



The Good News

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One of five vans that transported University of Kentucky students to Houston, Texas to do hurricane relief work in March 2018. Page 3

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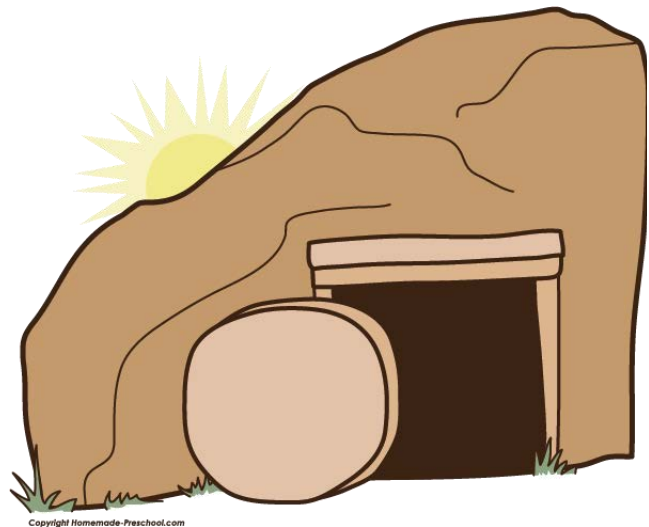
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Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

Rev. Marilou Coins

Wow! Here we are in April. Spring is here after a cold winter. April 1st is known as April Fool's Day. But this year it is also EASTER SUNDAY!

Well, now you may be able to figure out just where I am going with this. Christ was put to death on Good Friday and said He would be raised in 3 days. Satan said, "Good! Jesus is dead. I won!" But, you know what happened!? Up from the grave Christ arose! The grave could not hold Him. Wow! Jesus had the last laugh on Satan when He said, " Guess what, Satan, I fooled you! Ha! Ha! April Fool to you."



Jesus did exactly what He told everyone He would do. Can you just imagine how Satan felt once Christ arose from the dead!? Do you think he felt like a "fool?" Or, what about Thomas?! We call him "doubting Thomas" because he did not believe that Christ rose from the dead, either. He had doubts and only believed when he saw the scars and Jesus told him to touch them. Another person who was a "fool!" Thru the

years so many have been fooled into doubting that what Christ did for our salvation wasn't real. So many doubting Thomas's. So many not believing in the Risen Christ! Where do you see yourself?

Do you need to see the wounds? Are you in awe of what Christ has done for us!? Now just look around and see all nature coming back to life from the "death" of winter. Trees are sprouting new leaves. Grass is starting to sprout, and yards are turning green. Yep! Time to get out that lawn mower again. Flowers are now starting to blossom and bloom again. That's nature's resurrection. When we see this happening, we know Spring is here.

Well, what do you see happening when Easter is here? Is it just a basket full of goodies and a cotton tailed bunny? If all our Spring fling is built on nature and Peter Cottontail we miss the true meaning of the Resurrection. Christ is the Life and the Resurrection. He brings life to our souls. He took all Satan tried to destroy and fooled evil with the purity of freshness and the return of life to our souls. Death is not the end. It is the beginning of our eternal life.

We plant a bulb in the ground and wait and watch for the sprout to come up thru the soil to know that soon there will be a beautiful flower or plant. Let's put our trust in the Risen Lord on April 1st, Easter Sunday, and let's fool Satan and shout it out, "The Lord has Risen! He conquered death and said, "April Fool to you, Satan!" We are not dead but alive in the Resurrected Christ.

Are you ready to celebrate Spring? Are you ready to celebrate the Risen Christ? All nature is coming back to life. Let us all come back to life. Our life in Christ! We are the people of Easter! We are the people of a Risen Christ. So as the grass grows, flowers bloom and trees get new leaves why not prune our personal life just a bit and watch how alive you will feel this Easter.

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— Rev. Marilou Coins



Sunrise image <http://www.icons-land.com/>

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

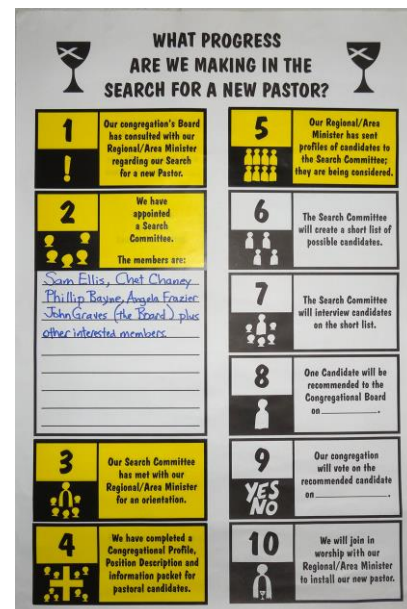
April 1, 2018, Easter Sunday – Rev. Carolyn Miles

April 8, 2018 – Rev. Scot Crenshaw

April 15, 2018 – Sara Pollard

Pastoral Search 2018

You may have seen the large poster just outside the kitchen in the educational building hallway. This was provided by the Great River Region. It allows us to visualize the progress being made in the search for a new pastor, now that Susan has completed her time with us.



The yellow placards signify a step that has been completed. As you can see, as of April 1, 2018, five of the ten steps have been completed. The Search Committee is already considering some names that were provided by Dr. Nadine Burton, the Regional Minister for GRR.

No one knows how long the process will take, but we will keep adding yellow placards to the posters as steps 6-10 are completed! Please pray for the process and add any input that you have as the search continues.

Meanwhile, we rely on the insights and talents of several ministers to keep our pulpit occupied on Sunday mornings. The Sundays for April are being filled. As of the publication date not all the slots for the month were complete. The Upcoming Pulpit Schedule will appear in *The Good News* each month for as long as the Search and Call continues.

We Hosted the Hands of God

Sometimes you get to be an enabler, in a good way. Greg Pendleton met five vans-full of University of Kentucky students at the church late on the night of March 10, 2018. There were five staffers from the University of Kentucky Christian Student Fellowship organization and 50 students in these vans.

They had made prior arrangements for a place to sleep overnight as they traveled from Lexington, Kentucky to Houston, Texas where they would spend Spring Break helping people whose homes had been destroyed by hurricane Harvey in the prior summer of 2017. When they pulled into our parking lot they were tired, on edge from driving and riding through torrential rains, and only halfway to Houston.



The next morning, they were all up and preparing to face another long trip in the vans, when Tom Ryan arrived to see them off. By 8:00 a.m. all five drivers and the 10 students who occupied each van were in place and rolling out of the parking lot toward Texas.

Inside the church, there was no hint that 55 people had been milling about getting ready to travel only a half hour earlier!

Courtney Eaton, a UKCSF staffer, and the person charged with securing a mid-point host for the night was kind enough to provide information about the activities the group undertook in Houston. She wrote:

We took a group of 50 students and 5 staff members from the University of Kentucky Christian Student Fellowship campus ministry to Houston for a hurricane Harvey relief service trip. We partnered with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) and Bethel Baptist church in Houston to work on 9 different homes in the Lakewood neighborhood in Houston. Most of our work consisted of demolition, dry walling, and sanding. Our average day looked like getting up at 6:30 am for whole group devotional

time, working 9:00-4:00 and then doing street ministry with YWAM at night. Street ministry involved serving food and loving on the homeless in tent cities in downtown Houston and going to street church with YWAM... a worship service in a local parking lot, catering to the homeless.

Our students were bold and approached every person with open hands to serve and pray. Our students went door to door, delivering food and hygiene products and prayed for home owners... one amazing story that came from this was when a few of our students went to a woman's house in the Lakewood neighborhood to bring her food and to pray for her. The woman, Ms. Alberta, felt very encouraged by their prayer and asked them to come back the next day to pray through her (destroyed) home. We came back the next day, and we were welcomed by a weeping Ms. Alberta who said "God is so good. God is soo good. As of yesterday, I had been placed on a 2-3 year wait list for my house to get worked on. You guys came and prayed for me. Two hours later, TWO organizations called me and said something had changed and they could help me TODAY. Thank you thank you. You have no idea how much those prayers meant to me." This is just one of many examples of radical stories that came from this week. His hands were all over this trip and we sure did see transformation in our own hearts because of it.



Courtney provided this photo of a crew working on a ceiling.

The entire group returned for an overnight nap on their way back home. They arrived on Friday March 16th and headed back to Kentucky early on the 17th.

U. of Kentucky Christian Student Fellowship



Sleepy university students prepare for travel, load their vans and await the drivers at 7:06 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, 2018

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Please Continue Prayers for:

Eric C's family; Martha C., the Perry Family, Ron C., Jean H., Kim P., Lynda C., Keith R., Dylan R., Glenna & Bill S., Julia C.; Wissam A.; our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; the Great River Region of the DoC; those struggling to do God's will; refugees who are fleeing the violence of war. Pray for peace as global tensions rise, pray for the grieving, that they may be comforted; those worldwide being persecuted for being 'different'; please pray for the wounded; for reconciliation among the citizens and residents of the U.S.A., for the millions who are still recovering from 2017 hurricanes, for the UKCSF and their work, and others God leads you to know of.

February 2018 Stewardship Report

Feb. Budget Needs – \$8,125.00
 Feb. Offering – \$4,527.67
 Other Income – \$1,460.00
 Total Feb. Actual Income – \$5,987.67

Feb. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,912.08
 Feb. Actual Expenses – \$7,411.13
 Net Loss for Feb. – \$ -1,423.46

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 2/28/18
 Offering – \$52,965.67
 Other Income – \$29,636.47
 Total FYTD Income – \$82,602.14
 Expenses FYTD – \$78,968.55
 Net Result FYTD – \$ 3,633.59



Events in April 2018

- Birthdays in April 15 – Sue Jenkins; 16 – Chet Chaney; 18 – Nathan Perry VC3; 23 – Grace Rehmert VC3; 28 – Justin Runnels VC3.
- Events of note
- 1 – Easter Sunday 2018
- 11 – 6:00 pm scheduled Board Meeting
- 15 – Sign May birthday cards.
- 16 – Third Monday Meal is served; new location
- 17 – Tax returns are due today
- 29 – Community Breakfast; 7:30 a.m. Quapaw Quarter UMC, 1601 S. Louisiana St.
- Sunday School Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Events in May 2018

- Birthdays in May – none that we know of at this time
- Events of note
- 1 – May Day (traditional)
- 9 – 6:00 pm scheduled Board Meeting
- 13 – Mother's Day 2017
- 20 – Pentecost Sunday; Sign June/July birthday cards.
- 21 – Third Monday Meal is served; new location
- Sunday School May 6, 13, 20, 27



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