



April 2024



Dear Friends,

Wonderfully, miraculously, it is still Easter! Yesterday, we celebrated a joyous day of music, fellowship, laughter, and beautiful weather. Today, the celebration is a little quieter, but remains as we celebrate Easter for the next 7ish weeks.

The Season of Easter, or Eastertide, is the 50 day period between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost. For churchgoers, Easter is not simply a one day event but the longest special season in the liturgical calendar (second only to the stretch of Ordinary Time in the summer). The season of Easter is time for us to examine what it means to live in a world where resurrection is possible—resurrection from the grave, from despair, from oppression, from poverty. Questions we might ask ourselves in this season could be:

- How does it change my perspective to know that God’s love is stronger than death?
- How have I experienced resurrection in my own heart?
- Who do I know that needs to hear the good news of Easter?
- Who among my neighbors might need help experiencing God’s promise of life, and how can I help them?
- What in my world might need to pass away in order to be raised as something new and holy?
- How can I lean into Easter joy for more than just one day?

We do a good job of focusing on Lent as a season of penitence and preparation; I would argue that it is just as important to focus on Eastertide as a season of joyful reflection and proclamation that “I have seen the Lord!” I’m looking forward to approaching this special season at BRPC with curiosity, reverence, and praise!

Peace, Pastor Elizabeth

OWLS



OWLS

The luck of the Irish was with us on March 14! A big tip of the hat to Grace Cox-

Johnson for arranging for a catered meal of Irish stew, salad and homemade soda biscuits. It was a grand day topped off by the enthusiastic barbershop performance by the New Harmony Handful directed by our very own Jim Bagby.

Upcoming Events

April 11— Taco Bar and OWLS Birthday Celebration

Bring a favorite poem to share for poetry month.

May 9—Kentucky Derby Theme—hats welcome:)

JUNE—NO OWLS –come shop the rummage sale!

DEACON NEWS

The Hymn that contains the message What a Friend We Have in Jesus, completes our Lenten worship. We have spend the last 40 days learning about the love that Jesus has given us. He is our Master and loving friend. He set the holy example of standing with and loving one another. He invested His life so that our salvation would be provided for and we could share in eternal destiny.

GOD'S SON IS MY FRIEND

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Georgia McCauley



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Thanks to your support of Sloppy Joe Café last October, the Mission and Outreach Committee was able to disperse funds to several charities, including NOROC (an orphanage in Romania), Presbyterian schools in Pakistan, Shepherds Center, Newhouse and Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry. We look forward to another Sloppy Joe Café this fall. During coffee fellowship in September and October, we will hold a Mission Fair to highlight the charities Sloppy Joe Café supports.

Micah needs include plastic bags, pill bottles, men's jeans, tennis shoes, water bottles, spring and summer clothes, size 2X adult diapers.

Blue Ridge Elementary School asks for snack items for students (easy grab and go items) and/or HyVee gifts cards to purchase bread (for PBJ sandwiches the students take home with them.) Look for the box in the parlor to receive your donations. Also, the committee will purchase and deliver snack items for teachers at Blue Ridge Elementary School during Teacher Appreciation week in May.

This July we will again collect hygiene kit items for KC4Refugees. We will publish the items needed then. Your donations in the past have been greatly appreciated by newcomers to our country, who often

arrive with very little.

We are so grateful for your generosity to those whom we can help. Whether here in our community or in places like Romania and Pakistan.

Shelley Melewski, Moderator



Gregory Cardona

Jana Henderson

Barry Holmes

Bob Jones

Sandy Moore

Ken Nolan

Jo Riggs

Peggy Sinden

Craig Ziegenhorn

RUMMAGE SALE



Spring
Cleaning!?

Save the
"good
stuff"

for

**Annual
Rummage Sale**

June 13-15, 2024

**Items can be brought to
church beginning May 20th**

We will NOT accept clothing,
non-digital TVs, non-working
electronics, mattresses or
upholstered furniture.

Questions???

Call Linda Schumacher

816-807-6318

or

Jana Henderson

816-392-2013

REAP

Fifth Sunday for REAP

Our tradition at BRPC is to designate the loose offering on the fifth Sunday of the month as an offering to REAP. Because the fifth Sunday in March happens to fall on Easter, for *one time only*, we will postpone our fifth Sunday REAP offering by one week. Bring your loose change and offerings on April 7 to be donated to REAP. Give until it feels good!

**But when
you give
to the needy,
do not let
your left hand
know what
your right hand
is doing**

MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

PROPERTY

THE EXTRA SECOND

Thank you for always taking that extra second to check (when exiting and entering the building) that the exterior door has closed completely behind you. Please do not leave any exterior church door unlocked if someone is not present at that location to ensure safety. Thank you!

SOUTH ENTRANCE RAILING

Our Property Committee continues to work on replacement of the missing railing at the south entrance steps. Many companies are not able to do the work for various reasons, but we continue to seek additional contractors and hope to have the project completed soon. Thank you for your patience. Please be careful when entering and exiting through the south door.

PROJECTS

Other committee projects include: having pre-emergent applied to portions of the lawn; seeding and fertilizing problem areas on the north; watering the new grass; adding rock to the enclosed area around the AC units on the west; researching potential rock in landscape areas of the grounds; removing the former trash enclosure; repairing the steeple base siding; repairing the motion light switch in the Fellowship Hall; meeting with contractors; choosing paint colors for various projects; creating a new name tag board for the narthex; researching enhanced use of the northwest porch; examining the status of concrete areas; processing building use requests as they come in and coordinating with various groups using our facilities; etc. If you see a problem or have a concern, please let a Property Committee member know or place a note in Bobby Neal's mailbox. Thank you.

NEW FAUX PLANTS

Several faux plants have been donated by Deanna Nolan to help beautify our gathering areas of the church. Thank you, Deanna.

NEW PICNIC TABLES

Thank you, Hoot Mann, for ordering and providing two new picnic tables for BRPC. Our old tables are not salvageable. New tables will allow opportunity for our church family as well as neighborhood families to enjoy our outdoor space more.

BUILDING USE PROCESS

Please submit a building use request form (by the intercom in the outer office) for any extra activity and submit to Bobby or Christi Neal, Moderators of Property Committee. Please check the online calendar first when considering a date. Thank you.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

If church should need to close for a Sunday worship service or other event because of inclement weather or icy conditions, the Pastor, Worship and Property Committee moderators will make that decision. The information will then be posted on **KMBC 9 and KCTV 5**.

Christi Neal



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

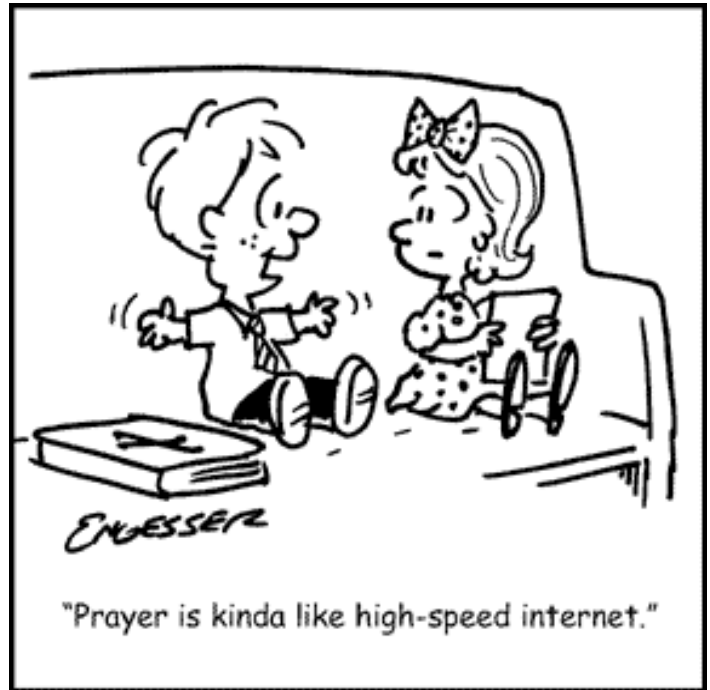
Sunday School - The adult class will finish the book study of Some Folks Feel the Rain; Others Just Get Wet by James Moore exploring the reasons why some people are able to see our time on earth as a gracious gift from God rather than as an agonizing endurance test. [Don Y will lead on April 7th and Christi N will follow on April 14th.](#)

Beginning April 21st Carla W and Shelley M will lead a book study on Life Parables, Discovering God's Extraordinary Truths in Life's Ordinary Moments by Brad Nelson. Adults will discover that life's everyday moments contain God's extraordinary lessons.

May 19th is the close of Sunday School class for the year and **ALL** are invited to an informal celebration of the Sunday School year. We will gather as a group in the back meeting rooms at 9:30 AM and share breakfast items provided by the CE committee. We will celebrate and thank our leaders for their spiritual guidance. CE would also like to hear what you would like to have planned for Sunday School curriculum next year. Please join us as we gather and celebrate.

Rummage Sale – June 13, 14, and 15th. See further info in this newsletter.

Jana Henderson



- 1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."



- Luke 24:6-7: "He is not here; he has risen!"



- Romans 6:8-11: "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him."

WORSHIP

- April 7 **Communion** Sunday
April 14 Rev. Carla Gentry in the pulpit
May 5 Communion in worship and
home Communion
May 19 Pentecost Sunday

*For God so loved the world that he
gave his only son that whosoever*

*believes in him shall not perish but
have everlasting life. John 3:16*

Holy Week began with the procession of palms waving, the choir cantata and bell music on Palm/Passion Sunday.

Maundy Thursday commenced with a baked potato supper. We then continued seeking a closer relationship to Jesus by participating in various activities in the parlor. The evening ended in the sanctuary with scripture, music, and communion.

Worship on Easter morning was glorious! Lilies and white satin adorned the sanctuary as we gathered in celebration of the Risen Lord. The youth enjoyed an Easter egg hunt after the service.

Thank you to:

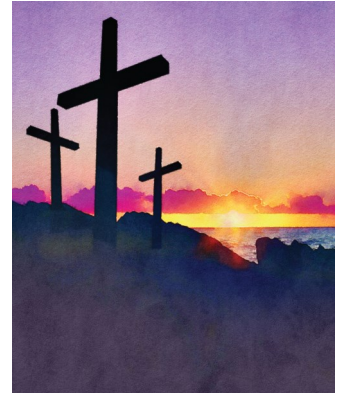
The Fellowship committee for taking a huge part in preparing the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday meals;

To all the musicians for their special music throughout Lent;

C.E. committee for overseeing the annual youth Easter egg hunt.

“Love Lent: Returning our hearts to God.” May we continue to reflect upon God’s love and the sacrifice of his son Jesus Christ for us, and keep our hearts and lives ready to love and serve others.

Karen and Carla



SYNOD NEWS

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF
THE NEW SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA EXECUTIVE



Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne

Service of Installation

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - 9:30 A.M.

Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Egg Hunt	1 BRPC OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4 11:00am Prayer Group 1:00pm Christian Education Cmtee Mtg 6:00pm - 9:00pm BSA District Roundtable 7:00pm - 9:00pm Raytown Community Choir Rehearsal	5 BRPC Business Office Closed	6
7 Communion Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 3:00pm Raytown Community Choir Concert	8 1:00pm Finance Com- mittee Meeting	9 12:30pm Missions & Outreach Cmte Mtg.	10 5:30pm 5x5 Bells Practice 6:00pm Chancel Chimes Practice 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	11 11:00am Prayer Group 12:00pm - 2:00pm OWLS 4:00pm Capital Cam- paign Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm Raytown Community	12 BRPC Business Office Closed	13
14 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Coffee Fellowship	15 6:30pm - 10:00pm New Harmony Handful Rehearsal	16 6:00pm Property Meeting	17 5:30pm 5x5 Bells Practice 6:00pm Chancel Chimes Practice 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	18 11:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Raytown Community Choir Rehearsal	19 BRPC Business Office Closed 1:00pm Quiddler (Parlor)	20 NEWSLETTER DEAD- LINE 2:00pm Lockwood Memorial Service 3:00pm Lockwood Visitation and Recep- tion
21 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00pm - 12:30pm Deacons' Meeting	22	23	24 1:00pm Book Club 5:30pm 5x5 Bells Practice 6:00pm Chancel Chimes Practice 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	25 11:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Raytown Community Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Session Meet- ing	26 BRPC Business Office Closed	27
28 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Church Potluck	29 6:00pm Worship Com- mittee Meeting	30	1 5:30pm 5x5 Bells Practice 6:00pm Chancel Chimes Practice 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice	2 11:00am Prayer Group 1:00pm Christian Education Cmtee Mtg 6:00pm - 9:00pm BSA District Roundtable 7:00pm - 8:30pm Raytown Community Choir Rehearsal	3 BRPC Business Office Closed	4

APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Youth Message</u>	<u>Tech Ministry</u> Slides, Audio, Camera Editing	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>
7	Jana Henderson	Jana Henderson	S Carol Schumacher A Bobby Neal C Mike Schumacher E Carol Schumacher	
14	Marsha Elbasani	Marsha Elbasani	S Bobby Neal A Craig Ziegenhorn C John Starcke E Kim Scheerer	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
21	Barry Holmes	Pastor Elizabeth	S Jana Henderson A Mary Ziegenhorn C Bill Melewski E Mary Ziegenhorn	
28	Christi Neal	Christi Neal	S Mary Ziegenhorn A Don Young C Bobby Neal E Kim Scheerer	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Please Join us for Coffee Fellowship to be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Please watch for your time. Please see August volunteers below:

Connie Oliver

APRIL 14

HENDERSON, HERMAN, HOLMES, INGRAM
CONTACT CONNIE OLICER 816-718-0755

APRIL 28

FRIENDSHIP POTLUCK

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In God We Trust

April

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The Mission of BRPC is to

- ❖ **Proclaim** the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- ❖ **Worship God** with reverence, warmth and joy;
- ❖ **Nourish faith and discipleship** through prayer, fellowship, giving, study and service;
- ❖ **Work** for justice and peace; and
- ❖ **Share the love of Christ** with the community and the world.

