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# April 2018

## Pastor's Perspective

I serve a risen Savior  
He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy;  
I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him  
He's always near.  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

*by Alfred H. Ackley*

We stood outside one of the places that may have been the tomb in which they laid the crucified Jesus. One of the women in our tour group said, "Now I know for sure that Jesus arose because I have seen his empty tomb with my own eyes."

I turned to Bobbi and said, "That's sad." Don't get me wrong, I am glad that this woman found an affirmation of her faith by visiting a site in Jerusalem that resembles the description of the tomb in which the crucified Jesus was laid. The sad thing is that she did not have that confidence and assurance given by The Holy Spirit in her heart. As Alfred Ackley wrote, "You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart."

What we celebrate this Easter Season is not an ancient story of a man who rose from the Grave. What we celebrate is the real presence of the Living Christ in our lives. I am a follower of Jesus Christ, not because I believe this ancient story, but because I have experienced the living presence of the Risen Christ in my life, and it has transformed me.

We sing: **"He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today... you ask me how I know he lives, he lives within my heart."**  
This is our song, this is our faith, this is our witness.

We don't become Christians by being good people or belonging to a church, we become CHRISTIANS by opening our hearts to the Risen and Living Christ and allowing His Holy Spirit to transform us.

Let's celebrate Easter! Let's celebrate the new creation in Christ who abides in us through The Holy Spirit.

**Pastor Floyd**



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **April 6**. We will have our **King's Closet** upstairs at the Annex. We have clothes, other small items or produce for local people to take and use, if they need it. Bring items all month. It comes in free and goes out free, no charge. Anything left over will be taken to Good Will or South Side Missions.

## Confirmation 2018

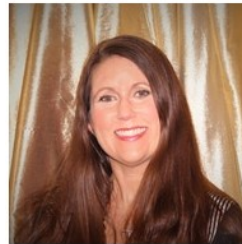
The Confirmation Class will meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. **April 22 & 29** and **April 10** at 4:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to observe the class. The class will be studying the basics of the Christian Faith and some of the history and unique emphases of the United Methodist Church.



Dennis Hill is working with ensembles (small groups) for music specials. There is room on the signup sheet for other specials (solos, duets, reading, etc.). Music is a very important part of our worship experience. If you are interested in any of these possibilities, please contact Judy at 822-8770 or 645-6625.

**Choir** rehearsals will be on Wednesday, **April 11** at 7:00 p.m. There is plenty of room for new people. If you haven't tried it and don't think you are good enough, come anyway and learn from those who have had experience. This year we will try 5th grade on up. **Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Worship Committee Chair**

guest  
speaker



Chantel Corrie, Executive Director of the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois, will be our guest speaker on **April 15**. The MMDC is an Advance Special project of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and the North Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church. Volunteers who work at the there prepare supplies for a variety of mission programs around the world including: assembling disaster relief supplies and various kits for mission outreach, such as school bags, birthing kits, hospital clothes, etc. Volunteers also repair bicycles and sewing machines which are distributed through several mission projects.

## Upcoming Sermons

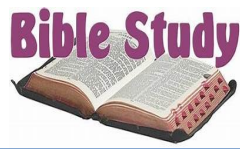
April 1, Easter – Matthew 28:1-20. Sermon – Go Tell – Marching Orders

April 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – John 20:19-31. Sermon – We Have Seen The Lord

April 15, 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter – Chantel Corrie, Executive Director of Midwest Mission Distribution Center will be our guest while Floyd is away for a previous commitment with The Preachers Aid Society and Benefit Fund, plus a brief trip to Kentucky to see Bobbi's 98 year old mother.

April 22, 4<sup>th</sup> Easter – Luke 24:36-49. Sermon- The Risen Christ makes Himself Known to His disciples.

April 29, 5<sup>th</sup> Easter – John 15:1-8. Sermon – Abiding In The Vine



**Sunday Morning** classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m. We will be digging deeper into the Bible passage we hear that morning, deeper into what it means to follow Jesus, deeper into how God is at work in our own lives and the world. Please come with questions and a learning spirit. Bring your favorite Bible, or use the ones we have. Let's learn together!



- ♦ Matt Kirkham, the Nauman's son-in-law, was one of 3 knighted in the Order of St. George at the Guards NH military ball for long and honorable service.
- ♦ Rick & Kathy Brooks welcomed their new grandson Lane Hudson Brooks on February 9.
- ♦ Roger and Marilyn celebrated 65 years of marriage. As Roger said "We made it!" :)
- ♦ Brian Doty shared that Kane Clearwater was celebrating his birthday on March 18. Kane has been worshipping with us for several months and sharing his talent and gift on the drums in the Praise Band.



Be sure to check our website at [riversedgeumc.org](http://riversedgeumc.org) where you will find the newsletters, calendars and announcements regularly. If you see pictures that you are in and would like them removed, please let Judy Schaer know. The committee wanted pictures to depict the life of our church. Scan the QR code (Quick Response Code) at the end of the newsletter with your smart phone to easily access our website.

We have put up new Welcome signs inside the church entrances in addition to the directional signs. The signs on the front and back doors and in the restroom stalls will be changed monthly to inform you of current events happening at the church. **Submitted by: Communications Committee**



The Midwest Mission Distribution Center of the United Methodist Church is helping to supply clean-up buckets for the record THREE hurricanes. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Supplies bought through DollarDays (<https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html>) would be the best way to donate, as they are shipped directly to MMDC at the Center's bulk prices. Monetary donations may be sent to:

MMDC, P.O. Box 56, 1022 New City Road, Chatham, IL 62629  
[www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org) | [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:office@midwestmissiondc.org)



John Schaer is still collecting **ALUMINUM CANS** to recycle. CANS only, no aluminum disposable pans or other items. You may leave them in the entry area of the river side of the church or call John at 822-8770 if you would like him to pick them up. Once he gets a truck load, he will take them to the recycle center. Not only will this help the earth, but the money will go to the Church account.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee met with our District Superintendent, Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce, on Monday, March 19. She gave us the official news that Pastor Floyd will be serving us until June 30. A new pastor will be appointed to serve us beginning July 1.

Pastor Andy has requested a half-time appointment to another church. He will likely be moving in with Pastor Kristi as she continues her deployment to Scott Air Force Base. In order to give us all some closure, we are planning a card shower for him in April - more details on that in a couple of weeks.

Pastor Andy is planning to move out of our parsonage by April 15. This will allow the trustees to make some much-needed repairs before the new pastor moves in. Holly Lynn is our new Trustees chairperson. She may be requesting some help from congregation members on these repairs - look for announcements soon.

**Submitted by: Matt Freeman, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair**



10:30 a.m. **WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS** are still needed. If you are interested in ushering, reading scripture, greeting or being an acolyte, please sign up on the Schedule Sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

We still need one **SUNDAY SCHOOL** teacher. We are working towards having two teachers per class. Please talk with Gale Allen or April Nauman if you'd like to help. Please help us raise the next generation of Christians.

The **PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM** is looking for singers and musicians. If you have any interest learning more, please contact Jarrod Doty at church, by email at [jdoty69@gmail.com](mailto:jdoty69@gmail.com) or by phone at 309.657.8904.

If you, or anyone you know, want to fill in on the **ORGAN** or **PIANO** occasionally, please text or call Carla Doty at 657-8903 or email at [dougdoty@aol.com](mailto:dougdoty@aol.com).

**Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Worship Committee Chair**



# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 7:30 a.m. Easter Service 8:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Easter Service (Praise Team/Choir)	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Trustees	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m. Food Pantry/ King's Closet	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 5:30 p.m. O.U.R. @ the Schaers	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastor Floyd Vacation
<b>15</b> Pastor Floyd Vacation	<b>16</b> Pastor Floyd Vacation	<b>17</b> Pastor Floyd Vacation  7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish	<b>18</b> Pastor Floyd Vacation	<b>19</b> Pastor Floyd Vacation	<b>20</b> Pastor Floyd Vacation	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class	<b>30</b>					



*Our Motto* "The Church That Cares"

## Our Mission

"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

## OUR VISION

"Our vision is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors through our witness, welcome and nurture ."

### WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### NURSERY:

Sunday 8-11:45 a.m. (infant-kindergarten)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS : 9:15-10:15 a.m.

D.O.C.K. (Preschool – 5th grade)

Youth (grades 6 – 12)

Sunday Morning (All Ages)

### CHOIR PRACTICE: (7th grade-Adult)

September through May

7 p.m. Wednesday evenings, as announced

### O.U.R.: Outwardly Upwardly Righteously

(first Sunday of month)



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