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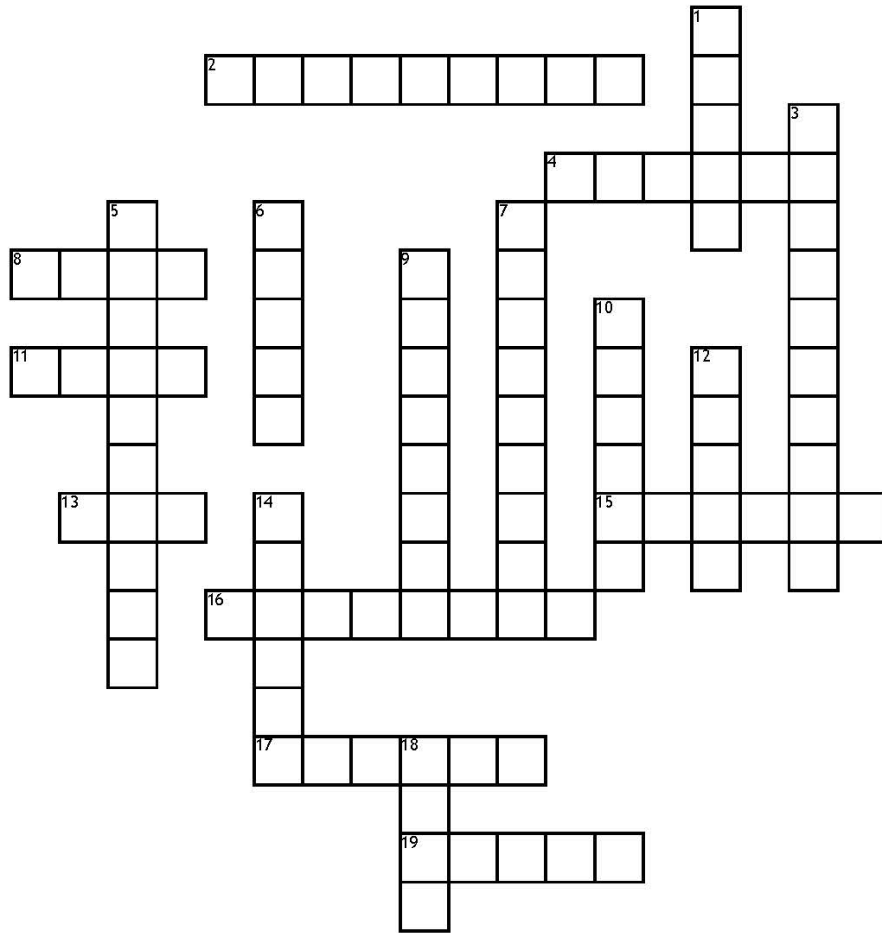
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*He is Risen*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Easter Time Crossword Puzzle ulc 2022



**Across**

2. We take \_\_\_\_\_ for the forgiveness of our sins

4. Roman Governer, Pontius

8. To teach his disciples humility, Jesus washed their \_\_\_\_\_

11. People waved \_\_\_\_\_ branches and sang as Jesus entered Jersulaem

13. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of followers with a few fishes and loaves of bread

15. They placed a \_\_\_\_\_ of thorns on Jesus' head

16. Jesus last words were, "It is \_\_\_\_\_"

17. Jesus rode on a \_\_\_\_\_ as he entered Jerusalem

19. when Mary and the others went to Jesus tomb, the \_\_\_\_\_-was rolled away

**Down**

1. In communion we believe the \_\_\_\_\_represents body of Christ

3. Jesus went to the garden of \_\_\_\_\_ to pray.

5. tiny chewy sweets usually eaten at Easter

6. Jesus rose on the \_\_\_\_\_day

7. a brown sweet treat, dark or milk

9. the crowd chose \_\_\_\_\_ to be released instead of Jesus

10. Judas was paid \_\_\_\_\_pieces of silver to betray Jesus

12. in communion, the wine represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

14. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead

18. Judas betrayed Jesus with a \_\_\_\_\_

**Word Bank**

donkey

kiss

jellybeans

finished

stone

blood

feet

Pilate

chocolate

gethsemane

thirty

fed

raised

third

thorns

bread

barabbas

communion

palm



# The Good News Letter



April 2026

Volume 28 Issue 4



## The Joy of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4–5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

## Easter Sunrise Service: Welcome the Dawn of Resurrection

Start Easter morning with a beautiful time of worship as the sun rises. We'll gather outdoors to celebrate the empty tomb, sing together and reflect on the hope Christ brings. Bring a blanket or chair, dress warmly and come expectant — the joy of Easter morning is always sweeter when shared. Easter Sunday at Bear Butte Shelter.



# Church Information

## Our Sunday Worship Schedule and Live Streaming Services

9:00-9:50 (children & adult)

10:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service

11:00 a.m. ~ Fellowship

**April 5th** ~ Worship ~ Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

**Don Nettleton**

**April 12th** ~ Worship ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter ~ **Kathy McKillip**

**April 19th** ~ Worship ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter ~ **Carole Skalsky**

**April 26th** ~ Worship ~ 4th Sunday of Easter ~ **Melinda Williams**



### THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"We like the sermon part best. That's when Daddy gets to take PJ outside and Mommy gives us mints."

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Church office hours are  
Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon  
and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please feel free to give the church  
office a call with any questions or  
concerns at 605-347-2395. If you  
need to reach us after hours you  
can call Carla at 605-423-6034.

# Church Information



## Church Committees

April 2nd ~ 1:00pm ~ PW Circle

April 6th ~ 5:00 p.m. Worship

April 6th ~ 6:00 p.m. Mission

April 7th ~ 5:30 pm ~ Deacons

April 9th ~ 12:00 p.m. ~ Alliance of Churches ~ Love, Inc.

April 9th ~ 5:30pm ~ Christian Education

April 13th ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Welcoming

April 14th ~ 5:30pm ~ Finance, Personnel & Stewardship

April 28th ~ 6:00pm ~ Building & Grounds

April 28th ~ 7:00pm ~ Session Meeting



You may also join us on Facebook Live Sunday mornings by going to <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianSturgis>.

The service can also be viewed on our website,

[www.fpcsturgissd.com](http://www.fpcsturgissd.com), a short time after 11:30 a.m.

# Church & Community



## ***“He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed”***

Thank you for the continued support you have provided throughout the years. The generosity of First Presbyterian Church with the donation of food and money continues to touch many people in the Sturgis area.

April’s suggested items:

<b>Total 2018</b>	<b>3164 pounds</b>
<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>2371 pounds</b>
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>818 pounds</b>
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>1227 pounds</b>
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>876 pounds</b>
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>937 pounds</b>
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>1043 pounds</b>
<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>983 pounds</b>

April 5	Baking Ingredients
April 12	Easter
April 19	Italian
April 26	Mexican

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM Wednesday, and Friday (excluding major holidays). Volunteers are the foundation of this service.

***Please also continue to save Lynn’s Dakota Mart receipts; the money received through this program is utilized for purchase of regularly stocked products at the Food Pantry. For each \$10,000 in receipts the Food Bank receives \$100.***

Please feel free to contact me at 605-490-3078 or [betty.nettleton@gmail.com](mailto:betty.nettleton@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support!

Betty Nettleton



# Church Information

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL MAY BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA!

Make plans to join in the fun for the **annual May Basket Extravaganza** sponsored by the **Board of Deacons**. Create a basket, buy chances to win a basket, be a bidder at the auction; so many options. Examples of basket include bake goods, hand crafted items, garden/flowers, 'theme' baskets....let your imagination run wild. The proceeds will go to one or more mission projects.



Date: **Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
Time: **Following worship service**



Presbyterian Women is an active, mission-focused group that shares fellowship, prayers and good deeds with our church family, the community and the world. Please join us each day as we pray for God to send us the pastor that he has chosen for us.

Our next meeting will be just before Easter on April 2, 2026 at 1:00 pm in the Lee James Parlor.

Please join us for a quick meeting, a short program, a Bible Study (Chapter 3 "Listening to the Young" if you have the book), and of course coffee and delicious snacks. See you there!



# Comedy



## Cake



Please contact the Church office for reservations. Tables can be purchased for family or friends.  
605-347-2395 or  
presbychsecretary@gmail.com

**RSVP by: 04/10/26**  
(preferred)  
Walk-ins Welcome

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Checks may be written to  
Presbyterian Women

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**  
First Presbyterian Church  
1319 Junction Ave.  
Sturgis, SD

2:00 p.m.

Program  
Wanda Blair

Tickets \$10.00

## Coffee





First Presbyterian Church,

C.I.S.S. wanted to thank you for your very generous donation to our organization. We truly appreciate your continued support.

Thank you  
C.I.S.S. Staff



Dear First Presbyterian Women

We are so thankful for your continued support for Meade School Nurses. Your generous donations help so many children from Kindergarten through 12th Grade! Our community is blessed to have such caring individuals.

Thank you

Julie Dobler RN

Heidi Komes RN

Natasha Geigle RN

Danielle Sperling

Nicole Ruel

Dear First Presbyterian Church

Thank you for continued support of Good Shepherd Free Clinic. Your Financial gifts helps us cover prescriptions, dental extractions, lab tests and more. We work with County Drug, Dr. Hetlinger and Monument Health as Sturgis partners. Your partnership is important.

Chris Davis  
Executive Director

Presbyterian Women,

C.I.S.S. would like to thank you for your continued support to the shelter. It truly means so much to us.

Thank you!  
C.I.S.S.

Presbyterian Women,

Just a quick note to say thank you for the cookies and nice visit with Nancy Harlan.

Nancy and I go back a ways. We first met in 1953 hen my family moved to Sturgis; the 1st Presbyterian Church Sunday School and graduated Brown High in 1962.

Love  
Karen Kuiken

# Thank you

Thank you to everyone who have/are praying for me and sending positive thoughts to me. I can feel them.

Also thank you for the visits, flowers, food, gifts, cards & letters. Everyone has been amazing & made being away from home for 18 months much more bareable.

Very slowly, but sure things are moving in the right direction. Please stop by for a visit.

Feels great to be home!

My wound is still healing but moving in the right direction.

God Bless,  
Dorothy

1st Presbyterian Church,

And that gift is each other!

Just to say Hello & to thank everyone for your thoughts & prayers!

I am doing good. Hope to get to church soon!

Thanks again!

Carolyn Woods

Dear Presbyterian Women,

Thank you for your generous donation to Sam's Closet/Kids in Need. We truly appreciate your continued support of our students. Your contribution helps provide food, clothing, and school supplies for students who need them.

Your generosity allows to meet the basic needs of our students so they can focus on learning and experience success at SBHS. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students.

Coleen Keffeler  
Ass't Principal

Dear Presbyterian Women:

Thank you so much for the gift card to purchase items for our students. Your kindness and generosity benefit so many children!

School nurses

Heidi Komes, RN

Julie Dobler RN

Natasha Geigle RN

Danielle Sperling

Nicole Ruel

# Thank you



## Northern Hills Area CASA Program

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[www.nhcasa.org](http://www.nhcasa.org)

March 4, 2026

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Dear Friends of NHCASA,

As Northern Hills Area CASA celebrates 40 years of service, we are deeply grateful for your generous support of our program. For four decades, our non-profit organization has stood alongside children who have experienced abuse and neglect, ensuring their voices are heard and their best interests are represented in court. To many of these children, their Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) was more than just an advocate—they became trusted mentors and positive role models when it mattered most. Your donation of \$1,000 helps us continue this vital work.

Since 1986, we have recruited, trained, and supported hundreds of dedicated CASA volunteers, collectively advocating for thousands of children in eight counties of western South Dakota. Because of partners like you, children facing uncertainty have found stability, permanency, and hope. Your contribution strengthens our commitment to best-practice advocacy efforts and ensures that every victim of child maltreatment is supported by a dedicated volunteer.

Judges within the Fourth Judicial Circuit report the overwhelming difference Court Appointed Special Advocates make with the children they serve. Reaching 40 years is a testament to the strength of our communities and the compassion of supporters like you. While we are extremely proud of our history, we remain focused on what is yet to come—committed to fulfilling our vision of all children having a safe, permanent, and nurturing home. Your kindness not only impacts today, but it has the power to transform a child's future. By standing with NHCASA, you help make certain all children are seen, heard, and protected.

Thank you for believing in the CASA mission, championing our work, and for investing in brighter futures for our most vulnerable population—our local children. Your support honors the past 40 years and fuels the work ahead.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Amy Cermak  
Executive Director

Grateful for the  
generosity of your  
congregation! Thankyou! ☺

### Board of Directors:

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Serving 8 counties  
of Western South  
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Corson, Dewey,  
Harding, Lawrence,  
Meade, Perkins, &  
Ziebach)

### CASA Volunteers



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# Thank you



## ONEHEART

a place for hope & healing

March 4, 2026

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Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church,

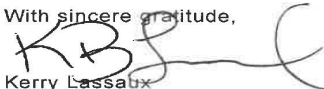
It is hard to believe that March is already upon us. However, when I think of all we have in the works at OneHeart already, it seems easier to accept. March will bring new possibility shaped by a better understanding of OneHeart's impact on our community. For that, I am very excited!!


On behalf of everyone at OneHeart, I'd like to thank you for your recent gift of \$500.00, which we received on 3/4/2026. Your generosity is making a real and *lasting* difference for many OneHeart program participants who were, at times, forced to choose between rent and feeding their children. At OneHeart, they have the opportunity for both. We are teaching them to seek out resources and create for themselves what will be a viable, sustainable solution.

Because of supporters like you, our program participants get to focus on building sustainable futures with less stress and distraction. Every year, we are able to provide hundreds of individuals and families safe shelter and nourishing meals. We encourage them to come together as a community and learn about being a productive member within. We rendered transportation to medical appointments, recovery programs, and even new jobs! The impact of your donation goes far beyond numbers - Without such help, many would remain in the miserable cycle of hardship.

Your support creates story after story of happy endings for people who, just a year or so before, thought they would never again find contentment, let alone joy, in everyday living. We recently had a family come in with a young boy. He didn't look at the variety of available snacks or the games and toys. Instead, he was most happy to see the washing machine because he could go to school in clean clothes. That alone told me so much.

With sincere gratitude,

  
Kerry Lassalix  
Development Director

*We appreciate you!*  


*OneHeart is a nonprofit corporation under tax code 501(c)(3), EIN number 83-4200317. This letter serves as your official receipt. In consideration of this gift, OneHeart did not supply any goods or services.*

### ONE COMMUNITY. ONE MISSION. ONEHEART.

  
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March 2026

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Dear Friends:

Grace and peace to you in this Lenten season. As we enter this sacred time of reflection, repentance, and renewed commitment, I write to you with deep gratitude for your recent generous support. Your gift(s) of \$500.00 to DR000148 Disaster Relief--General Relief & PDA Support on 2/28/2026 came at a moment when many communities continue to carry the weight of disaster, uncertainty, and loss. In a season when the world often centers on celebration and abundance, you choose compassion. You chose to stand alongside those who are rebuilding not only homes but also hope.

Because of your generosity, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been able to walk closely with communities on their long journey of recovery. In California, we continue to accompany communities devastated by wildfires, working alongside Pacific, San Gabriel, and San Fernando Presbyteries as they respond to the Palisades and Eaton fires. In Indiana, we partnered with Whitewater Valley Presbytery to support families in Winchester as they begin the long process of rebuilding after tornadoes.

Your support has also made it possible to offer Emotional and Spiritual Care to those carrying trauma and grief. In Southern California, we are providing spaces of rest and reflection for faith leaders who have been tirelessly responding to wildfire impacts. In Gaza, through our partnership, children are finding healing through art therapy and counseling as they process deep and ongoing trauma.

Across the world, your generosity is strengthening communities facing crisis. In Nepal, our partner Together for Nepal has constructed temporary shelters for families displaced by disaster and provided essential hygiene kits. In South Sudan, our partner Reconcile is fostering peacebuilding and trauma healing among women, youth, and community leaders. In Zambia, we have supported the repair of boreholes, restoring access to clean drinking water for over 1,400 people.

You have also helped us accompany migrants and refugees seeking safety and new beginnings. In Arizona, the Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteer program is equipping young adults to serve migrants and asylum seekers along the U.S./Mexico border. In Hungary, we continue to support the long-term integration of Ukrainian refugees.

Lent reminds us that the path to resurrection passes through wilderness, sacrifice, and solidarity. It is a season that calls us not to turn away from suffering, but to draw nearer to it. Your generosity embodies that call.

In Christ's peace,

The Rev. Edwin González-Castillo  
Manager, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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# Devotion



## April 2026 Daily Bible Reading

### Soul

*It Is Well with My Soul*, Horatio Gates Spafford, 1873

1 When peace, like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4 O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### Easter Readings

Day 1 John 16

Day 2 John 17

Day 3 John 18

Day 4 John 19

Day 5 John 20

#### Verses on the Soul

Day 6 Genesis 2: 5-7

Day 7 Deuteronomy 10: 12-13

Day 8 1 Samuel 1: 9-17

Day 9 Psalm 19: 7-8

Day 10 Jeremiah 6: 16

Day 11 Isaiah 26: 7-9

Day 12 Psalm 23: 1-3

Day 13 Isaiah 61: 10

Day 14 Psalm 35: 9-10

Day 15 Matthew 11: 28-30

Day 16 Psalm 42: 1-11

Day 17 Mark 8: 34-38

Day 18 Psalm 62: 1-2

Day 19 Luke 1: 46-50

Day 20 Psalm 84: 1-4

Day 21 John 12: 23-29

Day 22 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24

Day 23 Psalm 103: 1-5

Day 24 Hebrews 4: 12-13

Day 25 Hebrews 6: 17-20

Day 26 Proverbs 16: 24

Day 27 1 Peter 2: 20-25

Day 28 Psalm 116: 5-9

Day 29 Revelations 6: 9-11

Day 30 Revelations 20: 4



**Deadline to submit items for the  
May newsletter is  
April 23rd**

Please send your newsletter items to Carla at  
presbychsecretary@gmail.com.

**Did you know...**Our website is currently under construction but will contain  
monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more.

**Has your address or phone number changed?**

Please let Carla know at 605-347-2395 or  
presbychsecretary@gmail.com



Volunteers help run the First Presbyterian Church. We have sign-up sheets in the  
narthex for Nursery, Scripture readers, youth group meals, meals on wheels, and  
communion. Below are a few the sign-up sheets and dates that are open. If you  
would like to help, please contact the church office (605) 347-2395 or  
presbychsecretary@gmail.com or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the  
narthex. Thank you for your help.

<b>Position</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 12</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 26</b>	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Beth Bauer	Morgan Pickett			
<b>Parish</b>	Parish 1	Parish 2	Parish 3	Parish 4	
	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 8</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>April 22</b>	<b>April 29</b>
<b>Youth Group Meal</b>		Brenda & Nettleton	Barb		Nancy & Phil Harlan

## Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care

A rainy day can be many things ...  
It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,  
Or the picnic that has to be postponed;  
It can be the replenishing of a stream,  
Or the overflow of a flood;  
It can be relief from a hot summer day,  
Or the chill of an autumn wind.  
The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth  
Is part of Nature's plan  
For stability throughout the Universe,  
As old as the hills,  
And dependable as the seasons.  
Rain and sunshine are equal partners  
In the daily expression of God's love.

— Jeanne D. Birrell



## Christian symbol

**PEACOCK** — The beautiful peacock is likely one of the lesser-known Christian symbols. Based on an ancient myth that its flesh doesn't decay after death, early Christians appropriated the bird as a symbol of immortality. The molting of its tail feathers each year to be replaced with supposedly more beautiful ones led to use of the peacock as a sign of resurrection and glorification.



Additionally, the eye-like pattern in the peacock's tail feathers made it a symbol of conscience and of God, who sees all. However, the peacock also represents arrogance as it struts to show off its plumage. During the Baroque period, the peacock was often part of artwork at the 10th Station of the Cross, depicting Jesus stripped of his clothing—atonement, according to some teachings, specifically for our sin of vanity.

Early Christians believed peacocks shriek when they catch sight of their feet, which they consider ugly. Christians took this as a reminder that we, too, should lament our spiritual imperfections that detract from the beauty of life lived in Christ.



# April

BIRTHDAYS

## April Birthdays

**April 7**

Doug Voorhees

**April 10**

Janice Lundgren

**April 12**

Nic Forbes

**April 13**

Tom Anderson

**April 14**

Nancy Carpenter

**April 15**

Tyce Dunn

**April 17**

Connie DeVries

**April 21**

Barb Termes

**April 26**

Jazmyn Canaday

**April 30**

Emmitt Pittman

**April 11**

Mary Beth & Gary Anderson



# April

ANNIVERSARIES



# APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30am Men's Lunch  5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	2 Maundy Thursday  6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper ~ Youth	3 Good Friday 12:00pm Cross Walk 7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	4 10:00 a.m. Decorate the Church for Easter
5 Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday 6:00am Sunrise Service 10:00am Worship/Holy Communion Don Nettleton 11:00am Fellowship Parish 1	6  5:00pm Worship 6:00pm Mission	7 9:00am Home Communion  5:30pm Deacons	8 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch  5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	9 12:00pm AOC @ Love Inc. Host  5:30pm Bells 6:30pm Christian Ed	10 Youth Rally  7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	11 Youth Rally
12 2nd Sunday after Easter 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Kathy McKillip 11:00am Fellowship Parish 2 Youth Rally	13 5:00pm Welcoming 5:30pm F/P/S	14	15 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch  5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	16 5:30pm Bells	17 7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	18 2 pm Comedy, Cake, and Coffee
19 3rd Sunday after Easter 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship ~ Carole S. Camp Sunday 11:00am Fellowship Parish 3	20	21 12:00pm Northern Hills Connection Luncheon	22 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch  5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	23  5:30pm Bells	24 7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	25 1-4pm Private Event
26 4th Sunday after Easter 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship ~ Melinda Williams 11:00am Fellowship Parish 4 11:30am May Basket Extravaganza	27	28 5:30pm Bldg & Grds 7:00pm Session	29 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch  5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	30 5:30pm Bells		