugar, brown sugar, non-dairy creamer, all types of cheese, chicken and beef base, #10 large cans of vegetables and fruits, sugar (5lb bags or larger

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- **Bottled Water**

Household Furniture:

- **Critical Need: Box Springs & Mattresses (tag dated July 2007 or newer), Hollywood Frames, Dressers, Tables & Chairs**
- Couches, recliners/easy chairs, electric stoves, refrigerators

Supply Items:

- Blankets (All Sizes / New or gently used)
- Hand Warmers
- Dish Sets - plates, bowls, cups, pots & pans
- Batteries (AA & D)

Clothing

- Clothing (New and gently used)
- 3x and up Men's Coats, Pants, and Shirts
- Tennis Shoes and Boots (Good usable condition)

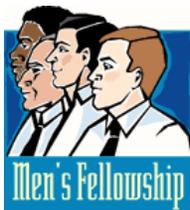
St. Andrews Quartet

It was great to hear the St. Andrews Quartet in worship last Sunday. Although they were not present physically (the picture to the right is from last year), they took the time to rehearse and record the beautiful “Beneath the Cross of Jesus.” It added so much to our service. We look forward to having them as a part of our service again soon.



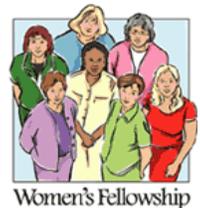
Don, Matthew, Susan, Stephanie

Members are Stephanie Reynolds, Susan William, Matthew Reynolds and Don Newman.



St. Andrews Men's and Ladies' Groups

The St. Andrews Men's and Ladies' Groups will meet at Banjos on April 16th at 11:30. Take this opportunity to share a meal and conversation with members and friends.



APRIL 2021 LECTIONARY READINGS

Good Friday—April 2 -Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 22:1–31; Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter—April 4 -Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43; John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

Second Sunday of Easter—April 11 -Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31

Third Sunday of Easter—April 18 -Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36b–48

Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 25 -Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18

Holy Communion will be celebrated at our Easter Sunday service.



April Birthdays



Alan Reynolds, April 1st
Stephanie Reynolds, April 1st
Pastor Stacey, April 19th
Suzie Marker, April 20th

Caring for our Members and Friends

Matthew Reynolds, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Norm Schiesser, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, Richmond McDaniels, Francene Beall, Jerry Barton, Marlene Watson, John Mcready, Andy O'Neill, Aaron Bulmer, Steve Richmond, Eric and Monna Lainson



Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic, the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers of thanks for the vaccines available, and prayers for those with concerns about getting the shots.

Pray for peace and calm for our nation as we go through these troubling times. Pray for the ongoing conflicts that still exist in our own community. Pray for the new administration in our government, cooperation and respect among our government officials on all levels.

~ April 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Stephanie Reynolds B'day Alan Reynolds B'day	2 5:30-Good Friday Svc.	3
4 Easter Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 11:30 – Men's Ladies' Lunch	17
18 Session meeting Following worship	19 Pastor Stacey B'day	20 Suzie Marker B'day	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS March 21, 2021

Present: Charles Franks, Linda Ozaki, Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer, Jan Rice, Dianne Deuser, Sharon McDaniels, Jo Ann Miller, Janet Schiesser
Rev. Dr. Stace Shaffer Jones (Moderator)

Absent: Matthew Reynolds, Stephanie Reynolds, Claudia Hamer

Checking account balance as of February 28 was \$14,954.61.

Memorial Fund balance-\$3,747.30

Pledge income for February-\$3,470.24.; non pledges for February-\$1,4.00.00; loose offering for February- \$85.00.

Purchased and set up second computer with needed other parts for the sanctuary to be able to use for camera and recording using a \$1,500.00 donation.

Purchased and set up new computer in the church office. The old computer was twelve years old, and beginning to have major issues.

Received paperwork that our Paycheck Protection Loan has been forgiven. We qualify for a second Draw PPP loan.

Personnel from Building and Grounds are redoing the landscaping around the bell tower and ramp. Replacing the plastic with a fiber layer and river rock.

Will not try to have any social gathering (brunch or continental breakfast) for Easter in the interest of following the Covid guidelines and the safety of the congregation.

Rescue Mission is in need of plastic bags to use for their food hand outs. They can be brought to the distribution center, 401 NW Norris St.

Easter Celebration and Communion April 4th , 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m.

