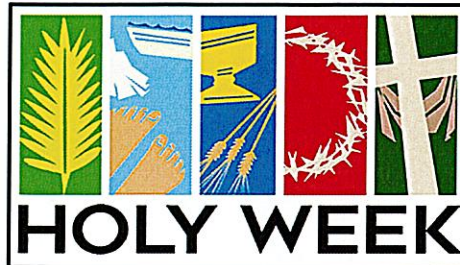




**CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Dearborn, Michigan  
**THE MESSENGER**  
April 2026



**PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2026 - 10:15 am - Worship Celebration**

Festive music for organ and choir, hymns, and palms. Special opening hymn with scripture as we reenact Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem - the crowds were enthusiastic about his arrival.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2, 2026 - 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

Follow Jesus and the disciples to the Upper Room to recall their final meal together and then follow them into the night of betrayal, desertion, and arrest.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, 2026 – Two Worship Services**

**12:00 Noon STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This Noon service will center around the “Stations of the Cross.” Take a **visual journey**, as you remain seated, with each of the 14 meditations recalling Jesus’ poignant walk to Calvary. Each station will have a scripture reading, reflection question to consider, a short verbal response, and a hymn.

**7:00 pm TENEBRAE SERVICE**

This “Service of Shadows” commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and is based on the ancient service set during the final three days of Holy Week. Hymns, anthems, readings, and a gradually growing darkness in the sanctuary dramatically portray the fading “Light of the World” as Christ was crucified and died on the cross.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2026**

**9:00 am Easter Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall**

**10:15 am Festive Celebration of the Resurrection**

Our Easter worship celebration will include music for organ, brass, choir, and congregation.

**11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt**

Join our Christian Education Committee and a “special visitor” for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn!

**ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY!**



At this writing, we are still in the season of Lent. So, I envision myself in the wilderness doing my best to be attentive to drawing closer to God. But to be honest, I do so easily get distracted. Which now leads me to the Wednesday Study we have been doing on *Simon Peter*. Why there? Because Jesus never gives up on Peter, even though Peter regularly made big mistakes, to the point of denying Jesus three times. Jesus still saw Peter as someone he could count on to step up and proclaim Jesus' message to the world.

That is such an encouraging story. I don't know too many who get it right 100% of the time. We all "fall short of God's glory" and do the things we really don't intend to do. So here in the wilderness, I hang onto that hope of forgiveness and for encouragement.

As we get closer to Easter, we remember the stories of Jesus' last days. What an emotional rollercoaster of a week!! From high praise, "Hosanna!" to "Crucify him!" in the span of just a few days. And then there is the aspect of "friends" denying and betraying, being confused and abandoning Jesus during his darkest, loneliest moments. To then come out on the other side of resurrection and new life.

Easter is a time we celebrate Jesus' lifesaving action through resurrection. It is also the time we claim "new life" in Christ for ourselves and others, including the life of the Church. When we look at statistics for any denomination, they are not encouraging. We could easily take a downward spiral when thinking about the future of any congregation. But Jesus came to breathe new life into us and the churches we are active in.

For that "new life" to happen, we need to be doing the prep work in the wilderness so that we can be filled with the Spirit to engage the world as Jesus did – one encounter at a time. Of course, Jesus did the work to be ready spiritually.

Recently, I've been doing some reorganizing at my house – sorting my "tool closet." Besides tools, I also have work gloves. Gloves are only useful if you put them on. As a child of God created in God's image, I am a glove. My purpose and function only happen when I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

As we prepare to engage Holy Week and celebrate the life-giving work of Jesus' resurrection, may we be filled with the Spirit as we conclude our intentional time in the wilderness.

*Pastor Teresa*

**PRAY ... WAIT ... TRUST ...  
GOD HAS A PLAN!**

## THE ANNA B. HOADLEY SCHOLARSHIP



The Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship Fund was established in 1973. The purpose of this fund is to provide educational grants to Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church members who plan to attend, or are currently attending, accredited colleges, universities, seminaries, and technical/trade schools. All members who have not previously received The Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship are eligible to apply for a 2026 Hoadley Scholarship. Each Scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$3,000. Applications will be available in the church office and **are due to Deb Szwed, Clerk of Session, by May 1**. Recipients will be announced by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown.

### SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - March 17, 2026



- ❖ The Deacons are working with Pastor Teresa for Communion to some homebound members during Holy Week.
- ❖ Pastor Teresa conducted 2 funeral services, in mid-March, outside of CHPC family
- ❖ Heard various committee and treasurer reports
- ❖ Session approved the following:
  - Hiring of Staci Frank as our Interim Nursery Caregiver/Christian Education Asst.
  - Chapel usage for one-day rental only, putting a pause on any long-term rentals at this time.
  - Pausing all new rentals at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church at this time.
  - Upgrades to the church Wi-Fi system.
  - Adding the PASS door intercom system, including buzzers for the office suite plus one upstairs in the Dance/Homeschool hallway.
  - Updated Facilities Usage Agreement and Facilities Use Rules and Regulations documents
- ❖ Session approved the following Building use requests:
  - Fellowship Hall, by Troop 1148, for Pinewood Derby on April 18, 2026, 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Church people are encouraged to come and cheer on the scouts.
  - Sanctuary, on June 20, for James Wells Memorial Service, with the time TBD.
  - Fellowship Hall, on March 23, 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. for Home School games/activities
  - Fellowship Hall, on May 13, from 12:30–3 p.m., for Home School Mother’s Day Tea
  - Star Theater, on May 16, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. for Home School end of year showcase
- ❖ Session approved Presbyterian Women (PW) to set up sand pails in Memorial Parlor during the month of May and hold a Bake Sale in November, with proceeds going to support the Second Mile Center.
- ❖ Ongoing review and discussion related to building and grounds security at CHPC.

### FOOD - GLORIOUS FOOD!!

We are deeply grateful for the culinary expertise shown at our Lenten Potluck Dinners this year! Many thanks to all for the truly marvelous and extremely tasty array of dishes (from ethnic to simple comfort food and treasured family recipes), for your generosity of spirit, and the wonderful work of your hands!





**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S TEA**  
**on Saturday, May 9, at 12 Noon in Memorial Parlor**  
**Hosted by Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill**

What would it be like walking into a beautiful room, tables adorned with fine china and wonderful treats? Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

Well, you will get to have that experience when you join us for the PW Tea. The date is Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 12 noon. Tickets will be available to purchase beginning April 5 (Easter Sunday). Tickets are \$8 each.

If you have some beautiful dishes you would like to use to set a table and be the table's hostess, please contact Elaine (734-287-3747 or [dgf1945@comcast.net](mailto:dgf1945@comcast.net)) or Janet Reickel (313-408-9661 or [jreickel126@wowway.com](mailto:jreickel126@wowway.com)).

There will be no speaker, so you will be able to sit back, relax, and enjoy the delicious treats and each other's company.

Dear Session,

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all your generosity in supporting the Iftar dinner event that we hosted on Saturday, February 28, for Leah's 5th Grade class from Lindbergh.

We had over 100 kids and their families attend and celebrate together. The principal was there, our CIS (Community in Schools) support staff member, one of the 5th grade teachers and her husband, all of the PTA board, and so many incredible 5th grade parent volunteers. Everyone was floored that Cherry Hill donated the space and was grateful to be able to come together outside of school to share this meaningful tradition together. A few parents sent a monetary token of their thanks, that I put in the offering plate on the following Sunday.

I think it's a beautiful thing for Cherry Hill to have hosted and it could be the start of a community tradition. I've attached some pictures so you can get a little sense of the evening.

Thank you again for all your support. It is an evening I'll never forget. Anna





The next Music at Cherry Hill concert will feature the **DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS on Sunday, April 26, at 3:00pm**. Under the direction of Christopher Hall, the ensemble will present a concert entitled "Ancient Stories" – selections from classical and contemporary composers that tell the stories of the Prophets, the Psalms, and the people of the Old Testament. Tickets will be available at the door or online at

[www.DetroitLutheranSingers.com](http://www.DetroitLutheranSingers.com). General admission is \$15 / Students and Seniors \$10 / Children 12 and under FREE. Please join us for a marvelous afternoon of music making and ethereal choral sound!



### LADIES' MONTHLY LUNCH AT BUDDY'S PIZZA

**All** women are invited to join us at Buddy's (on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn) at 11:00 a.m. on **Friday, April 24**. We will meet once a month (even in the summer) at 11:00 a.m. on a Friday. The week of the Friday may change, so be sure to watch the newsletters & bulletins. We ask that you **RSVP by Friday, April 17**, for the April gathering, to Elaine ([dgf1945@comcast.net](mailto:dgf1945@comcast.net)) or Marilyn ([mbeadle49@gmail.com](mailto:mbeadle49@gmail.com)). This is to make sure everyone can be seated together.

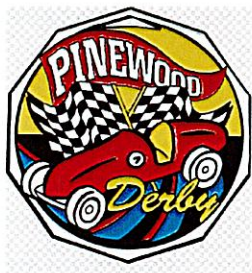
Some of us have been meeting over a period of time and wanted to include all women. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elaine Filiak (734-287-3747).

### MEN'S BREAKFAST AT REX'S GRILL

All men are invited to Rex's Grill (on Telegraph, at Oxford, in Dearborn) at **9:00 a.m. on the third Thursday** of each month. There isn't one person coordinating, simply show up and join the group.



### ATTENTION RACE FANS!



Our church-chartered Scout Troop #1148 is holding their very first Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall on April 18 from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer on our Scouts. Troop Leader, Charlotte, also welcomes anyone who could assist with set-up on Wednesday, April 15, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Please come and show our Cherry Hill support to this thrilling high-speed community event!



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Marilyn Beadle 04/02  
Kaitlyn Ruselink 04/04  
Kellin Ehlers 04/07  
Sandy Elling 04/07  
Don Filiak 04/08

Ken Simon 04/08  
Helene MacMillan 04/10  
Wendy Solgan 04/13  
Jim Johnson 04/14  
Kate Klinger 04/16

Diane Schellang 04/18  
John Haury 04/21  
Mary Renton 04/26  
Jordan Betley 04/28  
David Hollingsworth 04/29

**IN OUR PRAYERS**



**Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)**

Evelyn Poti    Lewis Sequin    Winnie Murphy  
Judy Ewasuk    Ekanem Ekpenyong    Pam Thorpe

**Health Concerns & Support**

Marv Oberdier    John Nichols    Bob Stead    John Haury  
Jonelle Robinson    Pamela Moore    Judy Tisdale

All those who serve as caregivers to the ill and infirmed

Cherry Hill Church Pastor Nominating Committee

Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church - The Presbytery of Detroit

**IN MEMORIAM**

The Sympathy and Prayers of the congregation are extended to Deborah Szwed and family on the death of Robert Szwed. Bob passed on Friday, March 20. There will be a **Memorial & Interment Service** on **Saturday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m.**, at the church, with lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall.



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**Staci Frank, Interim Childcare Provider**

**Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus**



# Resurrection Biscuits

*Resurrection Biscuits is a recipe that's an edible lesson that teaches the Easter Resurrection story. The hollow biscuit represents the empty tomb.*



Prep Time  
15 mins

Cook Time  
14 mins

Course: Breakfast Cuisine: American

Keyword: Easter, resurrection biscuits, resurrection story Servings: 8

Author: Jackie Garvin



5 from 2 votes


## Ingredients

- 1 can eight large biscuits
- 2 tablespoons butter, unsalted
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 8 large marshmallows

## Instructions

1. Open canned biscuits and flattened each one with the heel of your hand.
2. Melt butter and cool. Stir together cinnamon and sugar.
3. Dip one marshmallow in melted butter and coat well. Then, roll the marshmallow in the cinnamon sugar mixture until well coated.
4. Place the coated marshmallow on the inside of the biscuit near the edge. Roll the biscuit up and around the marshmallow one half turn. Fold in the edges of the biscuit. Finish rolling. Pinch seams and place seam side down on a baking sheet that has been greased or covered in a baking mat. Make sure seams are pinched together well or the marshmallow will leak out.
5. Repeat the process with the other 7 biscuits.
6. Brush tops of the biscuits with the remaining butter and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.
7. Bake in a 400 degree preheat oven for 12 minutes or until the biscuit is golden brown.
8. Remove from the oven and let cool about 5 minutes.
9. Cut into the biscuit and you'll find the marshmallow has disappeared!
10. Here's the symbolism:
11. Biscuit – the cloth they wrapped Jesus in when they buried him
12. Marshmallow – Jesus' body
13. Butter – embalming oils
14. Cinnamon sugar – spices used to prepare Jesus' body for burial
15. Hollow biscuit – empty tomb
16. For scripture reference, read John 20:1-8..

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>5 EASTER</b>            9:00am Choir Rehearsal            8:30am Breakfast            10:15am Worship, Communion &amp; GP            11:15am Egg Hunt            11:00AM OLP Church</p>	<p><b>6</b> DHS DPCC  <b>Office and Building Closed</b>            6:30pm PNC Mtg</p>	<p><b>7</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            10:00 am Peace Circle            11:30 am PWCT Mtg            7:00pm Christian Ed</p>	<p><b>1</b>            9:30am-noon Helping Hand            6:15pm W&amp;M            7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>8</b> DHS DPCC</p>	<p><b>2</b> DHC DPCC CHUP  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>            6:00pm OLP Church            7:00pm Worship with Communion</p> <p><b>9</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            9:30am Quilters            6:30pm Deacons</p>	<p><b>3</b> DHS  <b>Good Friday</b>            12:00pm Stations of the Cross            1:00pm OLP Church            7:00pm Tennebrae</p> <p><b>10</b> DHS            Women's Retreat</p>	<p><b>4</b>            9am-11:30am Choir &amp; Brass Rehearsal            11:30am Flower Arranging</p> <p><b>11</b>            Women's Retreat            9:00am-7:00pm Dearborn Symphony Youth Scholarship Auditions            8:00am-8:00pm Rotary Youth Event</p>
<p><b>12</b>            9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Bible Study            10:15am Worship/GP            11:30am April Birthdays            11:45am Bible Study            11:00AM OLP Church            Women's Retreat            1:00pm-6:00pm Dearborn Symphony Youth Scholarship Auditions</p>	<p><b>13</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            10:00am Sew What            1:00pm Study Group            6:30pm PNC Mtg            7:00pm Property</p>	<p><b>14</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            3:00pm Mission            6:30pm CG&amp;F</p>	<p><b>15</b> DHS DPCC            9:30am-noon Helping Hand            4:00-9:00pm Boy Scout Set up            7:00pm CHUP Year-end Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            9:00am Men's Breakfast at Rex's</p>	<p><b>17</b> DHS</p>	<p><b>18</b>            11:30am Sharon Cloney Memorial            2:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby</p>
<p><b>19</b>            9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Bible Study            10:15am Worship/GP            11:30am Coffee Hour            11:45am Bible Study            11:00AM OLP Church</p>	<p><b>20</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            10:00am Sew What            1:00pm Study Group            6:30pm PNC Mtg</p>	<p><b>21</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            7:00pm Session</p>	<p><b>22</b> DHS DPCC</p>	<p><b>23</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            11:00am Colony Club</p>	<p><b>24</b> DHS            11:00AM Ladies' Luncheon at Buddy's</p>	<p><b>25</b>            9am-12pm Outdoor Clean-up</p>
<p><b>26</b>            9:00am Choir Rehearsal            9:00am Bible Study            10:15am Worship/GP            11:30am Coffee Hour            11:45am Bible Study            11:00AM OLP Church            3:00pm Detroit Lutheran Singers</p>	<p><b>27</b> DHS DPCC CHUP            10:00am Sew What            1:00pm Study Group            6:30pm PNC Mtg</p>	<p><b>28</b> DHS DPCC CHUP</p>	<p><b>29</b> DHS DPCC</p>	<p><b>30</b> DHS DPCC CHUP</p>		