

**GILBERT COMMUNITY CHURCH – UNITED METHODIST**

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**APRIL 2021**

*HAPPY EASTER – CHRIST HAS RISEN*

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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

It is hard to believe that just a year ago we were not able to have Easter Services in the church building, because the pandemic closed all in person services.

Remembering that, I am very thankful that we are able to celebrate Easter in our church building this year. I personally am looking forward to seeing our spring garden of flowers at the base of the altar. As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ we also need to give him thanks and praise for being with us during this time of uncertainty and his continued presence and guidance as the vaccines hopefully are helping to stop the spread of the pandemic. It is important that we all get the vaccine when we are able and continue to wear our masks in public until the people who God has provided the knowledge to, say it is safe to return to normal and no longer wear them. After Easter the Annual Conference will be reviewing the numbers on the pandemic with the hope and prayer that the numbers will be at the level in which more limitations can be lifted safely.

When I think about Easter the first thing that pops into my mind is spring is not too far away, hopefully! The weather has been giving us hints as we watch the snow melting a little each day and notice the snow banks are getting shorter and smaller. We hear the calling of God's nature to come out of doors and to enjoy the fresh air. Maybe we can even think about taking a walk without worrying about the ice. Spring is the time to celebrate new life and new hope which is exactly what Easter is, the celebration of Christ's resurrection. His resurrection provides us with the hope through God's promise of eternal life.

As spring progresses and we can see and feel changes in the weather. As we look at the out of doors, we watch for the grass to change from brown to green and the

buds on the trees to open into leaves. At the same time we start making plans for gardens, both flowers and vegetables, let us not forget all these changes happen under God's guidance for nature as a part of His blessings for us. May we take the time to enjoy and appreciate them.

I want to thank everyone who supported the Quad City Food Shelf during March. There are many families who rely on the food shelf to supplement their food supplies, so when we support them, I always think of the children who are helped. We will be putting hygiene kits together later this spring for we have all we need for the kits, but we will be collecting money to pay for the toothpaste that cannot be included in the kits until they go out to be used and to help in the shipping costs.

Take care of yourselves and you loved ones. God Bless each of you. Remember God is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Mary Lou

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Remember that all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for 45 minutes of Bible stories, music and crafts!

Sue Malevich

### **AD COUNCIL/EVA KIEREN CIRCLE**

Our next Ad Council meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Please join us.

### **SALVATION ARMY SUPPER CLUB**

Right now the Salvation Army asks that all volunteers NOT serve until further notice – they are handing out bag lunches and hot meals.

Remember our church helps to serve the Salvation Army Supper Club the third Thursday of the month. Serving starts at 3:30 p.m. and only takes a couple of hours. We need more volunteers to sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

### **SMALL PANTRY**

Our church is always collecting non perishable food items for the Small Food Pantry which is right outside our church doors. Either put food right into the pantry or leave on the back pew of the church. Paper items (toilet paper and paper towels) are also greatly needed. Cereal, paper goods and snacks for children seem to go the fastest.

The last Sunday of each month we will be holding a Noisy Offering.... In this offering we will pass a can and everyone will bring pocketfuls of change to put in the can and make lots of noise. For 2020 we were collecting to help Foster Children for extra expenses through the Social Services – we are continuing this charity for 2021.

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Services - Senior Dining AEOA is offered at senior housing, community or senior centers and some restaurants or at the Eveleth IGA can be had for \$4.00 for anyone over 60 years old. Just call (218) 735-6899 or 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899 to get on their list.

**COFFEE AN'** will be cancelled for now...

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Bryan Kern  
19<sup>th</sup> Maydelle Hocking  
20<sup>th</sup> Brooke Kern

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

5<sup>th</sup> Ken and Wyonne Anderson  
5<sup>th</sup> Don and Terri Peterson

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL**

4 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	11 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 133 (UMH 850) Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2
18 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 4 (UMH 741) Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7	25 <sup>th</sup> Psalm 23 (754 or 137) Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24

### **LITURGIST FOR APRIL**

### **USHERS FOR APRIL**

4<sup>th</sup> Linda Thesing Hall  
11<sup>th</sup> Don Peterson  
18<sup>th</sup> Norma Purkat  
25<sup>th</sup> John Malevich

4<sup>th</sup> Mary Thesing and Linda Thesing-Hall  
11<sup>th</sup> John Malevich  
18<sup>th</sup> Tom and Deanna Hafdahl  
25<sup>th</sup> DeEtta Annala

**Ushers are not needed at this time...**

**YARD WORK FOR APRIL (week runs Monday-Sunday)**

March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 4<sup>th</sup> John and Norma  
April 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Jagunich  
April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Malevich  
April 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Peterson  
April 26<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerzie/Hafdahl

\*We have another option this year concerning the Winter Yard Work Schedule for the church during 2121. I have hired John Jamnick, who lives across the alley in back of the church for the times it snows very hard. He will plow along the alley side of the church and do the sidewalks in front of the church. We would still have to do the front and back steps. If he doesn't plow whomever is assigned would be responsible to do the shoveling. If you are unable to shovel during your assigned week, you should try to find a sub. If that doesn't work, we have been approached by the Eveleth-Gilbert National Honor Society. If you contact Addison:

[aljohnson1@arrps.org](mailto:aljohnson1@arrps.org) or phone 218-410-4097, she will have a NHS student(s) come and do the shoveling. It will cost \$20.00 for all of it (you are responsible for that amount and tips are optional). If you are unable to meet the student(s) at the church to pay them, please mail your payment to: Addison Johnson

c/o Eveleth-Gilbert National  
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Thank you for helping OUR church whichever way you choose.

God Bless,

John Malevich