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PASTOR'S NOTES for APRIL 2021 – What's the Word?

"Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven.
(Luke 24: 8)

The Bible tells us of the first Easter morning when the women who had come to Jesus's tomb found it wide open and empty. Then, while standing there, puzzled and speechless, suddenly two men in white appeared before them saying that Jesus was not there - that he'd been raised from the dead! - just as he had said would come true.

In that moment these women knew what they must do. They had to go and find the other disciples and tell them all that had happened. They ran to the place where the others were staying - they rushed in and slammed the door behind them. Then they turned to the others and said...

Have you ever wondered: where on earth did they begin? What was the first word they chose to the tale of what had just happened? Put yourself in their shoes. What words would you choose?

What words do you use to describe the power and the magnitude – of the Resurrection? How do you describe its impact – on your life? It's still our story to tell, right? As disciples of Christ today – we have been given the honor - and the responsibility - to somehow, some way – either in words (or, better, in actions) tell others of the importance and impact of Christ's resurrection.

A few years ago, I asked several of my friends to post words on Face Book that come to mind when they think about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here's are the words they shared:

Heaven and Savior; Mystery and Miracle; Re-birth and Awe; Cross and Renewal; Love and Joy; Resurrection and Saved; Savior and Believe; Love, Rebirth and Peace; Promise and Hope and Mercy, Deliverance and Victory; Rebirth and First Fruits and Triumph and Surprises; Grace and Redemption, Fulfillment and Power; Mystery, Life; Recharged and Reborn; Rising, Triumphant; Sacrifice and Service; Reversal, Transformation - and New; Spring-Fresh, and Amazing; and of course, Alleluia!

What great words! And they're even better when put together to unfold a story that is BIGGER than perhaps we sometimes remember. And it's a story we need now more than ever. In the face of bad words like pandemic and mass shooting, like the storms of tornadoes and on-going racial tensions, domestic abuse, cyclical poverty, cancer and other diseases – the list of bad words goes on. In the face of it all we need the good words of Easter to help us remember the power and potential of Resurrection.

What words would you add to the list? What words will be heard from your lips?
Go – and have the courage to speak of your faith in word and in action. And may you indeed have a Happy Easter season – filled with the Good Word of Christ's Resurrection!

Peace,
Pastor Mark



Upcoming Youth and/or Family Events



- April 1st—Maundy Thursday online
- April 2nd—(Fri. 6pm) Good Friday Prayer and Meditation in Kortright Chapel (and also live on ZOOM). Come fore a quiet service of prayers, scriptures, and reflections, including a Tenebrae service of lights which remember the seven last sayings of Christ on the cross.
- April 9th—(Fri. 6-8pm) **S'more Time with Jesus**—Cake Walk: Donations to support the CRICKET Center
- April 11th—(Sun. 9am) The 9am Worship service will meet again in Kortright Chapel when Bill Dickson will help us with audio/visual equipment to assist us in setting up our new worship surroundings
- April 13th—(Tue. 6pm) All interest persons are invited to a Worship Committee meeting to discuss further steps for moving the 9am service to Kortright Chapel. We hope for open, honest conversations, opinions, and ideas for the service
- April 17th—(Sat. 12-3pm) CRICKET Center Walk on the Boardwalk—ALL WELCOME to join the BPC team
- April 23rd—(Fri. 6-8pm) **S'more Time with Jesus**—Family Yoga Night
- April 24th—(Sat. 4-5:30pm) - Carry-out Spaghetti Dinner

A NOTE ON PASTORAL VISITS

Dear BPC Family – It is my great joy to be serving as your pastor! But there's one thing that I've been missing greatly, and that is the ability to come visit with you safely in your homes. Please know this is all due to Covid. Please also know that by the middle of April, I will be fully vaccinated. With that and with the warmer weather upon us, I hope we may all feel more confident to gather outside – or even in your homes if all feel safe to do so. If not quite yet, I will fully understand. But please know too that I am always available to talk with you! And if you are a Zoom user, I have my own account and would be happy to “see” you through the blessing of our computers. All this to say – I hope to see you soon – one way or another. Happy and healthy spring, my friends! Pastor Mark

APRIL DINNER

Saturday, April 24, 2021
Drive-up or Delivery 4:00-5:30pm

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert

Please place your orders before Thursday, April 22nd using the sign-up sheets provided at church or by calling or texting Cindi Pruitt (443-880-5502). Indicate how many dinners you need as well as whether you will pick-up or would like them delivered.

This is an outreach to our church and community. If you know of anyone who is suffering emotionally, physically, or financially, please order an extra dinner or two and share with them.



Just a note to let the congregation know that the Trustees are hard at work. At our meeting in March the following items were approved:

- Prepare the area behind the church for the playground by removing all the trees and shrubbery
- Church property to be cleaned and mulshed, flowers planted and vegetables seeded during our usual time-line late May or early June

The cemetery has been cleared of all Christmas decorations by volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped.



Your Deacons in Action...

Most of the action in March was food—preparing and delivering. **Debi Cook & Gloria Gubosh** made and delivered supper to our senior on Sundays. **Debi** made and delivered supper to the Samaritan Shelter along with the items the shelter requested. All the Deacons delivered the food prepared by the **Congregational Life Committee**.

In April we will be parking cars for Berlin's Spring Celebration on April 3rd and standing at ready to help where and when needed.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

COME AND JOIN US!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting every Wednesday afternoon from 1-3 pm at Buckingham Church. Anyone interested in joining our fellowship will be welcomed. Even if you do not crochet or knit, we would love to have you join and we are willing to teach anyone that wants to learn. It is a great time to appreciate and count our many Blessing as we create incredibly special one-of-a-kind Prayer Shawls or Lap Blankets for someone who is in need of Love, Comfort, Compassion, and a reminder of how much GOD LOVES THEM!! If you need any more information, please contact Cindy Scukanec at 410-726-7713.

OPERATION WE CARE PACKING PARTY for ACTIVE DELMARVA TROOPS

In Partnership with Bikers Without Borders!

Friday, May 7, 2021 6:00-8:00pm.

Rain (in Taylor Hall) or Shine (outside in the Parking Lot)

We are excited to extend our support for Operation We Care! We will continue collecting supplies until May 7 when we hope to fill at least 50 care packages to send to our active Delmarva troops!

Here is how it will work: Between now and May 7, we will continue collecting the needed supplies (shopping lists are available at church). Then on May 7th – together with our friends from Bikers without Borders – we will host a packing party to assemble boxes for our troops. We are aiming for at least 50 boxes! This will be an all-church effort, with lots of help needed to donate, collect, pack and decorate boxes. We hope this will be the first of many efforts with Bikers Without Borders, a terrific group of men and women who “believe that giving back to our community is our civic duty. We are motorcycle riders and non-riders that believe we can make a difference through various charitable opportunities.”

~ April Mission Donations to the CRICKET CENTER and Collection of OPERATION WE CARE Supplies ~

Query:

How do you prefer to receive the Buckingham Gram?

- Email
- Website
- Postal Mail

Currently we are emailing and posting on our website, and leaving several hard copies on the table in Taylor Hall. We are mailing via the postal system to only those folks who have no Internet/email address in our system.

Pastor Mark wants to make sure we are reaching our maximum potential, so please let Pastor Mark know or email the office at info@buckinghampcusa.org or call at 410-641-0234.

If you have not been receiving our monthly newsletter and wish to receive it, please notify the church office. Thank you!



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| 4/3 | JOE Pylypczuk |
| 4/13 | CINDY Scukanec |
| 4/16 | PAUL Cook |
| 4/18 | SUSAN Rencher |
| 4/22 | Wyatt Parker |
| 4/23 | DAVID Pruitt |
| 4/30 | Hugh IV Cropper |





A Note from Historian Lynne Murray

Dear Friends,

I have been asked to tell something about the gentleman to whom the memorial plaque in the sanctuary is dedicated; William Severn Hudson. I remember "Bill," Hudson as I was growing up and until the time of his death in October 1978 at age 72. It seemed to me he did everything; an Elder, Clerk of the Session, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, member of the New Castle Presbytery Council, and I'm sure I've missed some of his church activities even on that extended list. Bill was at church for any activity; a film, Christmas tree decorating, and suppers, when he would pitch in to wash dishes if needed. I remember his wife Elizabeth who sat in front of my family during worship services. In those days people wore their best to church and Mrs. Hudson had a set of beautiful Stone Marten furs, a mink-like animal in which several pelts were draped around the shoulders like a scarf. The heads were not removed from the body and the mouths contained clamps so the pelts could be snapped together to form a circle. The heads contained brown glass eyes, that I found thoroughly fascinating when I should have been paying more attention to the sermon! The Hudson's lovely daughter Lucille, who died just this winter, attended Sunday School and church here at Buckingham.

Clearly Mr. Hudson, as I knew him, was a rock in the life of our congregation. He also served his country and his community well. He served in the Navy during WWII and his record in *WWII Young American Patriots*, lists him as Presbyterian. At some point he attended business school at Beacom College in Wilmington, DE, now known as Goldey-Beacom College. I was able to locate his lengthy obituary in the October 19, 1978 *Daily Times*, and it was impressive. Mr. Hudson was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a past Worshipful Master of Berlin's Evergreen Masonic Lodge, a member of the Eastern Shore Tall Cedars, Eastern Shore Shrine Club and Boumi Shrine Temple in Baltimore. His membership in the Knights Templar included the description, "R.S.M. and generalissimo of Thomas J. Shryock Commandry 11." He was also a member of the Odd Fellows and Red Men's Lodges and for many years custodian of the Buckingham Church Cemetery.

Hudson had been a Berlin Mayor and town councilman. He was a member of the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department and had been chief, secretary, and treasurer. He was a member of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and had received the Berlin Citizenship Award in 1973. Richard and Cheryl Holland shared with me that Mr. Hudson worked at the Adkins Co. in Berlin for 52 years, where he had served as treasurer.

It was a privilege to know this person whose description on his plaque includes Christian, Theologian, Evangelist, and Teacher. He was all of those things and more. Bill and Elizabeth Hudson are buried in Buckingham Cemetery with a Masonic symbol engraved in the headstone.

Happy Trails. Lynne



William Severn Hudson
Elder, Christian, Theologian, Evangelist, and Teacher

April 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Maunday Thursday online | 2 Good Friday 6pm | 3 |
| 4 Easter Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Easter Egg Hunt 10:15am | 5 Sharing & Caring 6:30pm | 6 Session 6pm Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm | 7 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm | 8 Bible Study 6-7:30 | 9 Pastor Hrs. 10-12 S'More Jesus Cake Walk f/Cricket Ctr. 6-8pm | 10 |
| 11 9am Casual 9am Kids Church School 11am Traditional | 12 Sharing & Caring 6:30pm | 13 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm | 14 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm | 15 Bible Study 6-7:30 | 16 Pastor Hrs. 10-12 | 17 Noon—3pm Cricket Ctr. Walk on the Boardwalk |
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Easter Flowers 2021

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| <p><i>Diane Brissey (3 Tulips)</i></p> <p>Memory of Carole Smith; Honor of Bill Smith</p> |
| <p><i>Paul & Debi Cook (2 Tulips)</i></p> <p>Memory of Gary Baer; Honor of their grandchildren</p> |
| <p><i>John & Arline Curtis (2 Hyacinths, 2 Tulips)</i></p> <p>Memory of Robert & Luella Curtis and Robert & Larry Curtis</p> <p>Honor of All their children & grandchildren and John & Rosemary Nykvist (Parents)</p> |
| <p><i>The Gubosh Family (3 Hyacinths)</i></p> <p>Memory of Michael X. Gubosh</p> |
| <p><i>Richard & Cheryl Holland (1 Hyacinth, 2 Tulips)</i></p> <p>Memory of Roland & Etta Powell and Edward & Nadine Holland</p> <p>Honor of all their grandchildren Ethan, Matthew, Amy, & Ava</p> |
| <p><i>Jim & Sue Mallory (1 Hyacinth, 1 Tulip)</i></p> <p>Memory of Miles Lee Mallory</p> |
| <p><i>Kurt & Jean Marx (1 Hyacinth, 1 Tulip)</i></p> <p>Memory of Teresa Read; Honor of Milly Marx</p> |
| <p><i>Fred & Carol Neal (1 Hyacinth, 2 Tulips)</i></p> <p>Memory of Loved ones</p> <p>Honor of their children & grandchildren</p> |
| <p><i>Larry & Tammy Nickell (3 Tulips)</i></p> <p>Memory of Jacob & Hilma Shank (parents of Tammy) and Ed Nickell (father of Larry)</p> <p>Honor of Socorro Nickell (mother of Larry)</p> |
| <p><i>George Phillips, Jr. (1 Hyacinth, 2 Tulips)</i></p> <p>Memory of S. Glen Phillips, George Phillips III, Mark Hammond, & Brett Hammond</p> |
| <p><i>Patricia Rouch (1 Hyacinth)</i></p> <p>Memory of David Rouch</p> <p>Honor of her grandsons Adam, David, Matthew, William, & Ryan</p> |



*Painting by Porcelain Artist ORUCCE
Olga Rose Uhl Caccese, deceased
Shared with permission by her daughter,
Pamella Russell, for Easter Blessings*