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Change agents

(from Newsletter Newsletter)

A cartoon depicts a man at a podium firing up a crowd. “Who wants change?” he shouts. You can almost hear the excitement and urgency. “We do!” the listeners cry, all raising their hands.

But the next frame features a follow-up question: “Who wants to change?” The audience is silent and somber, with their hands down.

The gospel Jesus announced and lived out promises monumental change: life instead of death, healing from sickness, hope to replace despair, peace and justice instead of war and oppression. Although God could wave his hand and make the world perfect, he chooses to work through humans. That means we must be willing to change too.

Change can be scary, but God’s newness will so transform the world — and us — that we’ll never miss our old, broken reality.

—Heidi Mann

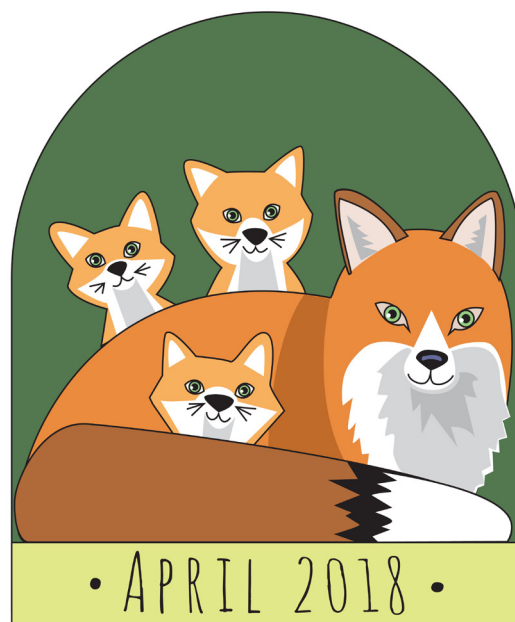


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Submission deadline is April 20th.
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Warden's Words

will return next month.



In Other News...

FISH Pantry Report: JoAnne Earley was able to take 91 pounds of food to the FISH Food Pantry on March 26. Kroger had a Saturday special 4 lb. bag of sugar for \$.99 with digital coupon limit 5 bags. Another parishioner also donated sugar 5, 2 lb. boxes. Things like sugar, oil, flour, etc. are always needed they tell me. Please remember to pick up a little something extra for someone less fortunate when you do your shopping.

The Rev. Martin L. Smith is to lead a retreat at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center, Glendale OH, May 18-20, 2018. See flier in front pew for more detail.

Miami Valley Women's Center is sponsoring "Walk 4 Life" Saturday, May 12. Registration begins 9 a.m., Walk program begins 9:50 a.m. Our local center is 245 South Allison Avenue, Xenia. Tours of Center during registration. See brochure in front pew.



Following God's lead

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the "father of black gospel music." At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as "the devil's music."

In 1932, after Dorsey's wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: "Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home."



In
His
Steps

March Vestry Meeting Minutes

Next Vestry Meeting is April 25th



Senior Warden Barb B. reported on bill of \$2306.89 from Vectron where we were receiving the bill for delivery instead of what was coming. We now have a year to pay \$192.24 a month in addition to our regular bill for 11 months.

She also reported she has a letter from the Xenia police, they will be having training sessions for person on the premises to be armed in case of Active Shooter situation. The vestry discussed possibilities. Mark C. made a motion that we will lock the ramp, sacristy, and back doors and leave the front doors open during services for safety and a sign will be added to those doors; this will be announced. Joyce G. seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Barb announced she would attend the training.

Junior Warden Mark C. reported that the basement doors have been locked to keep people from abusing the bathroom facilities. The pipes were severely plugged from flushing abuse. They will only be opened during services. There was discussion of organ repair. There was discussion of no smoking signs. There was discussion of bell tower repair.

Treasurer Doug P. reported the parochial report was sent March 1st. We listed the omission of the Nickell trust wrong which will affect us next year. We need to fill out the grant before we do the work. We do have a few funds that we could use if we don't use the grant. The diocese just sent out another grant opportunity for repair of historical buildings. Lee S. discussed drawing up the plans. Chris Hudson would do the install. The kitchen ladies are going to discuss what they want. Doug P. also announced the Investment team will be meeting with Kevin Wickman about the first quarter.

Committee Reports and Unfinished business

- Bradley A. reported on tree removal. We will be going with Arbor Care and are on their waiting list. Joyce made a motion that Arbor Care does the trees and the stumps for \$350 more - \$1700 total. Karen I. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Cheryl E. reported that we will be catering St Andrew's last service meal. We will be starting work on the meal at our building after church and then transporting it over. There will be an Easter egg hunt after church next week. There will be no Sedar meal.

New Business

- Search committee for the priest: Joyce, Elizabeth, Pam, Karen, Lee, and will be asking one more. The vestry discussed what we want as a priest. Doug P. mentioned we should not mention whether we want full or part time priest until after April 11th meeting with Kevin Wickman due to finances.
- Mark C. reported on Bridges of Hope. They are open and operating. He wants to distribute the website to the congregation in the bulletin.
- Cheryl E. reported on Youth ministry. She is planning fieldtrips. Discussion of Procter.



Misery be gone!

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches celebrate "holy humor." Laughter is a gift from God, who wants us to be joyful. A happy disposition is also an effective — and infectious — way to share our faith.

"I cannot think that when God sent us into the world, he had irreversibly decreed that we should be perpetually miserable in it," said John Wesley. "If ... taking up the cross [implies] bidding adieu to all joy and satisfaction, how is it reconcilable with what Solomon expressly affirms of religion, that 'her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace'?" (Proverbs 3:17, KJV)



For those who are young, those who think they are young, those who feel young at heart, and those who aren't any of the above...
(Nobody's looking - Have some fun!)



CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.

PUZZLE

RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

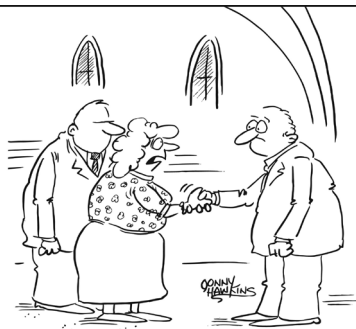


Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

$2+2 =$ ____	united	$2 \times 3 =$ ____	death	$7+6 =$ ____	resurrection
$3 \times 3 =$ ____	certainly	$18-16 =$ ____	have	$4-1 =$ ____	been
$0+1 =$ ____	if	$2 \times 4 =$ ____	we	$13-1 =$ ____	him
$2+3 =$ ____	in	$20-6 =$ ____	like	$2+5 =$ ____	his
$2 \times 5 =$ ____	be	$8+3 =$ ____	with		

"For ____ we ____
1 2 3 4
with him ____ a ____ like ____ ,
5 6 7
____ will ____ also ____ united
8 9 10
____ in a ____
11 12 13
____ his." Romans 6:5, NIV
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Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV



BIBLE QUIZ

In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. "I am the gate ..."
- B. "I am the good shepherd ..."
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B





April

BIRTHDAYS

08	Lily Thomas
10	Jack Kitch
12	Barbara Bonham
13	Gregory Gentry




April

ANNIVERSARIES

03	Kathy & Bob Geyer
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Important Dates




EASTER SUNDAY
April 1st @ 9AM!



And also...



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The suggested April items are Jello, pudding mix, peanut butter, jelly, flour, sugar, and oil.. Each month will be a new suggested item(s).

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Volunteer

Schedule

Ministry	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	4/29
Worship Leader	HE- Father Greg	HE- Father Greg	MP - Pam	HE - Father Greg	HE - Father Greg
Altar Guild	Doug/Becky	JoAnne/Becky	JoAnne/Tanya	Doug/Pam	JoAnne/Becky
Lector	Becky/Barb	Becky/Debbie	Barb/Mark/Rick	Pam/Becky	Debbie/Barb
Ushers	JoAnne, Rick	Elizabeth, Doug	Clariss, Brad	JoAnne, Rick	Elizabeth, Brad
Intercessor	Jennie	Barb	Doug	Mark	Pam
Chalice	Mark	Pam	-	Debbie	Rick
Vestry Member of the week	Cheryl	Brad	Lee	Joyce	Barb
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jennie/Pam	Debbie/Mark		Pam/Jennie	Barb/Mark

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Ushers	JoAnne, Doug	JoAnne/Elizabeth	Doug/Brad	Clariss/Brad
Intercessor	Becky	Barb	Jennie	Debbie
Chalice	Ruth	-	Barb	-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Mark/Jennie	-	Debbie/Pam	-
Vestry Person of the Week	Tanya	Karen	Doug	Mark