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APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

- APR 07 Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
 Ephesians 2:14-22; John 12:1-8
- APR 14 Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Palm Sunday *Liturgy of the Palms*
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion
 Luke 23:1-19
- APR 18 Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-13; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Maudy Thurs 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
- APR 21 Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Easter 1 Corinthians 14:19-26; **John 20:1-18**
- APR 28 Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
 Revelation 1:4-8; **John 20:19-29**

The scripture in bold is what Pastor Kim will use in her sermons.

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Spring is here and I could not be more excited. I am ready to watch the new growth begin to form. I am ready to embrace the warmth of the sun. Of course, I am also ready to use my new fishing pole! Last year on my vacation to the Upper Peninsula, I only caught one fish and it was with a toy

Spiderman fishing pole. I am aiming much higher this year!

As I have journeyed with all of you this year during the Lenten season, I have gained an appreciation of time. You see, I am always looking ahead. I plan the basics of each worship service and all of our special events at least a month in advance. My calendar is already filling up for the month of May with T-ball games, denominational meetings, and countless obligations. I fervently prepare for everything in advance, but my mind is so busy preparing for the next event that I am losing the moments that matter. Somehow, I'm sure I'm not the only person who faces this reality.

I have come to realize that each day truly is a precious gift and God gave us the free will to make each day whatever we want it to be. My prayer for each of us is that we do not let this Easter season pass without taking the opportunity for rebirth. The opportunity for a self-resurrection. Through the light of God, we do

not have to be the same person we were yesterday. A new perspective is illumined and ready for us to grasp. The time has come to embrace new life.

Happy Easter!

Rev. Kim



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Here are a few address changes for members of our church family:

Bill and Marnie Adams
1311 Broomsage Lane
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Dennis and Kathy Wegner
371 Rosewood Drive
Marysville, MI 48040

Jim Wade
Waltonwood-University
3280 Walton Blvd #23
Rochester Hills, MI 48309



4/03	Cameron Butz
4/04	Irene Kelly
4/10	Andrew Baumert
4/13	Jackie Noyes
4/18	Cindy Grudzinski
4/22	Kati Swinney
4/23	Matt Smith
4/30	Janet Musilli



OUR SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Worship with us throughout the days of Holy Week and Easter, as we experience again the events that form the very heart of our faith.

April 14 ~ PALM/PASSION SUNDAY—10:00 AM
Help us celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

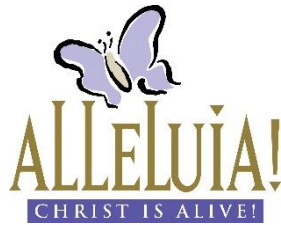
April 18 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY—7:00 PM

Please join us for our annual Maundy Thursday service. This service will be held in the Chapel and will consist of both foot washing and the serving of communion as we remember The Last Supper. It will be a beautiful, spiritual experience for all!

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP

10:00 AM

includes Holy Communion



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Join us on Sunday, April 21 for our Easter Worship Service. This year we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we will consider what resurrection looks like for all of us.

New life ~ New birth ~ New hope



ANNUAL MEETING - EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

ARE YOU READY TO BE COURAGEOUS?

As a result of our annual congregational meeting, we are beginning to pull together our plans for addressing three key initiatives;

- (1) performing a building evaluation
- (2) reviewing our membership practices, and
- (3) creating new mission and outreach opportunities.

Ministry Council will lead two of the three initiatives; performing a building evaluation and reviewing our membership practices. For our third initiative, creating new mission and outreach opportunities, we are looking for anyone with the passion to take an idea, lead it, and make it a reality. As a thought starter, here's a summary of the ideas that were brought forward: Game Nights, Sleep Out America, Mom 2 Mom Sale,

Community Garden, Social Media Outreach, and Peach Festival Outreach. Please let us know if you have the passion to lead one of these or possibly another new mission and outreach opportunity. We are also looking for individuals to participate as a team member for any of the three initiatives. It's time for a change; you are being called; are you ready to be courageous?

Rob Butz and Your Ministry Council

MINISTRY of OUTREACH and MISSION

EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS

We have just one more week for collecting the items and/or money for the Emergency Cleanup Buckets for Church World Service. We will be having a bucket assembling party after our worship service on Sunday, April 14th. Please consider purchasing items or making a monetary donation so that we can support this vital global mission.



BAKE SALE AUCTION

BAKE SALE/AUCTION

Recap

YES - IT WAS FUN! For those that were able to stay - we had a great time bidding against each other for a good cause. We made an initial deposit of around \$600 - with more money coming in. We will let you know the final total soon! Thanks to all who baked, and bid!



Join Us For Game Night!!!

April 26th 7:00-10:00pm

Spend an evening playing games with friends!

Board Games, Card Games, Snacks, and Fun!

For more information,
please see Rev. Kim!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Sarah Swinney - Kati (Adams) Swinney's mother-in-law

Nancy Parsons - Lois McGinley's friend

Lou Jaros - friend of Kay and Mike Maniscalco

Brian Ibbotson - son of Sally Hess

Geoffrey Lopus - Dale and Judy's son

Tom Raymond - Theo's son

Jim Wade

Karyl Lyn Dietz - Lois McGinley's sister

Kay Maniscalco

Lisa Shibley - Joyce Couch's cousin

Max Finnen - Marnie Adams' cousin

Miles McGinley - grandson of Lois McGinley

Timothea - daughter-in-law of Lois McGinley

Matt McGinley - son of Lois McGinley

Janet Laloup - sister of Mary Lou Coker

Bob Warner - Joyce Couch's brother

Patricia Jackson - Lynelle Novak's mother

Mary Lou Coker

Joe Grippe - friend of Marnie and Bill Adams

Tim Johnson - brother-in-law of Tammy, our custodian

Harrison Gourlay - Dale and Judy Lopus's grandson

Todd - friend of Chery and Matt Smith

Ray Guzall II - son of Sally Hess's best friend

Shirley - mother-in-law of Sally's Hess's nephew

Jenny - daughter of Suzanne, friend of Maniscalco's

John O'Neil - friend of Penny Lowes

Elyse Peters - friend of Lois McGinley

Jason Stupera - son of a long-time friend of Vita Green

Marianne Abate - relative of Vita Green

Etsuko Ryutani - friend of Glen and Lynelle Novak

Bob Whitman - friend of Lois McGinley's

Olivia Velicevic - granddaughter of Maniscalco's

Dale Lopus

Paul Walters - Stuart and Mary's son

Those serving in the military:

Sergeant Mark Buzzell - Gerry Buzzell's grandson

Caleb Comock - brother of Lois McGinley's daughter-in-law

Jason Dean - relative of Vita and Dennis Green

EASTER FLOWERS



The Flower Committee has made arrangements to obtain spring plants for the Easter Service. They will be used to decorate our sanctuary during the Easter Service on Sunday, April 21. Following the service, those who have donated plants may take them home.

Please turn in the filled-out order blank by April 14. You can mail it to the church at P.O. Box 5, Romeo 48065; you can give (or mail) the order to Kathy Wegner (371 Rosewood Drive, Marysville; 48040); or you can place it in the offering plate.

The cost per plant will be \$14.00. Please make your checks payable to the First Congregational Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo portion.

In Memory of: _____

Commemorating: _____

In Honor of: _____

Other: _____

Given by: _____

I will _____ will not _____ take my plant home after the Easter Service.

_____ Lily _____ Daffodil
 _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip

Specific flower color requests will be honored only if available.