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#### From the Minister's Desk

### "A Life of Thanksgiving"

<sup>15</sup>Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. [When the peace of Christ rules in our hearts, thankfulness overflows.]

(Hebrews 13:15-16, italicized added)



These words from Paul's Letter to Hebrews came to my mind as I began digesting the news that Josie Miller was resigning from her role as the 'Clerk

of Session.' So long had Josie been at the helm of the Session that not even she could remember all her years in that capacity! Before I continue, I ought to note that Josie has kindly offered to continue her role as an active elder within the Session. Whew! The vast array of wisdom that she will continue to impart on others, myself especially, will be appreciated.

It is on this point that I wish to share some thoughts with the congregation. From the moment I preached for the call to accepting this resignation, Josie has continued to exude an aura of 'thankfulness overflowing.' Many of us know the challenges that she has endured during those times, and perhaps years prior;

regardless, Josie has shared a generous and kind life in her role as the Clerk of Session.

Thank you, Josie!

Having received this resignation with much regret and thanks, the Session has discerned that Steve McInnis would aptly continue as the new Clerk in the life of the Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock.

Thank you, Steve for your willingness to serve in this capacity!

Along with the currently serving elders, and hopefully newly elected elders in the near future, the Session will continue its role of spiritual leadership in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. As they, in their role, discern pathways to our collective future, I do ask that our members pray for them. Leadership role in the best of times is 'challenging', to say the least; we reside in such extraordinary times.

What Apostle Paul has imparted to the faithful in the early Church, I pray, is something that we will discover and foster in our collective existence; "when the peace of Christ rules in our hearts, thankfulness overflows."

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I am thankful to be journeying with you in our common pathway of faith.

Respectfully shared,

Rev. Kim



#### **Session Notes**

#### Steve McInnis

The Session met on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Ten elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The meeting opened with prayer and a reflection about Paul's mission team. (Acts 18:1-3).

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Josie Miller submitted her resignation as clerk of session, although she will remain as an active elder. Her resignation was received with regret and with many comments of thanks for her good work over many years.

The session voted to appoint Steve McInnis as clerk of session.

#### **UPDATES:**

The annual meeting went well with attendance of 65 and good participation. It was noted that many people diligently followed the proceedings.

The photo-directory might be published to coincide with the 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Knox in 2024.

#### **VISIONING AND CARING:**

The Session discussed attendance and membership. Dr. Kim talked about his "road

map ahead", which he had also presented at the annual meeting on Sunday.

#### **MINISTRY REPORTS:**

Christian Education Committee – One of the upstairs rooms is being used again for Sunday School. The KAOS group continues to meet. There have been expressions of interest about the future music program.

Leading With Care – A fire drill will be scheduled in the spring. Certified first aid responders will be trained in order to make the church a safer place. The cost (up to \$150) of training can be subsidised using our conference account.

**Mission** – A donation to Operation Sharing was agreed to at the Annual Meeting.

Pastoral Care – End of month coffee fellowship will be hosted by the pastoral care committee on March 26. The WMS will host it on April 30. Weekly coffee fellowships continue with many volunteering to host.

**Board of Stewards** – WCI is interested in using the church (mostly the Friendship Centre) frequently through the fall up to the Christmas break for their drama program.

**Worship** – The Good Friday service will be held at First Baptist Church this year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 7:00pm



# **Trustee Report Amendments**

#### Cliffe Jewlal

Amendments to the Trustee Report 2022 @ the Annual Meeting.

#### Page 11.

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In 2022 the value of our portfolio decreased from \$1,227,050.01 to \$994,117.35, a drop of (\$232,932.66) or (\$18.98%)

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Page 13.

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2022/12/31 PCC \$717,007.52 \$96,507.52 Mortgage

Page 14.

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2022/12/31 PCC \$277,109.67 (\$22,890.33) Isabel Johnson

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Balance Isabel Johnson Mixed \$614,837.45 Total PCC Fund Mixed \$717,007.52

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 PCC Portfolio
 \$96,507.52
 \$667,007.52

 Subtotal
 \$100,526.24
 \$837,102.58

 Total Value Dec.31,2022
 \$837,102.58

### **First Aid**



If you have a current First Aid certificate from Red Cross or other organization and would be willing to step forward to assist in a medical emergency at Knox, please contact the office at 519-537-2962 to register. Thank you – this will assist us in providing a safe environment at Knox.

If your First Aid certificate will soon lapse or you wish to take training now to be better prepared for emergencies, consider taking a First Aid course. Knox Church

hopes to offer a First Aid Course at the church on September 30, 2023. This Red Cross Emergency First Aid Course will include CPR and AED training with the Certificate valid for 3 years. Knox will provide some re-imbursement of the cost of the course. You also can complete the course on your own at any accredited site and be similarly re-imbursed.

If you require more information, contact the church office.



#### **Music Moment**

Janet vanderSpek

Many of you notice and read the church sign at College Ave United Church, here in Woodstock. Most recently, the sign showed this message:

"Lent = Spring Training and Easter is Opening Day"

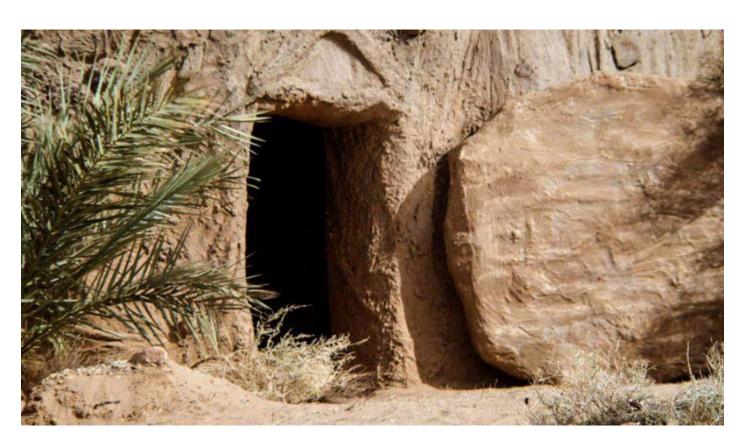
Thought provoking words.

The hymn called "See, What a Morning" (Resurrection Hymn), was composed by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. This triumphant Easter hymn intertwines the telling of the resurrection story with our own stories of faith. The beautiful text draws us to the scenes of that resurrection morning and invites us to make those stories our story.

Each stanza begins by giving us vivid images of Christ's resurrection and ascension: the angel 's morning announcement, the folded grave clothes, Mary's tears

and her encounter with the risen Christ, and in the third stanza, images of Christ's reign as ascended Lord.
Stuart Townend, one of the composers, writes, "The third stanza is a response of praise as we realize the amazing consequence of Christ's resurrection for our lives, drawing us into relationship with the triune God."

Have a blessed Easter.





# **Resurrection Hymn**

#### Verse 1

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

#### Verse 2

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

#### Verse 3

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend © 2003 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)



### Children's Choir



A new part of the music ministry will begin in the Fall of 2023! A Children's Choir is being formed and Loralee Benner will be the accompanist. I will be honoured to work with her. The target age group is SK to Grade 6 children. The program will extend from September to early December and January to mid- April. A Tuesday evening rehearsal lasting forty-five minutes is the plan.

Stay tuned for further details!



# **Mini Spring Market**

Our first Mini Spring Market was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated their time and talents and to those who shopped at the market.

















# **WMS Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary**

The Woodstock *World Day of Prayer* service was hosted by Knox on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 70 people attended the worship service.

Representatives from Knox Presbyterian, Emmanuel Reformed, St. David's United, Dundas Street United, Epiphany Anglican and Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church took part.

We were truly blessed to have a combined choir with singers from many different churches who lead us in worship.

A history of the *World Day of Prayer* follows, an amazing event celebrated around the world for almost 100 years.

I was asked if Canadian women had ever written one of the services – yes!

Canada and the United States of America are the founding countries of the movement and Canada prepared the service in 1931, 1960 and 1978.

Bessie McMurchy, a Canadian Presbyterian, is credited with inviting representatives of five women's missionary boards—Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian—to meet together to "promote the spread of Christ's kingdom by united prayer, united action, and a stronger voice in national questions."

In 2024 the host congregation will be Dundas Street United Church. The service has been prepared by the women of Palestine with the theme "I Beg You – Bear with One Another in Love".





The Campbell Afternoon Auxiliary will meet on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

Susan McLennan, Secretary



# **World Day of Prayer History**

"Imagine over 1.5 million Christians speaking 90 different languages in 150 countries coming together in spirit; united to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children."

Those who attended and participated in the World Day of Prayer service here at Knox were part of that world-wide gathering.

In the 1900's, a dream spread through Canada: growing Christ's kingdom through prayer, fostering unity, and having a voice in social justice.

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world.

By 1918, most, but not all, Canadian women had gained the right to vote, but women were excluded from holding public office until 1929 when they were finally considered "persons" under Canadian law. Women of the church were often similarly restricted in leadership, except in their missionary societies.

Women had a strong sense of identification with the needs of women and children and searched out ways to provide appropriate support. In spite of strong resistance from the all-male mission boards, women founded numerous and effective women's boards for foreign and home missions whereby they could work directly with and for women and children.

In 1918 Bessie McMurchy of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies (Presbyterian Church in Canada) invited representatives of five women's missionary boards—Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian—to meet together to "promote the spread of Christ's kingdom by united prayer, united action, and a stronger voice in national questions." This became the Women's Inter-Church Council.

After the devastation of

World War I, women incorporated their conviction that world peace was intrinsically tied to world mission. With this realization, women renewed their efforts for unity. The first Friday of Lent was established as a joint day of prayer for missions, and was celebrated for the first time on February 20, 1920 in Lindsay, Ontario.

Due to the enthusiastic facilitation of local denominational and interdenominational women's groups, the day of prayer spread rapidly throughout the USA and Canada. In 1922, the Canadian women, who had begun celebrating a day of prayer in 1895, took up the same date as their American counterparts.

In the second half of 1926, the women of North America distributed the worship service to as many countries and partners in mission as they could. The response worldwide was enthusiastic. By the beginning of 1927 the call to prayer that was issued was for a World Day of Prayer for Missions. In 1928, the title of the day was



shortened to "The World Day of Prayer".

In the same year, this statement came from the World Day of Prayer Committee:

"It is with deep gratitude that we recognize the growing power inherent in our World Day of Prayer. A very decided expansion of this prayer fellowship has come during the past year. The circle of prayer has expanded literally around the world. We have learned the great lesson of praying with, rather than for, our sisters of other races and nations, thus enriching our experience and releasing the

power which must be ours if we are to accomplish tasks entrusted to us."

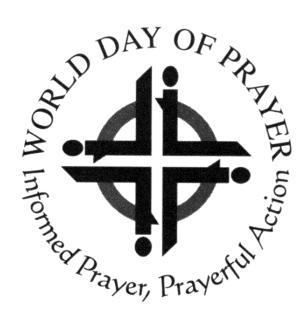
# The circle of prayer reaches out to the world

From 1927 up to today, women and men gather to pray, using resources prepared by women from a different country. A theme developed by the WDP Committee inspires informed prayer and prayerful action.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) is based on ecumenism: dialogue and collaboration between different Christian denominations. We appreciate our commonalities and the unique perspective that each denomination brings to the table. Together, we represent the diverse body of Christ seeking to bring hope to those touched by injustice.

(My prayer)...is that they all may be one...
So that they may be brought to complete unity.
Then the world will know that you sent me
And have loved them even as you have loved me.
John 17:20-23

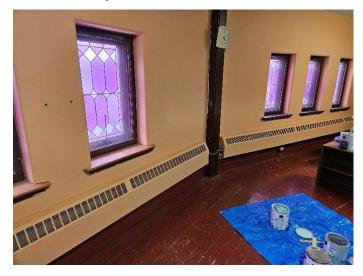
Information from <a href="https://www.wicc.org">www.wicc.org</a> and <a href="https://www.worlddayofprayer.net">www.worlddayofprayer.net</a>





# **Painting the Sunday School Room**

A huge thanks to Michael for painting the Sunday School Room, Worship Centre 2, in the balcony of the Friendship Centre.















# **Our Church Family**



Marie Yungblut	2-Apr
Barbara Start	3-Apr
Hennie Yungblut	16-Apr
Josie Miller	30-Apr



Congratulations to Janet vanderSpek on the birth of her great-niece, Romy Helena, on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and to Corrin Reczuch on the birth of her daughter, Astrid Jersey Rae Jones, on March 28<sup>th</sup>.



Bob & Alice Kern	9-Apr
Tom & Hennie Yungblut	15-Apr
Gord & Karen Taylor	27-Apr
Bill & Donna Moyer	28-Apr

# **Paris Presbyterial**



At the WMS Paris Presbyterial meeting March 16th in Paris, Marie Gregor was honoured for her many years of service as Presbyterial Treasurer.

In the picture is Marie (seated) and Presbyterial President, Shirley Miller.

## **Ways to Give**

Did you know we have a variety of ways to submit offerings? Check out our 'ways to give' below -

# Ways to Give

E-TRANSFER to office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com

CASH – use one of the envelopes provided in the pews

OFFERING ENVELOPES - ask for a box of envelopes from the church office.

**CHEQUE** payable to Knox Church Woodstock

**Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** - Contact the church office to sign up for automatic monthly offerings directly from your bank account.

CANADA HELPS – Secure, online donations at https://www.canadahelps.org and search for Knox Church Woodstock





# **Indoor Garage & Plant Sale**



KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 59 RIDDELL ST., WOODSTOCK

# When you're doing your Spring Cleaning, please consider donating your "treasures" that you no longer want

For more information or to arrange for pick up of items, contact Carol at 519-537-3545 or Susan at 519-290-2055







# Recipe

#### **Cadbury Croissants**

#### **Ingredients:**

8 regular-size Cadbury Crème Eggs (you can also use the mini crème eggs for a less sweet version)

1 can crescent roll dough

#### **Directions:**

Freeze Cadbury Eggs for 15 minutes so they firm up a bit. Then, remove from freezer and unwrap foil.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Pop crescent roll dough container and lay dough out flat on a cutting board.

Place 1 Cadbury Egg along the shortest triangle edge of each piece of dough.

Carefully tear each piece away using the perforated lines.

Wrap the dough around the Cadbury Egg and fold the side edges over the top.

Place each Cadbury croissant on a baking sheet.

Bake for 12-14 minutes, or according to package directions.

Some Cadbury Egg may ooze out.

Don't worry.

Your croissants will still be delicious.

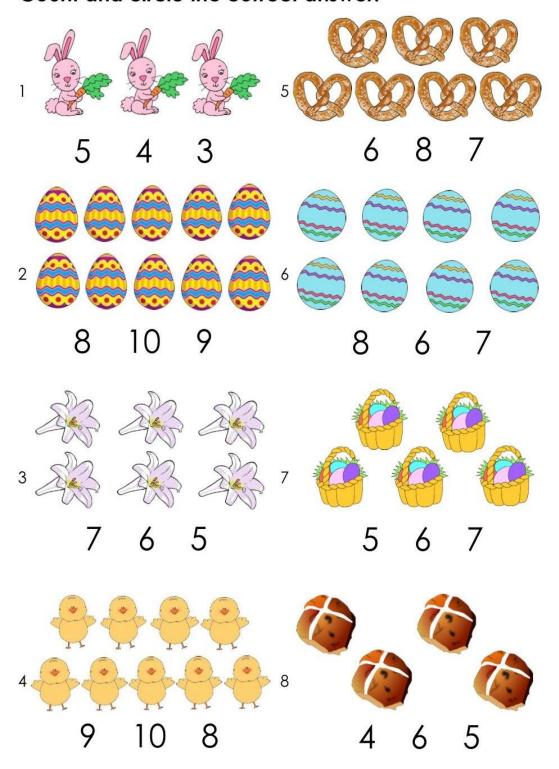
Serve warm.

https://www.popsugar.com/food/Cadbury-Egg-Stuffed-Croissants-40492105



# **Easter Counting**

# EASTER COUNTING Count and circle the correct answer.



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# **Word Search**

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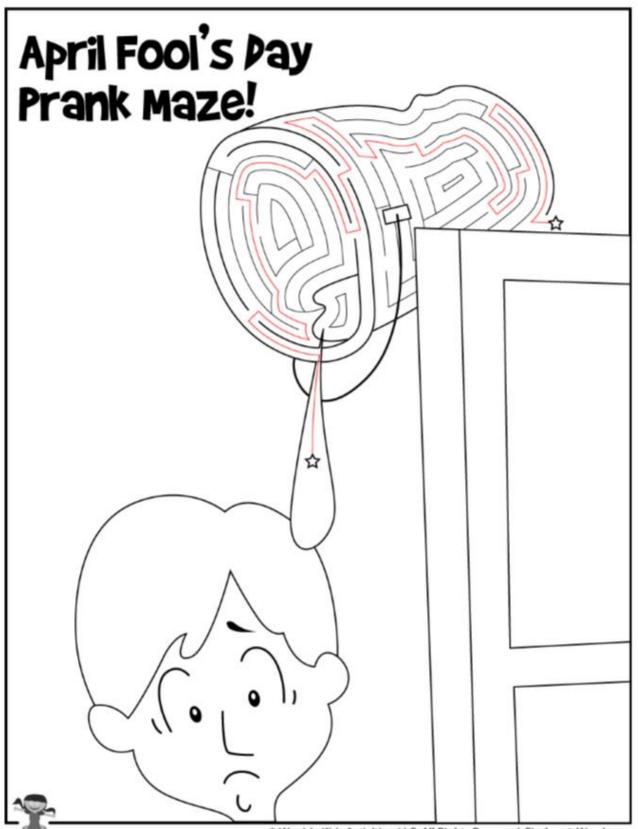


# **Colouring Page**





# **A-MAZE-ing Fun!**



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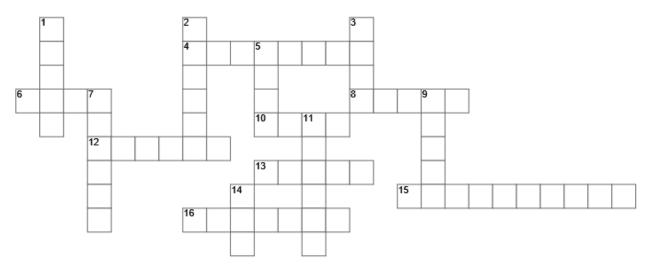


#### Crossword

Name: Date:

# Spring Crossword





#### **ACROSS**

- 4. Rain or sun protection.
- Flying a \_\_\_\_\_ is the perfect windy day activity.
- 8. What snow does in Spring.
- 10. Where a bird lays its eggs.
- 12. A brief period of rain.
- 13. First month of Spring.
- 15. A day for playing tricks.
- 16. Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Fourth month of the year.
- 2. A small accumulation of water.
- 3. Not cold or hot.
- 5. Drops of water that fall from clouds.
- 7. The day kids hunt for eggs.
- 9. A Spring flower.
- 11. The season after winter.
- 14. Mother's Day is celebrated this month

SEASONS	KITE	MARCH	SHOWER	
EASTER	WARM	PUDDLE	UMBRELLA	
TULIP	RAIN	APRIL FOOLS	APRIL	
MAY	SPRING	NEST	MELTS	

Free Printable Crossword www.AllFreePrintable.com





Q: What do you call a bunny with flees?

A: BUGS Bunny!



Q: What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?

A: Lily!



Q: Why did the bird go to the hospital?

A: It needed TWEET-ment!



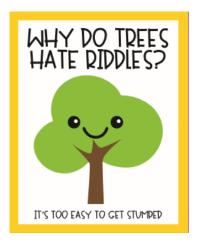
Q: What did the BIG flower say to the LITTLE one?
A: Wow! You're really growing, BUD!



Q: What is a baby chick's favourite vegetable?
A: EGG-plant!

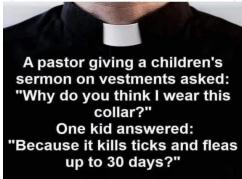


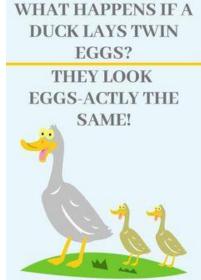
#### **Funnies**



# How to dress for Spring



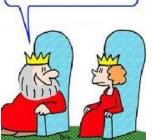






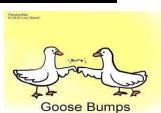


I TOLD THE JESTER HE COULD TAKE APRIL FOOL'S DAY OFF.





April 1<sup>st</sup> is the best day to propose. If they say yes, great. If they say no, just say, "April Fools"!





# **April 2023 Calendar**

# **April** 2023

Saturday										
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Friday		7 GOOD FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED Combined Good Friday Service 10:30 am First Baptist Church	14	Women's Fitness 5-6 pm KAOS 7 pm	21	Women's Fitness 5-6 pm KAOS 7 pm	28	Women's Fitness 5-6 pm KAOS 7 pm	
Thursday		9	Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Communion	13	Mission Committee 10 am Choir 7:15 pm	20	KNOX NEWS SUBMISSIONS DUE Choir 7:15 pm	27	Christian Ed 2 pm Choir 7:15 pm	
Wednesday		5	Craft Crew 9 am-12 pm Cubs/Scouts 6 pm	12	Worship Committee 2 pm Cubs/Scouts 6 pm ACTS Bible Study 7 pm	19	Craft Crew 9 am-12 pm Cubs/Scouts 6 pm Prayer Shawl 7pm	26	Cubs/Scouts 6 pm ACTS Bible Study 7 pm	
Tuesday		4	TOPS 9 am Session 7 pm	11	TOPS 9 am	18	TOPS 9 am Pastoral Care 2:30 pm	25	TOPS 9 am Board of Stewards 7 pm	
Monday		e	Meditation 10:30 am Women's Fitness 5-6 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Men's Discing 7 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	10 EASTER MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED Meditation 10:30 am Men's Discing 7 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	17	Meditation 10:30 am Women's Fitness 5-6 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Men's Discing 7 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	24	Meditation 10:30 am Women's Fitness 5-6 pm Pathfinders/Rangers 7 pm Men's Discing 7 pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30 pm	
Sunday		2	Breakfast 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour (after service) Girl Guides 6:30 pm	9 EASTER SUNDAY	Worship 10:30 am Communion Coffee Hour (after service)	16	Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour (after service) Girl Guides 6:30 pm	23	Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour (after service) Girl Guides 6:30 pm	30 Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour (after service) Girl Guides 6:30 pm

