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> Morning Worship Apr. 14th First Scripture - Joel 2:28-29 Second Scripture - Acts 2:1-13 Rev. Steve Fortenberry, Pastor Penny Mahan, Elder for April Hannah Teutsch, Liturgist Leeann Bailey, Children's Message Laura Klubert, Nursery Attendant

The risen Jesus invites us into peace as we touch his scarred body. May we, the body of Christ, share his peace with one another by touching each other's lives with love.

Mission Focus for April, Autism Awareness Month



Jackie did a beautiful job describing the ongoing challenge facing families living with autism, making us aware is just part of the task. The needs of these families are pervasive and insistent. Seeing the busy bags was fascinating and learning in addition to giving families coping skills, they are also educating first responders in the county as a natural

extension of their "equipment" when dealing with family emergencies. Please pray for this team as they broaden their outreach to the first responders of Lyon Co. Please, also, consider your support of this outreach by special offering this month. We are grateful for their tender care for these families in need.

Upcoming Worship leaders:



Apr. 21st Apr. 28th <u>Liturgist</u> Jenny Franke Phyllis Herring Children's Message

<u>Nursery</u>

Stacey Menser Bebby Lewis Susan Campbell Pat Hayes



College Student of the Week

Katie Menser.

Katie is a 2023 graduate of CCHS. She is a student at the University of Kentucky.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

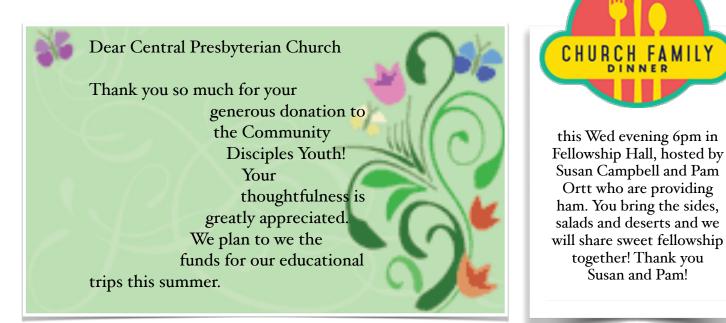
Apr. 15th - Bob Hayes Apr. 16th - Bebby Lewis Apr. 17th ⁻Noah Bailey Apr. 19th - Chris Teutsch

Mission Opportunity:



Catholic Charities is wrapping up the build of several houses in Caldwell Co. (AN Any volunteers who would be wiling to clean these homes prior to move-in [[][[]]] may sign up in Huff Court.

Stacey will communicate the dates and locations.



Superimposed love



Maybe you've heard how salvation is like a total solar eclipse: God doesn't see our sins because Jesus' holiness covers them completely. Or maybe you've heard how trials can cause an "eclipse of faith." At WorldChallenge.org, Pastor Gary Wilkerson explains that in Greek, *eclipse* means "I am absent" or "I cease to exist," because people once thought the gods temporarily extinguished the sun. "For Christians, a 'spiritual eclipse' is a dark hour when God seems to be absent from our lives," Wilkerson writes.

Wilkerson points to Peter being sifted like wheat, Elijah and Jeremiah facing extreme discouragement, and David collapsing morally. Amid Satan's attacks, "God seems completely absent," writes the pastor. "In that dark moment of eclipse, the devil has created such chaos we can't

possibly see a way out." During times of testing, Christians must cry out to God and trust his faithfulness. Completing the eclipse analogy, Wilkerson shares Titus 3:4, the "love of God our Savior appeared" (NIV). The Greek meaning of *appeared* here is *superimposed*, he writes. God looks on our fraught-filled times of eclipse and "superimposes his divine love over us."