



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

April 2022

April Message:

It's been said that **"April Showers bring May flowers"**. While that is true, **"April"** comes from the Latin **"Aperio"** of **open bud** because plants begin to grow now that winter seems to be passing.

However, I couldn't help but wonder why, on a day in mid March of this year, I was chopping some ice off my car in the morning and by that afternoon, I was admiring one of my azalea bushes. There in full sight were five lavender blossoms on one bush. Go figure that one!

On **April 17th, Easter Sunday**, we will have great reason to rejoice and celebrate! **"Christ is Risen"** will be **said and sung** with **great joy in churches** throughout the **world**. It will be a time for us to remember that we are truly Easter people. It is **our faith in Jesus Christ**, our **Risen Lord and Savior**, that sets us apart from others. Our belief in Him will allow us to live in **eternity**.

Now Easter, like Christmas, is not free of commercialism. Our Easter is not made of fables of jumping ducks or chickens or jelly beans and dyed eggs, nor is it about a cute bunny. Our Easter is about **"The Lamb of God"**.

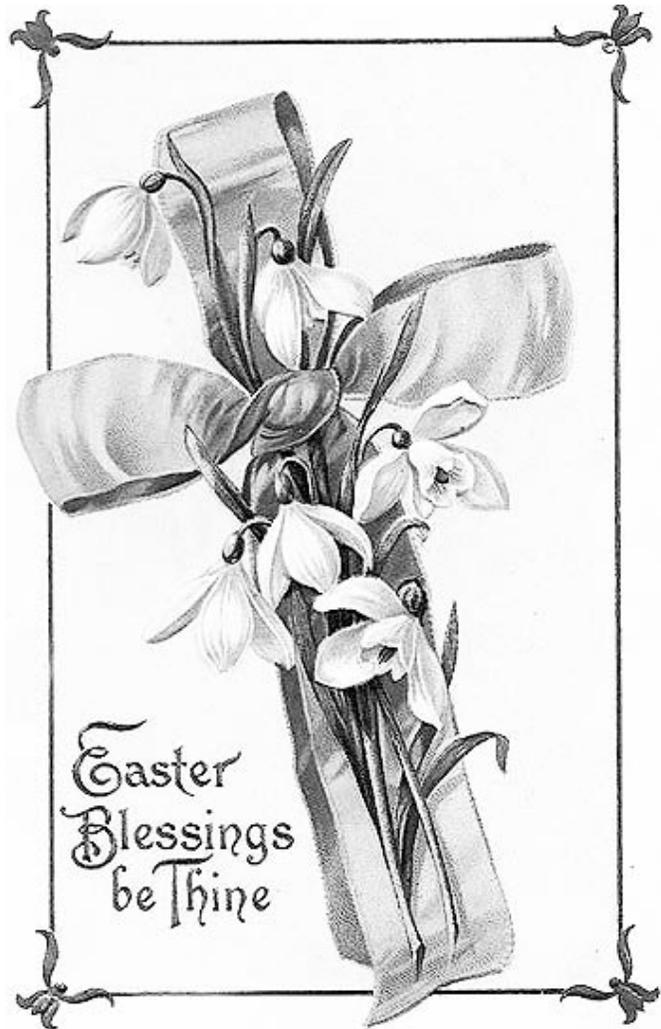
Easter is the glorious day of Christ's Resurrection. Romans 6:4 says **"So that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life"**.

As we walk in this newness of life may we always strive to do God's will. This can be done as we remember **"A child of God is no longer a slave to fear"** Proverbs 37:25. **To God be the glory forever and ever...**

With Easter blessings and love,

Betty

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Hello, Everyone,

I've been thinking of our **small church family** so much these past few weeks. Several of us or our family members have been dealing with health issues of varying magnitudes. It is truly **wonderful** to see the way that our **church family** members **rally around each other**. Our pastors offer individual and collective prayers for us and provide comfort and support. We offer each other all sorts of help. We pray for each other. We phone and text. We offer to shop, or visit, or provide rides to doctor's offices.

The Clerk's Corner

Remember the catch phrase of a few years ago, "**What Would Jesus Do?**" The "**WWJD**" was **everywhere!**

I think that our tiny **congregation** is making a **good effort** to **walk that walk**. When somebody in our group needs something, we are there to help out, reach out, do what needs to be done. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we, as Christians, could **expand that reach outward a little bit?** Help a neighbor? A stranger in need? We do some of this in our Evangelism outreach, with our food and other collections.

In this most **holy season** of **Lent** and **Easter**, perhaps we should ask ourselves if we can do more.

Can we? Should we? What Would Jesus Do?

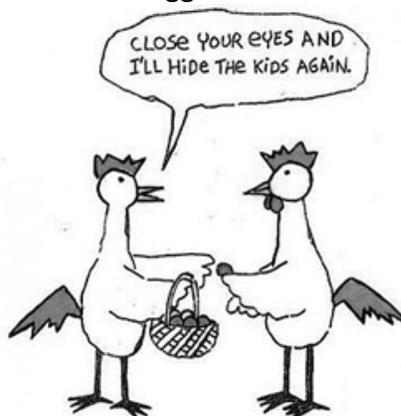
With hugs and prayers,
Sheryl

MEMBER UPDATES



PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT is **April 10th** for the children of our Congregation and the Giving Church Congregation! Please fill some colorful plastic eggs with candy and treats for our children to hunt for on Palm Sunday right after our church service! **Eggs for filling** can be found on the **stage** in the **Church Hall**.

If possible please bring filled eggs to church on **Sunday April 3rd** or **early on April 10th**. The Egg Hunt will take place at approx. **11:15am** and our **children** are going to prepare a **wonderful Coffee Hour** for us following their Egg Hunt!!



AN EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST is planned from **8:00am to 10:00am** on Easter Morning in our **Fellowship Hall!** We are reinstating an old event that we all enjoyed in years past! Please **bring** any **breakfast item** you might like to **share** and let's **enjoy** each other's **company** on **Easter Morning** prior to our Church Service!

KNIT OR NOT fellowship **will be meeting** in the church conference room on **April 12th** from **2:30 to 4:00!** All are welcome!



Throughout **April** we will be focusing our **food collection** on **Food for Kids!** Donations might include **drink boxes**, individual packs of **Peanut Butter and Jelly**, **dried fruit snacks**, **Jello Puddings**...and more... **We have learned** that **CFA is in need of reusable plastic grocery bags!** Please donate these as well. **Bags** can be **new** or **gently used!** All donations benefit the **Center for Food Action**. Many families continue to suffer due to the pandemic and rely upon donations of food and offerings for **children** would be most appreciated! Donation bins can be found in our Lobby area. Thank you ☺

April Birthdays:

Donovan Carberry – April 20th



We wish you a fun and fabulous Birthday, Donovan!



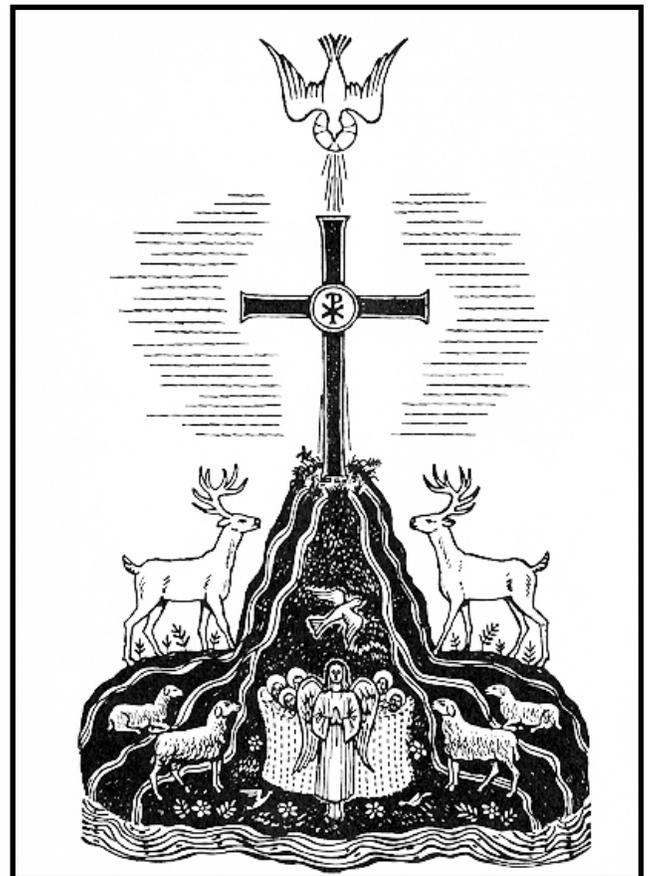
Don't forget your envelope for "**One Great Hour of Sharing**"! One Great Hour of Sharing donations go to supporting important Presbyterian charitable programs. Place your donation envelope in the box with your weekly offering.

...If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Additionally, members, don't forget your **Per Capita** yearly payment of **\$40.00!**

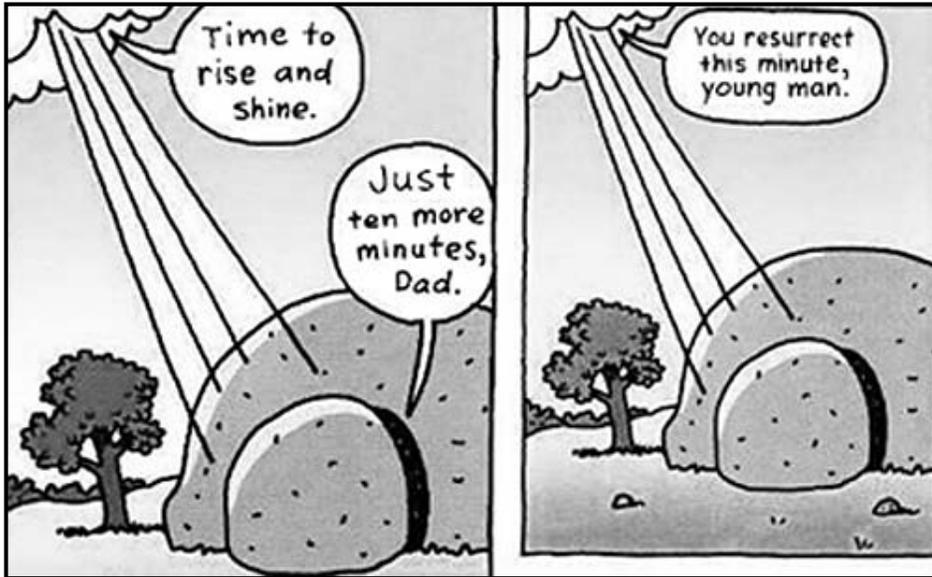
This is a symbol of the Church, found in a church in Rome. From the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the dove, salvation comes through Christ's sacrificial death on the Cross into the Church, which is shown as a rock. From this rock flow the rivers of salvation from which drink the faithful, represented by the sheep and stags.

Beneath the rock is a symbol of Paradise where the faithful are enjoying their eternal reward guarded by an angel.



☺ Just for laughs ☺

Doggie Horror Movie



Question: Why didn't the hamburger buns get along?

Answer: They always had a *beef* between them!

Thought for the month:

"Where you are headed is more important than how fast you are going."

... Stephen R. Covey



HAPPY EASTER!

