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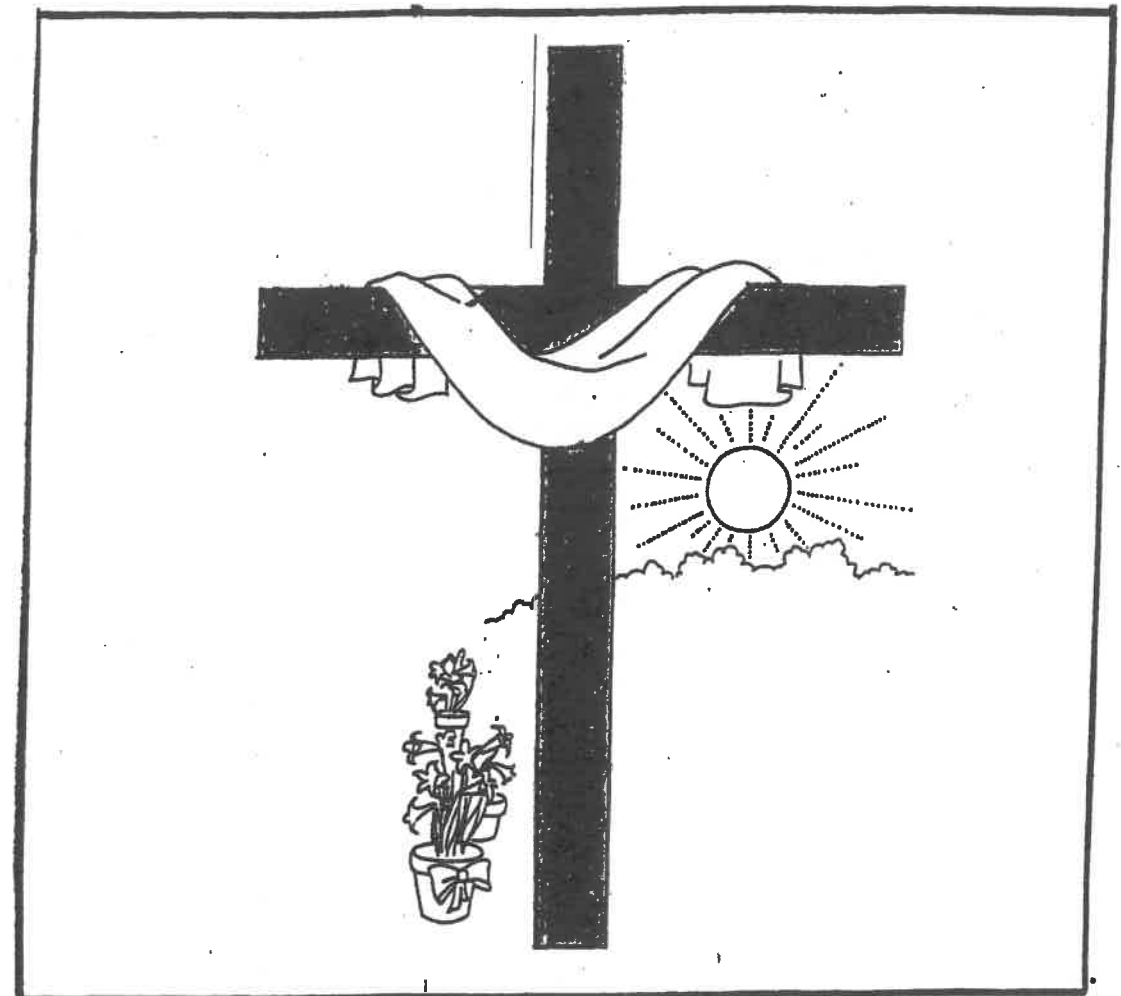
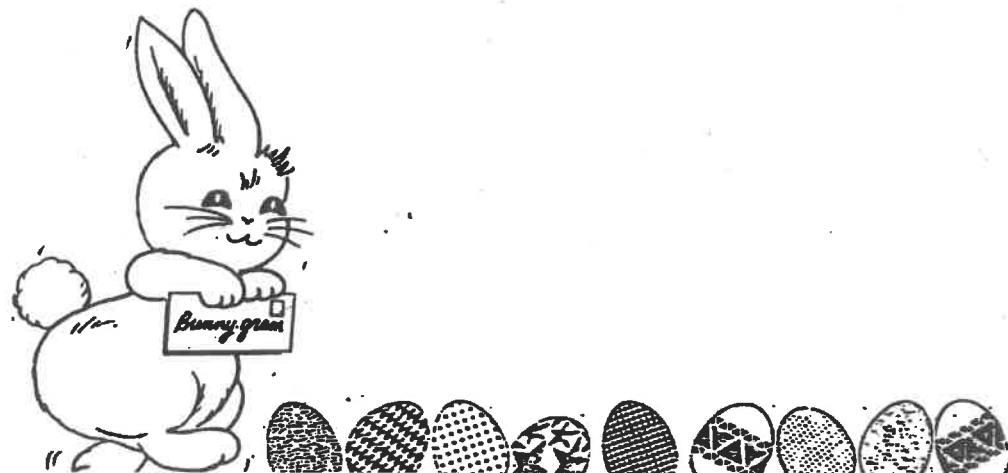
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Meeting House Memos



APRIL 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





Dear Friends,

Welcome to April! I know we are all ready for the warmth of the spring sunshine and the beauty of the flowers. It's time for resurrection! Easter seems somehow warmer and brighter when the gloom of winter is gone.

This year you will have ample opportunities to experience both the darkness and the light of Easter, with a Good Friday service (including the Lord's Supper) and two services Easter morning – at sunrise in the Memorial Garden at 6:00 a.m. and 10:30. Don't miss the festivities the week before, either, on Palm Sunday, April 14.

There is so much excitement here at CPC, centered around both the joy of the season and the work going on for the good of the Kingdom! The MST is hard at work on what will be a key part of your pastoral search later this year. We will have another congregational gathering to talk about some of their findings right after Easter.

Watch for exciting news on some intergenerational projects that the session is planning for later in the year. Each of us is a colorful thread, one of many – all ages, colors, gifts – that are woven together into a tapestry that is unique and vibrant. It speaks to our community, and the world, of the faith we share.

Don't forget to be in prayer for those who will begin the confirmation process after Easter, and also for those whom God may be calling to serve on the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) when the Commission on Ministry of the presbytery gives its OK. This will likely take place early in the summer, after the MST finishes its work. Praying for one another is a key piece of WHY God calls us into community together, rather than trying to do things on our own.

May I encourage ALL of you to invite someone to church sometime during Holy Week? Remember that only a small % of you indicated in the surveys that you had done that during the past year. And don't JUST invite them – offer to pick them up for Good Friday, for instance, if they don't drive at night. Welcome them to our pancake brunch on Palm Sunday or offer to take them out to lunch on Easter. Make a difference in someone's life.

Lenten blessings,
Pastor Leigh

THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS WHICH WE PROCLAIM:

"He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said." Matt. 28:6



BUNNY CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....The Mission Study Team is reviewing the Congregational Survey to determine the next steps toward hiring a new pastor. Notes of their progress will be posted on a project board on display in the Narthex—check it out as you enter or leave church!

.....The Women's Association will be holding a Lenten Brunch this coming Saturday at 10:30. Please contact Diane McCurdy if you are planning to attend.

.....The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Lenten Dinner at Lorenzo's in Garwood on Sunday, April 7th, at 6 pm. This will be an evening of fine food and fellowship which you don't want to miss. Contact Jack McCurdy at 908-432-3798 if you are interested in attending.

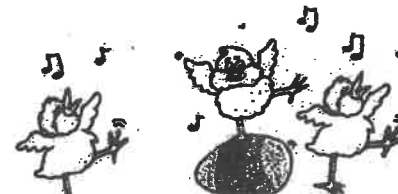
.....Congratulations to Karole Fristensky Guszca and her husband, George, on the birth of their son, Charles Warren, born on March 24th. Proud grandparents are Julie and Warren Fristensky.

.....In our prayers continue to be Erasmus Belden, Wolfgang Gerhard, Gisela Groiss, Elsa Jackson, the Schoenknecht family, Ann Zakovic and Stacy Cole's father.

.....Our sympathy to Alice Gillman and her family on the passing of her sister, Julia.

.....If you have someone graduating from high school or college in May or June, please let us know so that we may include this information in the newsletter.

.....We wish you a joyous Easter and a Happy Spring!



Your editors three,

Bobbie, Sandy and Sara

Holy Week

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	10:30 am
Good Friday	7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise	6:00 am
Easter Service	10:30 pm

PANCAKE BRUNCH - PALM SUNDAY - April 14, 2019

Mark your calendars: The Pancake Brunch will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee directly following our Palm Sunday Service. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, and don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor!

COFFEE HOUR

Isn't it annoying when there is no Coffee Hour? But you can't quite manage organizing and implementing Coffee Hour alone, right? We have a solution! Sign up for one (or more) items - for example, room set up, food (something sweet, something savory, or fresh fruit), hot and cold beverages set up. Find the chart for sign up in the Assembly Room beside the existing Coffee Hour sign up sheet. Questions? Contact Susan Vice, at vicesf@yahoo.com.

SIGN UP GENIUS

Also NEW Sign Up Genius for Usher or Coffee Hour volunteers. Find a link to this new tool that Leigh Peter launched in any CPC Wednesday weekly update. Sign up online anytime at your convenience for these volunteer opportunities.

Women's Association News

- **Lenten Brunch** – Saturday, March 30th at 10:30 am in the Assembly Room
- **Monthly Book Club** – Monday, April 15th at 1:30 pm, hosted by Rev. Gillis at the manse. Please let Leigh know if you'd like to attend. They are reading **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate.
- **Lunch with Leigh** – Tuesday, April 16th – meet at 12:30 pm in Memorial Room and the group will carpool to a nearby restaurant. Enjoy fun and casual conversation.
- **Paint & Sip Night Out** – Wednesday, May 1st in the church Assembly Room
6:30 pm light hors d'oeuvres & desserts / 7:00 pm class
Calling all budding artists to show your talents! Artistic self-expression is a great way to nurture a healthy outlet and decompress from the stress of daily life. Art instructor Melisa Otero will provide all the supplies and will lead us step by step to create a lovely masterpiece to take home. The cost is \$25 per person (checks payable to CPC Women's Association.) And those who like can BYOWine – that's the sip part! Join the fun! **RSVP by Sunday, April 28th** by contacting Judy Kersey at her email: judith.kersey@verizon.net or via the flier in the weekly church Bulletin.

Save the Date – Thursday, June 13th – Spring Picnic & General Meeting at 6:30 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019! Roar!- Life is Wild....God is Good

Come and explore the African jungle and all its beauty as we learn to ROAR with the love of God.

Wherever life leads us God is there and God is good!

We'll watch videos and meet children just like you and learn about their lives in Africa. There are great music videos to sing and dance to, Bible stories, science, games and more. Don't miss the FUN!!!

Ages 4 through 4th grade are welcome!

Monday, July 8th – Friday, July 12th

9:30 AM – 12:15 PM

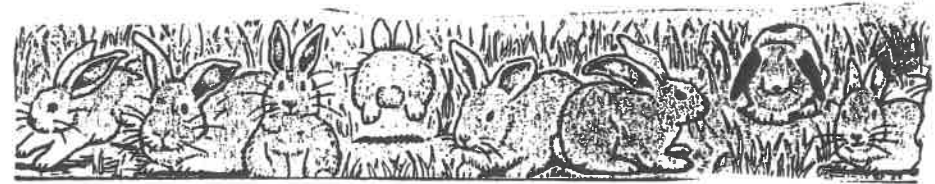
Please note that this year we will be collecting a free will offering to help offset some of the expenses of our program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

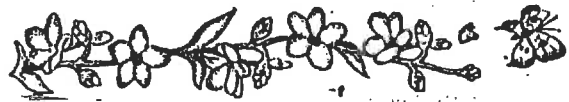
April 1	Nancy Little	15	Debbie Steinberg
	Samantha Steinberg	19	Susan Vice
8	Kristen Kersey	19	Blake Haggerty
	Mackenzie Falso	'	Lisa Barre-Quick
9	Michael Boyce	21	Charlie Weeks Boop
10	Benjamin Flath	25	Isabelle Perrin
11	Madeline Graves	28	Chris Belden
12	T. J. Edwards		Fred Pracht
	Tom Knierim	29	Jamie Boyce Boop
	Sara Meissner	30	Raechel Steinberg
14	Tom Gillman		



SESSION - Attendance

March 3	59	March 17	65
March 10	46	March 24	64

Sara Meissner, Clerk of Session



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

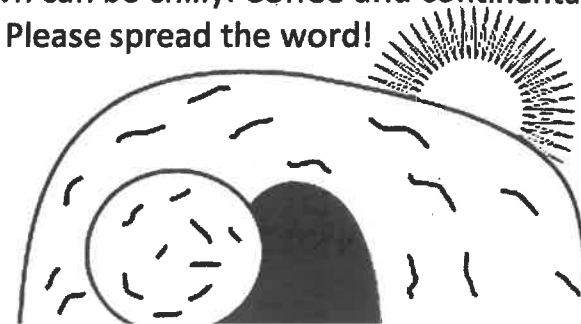
- 12 Sarah Jane Jackson & Anthony Falso
- 25 Susan Hain & John Garrigan
- 27 Robin Gillman & Dave Edwards

If your birthday and/or anniversary does not appear in the newsletter during the appropriate month, please let the church office or the editors know, and we will include you!



Easter "Son"rise Service

Ready for a no-fuss, casual way to celebrate Easter? To get yourself ready for the "big service" at 10:30 by prayer and devotion? Or to come to your "own church" before you have to go off to see grandchildren at "their church?" Then, the sunrise service in the Memorial Garden is for you! It is also a great way to get friends and visitors to come taste our worshiping community without being confined "in the church." We will gather Easter morning, April 21, at 6:00 a.m., rain or shine. Please dress in layers, as even in warmest weather, dawn can be chilly. Coffee and continental breakfast in the Assembly Room after. Please spread the word!



**Trustee's Report
April 2019**

Spring is certainly in the air, and around the church we are getting ready for that time of year requiring some changes and updates! Beginning on April 14th the old roof of the sanctuary will be removed and a new roof put in place. That week was selected because the Nursery School will be closed, leaving the parking lot and church grounds available for uninterrupted access. Weather permitting, the entire process should take only one to two days to complete. In order to get work started on April 14th, the roofing materials will be delivered on Friday, April 11th and placed in the parking lot. This could reduce parking near the garage in the rear of the church on Palm Sunday. By getting the work done in April we are avoiding a significant price increase expected for roofing shingles and supplies by Summer.

This may seem early, but by the May's Newsletter it will be too late for you to plan. **Spring Work Day** (clean up) is scheduled for Saturday May 4th, rain date Saturday, May 18th. This is always an essential event in the church calendar. Please plan to attend between 9:15 AM and 12:00 PM, with a lunch provided at noon. This is a great opportunity for you to provide needed assistance to the church in a variety of ways. Connie Fayen will be organizing the areas in need of work this year from relatively small jobs to more energetic items. Boy Scout Troop 177 will once again be providing muscle power on that day. Over the years we have relied more and more on Troop 177 to do the harder jobs. Not all jobs will be outside. Some things need to be done inside the assembly room and sanctuary.

- On the smaller side of items that the Trustees have been working on this past month are:
- Replacement of assembly room kitchen sink faucet
 - Replacement of toilet roll holders in six locations (on going)
 - Replacement of a 30 year old vacuum cleaner
 - Completion of the Manse bathroom project

Keep your eyes open for other items of concern that you see around the church and grounds, letting us know so that we can continue to maintain this wonderful place of worship!

Greg Meissner



Easter Flowers

If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary with beautiful flowers for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Palm Sunday, April 14th**. Please attach a check for the correct amount, made payable to "Community Presbyterian Church" and on the memo line write "Flower Fund." An order form must accompany your payment!

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Given by: _____

In honor of: _____ In memory of: _____

Tulips (\$11).....# of plants: _____

Daffodils (\$11)..... # of plants: _____

Lilies (\$13.50).....# of plants: _____

TOTAL: _____



April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4 	5	6 
7  Fellowship Dinner 6:00 Lorenzo's	8	9 	10 Trustees 7:00 PM	11	12 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	13
14  PANCAKE BRUNCH	15 Book Group 1:30 PM 	16 Lunch with Leigh 12:30 pm	17 Session 7:00 PM	18 	19  7:00 PM Tenebrae Service	20 
21 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00AM	22 Church Office Closed	23 	24 Deacons 7:00 PM	25	26 After Hours Youth Group 7:00 - 9:00 PM	27 Guess Who Dinners
28	29  Newsletter Deadline! Men's Group 12:15	30	 APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS 			

EVERY SUNDAY
10:30 AM
Worship Service
11:30 AM
Coffee Hour

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM
Nursery School

THURSDAY
5:00 pm
Children's Choir
6:30 pm
Bell Choir
7:30 pm
Chancel Choir

