

# THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Jesus died on the cross. Three days later he rose from the dead. Because of this, we all get to go to Heaven. Sound about right?

Welcome to Easter 2017. It's all about the God-man Jesus Christ, who lived among us and died and then rose from the dead and who is the vehicle by which we get to live forever.

So, is Easter 2017 any different for you from Easter 2016, or any of the preceding years? Most of us have experienced the (celebration? holiday? festival?) a great many times. We hear what the pastor says, read what the Bible states and we understand that, without Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, we would have no more life (or a life in Hell?) after we breathed our earthly last. But we know that Jesus, fully human and fully God, saved us from that fate by taking the rap for us. He lived a life without sin and then gave that perfect life in his death on the cross so that our sins would be forgiven, we would be justified and once again have access to God. The great Mediator that is the Christ stood in for us, effectively saved us from death (the wages of sin) and made our dirty souls clean once again in the eyes of God. Through the Cross and Resurrection, we have been set free and are no longer captive to sin. Thanks to Jesus, salvation is ours. Jesus died and rose again (for US!) and so we are all here in the pews to pay homage in jubilation for this gift/deed/miracle.

Most Christians will quote some version (maybe adding in a little, maybe subtracting some, maybe amending a few words/phrases) of the paragraph above when talking about Easter and the Resurrection, as far as what happened and why it's good for them. But the gist of it is the same when you hear it, and it's easy to talk about when you've been hearing about it so many years.....2016, 2015, 2014.....etc.

How many times have you seen your favorite TV show or movie? Have you gotten pretty good at quoting it? People don't even want to be in the same room with me when That 70s Show or Harry Potter movies are on (just ask my mother-in-law about the latter). We get pretty good at quoting that which we've heard over and over and over.

...so good, in fact, that we might not even consider what it is that we're saying or doing. OR, if we *do* truly consider it, the novelty has worn off; the gift of grace has lost its luster and shine because there's nothing new about it. "Easter? Yup, it's back again. Off to church we go and we'll celebrate the Resurrection and our salvation." Sure, we're happy about it. But at this point it's old hat; it's a "been there before" kind of happy. We're "happy" when we go out to dinner at Red Robin, but are we doing cartwheels when the Banzai Burger is brought to our table? Probably not.

Believing that Christ died for your sins and believing that you have salvation because of his death and resurrection should never lose its novelty or luster. In Christ we are a new creation, we are washed clean, and every new day is a new opportunity to live out our faith. In our time here on earth we have a very important choice to make: We can either honor God's gift of grace and Christ's sacrifice by joyfully loving others and spreading the gospel through Word and deed, or we can treat our salvation like a toy: shiny, exciting and new when gifted to us but now only picked up when we're bored or have no better toy to play with.

Let us not allow Easter to become old news. By all means, celebrate Easter in church as you always have, but don't think that Easter is over when you leave church or when Monday comes. Our gift of salvation is good forever; it's not a once a year thing. Thus our inward and outward gratitude for that gift should never be limited to an annual event.

Happy Easter, now and *always!*



*Pastor Mike*

# April 2017

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
|  |  |   |   |   |  | 1<br>9:45am-<br>Noon Choir                             |
| 2<br>Communion<br>Special<br>Congregational<br>Meeting                         | 3<br>7:30-9pm Bi-Polar<br>Depression Support<br>Group  | 4<br>7-10pm<br>Harmony<br>Town Chorus                           | 5<br>6pm-<br>Lenten<br>Bible Study  | 6<br>7pm-WCCP<br>Maintenance  | 7<br>7:45-9:30pm Alanon                        | 8<br>9:45am-<br>Noon Choir                             |
| 9<br>10am-Special<br>Session<br>Ordination/<br>Installation<br>Session Meeting | 10<br>7:30-9pm Bi-Polar<br>Depression Support<br>Group<br>6:30-8:30pm Hope<br>for Healing Hearts | 11<br>7-10pm<br>Harmony<br>Town Chorus                          | 12<br>9am-Noon<br>WCCP Fel-<br>lowship/<br>Kitchen<br>6pm-<br>Lenten<br>Bible Study | 13<br>9am-Noon<br>WCCP Fellow-<br>ship/Kitchen<br>Communion<br>6pm Maundy<br>Thursday | 14<br>6pm Good<br>Friday<br>7:45-9:30pm Alanon | 15   |
| 16<br>8-10am Easter<br>Breakfast<br>Communion                                  | 17<br>1-3:30-W/W Senior<br>Choir-Fellowship<br>7:30-9pm Bi-Polar<br>Depression Support<br>Group  | 18<br>7-10pm<br>Harmony<br>Town Chorus                          | 19<br>Mike begins<br>vacation   | 20  | 21<br>7:45-9:30pm Alanon                       | 22<br>9:45am-<br>Noon Choir                            |
| 23<br>Pulpit Supply<br>Deacon<br>Meeting                                       | 24<br>7:30-9pm Bi-Polar<br>Depression Support<br>Group<br>6:30-8:30pm Hope<br>for Healing Hearts | 25<br>Mike ends<br>vacation<br>7-10pm<br>Harmony<br>Town Chorus | 26<br>11:30<br>Classy<br>Lassies and<br>Grazers<br>Lunch                            | 27  | 29<br>7:45-9:30pm Alanon                       | 29<br>9am WCCP<br>Maintenance<br>9:45am-<br>Noon Choir |

## April 2017 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.*

### **Saturday, April 1**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Jer. 23:9–15  
Rom. 9:1–18  
John 6:60–71

### **Sunday, April 2**

#### **5th Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Jer. 23:16–32  
1 Cor. 9:19–27  
Mark 8:31–9:1

### **Monday, April 3**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 24:1–10  
Rom. 9:19–33  
John 9:1–17

### **Tuesday, April 4**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 25:8–17  
Rom. 10:1–13  
John 9:18–41

### **Wednesday, April 5**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 25:30–38  
Rom. 10:14–21  
John 10:1–18

### **Thursday, April 6**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24)  
Rom. 11:1–12  
John 10:19–42

### **Friday, April 7**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Jer. 29:1 (2–3) 4–14  
Rom. 11:13–24  
John 11:1–27  
or John 12:1–10

### **Saturday, April 8**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Jer. 31:27–34  
Rom. 11:25–36  
John 11:28–44  
or John 12:37–50

### **Sunday, April 9**

#### **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Zech. 9:9–12  
1 Tim. 6:12–16  
or Zech. 12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9  
Matt. 21:12–1

### **Monday, April 10**

#### **Monday of Holy Week**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 11:18–20; 12:1–16 (17)  
Phil. 3:1–14  
John 12:9–19

### **Tuesday, April 11**

#### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 15:10–21  
Phil. 3:15–21  
John 12:20–26

### **Wednesday, April 12**

#### **Wednesday of Holy Week**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)  
Phil. 4:1–13  
John 12:27–36

### **Thursday, April 13**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18  
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32  
John 17:1–11 (12–26)

### **Friday, April 14**

#### **Good Friday**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Gen. 22:1–14  
1 Peter 1:10–20  
John 13:36–38  
or John 19:38–42

### **Saturday, April 15**

#### **Holy Saturday**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Job 19:21–27a  
Heb. 4:1–16  
Rom. 8:1–11

### **Sunday, April 16**

#### **Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday**

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 17**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
 Jonah 2:1–10  
 Acts 2:14, 22–32  
 John 14:1–14

**Tuesday, April 18**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
 Isa. 30:18–26  
 Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)  
 John 14:15–31

**Wednesday, April 19**

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
 Micah 7:7–15  
 Acts 3:1–10  
 John 15:1–11

**Thursday, April 20**

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
 Ezek. 37:1–14  
 Acts 3:11–26  
 John 15:12–27

**Friday, April 21**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
 Dan. 12:1–4, 13  
 Acts 4:1–12  
 John 16:1–15

**Saturday, April 22**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
 Isa. 25:1–9  
 Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)  
 John 16:16–33

**Sunday, April 23**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
 Isa. 43:8–13  
 1 Peter 2:2–10  
 John 14:1–7

**Monday, April 24**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
 Dan. 1:1–21  
 1 John 1:1–10  
 John 17:1–11

**Tuesday, April 25**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
 Dan. 2:1–16  
 1 John 2:1–11  
 John 17:12–19

**Wednesday, April 26**

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
 Dan. 2:17–30  
 1 John 2:12–17  
 John 17:20–26

**Thursday, April 27**

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
 Dan. 2:31–49  
 1 John 2:18–29  
 Luke 3:1–14

**Friday, April 28**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
 Dan. 3:1–18  
 1 John 3:1–10  
 Luke 3:15–22

**Saturday, April 29**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
 Dan. 3:19–30  
 1 John 3:11–18  
 Luke 4:1–13

**Sunday, April 30**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
 Dan. 4:1–18  
 1 Peter 4:7–11  
 John 21:15–25

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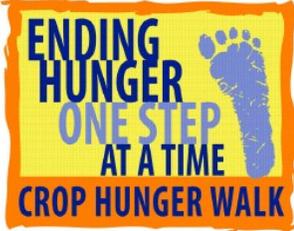
*The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.*

*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.*



6 Fred Kirk  
28 Ada McMechan

APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS



The annual Crop Walk will be May 7 at 1pm. The Kirk is looking for walkers to participate. 25% of proceeds stays locally to help with food programs. There is a new

incentive program this year. The walk will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne. Please see Judy Curtis for more information.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

|          |                  |           |
|----------|------------------|-----------|
| April 13 | Maundy Thursday  | 6:00pm    |
| April 14 | Good Friday      | 6:00pm    |
| April 16 | Easter Breakfast | 8-10:00am |
| April 16 | Easter Sunday    | 10:30am   |



Join us Saturday, May 20 as we enjoy our annual parking lot Flea Market. We will be renting out 2 parking spot-sized spaces for \$25. If you have anything you would like to donate to the Kirk to sell, you can bring it in to the office. The sale will be 8am -4pm, rain or shine.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2018), Chairman and Elder  
Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder  
Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman and Elder  
Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon  
Lynn King (2020) Deacon

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dorothy Albright, (2020) Chairman and Elder  
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Lorraine Scott (2019) Deacon  
Audrey Conner (2019) Deacon

### FOUNDATION

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Patrick Frobe (2020) Elder  
John Jennings (2018) Deacon  
Rob Otte (2020) Deacon  
**TREASURER:** Fred Kirk



Please pray for Pat Gallaher's sister, Sharon. Her doctor is checking for cancer. Pray that the result is negative.

Please pray for Mark Gallaher's friend, Louise Chriss

Please pray for Jerry Cobleigh's recovery from surgery

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Financial Report as of 2/28/2017

|                           | February | Year to Date | Budget |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| <b>Income</b>             | 10,674   | 23,752       | 19,282 |
| <b>Expenses</b>           | 10,369   | 18,075       | 18,737 |
| <b>Net Income or Loss</b> | 305      | 5,677        | 545    |
| <b>Liquid Assets*</b>     | 99,292   | 99,292       |        |

\* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.

Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

The February small income amount was achieved with the aid of a \$1,078 gain in Kirk mutual fund investments. While beneficial, the amount is not a cash transaction. The Kirk expenses were impacted somewhat by paying two DTE Energy bills this month. Still overall, the Kirk's financials have been relatively stable for a period of time.

