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Pastor's Page

Easter Search

You may know that Easter Sunday falls on April 1st this year. I saw an amusing saying on Facebook that went like this, "Easter is April 1st this year! Tell your kids to hunt for Easter eggs that you didn't hide!" Ha! Well, we probably won't do that...probably. It wouldn't be very nice to send your kids on a wild goose chase, especially on Easter Sunday!

Jesus once said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find..." (Luke 11:9). What will be given? Every good gift that God wants to give. Actually, Luke says "the Holy Spirit" is the gift God wants to give to us. So really, the thing we are seeking, and finding, is a relationship with God Himself! The Easter egg was an ancient symbol of new life, of Jesus breaking forth from the tomb in His Resurrection, and they were often dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ. Of course, today they are made of candy or chocolate! But they still symbolize all that Christ has done for us. He has purchased eternal life for each believer and proven it by rising from the dead! And as we have seen in our recent study of Hebrews, Jesus has broken down the barrier between us and God, making a way for us into God's presence, that we might know Him, love Him and have a personal relationship with Him!

When we seek to know Him, we can. When we knock on His door, He will answer. If we hunt for Him, it won't be a wild goose chase. No, it'll be like when you hide Easter eggs for your 2-year-old grandchild—in the most obvious and easy to find places! Because God WANTS to be found! He wants to have a relationship with us and has made a way for us to know Him. When we turn our hearts, minds and souls toward our God and sincerely seek to know Him through Jesus His Son, we will not fail to find Him, we will not be disappointed!

"Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find..." In fact, Jesus even goes on to say, "which of you fathers, if your son asks for...an egg...will give him a scorpion?" If we know how to give good things to our children, well, God sure knows how to give the best thing to us—and the best thing in all the universe is Himself! So let's take Him up on His offer and truly know Him, every day, day by day, forever.

Yeah, I guess I won't send my kids to look for eggs I didn't hide this year.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff

Beacon by e-mail

Please let me know if you would be willing to receive the Beacon by e-mail. There is a sign -up sheet on the table outside the Pastor's office, or you may notify me (Hilda Wynne) at obc157@myfairpoint.net or 646-2160.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you or a loved one requires hospitalization, it is important that, in addition to informing the hospital that you would like your church notified, that you personally see that notification is made. Call the church office with your information, or have a relative or friend call.

Prayer Chain Requests

If you have a prayer request that you would like to go on the prayer chain, please contact Pastor Jeff or Hilda Wynne.

OBC office: 646-2160

Pastor Jeff -- home: 646-2830; cell: 251-8017

Hilda Wynne -- home: 646-5075

Church Scholarship Applications

Applications for Scholarships for Higher Education are available in the Church Office.

They must be submitted to the Church Office by May 1, 2018

Contact information:

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April Birthdays

1 Kenny Downing
2 Don Downing
5 Audrey Woodard
7 Jordan Moore
7 David Stuart

9 Jake Wiggin
9 Tim Stapleton
11 Tony Annis
12 Rev. Bob Hinckley
16 Barbara Moore

18 Val Gunn
22 Bob Pollard
23 James Johnson
27 Sandy Griffin
27 Michael Patnaude

April Anniversaries

4/15/1984 Pam & Tom Carnicelli
4/29 John & Judy Bolstridge

Special Birthday Celebration

During fellowship on April 8, there will be birthday cake to celebrate two special birthdays:

*Audrey Woodard's 90th birthday
Don Downing's 100th birthday*

Please join us in wishing them Happy Birthday!

Note from the Downing Family

*Your kind and thoughtful
Expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated and
gratefully acknowledged.*

Our family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers and support during Irene's passing. We are blessed to have friends like you and are thankful for all you've done...The fabulous food after the service, so many touching cards, flowers, Memorials, all tokens of God's love, appreciated by each one of us. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Don Downing and All the Family

YORK COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER

Thanks to members and friends of OBC, 48 pillows found a good home at the York County Homeless Shelter during the past month. Diane Gerry sent her thanks from the Shelter saying, "We get a lot of new clients this time of year, so a new pillow they can take with them is awesome. Thanks for all you, Bill and the Ogunquit Baptist Church do for us."

The request for this month is over-the-counter medications for children, coffee mugs, and silverware. Please bring donations to the church entrance and we will deliver them.

*Thank you,
Ellie & Bill Andrews*

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WOMENS FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Most of you know that the March luncheon did not take place. We had planned to go to the Union Bluff Restaurant in York but someone found that they were closed for kitchen renovations. They changed the sign-up sheet to go to the Bull and Claw. But, of course, the second of our three nasty Nor'easters hit and everyone stayed safe and had lunch at home.

I called Union Bluff and they are finished with their renovations, so let's try again to go there. On Thursday, April 8, 2018 we will meet at noon at Union Bluff, 8 Beach Street, York. The first day of spring is March 20th, so hope the weather is spring like, too.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!!!

Blessings,

Audrey Woodard