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Henderson Happenings

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Pastor's Message...

Being a grandparent of small children, I feel myself being pulled into all the hoopla of the holiday. I want Mikayla, Samantha, Noah, and Teegan to experience the magic of Easter. I am so tempted as I browse the aisles of Walmart to fill my cart with stuffed bunnies, hopping chicks, and candy of every kind.

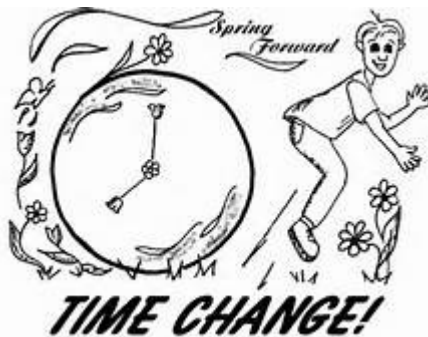
If you ask children what Easter is about, they will probably say something about the Easter bunny. The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be fruitful in making baby bunnies, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life. According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. The image of an egg-laying bunny is imaginative, cute and seemingly harmless enough.

But the story of the Easter bunny tends to displace a much more compelling Story. A true Story. An Amazing Story that I would like to share with you right now in a few words.

The Amazing Story concerns a man, a carpenter who lived 2,000 years ago in an obscure Roman province in a town called Nazareth. At age 30, the man hung up his leather carpenter's apron and began to speak publically up and down the countryside.

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Religious leaders were undecided at best. Most felt deeply threatened, because this ex-carpenter taught in huge outdoor meetings with compelling authority—and he healed people. Not just colds and fevers, but crippled limbs and blind eyes. On several occasions, he even brought people back from the dead.

The religious leaders saw their orderly world spinning out of their control. And so they determined to eliminate the man. They infiltrated his inner circle so they could grab him away from public view. And once in custody, they engineered a trial behind closed doors, and then put huge political pressure on the Roman governor to execute him immediately. Within 12 hours of his arrest, the man hung on a cross. Six hours later he was dead—seemingly a martyr to a glorious but hopeless cause.

But there is more. The man did not resist his arrest and crucifixion—in fact, he had predicted it to his followers again and again. And he taught that his death would have incredible meaning—that he would give his life as a ransom for many. That is, his death would pay the ransom price for a multitude of people who were enslaved by their own sins—and set them free. That's what he said. And on that cross he prayed for his crucifiers—certainly enslaved in their sins—"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." And he died. A Roman centurion who saw him die said, "Surely, this man was the Son of God."

He died on a Friday at just about three in the afternoon. By dusk he had been buried by a rich follower in a tomb hollowed out of solid rock, a tomb protected by a huge stone that rolled into place along a channel in the rock, then clunk! The tomb was secure. Friday night and all day Saturday his cold body lay there.

But Sunday morning, the Sunday we call Easter, some women had come to complete the hasty burial and they found the stone rolled back and the tomb empty. An angel appeared to them saying, "He is not here, he has risen." This, too, the man, Jesus, had foretold to his followers.

Over the next 40 days, he appeared to his disciples and others, to even 500 at one time. And then he left earth promising to return. His Spirit was poured out on his followers a few days later. Within a single generation his followers travelled with the Amazing Story to all of the known world. Our world has never been the same. Because where people believe the Story, they find forgiveness and freedom and meaning. They receive the Spirit of God themselves and they began to love.

The Story we tell is a life-transforming Story. If we would tell it to our children and grandchildren, they would find that it is much more compelling than any Easter bunny tale. The only appeal it lacks to your children—and to our desperately needy world—is a few pastel candy Easter eggs. Tell the Amazing Story. It changes lives.

May you have a blessed, hope-filled, Jesus filled Easter!

Pastor Mary



March BIRTHDAYS

- Mar 4—Brit Holmberg
- Mar 6 – Elly Drew
- Mar 6 – Bryah Jordan
- Mar 7 – Kumain Page
- Mar 8 – Noah Owens
- Mar 12 Tabatha Miller
- Mar 15-Dorothy Gilkey
- Mar 17- Shalin Snider
- Mar 18-Kate Drew
- Mar 18-Samantha Shields
- Mar 21-Kalae Harden
- Mar 23-Josh Granger
- Mar 27-Shaherah Tate
- Mar 29-Ana Jimenez



April BIRTHDAYS

- Apr 3 -Jermaine Shields
- Apr 5 -Raina Harden
- Apr 5 -Roshawn Pierce
- Apr 10 Milagro Jimenez
- Apr 10 Mica Lynn Cooper
- Apr 14 Jeremiah Harkless
- Apr 19 Shamon Snider
- Apr 22 Abigayle “Abby” Drew
- Apr 24 Chad Jewell
- Apr 25 Jayjohnia Stevens
- Apr 26 Kiera Williams
- Apr 27 Megan Holmberg
- Apr 27 Tanya Williams
- Apr 29 Jane Hackenberg

Worship Assisters:

March

- Announcer – Wanda
- Scripture – Michelle
- Greeter – Margaret
- Ushers- Walter and Youth
- Counters – Wanda & Sandy S.

April

- Announcer – Melissa
- Scripture – Bill
- Greeter – Michelle
- Ushers- Walter and Youth
- Counters – Margaret & Kathy

Two separate school locations are available.

Option 1: Saegertown UMC

**Sundays: Apr 3rd – May 1st
-- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Classes:

- Basic Lay Servant Ministries
- Go Preach
- War Room
- Life together in UM Connection
- A Blueprint for Discipleship



Option 2: Asbury UMC, Waterford

Tuesdays: Apr 5th – May 3rd -- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Classes:

- Basic Lay Servant Ministries;
- Go Preach;
- Discovering and Using Spiritual Gifts for Ministry
- Lay Visitation Ministry
- PPR

Cost: \$25.00 registration fee covers books and materials

To register: complete the enrollment form; write check to Erie-Meadville District, mail form and check to: Bobbie Jo Morey, 137 East Main St, North East, Pa 16428 --- by March 15th See attached Flyer and enrollment form available soon.

SAVE THIS DATE!!—Wed, Mar 30th, 6:30 p.m.

Celebration of Ministry with Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton—Edinboro UMC

Yard Sale

Where: Henderson U M Church

Benefit: Women’s Olmsted Retreat

Date of sale: To be announced later

Contact: Melissa at (814) 323-7534

If you are able to donate any items for this sale please contact Melissa. We ask that clothing or other fabric be washed before bringing to the church.

Thank you for your support

Random Thoughts***It's Camping Time Again***

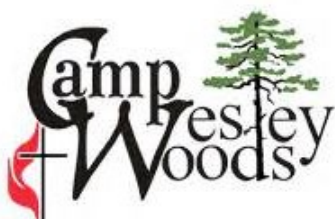
We are starting to sign up kids for camp so get your child registered as soon as possible. The sooner the better because once the camperships are gone the cost of camp will increase. We want to have all registrations completed and sent to the Camp Registrar by May 1st in order to take advantage of the \$10 or more reduced fee for each camper.

Parents and/or sponsors are asked to please help with a \$30 -50 deposit at the time you register your child. For your convenience Kathy Fuller will be at the church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with applications and to help you with registration. She will also be available on Sundays after church.

Kathy can be reached by phone at (814) 504-1149 or (814) 746-6756. Other contacts are Michelle Retzer or Mary Adams (814 440-6213). You may also leave a message on the church phone (814) 453-6041 other times and someone will get in touch with you.

Don't let your child miss out on the chance to experience spending time with others and learning more about God in the fun-filled atmosphere of a Christian Summer Camp. Take the first step and get in touch with Kathy, Michelle or Mary to let them know you want to send your child to camp. There are only limited funds available for the camping program so let us hear from you soon.

Kathy Fuller

***The Church Mouse******Receives a report on the Food Pantry***

Food Pantry is going very well. We have 146 families signed up to receive food every other Wednesday. They all don't come each give out. It ranges from 40 – 60 depending on the weather. Our schedule for March is the 9th and the 23rd April schedule is the 6th and the 20th from 12 – 2 pm. Come early and share a free meal provided by City Mission and served at San Juan UMC next door.

Our food is supplied by Second Harvest Food Bank and donations from First United Methodist Church and Simpson Cascade UMC. We select items that compliment each other so they can take them home and make a meal or two out of what they received. We have a wonderful group of volunteers that make food pantry day a joy and a blessing. If you would like to volunteer please see Margaret, Michelle or Brandy.

We are asking if you can donate any paper products or toiletries (soap, deodorant, shampoo, body wash) these items are rarely available through our sources and our families can use them as well.

Thank You

Margaret Harrison

Food Pantry Staff



Lenten Bible Study—The Gospel of John

We continue with the study of the Gospel of John. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths. John's aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." This Lent we will experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal in Adam Hamilton's six-week, DVD-series, John: The Gospel of Light and Life. Follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through this study.

Session titles:

- The Word Made Flesh
- The Miraculous Signs of Jesus The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus
- The Farewell Discourse
- The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King

Eternal Life

The study will be offered on Tuesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Participants may attend either time selection. Join us for a new understanding of the Gospel of John.

United Methodist Men's 2016 Lenten Communion Breakfasts—8:00 a.m.

The following churches have agreed to host the breakfasts for our district. The host church will provide the program/meditation, followed by communion, concluding with breakfast. A freewill offering will be received during breakfast. Reservations should be called in to the host church the Wednesday before each breakfast.

March 5	Weis Library UMC Frank Hodges, Pastor West Heidler Road Fairview, PA 16415	Phone: 833-3225
March 12	Park UMC Eric Leonard, Pastor 30 North Lake Street North East, PA 16428	Phone: 725-4105
March 19	San Juan/Henderson UMCs Mary Stewart, Pastor 1430 Buffalo Road Erie, PA 16503	Phone: 881-9141



Henderson UMC will be having a flower sale to help send the kids to camp. We will be selling vouchers for you to take to Mason Farms

where you can pick them up. We will have flats of flowers that will be \$18 each as well as Geraniums for \$4.00 each. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Melissa at 814-323-7534. This sale will start on March 1st and will run until May 1st.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Pastor Jane Myers, Jonathan Johnson jr, Harry Retzer, Wanda Brunner, Bill and Sandy Stewart, Kate Drew, Williams Family, Drew Family, Atkinson, Lyons, Faulkerson Family

MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Helpers : Announcer – Wanda Greeter – Margaret Scripture – Michelle Usher- Walter and Youth Counter – Wanda & Sandy	
Office hours are M – W- F 10 am to 2 pm & Emergency Food non-food-week 12 – 1pm	
1 st Tuesday	Lenten Bible Study Noon & 7pm
2 nd Wednesday	
3 rd Thursday	
4 th Friday	Food pick up Second Harvest 9 am Girl Scouts 5pm – 7pm
5 th Saturday	United Methodist Men's Lenten Breakfast Weis Library UMC 8 am
6 th Sunday	One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday services 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am
7 th Monday	
8 th Tuesday	Food Pantry volunteer meeting 10 am Lenten Bible Study Noon & 7pm
9 th Wednesday	Pick up perishables 9:30 am Food distribution 12 -2
10 th Thursday	
11 th Friday	Food pick up 9 am Girl Scouts 5-7
12 th Saturday	United Methodist Men's Lenten Breakfast Park UMC 8 am Nurture meeting 10 am
13 th Sunday	Daylight Savings time Sunday services 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am
14 th Monday	
15 th Tuesday	Lenten Bible Study Noon and 7pm
16 th Wednesday	
17 th Thursday	St Patrick's Day
18 th Friday	Food Pick up 9 am <i>Two in One with Carl Williams</i> 10 am Girl Scout 5 -7
19 th Saturday	U M Men's Lenten Breakfast San Juan/ Henderson 8 am Ad Council meeting 10 am
20 th Sunday	Palm Sunday Church 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am
21 st Monday	
22 nd Tuesday	Food Pantry volunteer meeting 10 am Lenten Bible Study Noon and 7pm
23 rd Wednesday	Pick up perishables 9 am Food distribution 12 -2
24 th Thursday	Senior Food Box 10am – 2 pm Maundy Thursday services 7 pm
25 th Friday	Good Friday No food pick up Girl scout Daisies – Brownies 5-7
26 th Saturday	
27 th Sunday	Easter Sunday Church 9:30 Easter Party after in Ministry building
28 th Monday	
29 th Tuesday	Lenten Bible Study Noon & 7 pm
30 th Wednesday	Celebration of Ministry with Bishop Bickerton 6:30pm Edinboro UMC
31 st Thursday	
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APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Helpers : Announcer – Melissa Greeter – Michelle Scripture – Bill Usher- Walter and Youth Counter – Margaret & Kathy	
Office hours are M – W- F 10 am to 2 pm & Emergency Food non-food-week 12 – 1pm	
1 st Friday	Food pick up Second Harvest 9 am Girl Scouts 5pm – 7pm
2 nd Saturday	
3 rd Sunday	services 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am Lay Servant Classes 2-4 Saegertown UMC
4 th Monday	
5 th Tuesday	Food Pantry volunteer meeting 10 am Lay Servant Classes 6:30 – 8:30pm
6 th Wednesday	Pick up perishables 9:30 am Food distribution 12 -2
7 th Thursday	“God’s Not Dead” tour at the Warner Theater
8 th Friday	Food pick up 9 am Girl Scouts 5-7
9 th Saturday	Nurture meeting 10 am UMM Ministries 8-11am “All in Men’s Conference Harborcreek
10 th Sunday	Sunday services 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am
11 th Monday	
12 th Tuesday	Lay Servant Classes 6:30 – 8:30pm Asbury UMC
13 th Wednesday	
14 th Thursday	
15 th Friday	Food Pick up 9 am <i>Two in One with Carl Williams</i> 10 am Girl Scout 5 -7
16 th Saturday	Ad Council meeting 10 am
17 th Sunday	Sunday Church 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Lay Servant Classes 2-4
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26 th Tuesday	Lay Servant Classes 6:30 – 8:30pm Asbury UMC
27 th Wednesday	
28 th Thursday	
29 th Friday	Food pick up 9 am
30 th Saturday	
1st May Sunday	Sunday Church 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 am Lay Servant Classes 2-4
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Have you ever felt called to serve God in a place far from home? Have you ever really wondered what life is like in a developing nation? If so, you may be one of the people we are looking for. All God's Children Ministries and the Erie Meadville District are planning an 8 day mission trip to Guatemala, **Oct 21st - 28th**. The outreach activities we have planned will give you an opportunity to interact directly with those we will be serving as you experience a culture that is very different from ours here in Northwestern PA. Our goal is to assemble a team of 12-14 persons for this trip. Our in country costs including materials and supplies, housing, food, transportation,

etc. will be approximately \$1400-\$1600 per person plus air fare. We would like to pursue some fund raising activities to help defray costs as well. We are hoping to fill the team with folks from the Erie Meadville District but if all the spots on the team are not filled, we will open it up to others from around the Conference. Our deadline for registration for the District (before opening it up to the Conference) is May 15. If you are interested please contact Debbie Hills (440-812-4624 or deacon.dhills@gmail.com) for more specific information or to reserve your spot on the team.



Join us after Easter services in the Ministry Building for a Easter party!

Mark your calendar!!

A fundraiser will be held at the **Pizza Hut** located at **4402 Buffalo Road Erie PA 16510** on April 13th from 5pm-8pm.

Henderson will receive donations from the purchase of the Buffet plus the tips during that time frame to help defray the cost of sending children to camp.

So come on out, dine with us and help give a child the experience of going to a Christian camp and meeting Jesus.

Can you really blame this guy for forgetting the day he got married? Hey it just might have been some 50 years ago like Carl and Sandi Williams who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. I can tell you for sure that Carl would not have presented Sandi with flowers and never would he have membered their anniversary wrong!

