



April 8, 2026

"He is Risen! Hallelujah! There is just something about Easter Sunday morning. I often feel like it is the time of rebirth. Not only spiritually, but seasonally as well. I remember my childhood Easters. More often than not it was the time when boots no longer had to be worn. That feeling of freedom from heavy boots is very fondly remembered. It felt like my feet and legs could fly unencumbered. It was also the first time when I could go outside and draw that wonderful hopscotch grid on the road and play hopscotch for hours on end. It was a time of wearing my Easter hat which was usually white, with a small brim and a small pink flower in the brim and best of all, a ribbon flowing down my back. I loved those hats and wore them proudly as my mom and I walked to church for Easter Sunday worship. Dinner was always a ham with scalloped potatoes. It all felt like a rebirth and an awakening.

The season, itself, is also being reborn. All that was dead over the winter, suddenly comes back to life with a beauty that makes one stop, just to take it all in. When those tiny heads of the crocus and hyacinth plants peek through the dirt, it just tells us all that more is yet to come. It will be colourful and vibrant and will last all the way to Autumn. And so it is with Christ being risen from the dead. All that he spoke about, all the good, all the glory that is God was about to come to fruition. His love, His message will take us through our lives until we can all see the glory of God when we ascend to heaven. Yes...the best is yet to come. It represents the promise of eternal life, the resurrection, and the ultimate restoration of all things in heaven. It signifies moving from earthly struggle to divine glory, with God wiping away every tear, where the future holds unmatched joy, purpose, and renewal over past trials.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4



Worship Calendar

Apr. 12	Resurrection Grace That Holds Us Together	Ephesians 4:1-3 Colossians 3:12-14	Rev. Eric Lee
Apr. 19	From Understanding to Seeing	Luke 24:13-36	Rev. Eric Lee
Apr. 26			Rev. Eric Lee
May 3	Mission Awareness Sunday		Dwan Billings



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Easter Elves were hard at work to change the church's décor from Lent to Easter Sunday. It did not take all that much time to make the switch, but the time spent on talking to each other and enjoying the company was priceless. Many thanks to Lynne, Kathy, Georgena and Susan.

Common Scents

Please be advised that our church has a scent-free protocol. It seems that some of our dear parishioners feel unwell due to heavy floral smells. Please be considerate of those in our congregation who are affected by strong smells and odors and refrain from perfumes or colognes when coming to worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you one and all.

Mission Awareness Sunday

Please be advised that the Mission Awareness Sunday Service run by the Mission Committee will now occur on May 3rd (from April 26th). Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

Soup By Dave Luncheon

Outreach is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the 5th “Soup by Dave” Luncheon on Tuesday, April 14th at 11:30 AM in the downstairs hall. Chef Dave Taylor will be preparing beef and barley soup. Given Dave’s track record, the demonstration will be entertaining, and the soup will be delicious. Every guest will receive a copy of his recipe. We are glad that Chef Dave will once again generously share his culinary expertise with us in an engaging presentation. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Please plan to attend and invite your friends to join you. Free-will offerings will be gratefully received.

A Spring Devotional Update (March 22)

A **new** edition of **These Days** (April/May/June), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (March/April/May) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.



Coffee Sign-Up

It is that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to serve coffee and tea after worship. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge.

April – Outreach Team

May 3 _____

May 10 _____

May 17 _____

May 24 _____

May 31 _____

Thank you to all of you who have given so willingly of your time and efforts. We appreciate you!!



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries (Iran, Ukraine,) who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times. Pray for our country, Canada.

* Pray for Ali Tavosoli’s family who resides in Iran.

*** Also, please keep these people in your prayers:**

Shirley Pollock's daughter Nancy, Ruth Ann Ross, Bob Woolley, Giulietta Ponzini, Ryan Jory, Harold Hussey, Teresia Njoki, Roman and Adrian P., Ed Lattimore, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Sheila Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family (Wayne, Shannon and Dale), Olive S.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome to walk and enjoy Centennial Park
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Tuesday, Apr. 14 @ 11:30 AM – Soup by Dave (Beef & Barley Soup) details are printed above
- * Monday, Apr. 20 @ 6:30 PM – Mission Team meeting
- * Sunday, May 3 @ 10:30 AM – Mission Awareness Sunday (This will be led by our Mission Team)
- * Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30 PM – Session Meeting
- * Friday, Sept. 11 @ 2:00 PM – Music & Worship meeting



A Call to New Life: Living in the Power of the Resurrection. The Resurrection Calls Us to Live Differently

Easter is not just a celebration of what happened, but a call to live in the power of the resurrection. As we meditate on the risen Christ, we are reminded that we are called to live transformed lives—lives empowered by His resurrection and marked by love, service, and holiness.

Scripture Reference:

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.” (Colossians 3:1, NIV)



Prayer/Reader/Announcements for 2026

Prayer Roster

Apr. 12	Bob Twynam
Apr. 19	Nancy Green
Apr. 26	Susan Chopp
May 3	Mission Team
May 10	Maureen Screen
May 17	Pastor Eric
May 24	Koko Ikele

Lay Readers

Nancy Green
Anna Cherniak
Harry Learoyd
Mission Team
Chris Parr
Susan Chopp
Chuka Ikele

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Chopp
Bob Twynam
Kathy Twynam
Mission Team
Susan Chopp
Iris Lee
Bob Twynam



WEEKLY SMILE

Thanks to Joan and Peter Kohar

Why Go to Church?

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "(1), they don't like me, and (2), I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church:

(1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"



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April Calendar



APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Stations of the Cross 2:00 – 4:00 PM	3 Good Friday Communion Watching the Tomb Rev. Eric Lee	4
5 Terrified, Yet Filled with Joy Rev. Eric Lee	6	7 Walking Group 11:00	8	9 Service @ CPP 2:00	10	11
12 Resurrection Grace That Holds Us Together Rev. Eric Lee	13	14 Walking Group 11:00 Soup by Dave 11:30 AM	15	16 Service @ CPP 2:00	17	18
19 From Understanding to Seeing Rev. Eric Lee	20 Mission Team Meeting 6:30 PM	21 Walking Group 11:00	22	23 Service @ CPP 2:00	24	25
26	27	28 Walking Group 11:00	29	30 Service @ CPP 2:00		

