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Happy opening month everyone,

Did you know that the name April is derived from the Latin word Aprilis which means “to open.” While it is supposed to be related to the “opening” of flowers and leaves on trees, is it not fitting that the tomb was opened on Resurrection morning? The opening of flowers and leaves bring new life to the natural world, and the open tomb and the resurrection of Jesus brings us the promise of new life.

Peter and the disciples were proclaiming what the resurrection meant to the people of Jerusalem. The apostles were in Jerusalem healing all the people who were suffering from all kinds of sicknesses and those tormented by evil spirits. Which drew great crowds. The high priest and all his associates were filled with jealousy. They had the apostles arrested and put in jail. During the night an angel OPENED the doors of the jail and said to them, “Go, stand in the temple courts, and tell the people the full message of this new life.” When the high priest and his associates discovered them doing just that, they had them appear in front of them. They were ordered to stop. But they said they could not stop. The powers to be became so furious they wanted to kill them.

Then comes one of my favorite statements

in the Book of Acts. A Pharisee named Gamaliel arose and stated, “I advise you, leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.” His speech persuaded them and they called the apostles in and had them flogged and released them telling them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin rejoicing and went right out and never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. (portions of Acts 5)

I sure am glad they did. For we are here today because they kept it up. Like the Sanhedrin could not shut them up, the world could not shut them up either. There have been many powers that have tried but those powers were fighting God and losing. The GOOD NEWS is just so good.

As we get closer to the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, may we be open to allowing that good news to be in us so much that it brings renewed life to us. And may it be so so so good we can't keep it in that we have to share it with others that need some good news in their lives.

God bless, *Pastor Herb*





Here are the April sermons, scriptures and themes for us we build towards Resurrection Day:

April 6, 2025. Fifth Sunday in Lent. "Living Differently: Orientation" is a sermon based on Joh12: 1-8. We will be looking the events found in our scripture passage orients Jesus and should orient us.

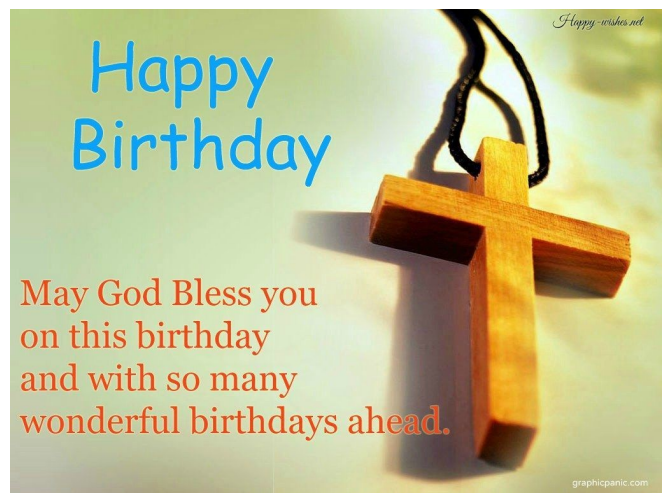
April 13, 2025. Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. We will be using several scriptures from the Bible for the basis of our sermon: "Living Differently: Stones." We will be looking at the difference between rejection and being chosen.

April 20, 2025. Resurrection Day. So much of what is the basis for our faith is found in Luke 24: 1-12. Our final sermon for this year's Lenton/Passion series is titled "Living Differently: Remembering." We will be having communion on this day as always.

April 27. 2025. Second Sunday of Easter. So, now that Easter has passed and we are awaiting the Second Coming, what now? Blessed?" is an after Easter sermon titled "Blessed?" based on Revelation 1: 1-8.

April 2025

- 4/3 Nancy Finch
- 4/10 Jennifer Lesko
- 4/12 Sarah Finch
- 4/19 Carolyn Gabric
- 4/19 Mike Hammond
- 4/22 Kelsey Phillips
Marilyn Smith
- 4/23 Shirley Bullis
- 4/28 Doug & Debbie Shields



If you do not want your birthday listed, please contact the office.

**Presbyterian
Questions,**

**Presbyterian
Answers**

Revised Edition

Donald K. McKim

Book Review

Presbyterians often have questions about Presbyterian theology and beliefs that are basic to Christian faith itself. Featuring a unique question-and-answer format, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* is an accessible and concise treatment that provides a sampling of these questions on important topics and brief but complete answers from a distinguished Presbyterian theologian.

Fully updated for the changes to the Presbyterian new Form of Government, this revised edition also includes updated entries and six new questions and answers. Arranged according to doctrinal topics, the book is ideal for individual and group study, church officer training, new member and confirmation classes, and all those who are interested in Presbyterian theology.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



PALM BRANCH — When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus’ crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God’s throne.



Favorite Recipes of Old

Recipes are chosen at random from the North Benton Church “Favorite Recipes” cookbook.

Easy Cheese Cake
(Jean Smith)

- 1 3-oz. pkg. lemon Jello plus 1 cup hot water
- 15 graham crackers
- 1 8-oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 can Carnation milk
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 T. powdered sugar
- 2 T. vanilla

Dissolve lemon Jello in hot water. Cool and let jell a little. Crush graham crackers and mix with butter. Save 1/2 cup of graham cracker mix for topping. Cream the cream cheese; add granulated sugar and vanilla. Whip the Carnation milk; add 1 T. powdered sugar and whip again. Combine Jello, cream cheese and milk.

OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

February 2025

	Offering	Attendance
2/2/25	1061.50	43
2/9/25	1966.50	29
2/16/25	1609.50	38
2/23/25	1212.00	46

DEACON GREETERS

April 2025
Jodi Weibush
Cindy Ruffier

Coffee & Pastry April 6,
 9:00 a.m.



CONTINUED PRAYER

Nursing Home/Homebound

Dan Rowe

(Essex #1 Salem, Rm. # 210, Salem, OH 44460)

Ongoing Health Concerns

Denton Herron, Maggie Hilles, Stan Jozwiakowski,
 Sandy Jozwiakowski, Val Winters,

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

April 2025



**Pastor Herb,
 Linda, Christine,
 Jude, Thea**

MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School



Deepest sympathy is extended
 to the family and friends of

Joie Keele

Celebration of life will be Saturday April 5, 2025

Visitation with family from 1-2 pm, Service begins at 2:00 pm





Gospel Light's Son Spark Labs

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Date: June 9 - 13, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grades: Age 4 yrs. Old through completed grade 6

Contact: Cindy Gaines or Beth Smith at 330-584-2989

Special dates

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Holy Week, April 13-20, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13, 2025

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

NOTICE

Tables and chairs are no longer available to borrow from the church for personal events.

Thank You !



WOMENS BANQUET

Saturday May 3, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Please meet in sanctuary before dinner

Program:
Butterflies



Coming up

Easter Sunrise Breakfast
April 20, 2025
8:30 a.m.

APRIL 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 2 pm Joie Keele Celebration of Life
6 Birthday Sunday Coffee & Pastry 9:30 Worship 10:45 Searchers Class Deacon's Meeting	7	8	9	10 6pm Ruritans 7:30 pm Session Mtg	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:45 Searchers Class	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday 7:00 pm West Branch Ministerial Association Good Friday service at Beloit Friends Church in Beloit	19
20 Easter Sunday 8:30 Breakfast 9:30 Worship 10:45 Searchers Class	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

“A church where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord”

TRIUMPH OF KINDNESS IN CHRIST

When Jackie Robinson, the first Black player in modern-day Major League Baseball, played at Shibe Park in Philadelphia on May 9, 1947, ten-year-old Doris was in the upper-deck stands with her father. When an elderly Black man made his way down the aisle to a seat next to them, her father led the way in getting acquainted. Doris said their conversation about scorekeeping made her feel “grown up.” She later reflected, “I’ve never forgotten that man and his smiling face.” The delightful interaction between Doris, a young white girl, and the kind, elderly man, who was the son of slaves, was a bright spot that day.

This was in stark contrast, however, to the hateful conduct Robinson had experienced at another game that season. He recounted that

“in terms of race, they yelled everything at me; it was quite vicious.”

Vicious conduct isn’t limited to sports fields. Homes, neighborhoods, workspaces, and even our churches can be places where ugliness wins. Those who believe in the God who displayed kindness through His Son (see Titus 3:4), however, are called to do the same. Peter writes: “Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult” (1 Peter 3:8-9). Kindness triumphs when those who’ve received it from God share it generously with others as the Spirit helps them. - *Arthur Jackson*

When are you tempted to be unkind? How have you been the recipient of kindness?

Dear Father, I’m grateful for the kindness You’ve given through Jesus. Amen

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