

The *Echo*

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From the Pastor's Desk

With Easter just around the corner, it's a good time to take a moment to reflect on what the Resurrection means for our lives in 21st Century America. More specifically, what does the Resurrection mean for ministry in a place like Greenville?

For a town whose population has declined every decade for the past 60 years, many people who live in the Greenville area have now spent their entire lives hoping their town would come back to life. They have prayed for a return of the industries that once made the town great, but what they observe is that the town has continued to experience decline by almost every measurable metric, including physical deterioration, fewer employment opportunities, and a shrinking tax base, which caused the borough to be labeled a "Financially Distressed Municipality" and go through the Act 47 process. Consequently, many seem reluctant to believe in the possibility or reality of resurrection. It seems like many people genuinely believe in the Resurrection as a doctrine central to their Christian faith, but their lifelong experience tells them that a dying town does not come back to life.

At its core, our understanding of the Resurrection is that in coming back to life, Jesus didn't just come back from the dead; he actually initiated God's plan to bring new life to the entire world by undoing death and decay themselves. If all of creation was broken through the fall, then all of creation is being remade until God's Kingdom comes in fullness when Jesus returns. In our personal lives, this means that there is no life so twisted that it cannot be transformed by the love of God. There is no wound that cannot be healed and no decay that cannot be undone.

For over a year now, our working mission statement has been "Revitalizing Greenville by bringing the lost and hurting new life in Christ." This language is all about bringing the Resurrection to bear on the people in our neighborhood and the town of Greenville itself. Our calling is to ask ourselves what can bring new life and vitality to our neighbors and our town. Any revitalization efforts, whether they are planting flowers, mending a broken relationship, or painting something faded, all serve to bear witness to the Resurrection and make it more real for those who see them and might even a glimpse of the new life offered in Christ might mean to those who desperately need to witness it. Even a glimpse of the power of the resurrection and the glory of God's Kingdom has the potential to give people an enduring hope that will challenge them to rise above their surroundings, and this key part of our high calling as disciples seeking to bear witness to the community of Greenville.

In Christ,
Pastor Sean



WEE CHRISTIANS

There will be an Easter activity with lunch for the Wee Christians after church on Sunday, April 9th.

MORNING CIRCLE

Nineteen ladies met at the church for Morning Circle. Co-hosts were Pat Battles and Sue Mathieson. We celebrated our church birthday with a cake.

Several of the ladies were unable to attend due to illness.

Dr. Ray Brugler continued the Bible Study, "Who Is Jesus".

Sue Mathieson chaired the business meeting.

Janie Lindemuth was welcomed as a new member. Nancy Lutkemier told about the birthday offering that was established in 1922. Spring Gathering is scheduled for April 22.

Bonny Sheesley closed the meeting with prayer.

EVENING CIRCLE

With nine members present, the Evening Circle met at the church on March 2. Our hostess was Jill Redfoot and our Bible study leader for chapter 9 in our book was Shelley Ferguson.

After opening the meeting with prayer, most of our business meeting focused on plans for the All Women's Dinner to be held May 4, as our circle is hostess for it. The dinner will be Pot Luck, including two meats that Evening Circle will provide; ham loaf and pork loin. Your Pot Luck contributions can be tureens or desserts to share. We will take reservations the last three Sundays in April, the 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The tickets will be \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for ages 4-12, children 3 and under, free. The Morning Circle has invited The Grace Notes (Pam Maloney's group) to be our special entertainment for the evening.

Our next Circle meeting is April 6 at 7:00 pm.

OVER 75 LUNCHEON

The Over 75 Luncheon is April 19th at noon. Invitations will be mailed. If you are turning 75 this year, please notify Pat Herrick



Special Update

News has been received that in April 2016, our former pastor, Gary Close, was diagnosed with sarcoma, a rare and fast growing form of cancer. He has already had two tumors removed from his upper right arm and then this year in January-February has undergone thirty-three radiation treatments on his arm. He also has an aortic aneurysm which was discovered during testing for the sarcoma.

Being the strong and committed Christians that they are, Sue and Gary are ever rejoicing and giving thanks for Jesus, their Savior and Lord, for His unfailing love, everlasting compassions and generous provisions. They state that while they do not understand certain things, they do rejoice in having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ the Rock.

If you would like to send them a note, their address is: 634 Cleveland Drive, Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Service is at 10:45. Maundy Thursday Service at 6 and potluck dinner at 6:30. Good Friday we will meet at the park at 11:30 and walk to First Presbyterian for service at noon. Hillside's service will be at 12:30. Easter Sunday we will have Sunrise Service at 6:30 at Hempfield Park and a light breakfast to follow at Hillside and Worship at 10:45. Office is closed Monday following Easter.

Worship Leader Training

There will be Worship Leader Training to recruit and train new and existing worship leaders on Sunday, May 7th at 4:30 p.m. We will be talking about the significance and the meaning of the various elements of our worship service and how we as worship leaders can make worship more meaningful for those in the pews. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you don't plan to be a worship leader.

March Greeters

Folding Door

2 Mickala Kiser
9 Polly Oden & Janet Kirk
16 Lexi Charlton
23 Jessica Dick & Kids
30 Still Available

Front Door

Barb & Dan Shrock
Mickala Kiser
Ray & Pat Brugler
Alexis
Lexi Charlton

Thank you to all my Hillside family who sent Get Well and Birthday wishes to me in February. Your cards, prayers and the Deacons fruit basket were much appreciated.

David Christman

Thank you for the prayers cards and meals. Special thanks for the rides to the hospital and doctor appointments. Your support helped make the recovery time easier. God bless.

Grace Ann Greenfield

Thank you to everyone who helped with the backpack program, from packing on Sunday to delivering on Wednesday. This program feeds 119 children every week, all by volunteers. So, thank you to our Hillside family for helping.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Bill Turcic dinner.

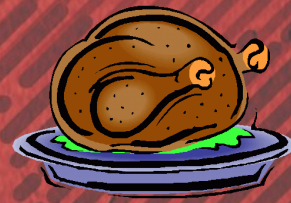
Hometown Heroes

Please continue to pray for these loved ones who are serving our country. Keep them, their families, our country, and our world situation in your constant prayers.

HANNAH BATTLES
RAYMOND PELSH
JASON COATS
JOSH PIPP
PATRICK DANGROW
MICHAEL PSCHIRER
KENNETH BUCKLEY

JUSTIN SMITH
CRAIG TRUMBULL JR.
KRISTOPHER HIRSCH-
MANN
DAVID TURNER
JON LEXINGTON
BRIAN GEARHART

Recipe Corner



TAKE THE NIGHT OFF SLOW COOKER CHICKEN

4 lbs. bone-in chicken breasts
1- 8 oz. can pineapple chunks with juice
3 TBL. Honey
1 TBL soy sauce
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dark brown sugar
2 teas. ground ginger
Place chicken in slow cooker.
Pour pineapple over chicken.
Drizzle with honey and soy sauce.
Add brown sugar and ginger.
Cook on high 1 hour.
Reduce to low and cook 6 hours.
Serve with brown rice and steamed broccoli.

MAY

ECHO DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, APRIL 16

April Good Shepherd Item:
Canned Vegetables



Easter Flowers

***It's time to order flowers to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary,
as we come to celebrate our risen Lord on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017***

The choices of plants are: lilies ~ mums ~ or tulips.

Each plant is \$8.50.

Please call Janet Shannon 724-588-8339

by Wednesday, April 5, 2017

***All checks should be made out to
Hillside Presbyterian Church.***

***You may take your plants home after worship
or designate them for a shut-in.***

Lily _____ how many

Tulip _____ how many

Mum _____ how many

Colors available for the mums –

☐

White Mum

☐

Yellow Mum

☐

Lavender Mum

Total cost: @ \$8.50 each = _____

_____ I will take them.

_____ Please give to a shut-in.

Name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

APRIL

9:30 SS 10:45 Worship Congregational Mtg 6 Praise Team 2	6:30 Membership Mtg. 3	2-4 Knitting 4	5:30 Lenten Pot- luck 5	7 E.R. 9:30 Morning Circle 7 Evening Circle 6	7 Movie—Passion of the Christ, It's the Easter Beagle, HOP 7	1 8
9:30 SS 10:45 Worship 12 Wee Christian Easter Activity 6 Praise Team 9	6:30 Worship Mtg. 10	2-4 Knitting 6 Trustees 6:30 Deacons 11	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir 12	7 E.R. 6 Maundy Thurs- day Worship Potluck 13	11:30 Good Fri- day Service 14	15
6:30 Sunrise Ser- vice 9:30 SS 10:45 Easter Wor- ship—Comunion Echo Articles Due 16	6:30 PW Mtg. 17	2-4 Knitting 6:30 Session 18	5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir 19	7 E.R. 7 p.m. Tech & Comm. Mtg. 20	21	22
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Birthdays

4//4 Randy Ferguson
Tom McKenzie
4/9 Mickala Kiser
4/12 Jennifer Battles
4/13 Jim Greenfield
4/16 Bethany Scott

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4/19 June Ealy
4/20 John "JP" Scott
4/21 Ashley Stubbs
4/22 Lynn Ferguson
Linda Pinney
4/25 Sharon Doan
4/27 Landon Fischer

Anniversaries

4/8 Mark & Carla Reichard
4/12 Chuck & Catharine Crawford
(60 Years)
4/13 Aaron & Tracie English





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