



Vista

April 2018

Easter Services – April 1

7:30 AM – Sunrise Service

Patio area between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM – Easter Worship Service

Easter Breakfast

April 1 – 8:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

There will be an informal Easter breakfast at 8:45 a.m., with several egg dishes, muffins, and scones offered by our hosts, the Hills and Tittles. If you have questions, contact Karen Hill or Nancy Tittle. For those of you that are able and want to, please bring a dish to share. There is no charge. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch Wednesday, April 18 – 1:00 PM

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch meets every third Wednesday of the month. We get together for a nice meal and fellowship. Come join us for this month's event on April 18, at 1:00 PM. We will be meeting at Claim Jumper, 190 S. State College Blvd., Brea.

Hope to see you there!

April

April 1 – Easter Sunday

7:30 AM – Sunrise Service
8:45 – Easter Breakfast
10:30 AM – Worship Service

April 3 – Tuesday

10:30 AM – Memoir Class

April 5 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store
2:30 PM – Exercise Class
4:00 PM – Tops
6:30 PM – Choir

April 7 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

April 8 – Sunday

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class
10:30 AM – Worship Service

April 10 – Tuesday

11:30 AM – Hope Circle
7:00 PM – Patience Circle

April 12 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store
2:30 PM – Exercise Class
4:00 PM – Tops
6:30 PM – Choir

April 14 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

April 15 – Sunday

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class
10:30 AM – Worship Service

April 17 – Tuesday

10:30 AM – Memoir Class
7:00 PM – Trustee Meeting

April 18 – Wednesday

1:00 PM – Out-to-Lunch Bunch – Claim
Jumper

April 19 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store
2:30 PM – Exercise Class
4:00 PM – Tops
6:30 PM – Choir

April 21 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

April 22 – Sunday

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class
10:30 AM – Worship Service

April 26 – Thursday

10:00 AM – Store
2:30 PM – Exercise Class
4:00 PM – Tops
6:30 PM – Choir

April 28 – Saturday

10:00 AM – Store

April 29 – Sunday

8:45 AM – Faithlink Class

*...if we forgot your
birthday, please contact
the church office...*



Preschool News

Week of the Young Child is
April 23 – April 26

- 1 Vaughna Lee Doyle
- 5 Russ Robertson
- 12 Wilma Kellough
Bob Shoup
- 15 George Chandler
- 26 David Lowe
- 29 Jack Marshall
Clyeda Tezak

- We will be celebrating our preschool children all week
- Monday is Music Monday
- Tuesday is Birthday Bash
- Wednesday is our annual Trike-A-Thon
- Thursday is Tasty Thursday (the children will bring in their favorite dish to share.)
- Friday is our annual Bring your Family to School Day



Women's Retreat – October 26-28 Luther Glen Retreat Center – Oak Glen

The fall women's retreat has been given a very special opportunity. Bob and Joanne Shoup have generously donated a beautiful quilt, lovingly made by Joanne, to facilitate scholarship help for our church Fall Women's Retreat at the Luther Glen Retreat Center in Oak Glen.

Bob has chosen a lovely California King size quilt that has been displayed at the La Habra 2016 Quilt Show. The design on the quilt is "Nine Patch with Vines" pattern and will go with most any decor. It will be on display at various times beginning on Easter Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Opportunity tickets will be available then and through the spring and early summer. Opportunity tickets will be \$5.00 each and the drawing will occur July 25 at the church Wednesday Night Barbecue. You do not need to be present to win. You will be notified if the quilt is yours.

We know you will be thrilled if you win it. Thank you Bob and Joanne for your generosity.



As we begin the season of Easter I am reminded that every season of the Christian Year points to the next season of the Christian Year. Advent prepares us for Christmas and Epiphany. Lent prepares us for Easter. Eastertide prepares us for Pentecost.

Our celebration of Pentecost recalls the gift of the Holy Spirit on the fiftieth day following the first Easter Sunday. The early followers of Jesus remained in Jerusalem at the instruction of the Risen Christ. They were waiting for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They didn't know how long they would need to wait.

While they were there they were also celebrating the "Feast of Weeks". In Hebrew this is called Shavuot. In Greek it was called Pentecost. It is one of the Jewish pilgrimage festivals. People would come to Jerusalem for the festival to celebrate the first harvest of wheat, to make an offering of the "first fruits", and to commemorate the giving of the Law to the Jews after the Exodus.

It is interesting that it was on this Jewish Festival that God gives the followers of Jesus the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was an offering of God to humanity. The giving of his only son is a giving of the covenant relationship. The gift of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost is the giving, again, of God's real presence among us.

There were many people in Jerusalem, according to Luke's story in the Acts of the Apostles, because of the Jewish Festival of Shavuot. This is the crowd who spoke so many different languages, but somehow understood each other. These are the 5,000 folks who witnessed the dramatic descent of the Holy Spirit and the powerful preaching of Peter.

A friend of mine likes to ask this question: Are your best years ahead of you or behind you? We are sometimes tempted to answer that question by remembering the glory days of the past. "My best years are well behind me," we might say as we get older and fondly remember the past.

For the Christian life the answer is clear. Our best years are always ahead. You can see it in the yearly patterns of our worship life. Every season is preparing us for the next season. The best is yet to come! What are you preparing yourself for?

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

Chancel Flowers



You may reserve a date on the 2018 calendar for flowers on Sundays by filling out an envelope from the pew pocket and placing in the offering plate or contacting the church office (\$35 minimum).

Flowers are purchased at various locations in the area. Following church service they are arranged to go out to the sick or taken by the donor.

Dates currently available are listed below:

April - 8, 15, 22, 29

May - 6, 27

June - 3, 19, 17, 24

July - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

August - 5, 19, 26

September - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

October - 7, 14, 21, 28

November - 4, 11, 18, 25

December - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30