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Here it is the morning after the celebration of Easter/Resurrection Sunday. It is quiet. The events of Holy Week – and there were many – noon day services Monday through Wednesday, Thursday evening and Friday evening and then sunrise and the two services on Sunday – sought to capture the whole story of THAT week in Jerusalem such a long time ago. In the midst of all of the preparation and activity – life went on. All phases and stages of life. I wonder to myself and here in this note, publicly, if, because of Easter/Resurrection the life that went on during our week (you know, the ‘normal’ routines) was in any way different. I suppose the basic question is something along the lines of, what difference does Easter/Resurrection make in the midst of the routine? How we, how you and/or I, answer that question – and I do believe that each of us who say that we are followers of the Way of Jesus ought to have an answer – matters and is of utmost importance for our own faith journey as well as the witness of the church. If we have no answer then we find ourselves lumped in with what the Apostle Paul says *your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins....and we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.* (I Corinthians 15:17,19). God forbid that such should be the case! I say again as I have been saying (at least in my mind I have been saying) what our world, what our neighborhoods, perhaps even our families most need to **SEE** in us and **HEAR** from us is that the story is true and that the Risen Jesus is still on the move and actively working to finish the mission for us and especially with us.

There are so many people to thank for all of the preparation that took place during Holy Week/Easter/Resurrection Sunday. If I try to name them all I will probably leave one or two out so let me say thanks and I noticed (in no particular order): attendance at the noon-day meditations, food preparation for lunch on Tuesday; baskets of love prepared and delivered to our shut-ins, the outstanding decorations in the sanctuary and fellowship hall through Lent and then on Sunday (!), the ladies who got up e-a-r-l-y Sunday morning to decorate the cross (awesome!) and for getting the cross ready to decorate, the men who got up e-a-r-l-y to prepare a great breakfast for the sunrise community, those who provided ‘snacks’ for between the services, the beautiful paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit), Holy Communion preparation, the inspired music at the worship celebrations and the preparation of the same, all of the participants who helped lead the services, all who provided flowers for the sanctuary and the cross...When you see Shirley, be sure to say a word of thanks for all of her work in providing bulletins (including last minute changes) and doing the sign out front with ‘eye-catching’ slogans.

*Pastor Jim*

Sanctuary Flower		Team Schedule	COMING UP
April 18	Joy McNelis	Apr 1 Team 2	STEAK DINNER sponsored by our UM Men
April 22		Apr 8 Team 3	
April 29	Craig and Dale Waters	Apr 15 Team 4	
May 6	Sue Rinker	Apr 22 Team 5	
May 13		Apr 29 Team 1	
May 20	Jimmy and Bonnie McLarty	May 6 Team 2	Saturday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 7:00 PM
If you would like to volunteer to provide flowers for the sanctuary next year you can sign up in the social hall or call the church office.		May 13 Team 3	

# REVIVAL

**Friday 6:30pm**

Service followed by snacks

**Saturday 5:00pm**

Cookout (hamburgers, hotdogs, etc)

Service - 6:30pm +/-

**Sunday 10:30am**

Service with covered dish meal to follow

**Guest Preacher: Reverend Roy White ~ Great Music!**

**Great Preaching! ~ Great Fellowship! ~ Great Food!**

**Children's Time in each service**

**Infant and toddler care provided**

Our Revival preacher is the Reverend Roy P. White. Roy is a United Methodist pastor in the Virginia Conference. He has served churches throughout Virginia, North Carolina, and California, for 40 years. He was the organizing pastor of Community of Faith UMC in Herndon. He has been an exchange pastor in Northern Ireland and Great Britain. On two occasions, he has served the English Speaking UMC in Vienna, Austria. He is a spiritual director for those who seek guidance in their walk with the Lord. Roy is a musician and a ventriloquist. He retired in 2014. Roy graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College in 1973, attended San Francisco Theological Seminary, and obtained his M.Div from Duke University Divinity School in 1978. He is married to Deborah Hughes White, the Director of Finance for Goochland County Schools. He and Deborah have three children, and three grandchildren—with another grandchild expected in August. Roy and Debbie live in Nelson County.

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