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DAN'S DOODLES

“Mary stood outside the tomb crying. “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” (John 20: 11,15,16,18).

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning and discovered that the stone that had been placed in front of Jesus’ tomb had been rolled away. Jesus was not in the tomb any longer. She ran to get help and returned with John and Peter. After examining the empty tomb, the men went on back home, but Mary LINGERED in the garden. She was crying because she thought someone had stolen Jesus’ body and she could not imagine what they planned to do with Him.

But then she encountered Jesus! And in the words of that old hymn, “the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.” According to the gospel of John, Mary was the first one to experience Jesus in His resurrected state, And in that encounter, she experienced a joy that surpassed anything she had ever known before. When confronted with the fact of the empty tomb she was left bewildered. But when confronted with the person of the Risen Christ, she was bedazzled!!!

As we come to the celebration of Easter once again this season, my prayer for myself and for each one of us is that we might encounter anew the presence of Jesus. We can know all the facts concerning the Easter story and have certain head knowledge in that regard, but until we encounter the Christ in our heart, all that head knowledge avails little. And the first step toward experiencing that encounter is to put ourselves in a place where we know He is and then “LINGER” for awhile. Mary chose a time and went to the garden tomb; we also can set aside a time and a place to “LINGER” in His presence and discover Him” anew! It might be our “prayer closet”, a service of worship, a special place out of doors, reading the Easter story from scripture, or listening to a favorite selection of gospel music. The possibilities are limitless!

MAY GOD BLESS US ANEW WITH THE GIFT OF HIS PRESENCE, THAT WE MIGHT EXPERIENCE A JOY UNLIKE ANY OTHER WE HAVE EVER KNOWN DURING THIS WONDERFUL HOLY TIME OF EASTER!!! GOD BLESS YOU!

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APRIL GREETERS

April - Annette Robertson

April 12 - Marty Williams & Bobby Hearnese

April 19 - Taylor & Julie Burke

April 26 - Jane Jackson

THANK YOU!!

To the members of the Charleston United Methodist Church:

Thank you for the lovely chocolate roses. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. Your congregation holds a special place in our hearts because of the kindness you have shown Dan and Sandy. They have told us what wonderful people you are and we feel blessed that they have found a home with your church family.

Sincerely,
Billye & Brenda Faust

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Youth Holy Week Breakfasts Monday thru Friday (Apr. 6 - 10) at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Maunday Thursday Service (Apr. 9) at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Ministerial Alliance Community Good Friday Service (Apr. 10) at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Easter Sunrise Service (Apr. 12) at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Worship Service (Apr. 12) at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

POTLUCK IN APRIL

On Palm Sunday (April 5) the Family Life Committee will host an all-church Potluck Dinner at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The church will provide the meat, bread & drink. Everyone is invited!

EASTER LILIES

The church will be ordering Easter Lilies again this year for Easter Sunday. They are \$15 each. If you would like to purchase one in memory/honor of a loved one, please call or come by the church office. A list of all the names of loved ones will be placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women wish to thank you for your support of the recent Soup-Sandwich Lunch. The event was a great success and will enable us to continue our special local ministry. Also, thanks to our members and friends for preparing all the delicious food.

REMINDER: The Quilt Show will be held in the Family Life Center during the Dogwood-Azalea Festival, April 16 - 19. Volunteers will be needed to work during that time. If you have a quilt to enter, please contact Annette Robertson or Phyllis Halliday.

Thanks to all those who helped with the lunch during the recent District Lay Training meeting. Don McClain's Chili and Annette Robertson's Chicken Soup were a big hit. The desserts were delicious! Those attending certainly enjoyed the meal.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive in our Family Life Center on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please, play your part, make a difference & give blood.

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the great care packages! They always seem to come at a time where I seem to be very stressed about school and they always lift my spirits. It means a lot to know that you all are thinking about me and I appreciate it very much. I hope to see everyone soon!

Love,
Angie Starr

CHURCH CAMPS FOR SUMMER 2009

The schedule for our Summer Church Camps is now available in the church office. There are camps for students as young as 3rd grade and as close as Blue Mountain Camp near Fredricktown. Costs vary by length and type of camp. If you have already been sent a registration form and are planning to go, just fill it out and bring it to the church office. We will send it in with the deposit. The church will pay the camp fees out of Camp Shares Funds received. (The Early Bird deadline is April 16 to receive \$25 off the camp fee.)

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wednesday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Marilyn Miller
- 2 - Marion Waggener, Mark French, Emma Hurley
- 3 - Sue Simmons
- 5 - Linda Banta
- 6 - Sallyanne Naile, Thomas Keener
- 7 - Joe Handy Moore, Robert Jackson
- 8 - Nichole Thurmond
- 11 - Bob Bone
- 12 - Beth Choate, Liz Austin
- 15 - Stottsie Burnett
- 17 - Elizabeth Malugen, Emily Malugen
- 18 - Chris Boren
- 19 - Paul Keener
- 20 - Ronald Dodson
- 21 - Alana Coon, Dave Brewer, Josh Moxley, Tony Giltz
- 22 - Molly Morrow, Jennifer Scott
- 23 - Don McDowell
- 25 - Carter Fenton, Abigail Michael
- 26 - Gil Giltz
- 27 - Cameron Goodman, Lucy Malugen
- 28 - Bryan Thurston, Nina Marshall, Randy French, Reggie Young, Kelly Howard
- 29 - Delaney Stack, Sarah Ponder, Stephanie Moore, Wendell Choate
- 30 - Lillian Michael

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