



The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

April 5, 2015

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ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS ...

- Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- About halfway through the service, the children ages 4 years old through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those under 4 years old, there are classes on the main level throughout the entire service. We encourage the use of our attended nursery class for those who need it.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to one of our elders or our minister.

Happy Easter Kids!

Do you know what day an Easter egg dislikes the most? Fry-days! ☺ Join me downstairs today to hear a few more funny jokes, and find out how we can have peace in life since God knows what we need and promises to care for us (John 14:27) ~ *Lori Mason*

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MDYC SPRING TOUR



The Metro Detroit Youth Chorus left on their spring tour last Friday. Keep them in your prayers as they travel to San Antonio, TX, stopping at several places along the way, sharing their song ministry, before returning next Sunday.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19



Charlesta Lucas is improving.
Bud Killebrew's brother has
Alzheimer's.
Janet Ponder, Marla Stone's mother,
had a stroke and is now in rehab.

NEW ADDRESS



Mary Jean Langford

ON STAGE

Dena Stewart and Darryl Boggs are in the cast of Rochester College's presentation of *The Butler Did It*. Performances are April 10-12 and April 16-19, and you can reserve tickets online at www.rc.edu/rctheatre.



LADIES' ACTIVITY

 Ladies, you are all invited to a painting night on **Friday, June 5**, from 6:30-9:00 at Painting with a Twist in Shelby Township. The cost will be \$35 and you will go home with your own 16x20 painting. Registration and payment need to be done on their webpage, www.paintingwithatwist.com, and use the password JM0605. There is only room for 28, so get your reservation in soon. If you have any questions you can see Jill Mostek.

THANK YOU



What a successful bake sale last week! Thanks to all of you who baked goodies, and to all of you who bought them. **\$840** was raised for the Kids Club activities. We appreciate Ken & Amy Mickey for their work with the Kids Club.

KIDS CLUB PARTY

All ages are welcome to the Kids Club **Princess & Pirate Party** on **Sunday, April 19**, following services in the church basement. Lunch will be provided. Gentlemen, please wear a white t-shirt, and ladies, you may wear princess dresses. There will be a treasure hunt, pirate battle, princess pampering, and more. Sign up today on the Kids Club bulletin board.



HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for us and rose from the dead, making salvation available as a gift (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). In order to benefit from this great sacrificial love, one must receive God's grace through faith in Christ and obedience to him (Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 5:9). To become a Christian, the Bible teaches that we must believe in and put our trust in Christ (John 8:24), turn away from a life of sin (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you would like to further study this question of "What must I do to be saved?", please see our minister or one of our elders.

THE GREATEST DAY SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN

By Bobby Dockery

July 20, 1969...President Richard Nixon called it “the greatest day since the creation of the world!”
Do you remember what happened??

American astronauts landed on the moon! For those who can remember, it was an exciting time to be alive and to be an American—but it was a long, long way from being the greatest day since the creation of the world! For that day, we have to go almost 2,000 years further back. Back to the day when angels said to a certain woman at the door of an abandoned tomb outside Jerusalem: “...*you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying*” (Matthew 28:5-6, NASB).

The Resurrection! What day could possibly be greater? There is no denying that the tomb of Jesus was empty on the third day after His crucifixion. Even the enemies of Christianity admitted that! How are we to account for the empty tomb? There are really only four possibilities.

1. ***The disciples stole the body.*** Why would they? They certainly were in no mood to do it. And, how could they have done it? The tomb was shut and sealed, a large stone was rolled against the door, and guards were posted. No one could possibly enter the Tomb without the Roman guards being aware of it. These guards faced the death penalty if the seal was disturbed. They were not about to let anyone touch the stone without a fight!
2. ***His enemies moved it.*** This would have been against their own best interests. If they did it. Why didn't they produce the body when claims of the Resurrection were circulated. If the enemies had the body of Jesus they would have been the first to show it!
3. ***Jesus did not actually die.*** This is the most farfetched scenario imaginable. The soldier's spear pierced Jesus' heart while He was on the cross! John, with his own eyes, saw water and blood flowing from the wound indicating that the pericardium (membranous sac enclosing the heart) had been penetrated (John 19:34). Christ's death was verified by soldiers, Joseph, Pilate, and the women who prepared His body for burial. Then 2,000 years later some ivory tower scholar-critic announces that they were all mistaken!! Those who handled the lifeless body were wrong and only a man living 20 centuries after the event knows the truth. Can you believe it?
4. ***He was resurrected by the power of God!*** This is the only satisfying answer; the only explanation which accounts for all the facts. There simply is no other possibility: The empty tomb demand a risen Savior.

Across the centuries many have weighed the evidence with open minds and sincere hearts and have chosen to believe. Dr. Paul Maier, Professor of History at West Michigan University, wrote a book examining the evidence for the Resurrection in which he concluded that, “*No shred of evidence has yet been discovered in literary sources, epigraphy or archaeology that would disprove (the empty tomb).*”

The greatest day since the creation of the world? It had to be when angels said to the grieving women at the empty tomb of Jesus: “*Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen...*” (Luke 24:5-6).

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday
Bible School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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April 5, 2015

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Song Leader - Dean Hampton
Sermon - Stan Clanton

Communion servants for April

Kenny Cummings Ty Filipiak
Steve Karwowski Russ Patenaude

Audio visual servitors for April

Dean Stewart Mark Nelson

FOR THE RECORD

March 29, 2015

Bible School	78
Sunday Morning Worship	130
Avg. attendance for 2015	131
Sunday Evening Worship	13
Mid-Week Bible Study	31
Contribution	\$3,955.00
Avg. contribution for 2015	\$4,089.43
Budget	\$3,792.00
Shults-Lewis	\$28.00
Total for 2015	\$313.85



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