

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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April 2018



As I write this, I'm putting the finishing touches on Holy Week's services. My administrative assistant has dutifully reminded me that, in addition to Holy Week, the church newsletter is going out and there is a column to be written (thank you, Carolyn), so allow me to ask you the question that is rattling around my head at this moment, as I have selected the 19th century spiritual "Were You There?" as my final hymn of Good Friday's worship service:

Were you, in fact, there when they crucified Jesus? Don't answer too quickly.

Sure, the obvious answer is that none of us were there two thousand years ago when Jesus was crucified on the cross.

But here is the sad truth: Jesus my Lord is still crucified. Jesus your Lord is crucified on a daily basis. Where there is no love, where there is no generosity, where there is no regard for neighbor (and *everyone is your neighbor*), Jesus is nailed once again to the tree. And we are there for all of it.

Does that make you tremble? No offense intended, but I sincerely doubt it. We're numb, we're desensitized, we're exhausted from witnessing these things. Whatever the reason, our trembling has long since ceased.

Do you rage against the sea of hate, violence, ignorance and *indifference* in which we all swim? When others blatantly take the Lord's name in vain, casually tossing it around like a rag doll, do you say anything? Do you stand up and call attention to what is taking place?

....or are you silent - feeling powerless, as so many of us feel - when they lay Him in the tomb?

If any of this describes you, dear reader, know this:

God raised Him from the tomb. Death had no dominion over your Savior; your Lord is not one who is powerless.

Nor are you.

It is never too late to stand up in the name of He who was resurrected, put on the armor of God and fight against injustice. And, just to give you some incentive, here's another bit of valuable information: Jesus will come again.

And you will be there.

How will that conversation go?

Pastor Mike

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Easter</i> 8am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Communion	2 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	3 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	4	5 7-9pm Harmony Town Board Meeting	6 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	7 9:30am-Choir Practice 10am-Noon-Pick ups for large items for Humble Design
8 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Deacon Bake Sale Session	9 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	10 7-9pm WCCP Maintenance –Fellowship Hall 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	11	12	13 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	14 9:30am-Choir Practice
15 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary	16 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	17 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	18	19	20 6pm-Dinner 6:30pm-Game Night 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	21 9:30am-Choir Practice
22 10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary Deacons	23 6:30-8:30pm Hope 4 Healing Hearts 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	24 6:30-8pm Girl Scouts 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	25 11:30 am Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch	26 7-9pm WCCP Maintenance –Fellowship Hall	27 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	28 9:30am-Choir Practice
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APRIL GAME NIGHT

Join us on Friday, April 20 for our next Fellowship Fun Night starting at 6pm with dinner and games following. All money donated is going towards a patio on the lower level between the entrance doors.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

What's missing? 'U'! We need children to help us build a bulletin board display, play games, and paint while we learn about God's Law and what it means for us. Won't you join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 - it isn't the same without 'you'.

In April, we will learn about God being with us (pictures, God's eye, super-sized, recycled bugs).

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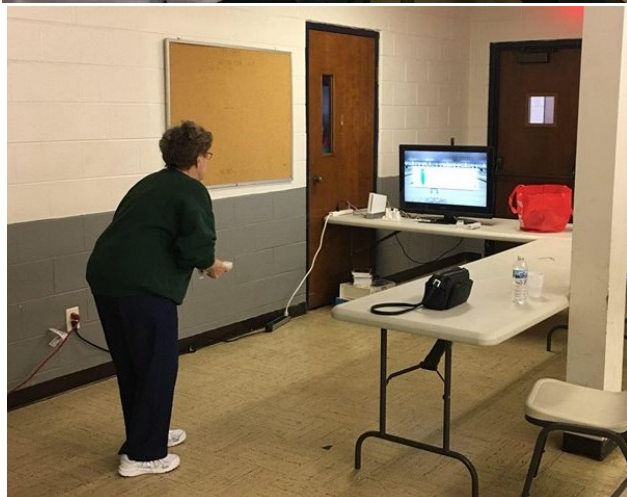
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Financial Report as of 02/28/2018

	February	Year to Date	Budget
Income	7,486	17,558	19,758
Expenses	9,001	17,804	19,285
Net Income or Loss	-1,515	-246	473

Liquid Assets* 109,313 109,313
 * equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.
 Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

The first two months of the year were impacted by ups and downs in our mutual funds balances that basically evened out over that period. In addition, the usual higher winter utility bills were evident. Note should be taken that we have likely a larger snowplowing bill that will be coming at the end of the season.



MARCH GAME NIGHT PHOTOS

April 2018 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

April

Sunday, April 1
Resurrection of the
Lord/Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 12:1–14
John 1:1–18
or Isa. 51:9–11
Luke 24:13–35 or John
20:19–23

Monday, April 2
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 12:14–27
1 Cor. 15:1–11
Mark 16:1–8

Tuesday, April 3
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 12:28–39
1 Cor. 15:12–28
Mark 16:9–20

Wednesday, April 4
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 12:40–51
1 Cor. 15:(29) 30–41
Matt. 28:1–16

Thursday, April 5
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 13:3–10
1 Cor. 15:41–50
Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, April 6
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 13:1–2, 11–16
1 Cor. 15:51–58
Luke 24:1–12

Saturday, April 7
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 13:17–14:4
2 Cor. 4:16–5:10
Mark 12:18–27

Sunday, April 8
2nd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 14:5–22
1 John 1:1–7
John 14:1–7

Monday, April 9
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 14:21–31
1 Peter 1:1–12
John 14:(1–7) 8–17

Tuesday, April 10
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 15:1–21
1 Peter 1:13–25
John 14:18–31

Wednesday, April 11
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 15:22–16:10
1 Peter 2:1–10
John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 12
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 16:10–22
1 Peter 2:11–3:12
John 15:12–27

Friday, April 13
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 16:23–36
1 Peter 3:13–4:6
John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 14
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 17:1–16
1 Peter 4:7–19
John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 15
3rd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 18:1–12
1 John 2:7–17
Mark 16:9–20

Monday, April 16
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 18:13–27
1 Peter 5:1–14
Matt. (1:1–17) 3:1–6

Tuesday, April 17
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 19:1–16
Col. 1:1–14
Matt. 3:7–12

Wednesday, April 18
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 19:16–25
Col. 1:15–23
Matt. 3:13–17

Thursday, April 19
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 20:1–21
Col. 1:24–2:7
Matt. 4:1–11

Friday, April 20
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 24:1–18
Col. 2:8–23
Matt. 4:12–17

Saturday, April 21
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 25:1–22
Col. 3:1–17
Matt. 4:18–25

Sunday, April 22
4th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 28:1–4, 30–38
1 John 2:18–29
Mark 6:30–44

Monday, April 23
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 32:1–20
Col. 3:18–4:6 (7–18)
Matt. 5:1–10

Tuesday, April 24
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 32:21–34
1 Thess. 1:1–10
Matt. 5:11–16

Wednesday, April 25
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 33:1–23
1 Thess. 2:1–12
Matt. 5:17–20

Thursday, April 26
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 34:1–17
1 Thess. 2:13–20
Matt. 5:21–26

Friday, April 27
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 34:18–35
1 Thess. 3:1–13
Matt. 5:27–37

Saturday, April 28
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 40:18–38
1 Thess. 4:1–12
Matt. 5:38–48

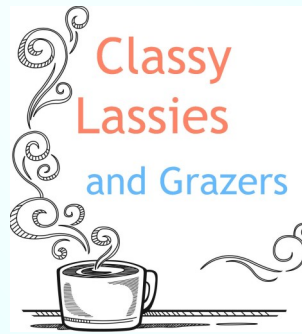
Sunday, April 29
5th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 4:16–30

Monday, April 30
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Lev. 16:1–19
1 Thess. 4:13–18
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

HUMBLE DESIGN

FURNISHING HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS

Pick up of large items for Humble Designs will take place on Saturday, April 7. Judy Curtis and her team will come around to homes to pick up large items/ furniture that are being donated to Humble Designs. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge or you can contact Judy Curtis to schedule a pick up. Judy needs volunteers with muscle to help with the pick ups. Humble Designs will be coming to the Kirk on Tuesday, April 10 to pick up everything that has been donated. Please plan to have all your donations at the church before that date. No donations will be accepted at the Kirk after April 10.



April 25

Food

Friends

Fun

Fellowship

Have you gone to lunch with the lunch bunch, otherwise known as the Classy Lassies and Grazers yet? On the last Wednesday of every month, these intrepid eaters gather at 11:30am in the church lobby where they make major life decisions, like where to go to lunch that day.

If you are free on April 25, mark your calendar and join the fun! Ladies go one place; men go to another. All enjoy buying their own lunch and the camaraderie of friends.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL INSTALLED

A garbage disposal was recently installed in the kitchen sink downstairs. It will help with clean up after events and is environmentally friendly.



DIRECTIONS: Turn on the water.

Drop waste food into the garbage disposal.

Turn on the switch for the machine to grind the waste food into tiny particles.

Flush the particles down the drain by keeping the water running for a bit.

Turn off the water.



Mission Project

We are currently collecting items for Humble Design, an organization whose mission is to serve individuals, families and veterans emerging from homelessness by transforming their empty house into a warm, welcoming and uplifting home with donated furniture and household goods.



The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.