



April 2024 Beacon

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Prayer List

Dale Nelson	Dave Vindivich	Dee Alekson	Bill Smith	Russ Moon
Sherry Freet	Jamie Alexander	Diane Morgan	Carolyn Smith	Louetta Hayden
Buffy Roberts	Donna Adams	Florence Orr	Melba Jean Wolfe	Ian Chikoti
Noreen Yakich	Idalee Leeper	Cindy Hruby	Jeremy Wolfe	Lucy Chikoti
Gianna Smoyer	Lida Evans	Dave O'Casek	Darryl Smith	Nancy Layton

April Birthdays

April 1st David Smith	April 2nd Doug Zundel
April 4th Tamara Stimmel	April 9th Tara Posey
April 10th Carolyn Smith	April 15th Justin Walsh
April 20th Jonathan Fowler	April 21st Daniel Risky
April 22nd Joyce Bell	April 26th Jacob Posey
April 27th Rebekah Foringer	April 28th Patty Martin

April Anniversaries

April 19th Ray and Carolyn Clark

Sunday School Teachers and Assistants

There will be no Sunday School during the summer season starting June 2nd through September 8th.

April 7th Chris and Carter Stasicha	April 14th Rachel Maxson and Dean Ripple
April 21st Becca Reeb and Sarah Zundel	April 28th Rebekah and Randy Foringer

Upcoming Schedule and Events

April 16th Bag Brigade 5:15
April 16th Rehoboth Womens Dinner at Little Bamboo 6:30
April 23rd Session Meeting 6:00
May 11th Deacon's Craft and Vendor Show 9:30 till 2pm
May 18th Spaghetti Dinner
May 21st Session Meeting 6pm
May 21st Bag Brigade 5:15

April 2024

April is a month of many surprises. But high expectations are often met with the delivery of somber returns. The flowers all around us begin to show off their brilliant hues. But if a sudden frost occurs, our Springtime color fest may be dulled. April showers may bring May flowers, but April may still bring snow. On April 4, 1987, our region was hit by 5.4 inches of snow. Surprise!

We may also be surprised on April first by any number of pranks or tall tales. One such example, which is taken as a possible origin for the day known as "April fool's Day", was the selling of tickets to see "the washing of the lions" at the Tower of London on that April 1, 1698. Though many bought tickets, none saw any such activity, nor any lions at all.

In our spiritual lives we are often faced with sobering setbacks that surprise us. We hope for an easy path in life but too often find out to our chagrin that no such road exists or has ever existed. It is then that we can be tempted to turn to cynicism. Why we often turn to this outlook on life probably has to do with establishing a defense mechanism against disappointment. While the difficulties in our lives can tempt us to despair, perhaps there is underlying target of our cynicism.

I submit that all such despair resides primarily in a disappointment with God. He is after all, the creator and guiding power of all existence. Who better to blame when things don't go our way?

The Christian knows better than to hang this charge on the Lord for any length of time. We are all imperfect and sinful beings, prone to error and familiar with mistakes. The God who created us perfect also provided a wonderful surprise for us when we forfeited that perfection and fell into sin. He gave His only Son as a Savior for us to turn to when "surprises" overwhelm us. This Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, is the One who makes possible our victory over the ultimate disappointment – death. He did so by freely giving Himself for us. Can we, in response, do any less for Him?

April Blessings, Pastor Don

A Spare Fish Not Spared

My grandfather loved to fish. Many summer evenings, as twilight settled in, Grandpa would set up a small table in his driveway to process the catch of the day. A bucket filled with water and live fish would be on the ground nearby. And at table level, scales would be flying everywhere.

One evening when I was young, we were visiting my grandparents. As I passed by Grandpa's fish processing setup, I peered into the bucket, and there was just one fish left—a small bluegill. Grandpa asked if I wanted to take him home.

Of course, I wanted to take that fish home, and I said so without thought or hesitation. Apparently reading my inordinate enthusiasm, Grandpa said, "You know if you take him home, he will not be alive."

That was not what I thought I'd agreed to. I didn't like the taste of fish, so I saw little point in taking a dead one home with me. But in that moment, I was too embarrassed to admit to my mistake, so I ended taking home a poor little decapitated bluegill in a plastic bag.

I've never entirely forgiven myself for that; I sacrificed the life of another living creature rather than admitting that I'd misunderstood. I let pride get in the way of doing what I should have done.

Unfortunately, though it's apparently a memorable example for me, it was not the first or the last time that I looked out for my own interests over that of another—and very often, the victims are people, not fish. What's even more unfortunate is that I am not alone in this type of behavior.

Christ stands in stark contrast to the selfish inclinations of humankind. I could have spared the life of that innocent fish that I had just the moment before been inclined to take home as a pet. Christ went farther—he died in the place of sinners, people who deserved the fruits of their evil ways.

Paul writes in Romans 5:6-8, "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

It's the kind of love that should knock us off our feet because it's so amazing. It's the kind of love that we should be so grateful for that it changes who we are. And it's the kind of love that we should try our very best to show to others, no matter how much we fail at it.

Laurie Bartolott

March 26, 2024, Session Highlights

- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed to approve the 2024 counters: Bev Reeb, Kevin Huebner, Ed Moore, Allan and Debi Buza, and Doug and Luanne Zu
- Motion made by Ken Amrick, seconded, and passed to appropriate \$500.00 for a camera surveillance system with the Security Committee of Rachel Maxson, Dalton Smith, and Ken Amrick researching the topic, giving a recommendation to Session, and reporting to Session if more money is needed.
- Motion made by Bev Reeb, seconded, and passed to fix the fire suppression system.
- Bev Reeb will request the church insurance policy from our insurance provider and compare it with other policies from other companies looking for a better yearly rate.
- Allan Buza's son will conduct a camera inspection on Tuesday, April 2 from 5:00-6:00 to determine the cause of frequent sewage backups in the downstairs ladies restroom in the Educational Building.
- Bill Nicholls will call Salvio's once more requesting the library unit be installed or Rehoboth will consult with an attorney.
- Moderator's February 2024 Report
- Visitation: 5 Counseling: 7 Meetings: 8 Events: 4 Continuing Education: 1 Visitation Kevin Huebner, Idalee Leeper, Jim Orr, Melba Jean Wolfe, Diane Spiker Johnson.
- Moderator's Items
- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed for Rehoboth to be a greens sponsor for the Pine Springs Camp Golf Fundraiser.
- Motion made by David Vindivich, seconded, and passed for Rehoboth to not accept the \$200.00 donation by Pine Springs Camp (for using Rehoboth for meetings), and instead requests that the money be donated to Pine Springs Camp to sponsor a greens tee at the Pine Springs Golf Fundraiser in May.
- Baptism of Gabby and Nora Maxon on April 28, 2024.
- District 3 Lunch, working for District 3 churches to sponsor youth activities together.
- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed for Study Leave on April 19, 2024 and May 10, 2024 with Rev. Mary Kay Glunt covering for Rev. Donald Glunt.
- Facility Use Request
- Motion made by Bev Reeb, seconded, and passed for request by Carolyn Smith for use of sanctuary, social hall, basement kitchen, fellowship room, youth hall, classrooms, and pavilion for Vacation Bible School Community Outreach on July 8-12, 2024 from 9:00-11:30 and an evening program at 7:00 PM on July 12, 2024 contingent upon finding enough help to function.
- Motion made by David Vindivich, seconded, and passed for request by Carolyn Smith, Dalton Smith, and Janine Blacka from the Nominating Committee to raise money for our church general fund by hosting a spaghetti dinner including the option of gluten free pasta and gluten free cake on May 18, 2024 from 2:00-6:00 PM with permission to use the sanctuary for a

possible waiting area, social hall, basement kitchen, and fellowship room with preparation also taking place on May 17, 2024 in the afternoon and evening with meetings as needed to plan the logistics and clean up after the dinner.

- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed to approve a meeting of the Spaghetti Committee for April 1 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.
- Administrative Assistant Report, Elizabeth Reutter
- Front door has been fixed to open the door from the office.
- Outgoing emailing is not working; Doug Zundel is working on it.
- Clerk of Session Report
- Reviewed Baptism and Membership guidelines from Presbyterian Church Book of Order (p 35).
- Motion made by Ken Amrick, seconded, and passed to change the meeting time of Session from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed to change April Session meeting to April 23, 2024, as Sally Finley Nicholls will be away April 9-16, 2024.
- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed for church services to begin at 10:00 AM from June 2, 2024, to September 8, 2024.
- Motion made by David Vindivich, seconded, and passed to not have Sunday School in the summer and instead provide activity folders for our children to use during the church service with the folders prepared by Carolyn Smith.
- Ken Amrick will talk with Stu Boyd of the Rostraver Historical Society about the possibility of an open house tour of Rehoboth Church and Cemetery.
- Nursery School Report -Feb. 28, 2024
- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed to approve Nursery School Board Re-organization:
 - Board Chairperson: Rachel Maxson
 - Secretary: Sarah Zundel
 - Treasurer: Rebecca Reeb
 - Financial Secretary: Bill Smith Jr.
 - Registration: Carolyn Smith

Vacation Bible School will be from July 8th-12th from 9am till 11:30. We need help with music, crafts, games, snacks, drama, and teachers. Please contact Carolyn Smith at 724-880-2612.



Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
442 Rehoboth Road/Belle Vernon

Saturday, May 18th, 2024 2 PM to 6 PM
724-929-7020

\$10.⁰⁰ Large Dinner
\$ 6.⁰⁰ Small Dinner

Salad, Pasta with Meat sauce or Marinara,
Bread & Butter, Cake, & Drink

*Gluten sensitive pasta & cake
available upon request*



*And, of course, there will also be one
of our Epic Bake Sales!*



MAY 11, 2024

9:30 AM -- 2:00 PM

**REHOBOTH DEACONS
CRAFT SHOW**

The **Craft Show** helps support many Deacon mission projects. There will be a Basket Raffle, Bake Sale & food for sale.

Come out and start your Spring shopping. There will be Wreaths, Watkins Products, Tastefully Simple, Avon, handmade Purses & accessories, Jewelry, Jellies, many Sewn Items, Painted Wood items, and many more crafts!

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ROOM AND A HOME
FOR ALL ”

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Flowers Purchased for Easter

Purchased

In Memory

Flower

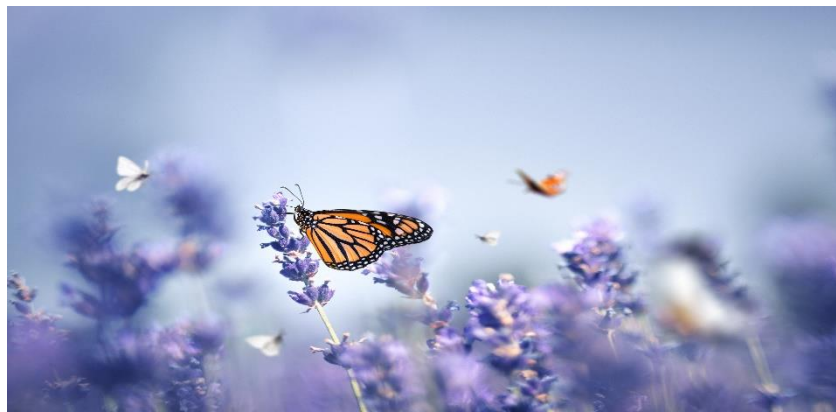
Rachel Maxson	Bob Orr	Pink and Blue Hyacinth
Ken and Marilyn Amrick	Loved Ones	White Hyacinth
Mavis Perney	Loved Ones	Pink Hyacinth
Amy Flower	Family	Yellow Tulip/Blue Hyacinth
Colleen Ress	Family	Pink and Blue Hyacinth
Carolyn Clark	Loved Ones	Yellow Tulip
Bill and Carolyn Smith	Loved Ones	Pink and Blue Hyacinth
Nikki Samoda	Loved Ones	Red/Purple/Yellow Tulip
Ed and Becky Moore	Loved Ones	White Lilly

Pastor Don is hosting Confirmation classes every Sunday after church service.

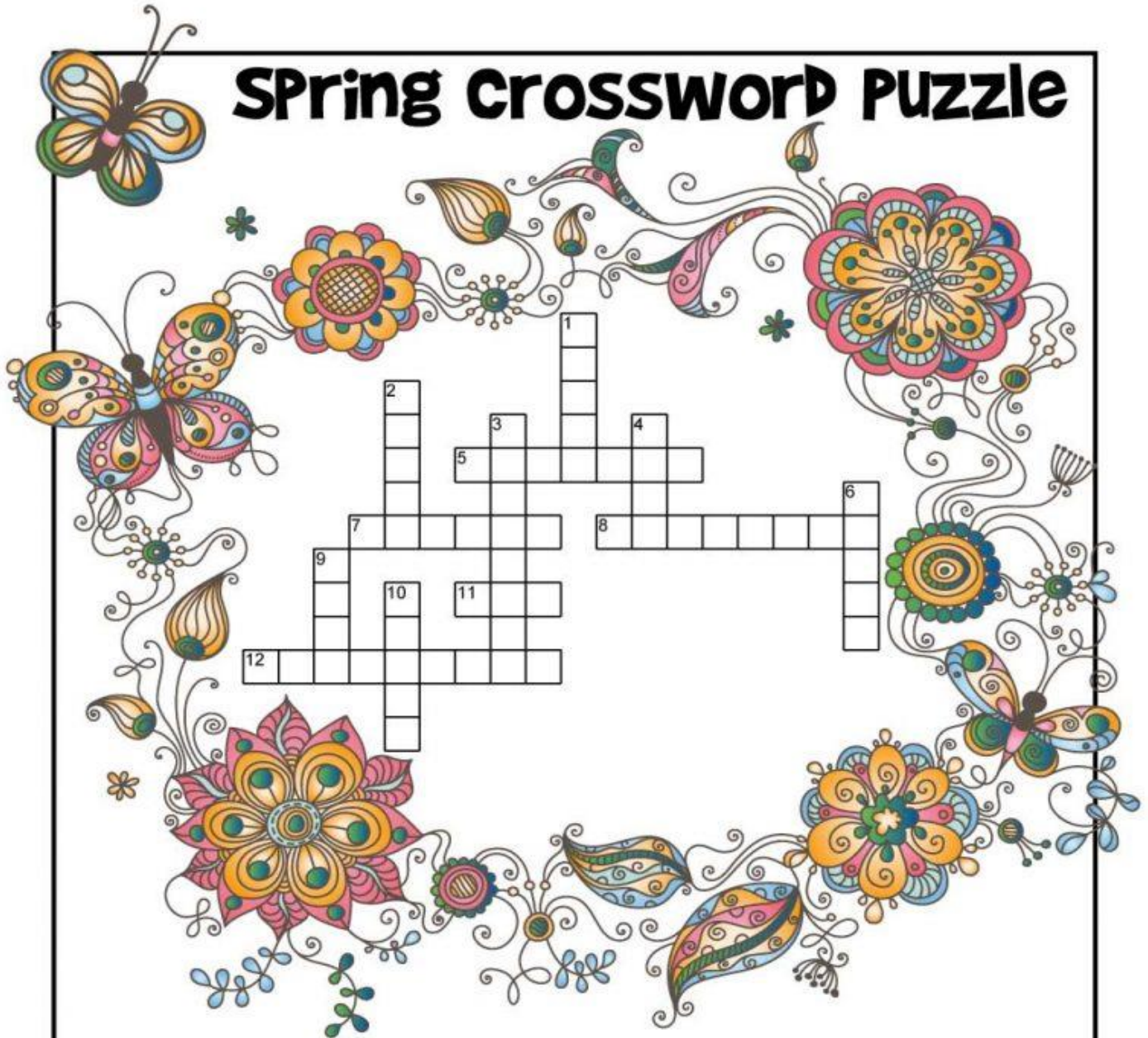
Church services will start at 10:00 instead of 11:00 beginning June 2nd and will end on September 8th.

Communion Schedule for the remainder of the year.

Month of April no communion	May 19 th Pentecost
May 26 th Trinity Sunday	June 30 th
Month of July no communion	August 4 th
September 8 th	October 6 th World Communion Sunday
November 3 rd All Saints Day	November 24 th Christ the King
December 24 th Christmas Eve	



Spring Crossword Puzzle



Across

5. A spectrum of color in the sky when it rains.
7. A colorful plant with leaves and petals.
8. A circular device that keeps the rain off your head.
11. The month in which we celebrate moms.
12. A winged insect that comes in many colors.

Down

1. One of the earliest birds to appear in spring.
2. _____ showers bring May flowers.
3. A sport played with a bat and ball.
4. The early bird gets the _____.
6. The month in which spring starts.
9. When snow and ice turn into water.
10. The color of grass once it comes back to life.

