



“It is
finished.”
John 19:30

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APRIL... What can be said about April. 2021 is 1/3 over. Spring is well on it's way. There is the old adage, April Showers Brings May Flowers..... Spring, it brings newness. There are the flowers, the baby animals, the butterflies. I'm seeing a lot of buds in our back yard, and soon those buds will blossom into leaves and the back yard will be filled with new greenery. And this year, early, there will be Easter... Resurrection Sunday... the greatest new beginning ever... filled with not only hope for tomorrow, but forever. But we who know the full story know that before there are the Alleluias of Easter we need to walk through the betrayals and denials and the “Crucify Hims” of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We need to walk through the darkness before we can fully experience the light. And Easter, like Christmas, is not just a season or a day... it is a life style..... One of my favorite hymns is **“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”**

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring:
“Alleluia! Alleluia!” Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Risen Lord empowers us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When the cares of life o'erwhelm us, Easter people, sing this song:
“Alleluia! Alleluia!” Everlasting triumph song.

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It speaks to us as being an Easter people, a people of new beginnings. A people of hope in the midst of darkness. A people of hope and courage when the bullies of life raise their voices and shouts of injustice. A people who cling to a Savior and call out to Him, asking to be remembered when He enters His Kingdom. A forgiven people, because of what He has done for us, and not what we have done, other than placing our trust, faith, hope and love in Him. Spring brings us a reminder and a promise of new a life, of new beginnings. Spring brings us the day of Easter.... But remember always, it is Jesus that brings us the reality of Resurrection.

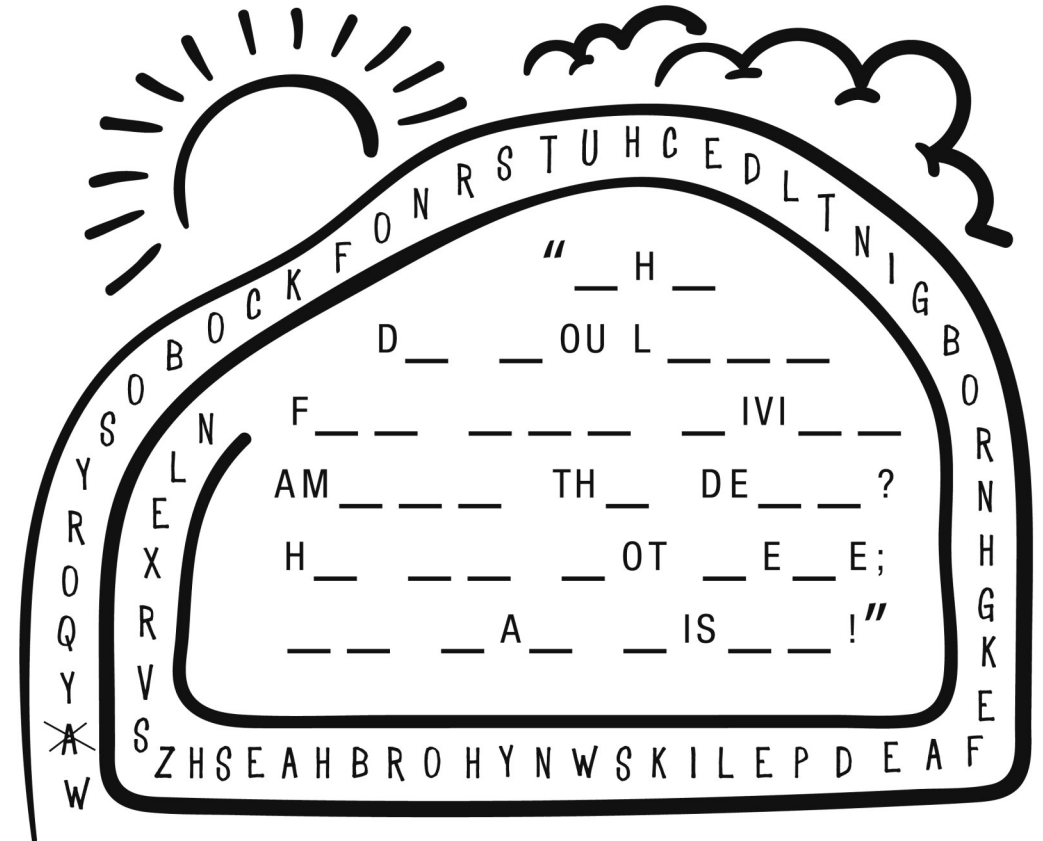
Blessings!!
Jeff



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.

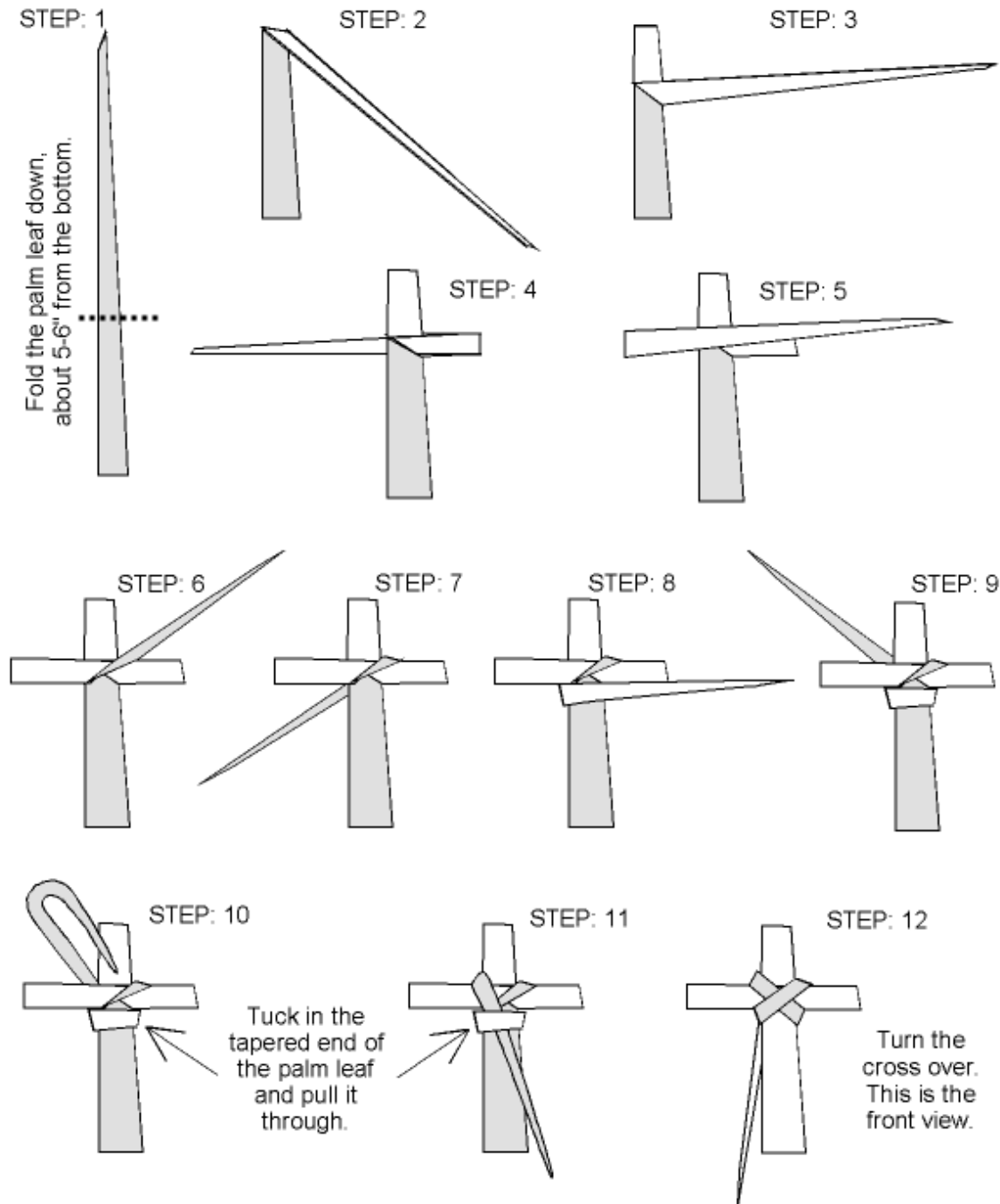


LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 **Brad & Becky Schaade**
- 2 Cassidy Bryner
- 3 Scott Stumbo
- 7 Jim Wright
- 10 Tom Orr
- 13 Jacey Martello
- 13 Charmaine Brink-Smith
- 14 Barb Swiger
- 15 Phillip Wenner
- 16 Hal Loudermilk
- 16 **Scott & Marianne Solomon**
- 18 Lois Fowler
- 18 Lance Lorelli
- 18 Jillian Farman
- 19 Mike DeCamillo
- 22 Harold Buck
- 22 Ann Felde
- 23 **Roy & Earline Stiltner**
- 23 Nick Stumbo
- 25 Roy Stiltner
- 26 **Brian & Brenda MacNaughton**
- 26 Patricia Nemeth
- 26 Jonamarie Laurila
- 26 Bonnie Pillars
- 26 Nancy Garbo
- 28 Vicky Waller
- 28 Sara Butler
- 28 **Jay & Kathy Beutler**
- 28 Colby Stiltner

The Lord Bless you and Keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you; the Lord turn
his face toward you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD, "plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11



As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:

Our Prayers

On Going Prayer Concerns

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our College Students,
 Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich, Ethan & Ashley Batschelet,
 Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, Don & Mary Clugh Family, MaryLee Verdi, River,
 Betty Hansen, Carol Loudermilk, Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright,
 Mary Simmons, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley,
 Eva DeCamillo, Rev. Scott Walsh, Roy Stiltner II, Donna Juras, Linda Johnson,
 Larry & Dixie Liggett, Bruce & Sue DeRidder, Art & Debbie Scott, Chuck & Janette
 Davis, Caroline, Lori Leibbrandt, Betty Harting, Eddie & Linda Dana, Heather Long,
 Sherry & Ken Livingston, Marilyn Lundquist, Rona, Rev. Doug Lewis,
 Sandy Connley, Sarrah Brown, Ben, Mary Hamilton, Mark & Family, Juli, Rita, Mary
 Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jim Wright, Judy, John & Laura Morgan, Edie Warren,
 Harold & Lou Buck, Janet Renard, Korey Stoneman, Cathy Morgan, Mat Sobolewski,
 Sandy Mead, Rick Arnold, Erik & Heather Peterson, Keith Davidson, Jackie McKee,
 Mark DiBell, Bradley, Alex Gonzalez, Joel, Nellie, Brent, Aiden, Alex & Family,
 Mary Ann Gage, Jud Palmer, Dave, Mel & Family, Jerri Shultz, Patrick Zoblefin,
 Jim McKee, Shawn & Gerry, Jill & Family, David & Family, Maryilyn,
 Keith Youngberg, Landon, Scott & Colleen, Howard, Alex, Denny Densmore,
 Louise Ebetino, Michelle, Sue, Sheila, Ron & Joyce Shelestak & Family, Ruth Falcione,
 Larry & Laura, Becky Reese, Roy & Earline Stiltner, John, John Dean, Karen Klimek,
 Barb Swiger, Karen May, Ron & Charmaine Smith & Family, Ken Elliott, Kris
 Earline Stiltner, Kelly Forren, Debbie Johnson, Tom & Donna Orr, Sheila,
 The Family of Jim Coach, Tim Berg, Sandra Wolff, Michele Verdi, Cindy,
 The Wright Family

Our Service

April 1st. Maundy Thursday

9-4pm Faize Service & Communion at the Rail.

5pm Utube Internet Service

April 2nd. Good Friday 5pm Cross Procession

in Parking Lot & Online Utube Service

April 4th. Easter Sunday 9am. Sunrise Sewe 9:30pm Traditional Service

All other Sundays in April at 9:30am Parking Lot & Online Utube Service



Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.”



Easter is just around the corner and Easter Donations for the Easter Families need to be brought in by the first of April then on Saturday we will be putting the Easter Baskets and Food together.

Thank you for all your support and God Bless,



Our Gifts

Stewardship Update

Year to Date as of 02/28/2021

General Operating Fund	\$19,903.88
Expenses	\$28,357.68
YTD Deficit	(-\$8,453.80)

The Lords Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done;
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.



Our Witness Betty



We have been blessed with a thoughtful, caring and a giving congregation.

No we're not perfect and if we were we wouldn't be human, but we do try to *"Live Like Jesus"*

The following is a small list of what the congregation has done from 2020 and so far in 2021:

We bring in food and hygiene items to distribute to those in need all through the year.

Christmas and Easter families are adopted Valentine boxes are sent to our Military, shut ins and College Students to provide gifts, food, encouragement and to show God's love. We've raised and gave donations to non profit agencies that help the poor and the needy such as Flat Rock, Homesafe, Midwest Missions, Samaritan Purse, World Gospel Missions. Causes such as Feed Our Vets, which by the way was a success! We helped raise \$360.00 plus 263 pounds of food!

This was all accomplished during the Co-vid pandemic. I can't wait till we get back to somewhat normal again, so we can continue to have our Community Dinners, Craft Shows, Praise Fests, Bible School and More..

Besides helping our Community and Missions in other Countries, we not only pray for our Brothers and Sisters, but for others that need prayer. We help, support, love and care for each other. The Lord is always at work in each and everyone of us. He is the one that deserves all the credit, because without him, we would be nothing!

Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Prayer:

Dear Loving and Caring Father, I come to you today to praise your holy name for all the love and caring that my brothers and sister in you give to each other on a daily basis. Please continue to work through us to let others see you and may we make you happy that we are your children. Thank you Father for your grace and mercy and it is through your son Jesus Christ that we are saved and receive eternal life.

Amen



Because of the circumstances this year, Easter flowers for the Altar will not be purchased through the church, but if you would like Flowers on the Altar for Easter you can buy them, put your name on them and bring them in before Easter Sunday. We had a few people purchase them last year before the pandemic and did not get them because of the virus constraints, so the few that did, they will be purchased for you this year.



The Last Shall Be First
"Ode"
to our Lenten Reading

How beautiful the cover...
Butterflies and a spray of dogwood leaves,
Turning page after page, I discover
Messages there; the writer believes!

Pictures and words; thoughts unleashed,
A thoughtful glance, a lovely verse,
A puzzle, a prayer, a sermon preached!
I'm too tired, hurried, preoccupied or worse.

Set aside this meditating for another day,
While remembering the long list of names.
Names of people I know, and they
By sharing themselves, have laid claims.

Claims of devotion to our Lord God,
Who shared His love in the living Word.
Prophecy, strength...like an unbending rod,
Gave all people hope; eternal life was assured.

Awkwardly I scan the titles...try again.
Who were they? where is the list?
"The last shall be first", humming a refrain,
I hurriedly seek the owner of each script.

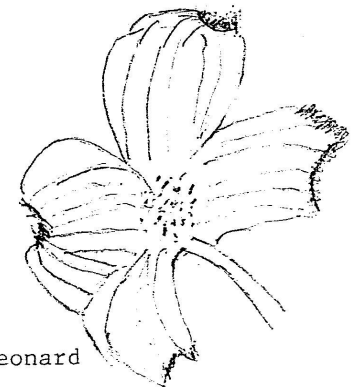
"The last shall be first"...beware!
Things that are hidden will come to fore.
The Lord sets us free if we dare
To call out His Name; He, alone, opens the door.

He calls us by name...
"The last shall be first".
The Great 'I Am' ignites the Flame!
The cross stands empty; it carried all that's cursed.

And Christ stands among us,
His Holy Spirit prevails.
God's Flame purifies and touches
Where it hurts...God never fails!

Lives broken and in pieces,
And bent out of shape.
In newness, God's love increases
And stomps out worldly rape.

Oh, Come glad Easter morning,
Come in haste and see
page after page turning;
Oh, Christ, will it include even me?



Emily Leonard
2/17/91