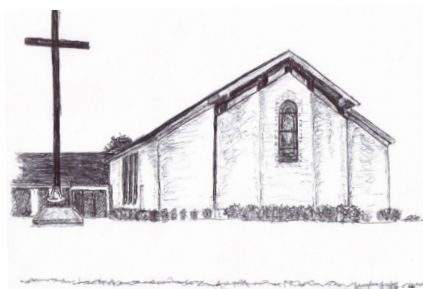


Presby News

APRIL 2020



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

The Odd Things About the Coronavirus

Odd, isn't it? Who would have thought a month ago that a microscopic organism could go so awry so as to practically shut down the entire world? Well it has, and that is what we are seeing in practically every country of the world!

Odd, isn't it? Who would have ever thought that something invisible would ever bring Americans to hoard something as simple and basic as toilet paper that it becomes a scarce commodity? Well, it has!

Odd, isn't it? Who would have ever thought that an invisible virus would be called an "enemy of America" so as to bring our nation to not only declare a national emergency, but for the President of the United States to enact, for the first time since World War II, the "War Powers Act" in order to compel American industry to produce products not of bullets, tanks, machine guns, and other military material not traditional military armament. Well, it has!

Odd, isn't it? Who would have ever thought that in America, our government would ever recommend that our constitutional freedoms of worship and assembly could be so interrupted by a microscopic organism so as to bring every locality across America to close the doors of their churches, and to see them empty on Sunday? Well, it has!

Odd, isn't it? Who would have ever thought that a virus could threaten every human life across the entire world so as to fear being near to others as social creatures that we are, made in the image of God? Well, it has!

All these oddities (and likely many more to come) are unprecedented in America, and maybe the world!

What is driving all these oddities to bear so much upon us as to alter our thinking, behaviors, and lifestyle, as we are witnessing? I think it all boils down to one thing, fear, fear of the reality that all mankind must one day face the greatest enemy of all, our deaths. None of us want to risk death, and we will do everything in our power to avoid that inevitable reality.

The oddest oddity of all is that the **ONE PLACE** in all the world where people can be taught how not to die is the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it is now closed!

Coronavirus will eventually run its course, and other calamities will take its place.

Who holds the keys of both death and Hell, Jesus Christ our Lord, that He has won the victory against man's greatest enemy, death itself.

"Let not our heart be troubled," (John 14:1). Jesus also reminded His disciples. "In the world, you will have tribulation. But take courage, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

When we return to our "normal lives," and open again the doors of our church, may we all, with thankful hearts, remember that our only comfort in life and in death is that you and I belong, both body and soul, to our Lord Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave Himself up for us! Not even the gates of Hell will prevail again Him!

Praise God, "Tetelesti," "It is Finished" because He ever lives to make intercession for us.

And, that's not odd at all, but a free gift of grace to which we may freely run and embrace!

Dr. Michael Frazier

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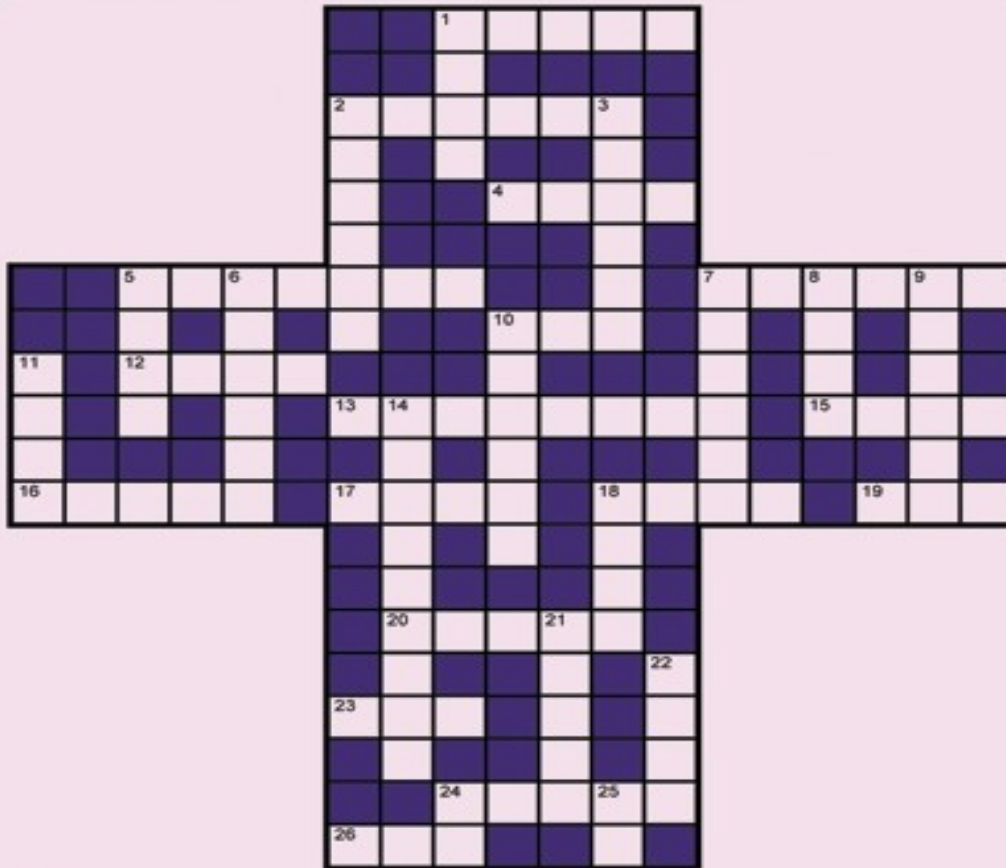
SPECIAL DATES

(Suspended Due to Coronavirus)

April 5	Palm/Passion Sunday 9:00 am Brookdale - Cancelled 11:00 am Communion Served
April 9	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Resurrection of the Lord/Easter 11:00 am Communion Served
April 13	Easter Monday <i>(Office Closed)</i>
April 20	6:00 pm Session Meeting - Cancelled



Easter Crossword Fun



Across

- 1 Goes with error (5)
- 2 Caesar + Pontius pilate (6)
- 4 Had a little lamb (4)
- 5 Name of play (7)
- 7 From Amsterdam? (6)
- 10 Has a shell (3)
- 12 Supplied money to (4)
- 13 Cross? (8)
- 15 Anno (L) (4)
- 16 Chocolate one (5)
- 17 Signed with (I o) I? (4)
- 18 Do for lent (4)
- 19 King (L) (3)
- 20 Light a candle with (5)
- 23 Of a kind? (3)
- 24 Focus of Easter (5)
- 26 Son of (Gaelic) (3)

Down

- 1 Grave (4)
- 2 Pull out of a hat? (6)
- 3 Firm, as in faith (6)
- 5 Emblem of victory (4)
- 6 Day of rest (6)
- 7 Made a crown from (6)
- 8 Of the valley? (4)
- 9 Procession (6)
- 10 Holidays (6)
- 11 Meal for passover (4)
- 14 The reconciliation (theo) (9)
- 18 Goes with chips (4)
- 21 Easter symbol (5)
- 22 Service (4)
- 24 His Initials (2)
- 25 Risen (2)

Across: 1. Trial; 2. Romans; 4. Mary; 5. Gesting; 7. Tulips; 10. Egg; 12. Lend; 13. Passover; 15. Year; 16. Bunny; 17. None; 18. Fast; 19. Rex; 20. Match; 23. One; 24. Jesus; 26. Mac

Down: 1. Tomb; 2. Rabbit; 3. Strong; 5. Gold; 6. Sunday; 7. Thorns; 8. Lily; 9. Parade; 10. Easter; 11. Lamb; 14. Atonement; 18. Fish; 21. Cross; 22. Mass; 24. JC; 25. Up

April Responders Schedule

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	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
April 5	Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	Elder Liturgist: Jim Hockensmith Communion Team: Elizebette Kennedy, Annelize Benade
April 12	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Dirk Benade	
April 19	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Jim Smolenski	
April 26	Jim Hockensmith Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	



Bill & Laverne Willson

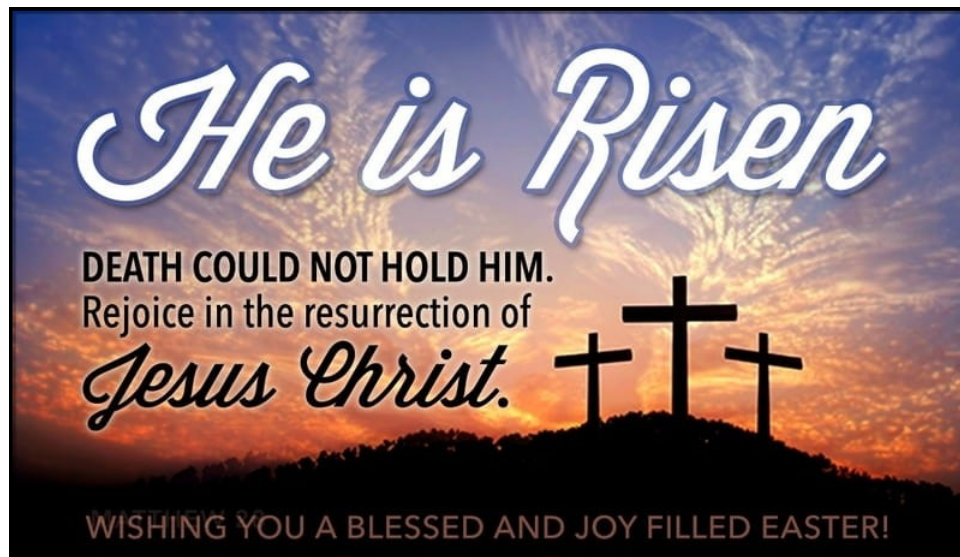
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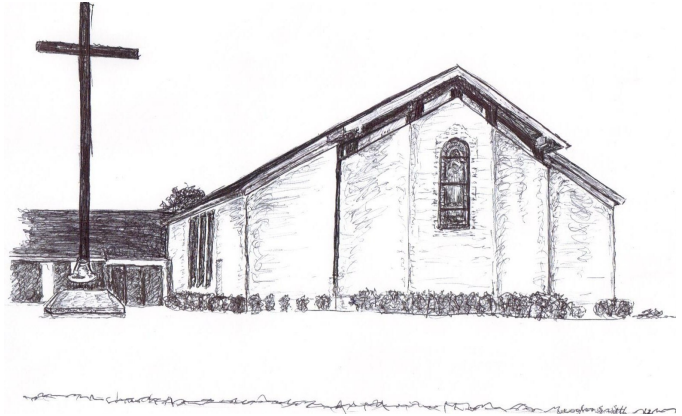
Dr. Michael Frazier, *Interim Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

Michael Martin, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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Sunday School—9:45 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m.