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Minister's Musings

By Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim

Key to Your Heart

Once, long ago, an extensive collection of Babylonian laws was developed and compiled during the reign of *Hammurabi* (1792-1750 BCE) of the 1st dynasty of Babylon. Commonly known as the *Code of Hammurabi*, these consisted of 282 laws, with punishments 'deemed suitable' for the occasions of the society then. In any case, the *principle of retaliation* is said to be at the very foundation of the law; this had profound and widespread implications for many societies thereafter. This



'principal' was said to have guaranteed the victim the right to recompense, with set limits on revenge. For many of us today, however, in place of the *Code of Hammurabi* the 'laws of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' would be more familiar.

I am guessing that someone, or group of people, during one of Jesus' speaking engagement, must have asked about *reciprocity* toward some form of mistreatment by another. In the *Gospel according to Luke* (6:27-38), Jesus taught that his followers ought not allow 'selfishness and ill-will' determine their response to forms of mistreatment. In fact, if any limitation on the standard should be set, it ought to come from the best interest of the wrongdoer! It's a miracle that Jesus wasn't stoned on the spot at this teaching!

Certainly, if followed through, Jesus' teaching would see people 'giving and forgiving – even to their enemies; essentially, everyone would be seen and treated as a neighbor.' In a manner of speaking, this teaching would make *Hammurabi* roll over in his grave! What Jesus teaches is an alternative, not in sheer passivity, but aggressive action to undermine hostility and violence that could readily arise when one is wronged by another.

'Yes,' Jesus is talking about 'forgiveness.' But here's the thing about 'forgiving' others. If truth be told, it is excruciatingly difficult under the best of times; quite often, it is next to impossible. That is to say, the utterance of 'forgiveness' as accompanied by genuine act of 'forgiveness' doesn't readily take place.

Jesus taught that the Kingdom people (God's people) ought not reciprocate, do not draw their behavior from that of those who would victimize them. So, to those who are

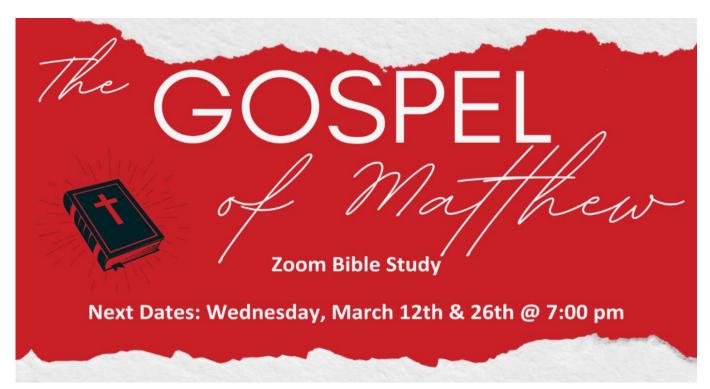
vulnerable and likely recipients of abuse, Jesus taught them to take charge of their life and the situation by taking the initiative in loving, caring, and giving. Put it this way, the Kingdom people's behavior ought not be determined by the enemy, or by the friend. That is, Christian behavior and attitude must be prompted by God we worship, who does not hate in response to hatred or love in response to love. God does not react; God acts in love and grace toward all.

You may wonder what the significance of the picture of a 'key' in this article stands for. Well, those times when our hearts/ our lives are plunged into turmoil at the very thought of those who have mistreated us, our enemies — when we react to them and at the thought of them, it is as if we have given the key to our heart to them! So, Jesus taught his followers to a life of imaginative, aggressive actions in loving, caring, and giving to undermine hostility and violence, by essentially taking back the key to their heart.

Thanks be to God and Amen.

Rev. Kim

Bible Study



Session Notes

Submitted by Steve McInnis



The Session met on Tuesday, February 4. Eleven elders were present, some in person and some on "Zoom". The moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim, led a devotion, reminding us of the words of Paul (1 Timothy 3:1-16), that members of the church should show the same character and behaviour as its leaders.

<u>Correspondence:</u> The Woodstock Hospital will set up a "Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub" on Graham Street.

We also received a calendar from Oxford County Community Health Centre, showing where food is provided through the month of February.

<u>Vision and Caring</u>: After discussing the benevolent fund, at the suggestion of Rev Kim a committee was established to discern future disbursements.

Ministry Reports:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE – JR. Kaos has 9-10 members. The SR. Kaos has 10 members. The groups engage in several fundraising activities. Mikayla will be organizing PA day and March Break events.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MINISTRY – A consistent group of children meets to sing. Many of the participants are from the Ukrainian community. Over \$1700 was raised on Valentine's Day, to be shared between KAOS and this ministry.

BOARD OF STEWARDS - Mikayla's job description to be modified to reflect the end of Kids' Camp. Snow removal has been inadequate so far this winter. Discussions continue with our contractor. Our December electricity bill was much higher than expected, using approximately twice the kWh compared to the previous year.

WORSHIP – There is some doubt about the usage of the Phone live streaming service. We will attempt to increase children's participation in worship services. Our next communion will be March 2.

PRESBYTERY/SYNOD REPORT – Central Brantford will have an open house at their new worship location. Kyoungsoo Hwang from our Presbytery has been certified as a candidate for ordination. Knox Bookton will sell the Norwich Presbyterian building and property. Paris Community Church has requested a grant for \$10,000 to hire a Connections Leader to help newcomers assimilate into the church.

MINISTER'S REPORT – Rev. Kim shared thoughts on fellowship and sharing food together.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00pm

Music ♪ Moment

Submitted by Janet vanderSpek

The wintry weather has been challenging lately, but as Spring is around the corner, let us remain hopeful.:)



In the world of choral music, an exciting event has taken place! John Rutter, a well-known British composer has recently been knighted by King Charles. Here at Knox Church, the Chancel Choir has sung a fair amount of Rutter's anthems. One of my favourites is "For the Beauty of the Earth". I would recommend that you listen to this inspiring composition on-line.

John Rutter (b.1945), is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger, and record producer, mainly of choral music.

On March 8th, 2 pm an Oxford Winds fundraising Concert is taking place and its format is a coffee house. The Nightingale Pie Co. out of London is supporting this event and delectable desserts will be served and enjoyed! I will be accompanying flautist Eugena Riehl and tuba player Henry Brietkopf.

There will be lots of musical variety and a Brass Quintet is performing as well. Theatre and Broadway Favourites is the "theme". Please see the poster in this newsletter for ticket details.

Thank you to one and all who helped to make the recent Spaghetti Dinner on Valentine's Day a huge success! The Knox Kids Music Children's Choir along with its Ukrainian folks are one of the benefactors as fundraising for the Youth Programs at Knox Church was the plan.:)

God Bless, Janet

Sip & Savour Fundraiser



Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 2 pm

Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell Street, Woodstock Tickets \$25 - available at Long & McQuade (Woodstock/Tillsonburg) and Ticketscene.ca





Proceeds in support of The Oxford Winds Community Concert Band

Craft & Fellowship



Join us for Craft & Fellowship every Wednesday at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

Don't do crafts? That's okay! Come and join us for the fellowship.

Pies for Easter



Don't forget to place your order for pies for Easter!

Last Day for Orders is March 23rd

9" pies - \$12 each Frozen and ready-to-cook

> Apple Blueberry Cherry

Sign-Up Sheets at each of the doors
Pick-Up April 13th

World Day of Prayer



"I Made You Wonderful"

Psalm 139:1-18

Artists: Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa

March 7, 2025 @ 2:00 pm Church of the Epiphany



Leading With Care

LEADING WITH CARE Tips from the Canadian Red Cross

Have you checked out the Canadian Red Cross App on your phone lately?
You know...the one with the BandAid! There are many tips to help us remain healthy and to assist others who may not be so healthy. Here is one from the App and there are others to follow in the future!

HAND HYGIENE - Tip #10



You should wash your hands before and after providing first aid and care to an ill or injured person. We all know the OTHER times to wash your hands!

Wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds and make sure you wash all parts of your hands including the backs and fingernails.

Clean running water and any kind of soap will do the job!

From your L.W.C. Team

Where Are the Phones?



DO YOU KNOW WHERE ALL OUR PHONES ARE LOCATED?

It's important to know where to find a phone in case of an emergency!

Congratulations to **Gwen Brown** for identifying the location of the phones and winning the \$5 Tim's Card!

First Aid Kits



Woodstock Wonders Walked!

Submitted by Nora Martin



By the time you read this, Steve and I (Nora) will have walked our five km or so for Coldest Night of the Year. This year our goal as a team was to raise \$1500. We've actually raised \$1770 as of the time of writing, thanks in large part to your generous support!

It's a privilege to walk in solidarity with others in the community who want to support the vulnerable in our community. Thank you for the support through monetary donations as well as through your

encouragement and prayers. We'll let you know how it goes!

If there is anyone who has not had a chance to donate, please see one of us and we can likely arrange something.

Only in Canada, Eh?

Jessica Moir – Tropical Day dress-up day during a snow storm!?! 🤪





Library News

Submitted by Anne Miller

It's already March after quite a blast of winter this past month! And we are entering into



the season of Lent. Easter and its promise of resurrection and eternal life will come in April. In the meantime, we are encouraged to reflect and repent, to strip back whatever stands between us and God, and to prepare our hearts for the coming events of Holy Week.

For some people, this involves fasting of some kind from chocolate or social media or extravagant meals or tv. By giving something up, we create more space to allow God into our everyday lives and decisions. People

tend to spend more time during Lent in prayer and meditation or reading scripture or giving things away or doing things to help their neighbour.

The library has a variety of sections that can help you as you seek to grow your relationship with Christ and time with God:

- Our Inspiration section is full of books about spiritual practices. These books with dark green dots cover Christian living, devotions, grief, pastoral care, prayer, reflections on faith and life, spirituality, and suffering.
- We also have in our reference section books all about the life and ministry of Jesus, revealing more of who He was. Reference books have orange dots and are in the righthand large bookshelf closest to the window.
- We also have a section of books about seasons of the Church year in the same bookshelf. These books with pink dots are closer to the children's bookcase. Each season has something important to teach us and Lent is filled with symbols and important stories.

I encourage you over the next several weeks to choose a title that speaks to you and pull up a chair or sign it out to read and enjoy it. You could even brew your favourite tea or have apple cider or hot chocolate to sip as you find inspiration in the words of others on the journey following Jesus. This season is rich with possibility for drawing deeply from His words and example.

May you find both peace and challenge in these weeks leading up to the celebration of Easter!

Anne Miller, on behalf of the rest of the crew - Marg McCurdy, Josie Miller and Janet Smith

March PA Day Camp



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE MARCH BREAK CAMP! FOR AGES 4-11 RUNNING MARCH 10-14TH 8:30AM-4PM AND COMPLETELY FREE! DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 3RD

Sunday School (JK to Grade 6)



Jr. KAOS (ages 8-11)



KAOS (ages 12-17)



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Results









SPAGHETTI DINNER - FEBRUARY 14TH

THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
DONATED, BOUGHT
TICKETS AND WORKED
AT THE SPAGHETTI
DINNER FUNDRAISER!
BECAUSE OF YOUR
GENEROSITY WE RAISED
\$1,736 WHICH WILL BE
GOING TO SUPPORT OUR
CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND
KAOS YOUTH GROUP.

Knox Kids' Music





TUESDAYS 6:30-7:15 PM

GRADES SK AND UP

Knox Presbyterian Church, 59 Riddell St. Woodstock Email office.knox.woodstock@gmail.com for more information













Ways to Give

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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



Fitness Classes



talk to Kim Kenny



Senior-Friendly Fitness Class

ZOOM CLASS -MONDAYS

3:45 to 4:15 pm

IN-PERSON CLASS -TUESDAYS

3:45 to 4:15 PM



Everyone Welcome Chair and Standing Exercises Low Impact Come out and have some fun!

Accessibility

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Our church is fully equipped to ensure comfort and accessibility for all visitors.

We offer an accessible *ramp* and *elevator*, as well as *wheelchairs* and a *walker* available onsite for those who need assistance.

Assistive Listening Devices

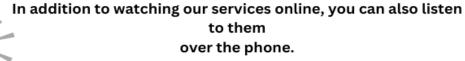


Assistive Listening Devices are available for your convenience.

They are located on top of the mailboxes outside Kim's office.

If you would like to use one, and need assistance, please ask an usher or one of the sound crew to help you out.

Phone Live Stream



Please consider sharing the number with those who don't have internet access.

The toll-free number is 1-833-313-1504



Call a Cab

We'll Pick Up the Tab!

If you need a *ride to church*, please call **Kendall Cab** at **519-537-2345**, show them a cab card (available at the doors), and Knox Church will pick up the tab!

One Pot Recipe

REUBEN BOWL

FOR THE BOWL

2 tsp. caraway seeds

1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1/2 yellow onion, chopped

1/4 green cabbage, thinly sliced (about 5 c.)

1 cup shredded carrot

3/4 lb. corned beef, sliced 1/2" thick

1 1/2 cups sauerkraut, drained

1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

1/4 cup thinly sliced gherkins

1 green onion, thinly sliced

FOR THE DRESSING

1/4 cup mayonnaise

2 Tbsp. sweet pickle relish

4 tsp. ketchup

1 1/2 tsp. prepared horseradish

1 tsp. fresh lemon juice

1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper



DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, pickle relish, ketchup, horseradish, lemon juice, and Worcestershire. Season with salt and pepper.

Step 2: Make the bowl: In a large skillet over mediumhigh heat, toast caraway seeds, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a plate.

Step 3: Return skillet to medium-high heat and heat oil. Add onion and cook stirring until lightly golden, about 3 minutes. Add the cabbage and carrot and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until cabbage is crisp-tender, 5 minutes.

Step 4: Stir in corned beef and sauerkraut, tossing until warmed throughout, 1 minute more. Top cabbage mixture with Swiss cheese, cover, and cook until cheese is melty and bubbly, 3 minutes. Remove from heat.

Step 5: Scatter roasted caraway seeds and gherkins on top, then drizzle with dressing and garnish with green onion before serving.

https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/a27326998/reuben-bowls-recipe/

Dessert Recipe -

Submitted by Kelly Dobbs

BROWN BUTTER TOFFEE BARS

Crust -

Cream 1 ½ stick of butter (3/4 cup), ½ cup granulated sugar, and ½ tsp salt until combined. Add 1 ½ cups of flour and beat until it comes together in a "wet sand" like mixture.

Spray a 9x13 baking pan with non-stick spray and line both ways with parchment paper (do not skip parchment). Add the crust mixture to the pan and flatten out evenly with your hands. Bake in a 350F oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Filling -

Add 1 can sweetened condensed milk to a saucepan with ¼ cup butter, 2 tsps vanilla, and ¼ tsp salt. Cook on medium-low heat until the butter is melted and everything is combined. Remove from heat. Pout the filling over the golden-brown crust ensuring it is spread out in an even layer.

Bake in the 350F over another 15-20 minutes or until filling layer is golden brown and bubbly. Remove from oven and let cool slightly while you make the brown butter icing.

Brown Butter Icing -

In a small saucepan, add 1 stick butter (1/2 cup) over medium-low heat. Slowly melt and brown the butter. Once browned, add to a bowl and let it cool slightly. Sift in 2 cups powdered sugar. Mix on high speed until it comes together. Add in tbsps. Hot water until icing smooths out. If not smooth enough, slowly add more hot water, 1 tsp at a time until desired consistency.

Pour the frosting over the still-warm bars. Smooth out the frosting into a thin even layer.

Let cool and refrigerate at least one hour.

Using parchment, remove bars from pan and cut into desired size.

(Instead of parchment, you could also line your pan with aluminum foil and then grease it.)

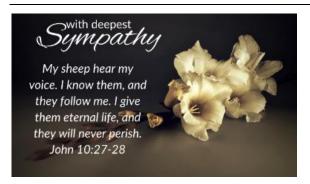
Let's Celebrate!



| Marie Gregor | March 3 |
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| Mary Ellen Rumble | March 5 |
| Eugenia Culp | March 12 |
| Marg Douglas | March 24 |
| Carol Masters | March 28 |



Please note: If your birthday or anniversary is missing, and you would like it included next time, please contact the office so that we can update our files.



Our heartfelt prayers and sympathies go out to Linda Szasz and family on the passing of John on February 1st; and the Masters family on the passing of Gerald on February 10th.



A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously volunteered their time and effort in January and February for the Celebrations of Life honoring Alice Langille, John Szasz, and Gerald Masters.



We would like to thank our Church family for all the thoughtful prayers and condolences at the passing of Alice Langille. Although the sorrow of losing someone you love is hard to bear, knowing that others are there to help and support you lightens the burden.

God bless you all, Dave & Carol Langille and Family

Funnies



What's a b<mark>ee's favo</mark>rite flower? A bee-gonia.



What is a baker's favorite type of flower? A croissanthemum.



What game do little flowers play? "Stamen" says!



How do flowers whistle? Through their tulips!



What do you call a grandpa flower? And elder-berry!



What's a flower's favourite band?
The Beetles!



What do you call a baby flower?

A bud-dy!



Why did the flower join the choir? Because it had a plant-astic voice!



Why did the flower go to the dentist? It needed a "root" canal.



What do you get if you cross a sheep dog with a daisy?





What do you call an old flower? A baby bloom-er!

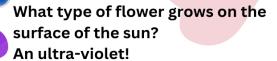


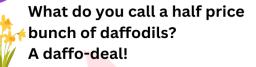
Lettuce turnip the beet!

Everybody romaine calm.

You look absolutely radishing!

You can't plant flowers if you haven't "botany"!





What did the little boy say when he bought his mom the wrong flowers?

Oopsie Daisy!

What did the flower say to his mum when he gave her a gift? I hope "thistle" cheer you up!

What are a golfer's favourite flowers?
Fore-get-me-nots!

What are leprechauns great gardeners?
Because they have green thumbs!





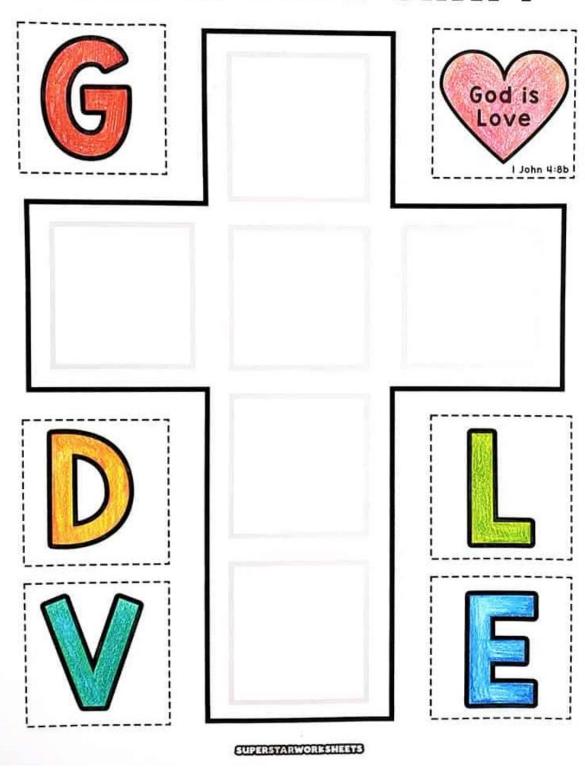


Word Search

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Craft

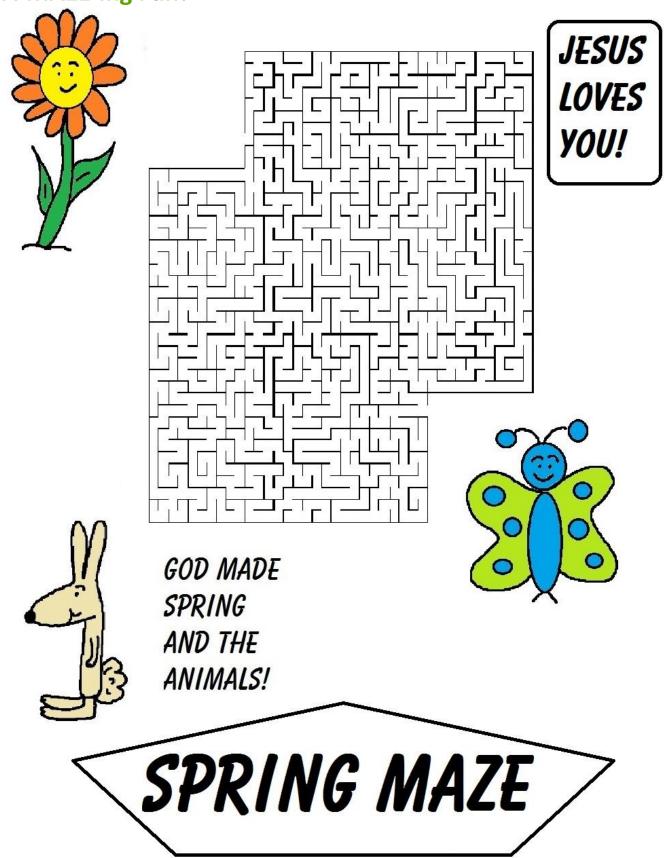
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Colouring



A-MAZE-ing Fun!



Crossword

Spring is Here!

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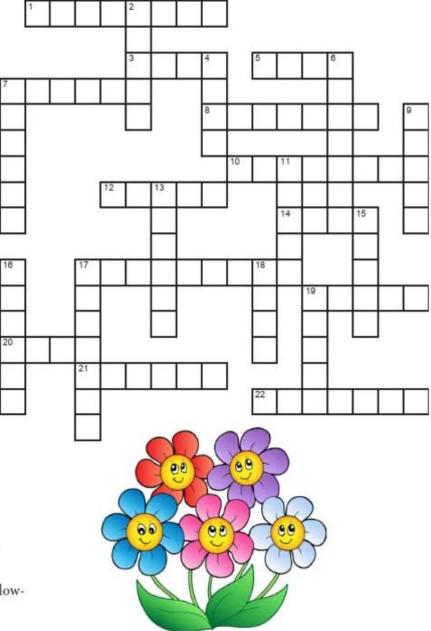
- It warms and brightens everything.
- 3. Warm up from a freeze.
- 5. They make honey.
- 7. Meal in the park.
- 8. Colorful arc in the sky.
- 10. It keeps the rain off you.
- 12. The color of spring grass.
- 14. Where a bird lives.
- 17. An adult caterpillar.
- 19. A baby chicken.
- 20. What chicks hatch from.
- 21. It comes after winter.
- 22. Red insect with black spots.

Down

- 2. Come out of an egg.
- Wriggly creature that lives in the ground.
- 6. Short rainfalls.
- 7. Small pool of rain.
- 9. What the lawn is made of.
- 11. Another name for a rabbit,
- 13. A spring holiday.
- 15. Holland is famous for this flow-

er.

- 16. Just a little wind.
- 17. Flower on a tree.
- 18. It is green and on a plant.
- 19. It might hide the sun.



Word Bank: Bees, Blossom, Breeze, Bunny, Butterfly, Chick, Cloud, Easter, Eggs, Grass, Green, Hatch, Ladybug, Leaf, Nest, Picnic, Puddle, Rainbow, Showers, Spring, Sunshine, Thaw, Tulip, Umbrella, Worm

March Calendar

| March | | 025 | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday 1 |
| 10:30 am Worship – COMMUNION Coffee Hour after service 6:30 pm Guides & Rangers | 3:45 pm Meditation 3:45 pm Get Fit (Zoom) 7:00 pm Men's Discing 7:00 pm Pathfinders 7:30 pm Meditation (Zoom) | 4 9:30 am TOPS 3:30 pm Get Fit 6:30 pm Knox Kids' Music 7:00 pm Session | 5 9:30 am Craft & Fellowship 6:00 pm Cubs & Scouts | 6:00 pm Jr. KAOS 7:00 pm Choir | 7 2:00 pm World Day of Prayer at Church of the Epiphany 6:00 pm KAOS | Oxford Winds Coffee House Fundraiser – see Janet or Kim for tickets |
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Whispers of Spring

In the cradle of dawn, the soft light appears,
Chasing away winter's long, frozen tears.
The earth, now awakened, breathes in the skies,
A symphony blooming where silence lies.

The fields wear their robes of emerald green,
A canvas of wonder, a sight serene.
Each petal unfolds, a delicate hue,
A stroke of God's brush, painted fresh and new.

The rivers dance with a jubilant flow,
Reflecting the heavens in glimmering glow.
The birds lift their voices in songs of delight,
Their melodies praising the morning light.

The breeze carries whispers, tender and sweet,
Like God's gentle touch where heaven and earth meet.
Each bud, each leaf, each blade of grass,
A testament speaking of love that will last.

Oh, spring, your beauty, a gift from above,
An echo of grace, of endless love.
Through blossoms and skies, through the soft, warm air,
God's presence is found, His handiwork there.

