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Daleville News

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A Brief History of Easter

As we are about to celebrate Easter Sunday here at the beginning of April, I thought I'd take a few moments to share a little bit of historical background to the celebration. Of course, the beginnings of Easter are pretty well known to us in the church. A few days after his crucifixion and death, Jesus begins to appear to his disciples after the Resurrection. But even that has questions around exactly what happened. Each of the Gospel accounts describes what happened that first Easter morn in a slightly different fashion. What we can know, though, is that shortly after his death, Jesus' followers began to report on his resurrection.

Building from there, the early church found Easter to be a very significant time of the year. For a period of time during the years of the early church, the celebration of Easter marked the entrance into the church for new believers. Generally, a person who wanted to be baptized would have to prepare for a period of time before baptism (sometimes up to a year!). Then, usually, baptism of the new believers would take place on Easter morning, followed by the new members first celebration of communion.

Over the years, there has been considerable debate over the date of Easter. Unlike Christmas, Easter is a celebration that moves depending upon the calendar. Today, there are two main ways that the date of Easter is determined. The first, which is the way that we and most other Western branches of Christianity follow, Easter falls somewhere between March 22 and April 25. The particular day is generally the Sunday that falls around 7 days after the astronomical full moon. In Eastern Christianity, which comprises many of the Orthodox Christian sects, Easter falls between April 4 and May 8, and is generally celebrated later. This year, Easter falls on April 12 in Eastern Christian traditions, a week later than we celebrate it. This is mainly due to different calendars, and a slightly different way of counting after the full moon.

During the Reformation of the 16th Century, some of the Protestant groups moved away from celebrating Easter, deeming the celebration of it as a Roman Catholic invention. And even today, there are several Christian groups which continue the movement to not celebrate Easter. One such group is the Quakers, who often refrain from celebrating any special days.

As I think back on my own experiences growing up with Easter, I am reminded of going to Sunrise Services. Every year, in whatever congregation I was at held some sort of Sunrise service on Easter Morning. This special service helps to remind us of the Resurrection encounters that the disciples had with Jesus that first Easter morning. Now, I wasn't much of a morning person at the time, but I always enjoyed getting together with those who came to celebrate this special service. (Plus, I also enjoyed getting to share breakfast together!).

I'd like to invite each of us to take some time this month to think back on our own experiences of Easter. Take some time to think about what makes it special for you. And think about how you might share the joy that you experience from celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Doug

**Sounds of the Mountains Festival
April 17-18, 2015.
Rain or Shine!!**

Great storytellers and musicians!

There will be a campfire with the storytellers this year as well as a guided nature walk with our very own Clyde Carter if the weather permits.

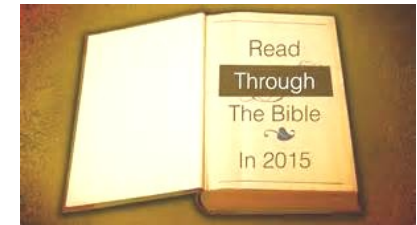
Food vendors on site with vegetarian and gluten-free snacks available as well.

Brochures are on the table in the narthex or you can get more information at www.soundsofthemountains.org.



April Bible Readings

- 1 Mark 5-6
- 2 1 Corinthians 11-12
- 3 Exodus 1-4
- 4 Samuel 16-20
- 5 Psalms 39-41
- 6 Job 27-28
- 7 Jeremiah 7-11
- 8 Mark 7-8
- 9 1 Corinthians 13-14
- 10 Exodus 5-8
- 11 1 Samuel 21-25
- 12 Psalms 42-44
- 13 Job 29-30
- 14 Jeremiah 12-16
- 15 Mark 9-10
- 16 1 Corinthians 15-16
- 17 Exodus 9-12
- 18 1 Samuel 26-31
- 19 Psalms 45-47
- 20 Job 31-32
- 21 Jeremiah 17-21
- 22 Mark 11-12
- 23 2 Corinthians 1-3
- 24 Exodus 13-16
- 25 2Sam 1-4
- 26 Psalms 48-50
- 27 Job 33-34
- 28 Jeremiah 22-26
- 29 Mark 13-14
- 30 2 Corinthians 4-5



Upcoming Events for April

Love Feast is Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30pm.

Community Good Friday Service is April 3rd at St. Mark's UMC at 6:30pm.

Canned goods will be collected April 5th.

Women's Group is Thursday, April 9th at Cheddar's. The ladies meet at 6:30pm.

Congregational Business Meeting is April 12th after church. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Bob Patterson's funeral will be April 14th at 11am.

Movie Night is April 22nd at the Carters' home.

April Scriptures and Sermons

April 5 John 20:1-18
"The Risen Jesus"

April 12 John 20:19-31
"Experiencing the Risen Jesus"

April 19 Luke 24:13-35
"The Emmaus Road"

April 26 Pastor Doug on vacation, Clyde Carter to preach.



*April 5th at 7am.
The address is 2918 Catawba Road.*

RX Corner

with Dorothy Shumate



Better Brain Health Found in Bookworms

Memory and thinking tests given to approximately 300 adults revealed that those who participated in reading, writing, and similar activities throughout their lives had a 32 per cent lower rate of memory decline than those who did not. Reading helps strengthen circuits in the cerebral cortex, making them more resilient. The brain needs exercise just like other body parts, so keep it in shape at any age with mentally challenging activities, such as reading and/or writing.

(Robert Wilson, PhD, senior neuropsychologist, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, Chicago.)

