

# HOLMES HERALD

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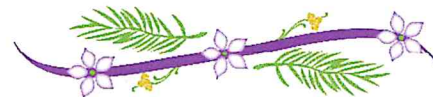
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Please join us on  
Sunday mornings for...

**March 2024**



**Adult Sunday School : 9:15 AM**

**Children's Sunday School: 10:30 AM**

**Traditional worship service: 10:30 AM**



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

You, your family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend our Holy Week and Easter worship celebrations.

A Maundy Thursday pot luck supper will be held on March 28th at 5:30pm in the Social Hall; participants are asked to bring a simple pot luck item to share that serves 6-8 people, plus your own tableware. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. At 7:00pm there will be a church service in the Social Hall, with communion.

On *Good Friday*, March 29th, we will have our traditional worship at 1:00 PM. This is a solemn and reflective worship.

On *Easter morning*, March 31st, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with worship at 10:30 AM.

Please use some of the precious gift of "time" given to you by God, to deepen your personal faith and to thank God for the blessing and sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ.



## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Spring Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10th. The spring time change means that we lose an hour of sleep because we turn our clocks forward an hour at bedtime on Saturday night. We want you in worship on time on March 10th, so make sure your clocks are changed when you retire on Saturday, March 9th.

## REMEMBER, RE-FOCUS, REJOICE

Having begun on February 14th, we are well into the Lenten season. The 40 days of Lent and the events up to and culminating with Easter offer us, perhaps, the clearest examples of God's love, and His promises to us as Christians; not to mention, our responsibilities as we fulfill our purpose.

Lent is a time to remember. What, exactly, are we honoring as we fast, or "give up" some special treat or activity? Why? As I look back to my youth, I have to admit that I did not understand the whole concept. What I do remember is a seriousness to the season, a kind of demand for respectfulness, and quiet and sadness. In my family, we did not eat meat during Lent. We also participated in the "giving up" aspect, usually by choosing to forgo ice cream or our favorite candy bar. Somehow, it was almost fun to accept the challenge. I was fortunate to have parents who read Bible stories to us and having a creative mind, I was drawn to the magical, theatrical and fairytale - like interpretations written and shared. For example, during a large part of my childhood, Good Friday services were held 12-3pm, and I remember them being solemn, long, and dark. (Side note: I also noticed that regardless of the weather forecast, it was nine times out of ten, always cloudy during those hours.) This took hold of my imagination as I acted out the story of Jesus's last days on Earth and His resurrection, which somehow made it more meaningful to me.

As I've grown and studied more, come to a stronger faith and greater understanding in general, I see the purposes. Fasting and giving up a treat represent our need to turn away from the temptations of the world and learn to trust and allow God to be the leader of our lives. It is not our eating habits or how we have fun, but rather what is in our heart that matters most. I read an example that really hit home, of a father trying to teach his son about Lent: He explained by asking how much his son's favorite candy bar costs. His son responded, "fifty cents". The father asked, "So, if you give up 40 candy bars, how much money will you have saved?" The son replied, "\$20.00. "Now, you could use that \$20.00 to buy that new game you wanted for your computer, but to understand the concept of Lent and Easter, you would instead give that money to that family that lost their home in that awful fire last week", explained the father. Lent is about remembering the reason behind our action, the reason behind our faith and most of all, the reason we are Christians. It isn't so much about the special flowers or gatherings as they are, but instead about the reasons behind them. We have been given the greatest gift on earth, the greatest example of God, His love, the way He never gives up on us, and how He shows us the power of love.

Now is the time for us, as Christians to re-focus our living. Are we making choices for self-satisfaction, for our own pleasure and prosperity? Are we succumbing to the temptations all around us and ignoring the lessons we have been taught, sometimes over and over again? It is easy to be swayed, easy to choose what may be less demanding or less of a challenge. It is easy to find an excuse, but imagine if God had ever chosen to find one in His dealings with us. It is what we do with what we have been given that matters.

Lent is a powerful season, and much of the sadness and seriousness is perhaps our own shortcomings coming to the surface, as we remember, come to grips and re-focus. But, as we accept that challenge anew, we are also reminded of God's immeasurable love for us, and His gift to us, his son, Jesus Christ. We can never re - pay God for His own sacrifice, but we can learn from it and strive to be a strong Christian, willing to serve, willing to give and willing to open our hearts with love. In our lives, may we find joy and rejoice, full hearted with God's love.

Rejoice, for Jesus Christ has risen! Rejoice, for God can be trusted to keep His promises. Rejoice, for God is love, and love is eternal. Rejoice, for God is with us always.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son; that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

"For I am with you always". Matthew 28:20

Happy Easter,

Suzi Waldie, Elder

## Schedule of Events 2024



- \*March 2nd-Soup Luncheon @ 11:30 am
- \*March 17th- Pizza Dinner & Fill Easter Eggs @4:30 pm

- \*March 23rd-Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00
- \*March 24th-Palm Sunday
- \*March 28th-Maunday Thursday Communion Service @ 7:00 pm Casserole Dinner @ 5:30 pm
- \*March 29th-Good Friday Service @ 1:00pm
- \*March 31st-Easter Sunday @ 10:30 am
- \*April 21st-Fellowship Hour
- \*April 28th-Compassion Sunday
- \*May 2nd-National Day of Prayer
- \*May 4th -Compassion Sale with May 11th as Rain Date
- \*May 12th-Mother's Day Luncheon
- \*May 26th-Memorial Day/Recognition of Veterans/Flag Ceremony/Pentecost Communion
- \*June 2nd-10:00 am Summer Worship Starts
- \*June 16th-Father's Day Tea
- \*June 24th to June 28th-VBS
- \*June 30th- July 4th Recognition
- \*August 4th-Summer Communion
- \*August-Kids Stuff?
- \*September 8th-Church resumes @10:30 am, Rally Day?
- \*September 15th-Ygroup Resumes
- \*September 17th-Chancel Choir Resumes
- \*September 22nd-Fellowship Hour
- \*October 6th-World Day of Communion
- \*October 13th-Fellowship Hour
- \*October 20th-Family Pumpkin Carving Night
- \*October 25th-Trunk or Treat/Pumpkin Carving Contest Community Night (Raindate October 26th)
- \*November 3rd- Change Clocks /All Saints Day
- \*November 24th-Friendsgiving
- \*November 27th-Thanksgiving Eve Service
- \*November 30th-Hanging of the Greens
- \*Dec 1st-First Sunday of Advent/Communion
- \*December 15- Mission Worship Sunday/Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration
- \*Dec 22nd-Music Worship/Christmas Tea
- \*December 18th-Painting W/O Twist/Cookie Walk
- \*December 24th-Christmas Eve  
7:00 Family Worship Service
- \*December 29th: Informal 10:00am Worship/Fellowship Hour
- \*January 5, 2025: Communion

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in March:

### Happy Birthday to....

- 6 Sandy Levine  
9 Conner McCullough



### Happy Anniversary to...

- 15 Julie & Kevin Reeder

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

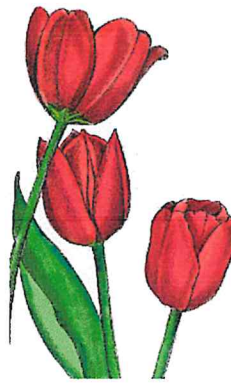
Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and urban and rural community development throughout the United States and the world. These gifts support:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,  
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The Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

### *117th Church Anniversary*

Thank you to all those who came out to celebrate Holmes' 117th anniversary. It was a nice time of delicious food and fellowship! Also, it was a special time to recognize Fred Foellner for 75 years of membership, Chris and Jim Morrison and Lee McFalls for 60 years of membership, Rebecca Kalbach for 40 years of membership, Monica Ferry and Debbie Oliver for both 25 years of membership, and Lynn Krautheim for 15 years of membership. Thank you to Charlotte Merker and Sue Mulhern for going to visit Fred and giving him the congratulation cards from the congregation. Fred was so happy and grateful to be recognized!



## FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

If you would like to order chancel flowers for Easter Sunday, March 31st, please complete the tear-off below and send it along with payment to the church. \*Orders without payment will not be accepted. Please contact

Debbie Oliver if you have any questions.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**"HOLMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH"**

***Ordering deadline is Sunday March 17th.***

### **EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

Lillies \$9.00/ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips (6 bloom): \$8.00/ea. \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_\_\_ Purple  
\_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

Regal Geraniums: \$9.00/ea.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_ Purple \_\_\_\_\_ Red

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Easter Bible Verses



As Holy Week approaches, please meditate on these enriching verses of the Bible to deepen and strengthen your faith:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take me yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11: 28-29

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die... John 11: 25-26

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Act 4:33

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Revelation 5: 12-13

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12: 1-2

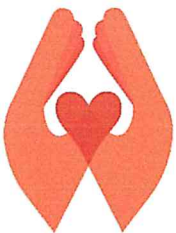
O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain: O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isaiah 40:9

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this Kind of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting door; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the Kind of glory. Psalm 24: 7-10

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 40: 4-5

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## An Easter Prayer



We thank Thee for the beauty of this day, for the glorious message that all nature proclaims: the Easter lilies with their waxen throats eloquently singing the good news; the birds, so early this morning, impatient to begin their song; every flowering tree, shrub, and flaming bush, a living proclamation from Thee. O open our hearts that we may hear it too!

In thy presence, restore our faith, our hope, our joy. Grant to our spirits refreshment, rest, and peace. Maintain within our hearts an unruffled calm, and unbroken serenity that no storms of life shall ever be

# YOUTH NEWS

The Holmes Youth Group will be very busy with the up and coming soup luncheon on March 2nd. We hope you all will come out for a delicious bowl of soup or chili, lovingly created by one of the Holmes congregation's top-notch culinarians. (That's a "cook" for those of you who went to Ridley High School.) If that's not enough, we will be filling Easter Eggs on March 17th in preparation for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd at 11am.

We hope friends and members are appreciating our Lenten Project, which are the Scripture Cards found in each week's Sunday bulletin.

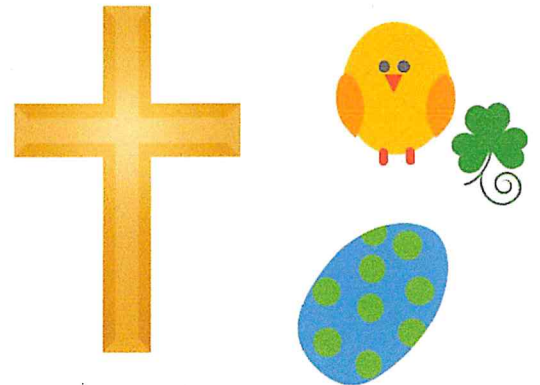
Each meeting we discuss one of the cards, and are encouraging our young people to make studying a verse from the Bible a daily routine.

Our weekly discussions are dedicated to the ministry of Jesus and His disciples; the miracles He performed, the rapturous crowd reception on Palm Sunday, His death on the cross, and culminating with His glorious resurrection. Certainly, the greatest story ever told!

We are currently small in number, but we like to dream big. Please continue to keep our group in prayer as we strive to teach God's Word to the next generation of young believers.

In Christ,

Mark and Becky



## Easter Egg Hunt 2024

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 am on the Holmes Church campus. If it rains, we will have an Easter Egg Drive By...which will be first come, first served. We will start bringing Easter Eggs to cars on Academy Avenue promptly at 11:00am.

A basket is currently in the narthex for candy donations. We will be collecting candy donations until March 17th. We are asking for individually wrapped candy. If you would like to financially support this outreach, please send all financial gifts (marked Easter Project) either to the office or place in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Kalbach.



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