

NEWLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

Lent, it changes us.

In the last few months, I have been hearing bad news all around me. Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, continuing Covid outbreaks and spin-offs, and surprisingly many books are offending people. Because we are in the midst of Lent, a time of thinking and soul searching, I decided to look into the books whose names were getting put on the banned books list.

There is an unprecedented rise in attempts to remove books from the US's libraries and schools. The American Library Association (ALA) shared that in the period from 1 September to 30 November 2021, more than 330 unique cases were reported – more than double the number for the whole of 2020, and nearing the total for the previous year.

Because I spent some time in Texas, I was not surprised to hear “more than 800 books about social justice (were) identified for removal from Texas schools by a state legislator last year, on the basis that they were ‘liable to make students feel discomfort, guilt, anguish or any other form of psychological distress because of their race or sex’.”

I know, I am a reader, if it comes in book form, I am interested. I like to have my horizons widened by books. I encouraged my own children to read books that caused them discomfort, guilt, anguish or distress. Because that helps us understand other people.

I wondered, when and why did all this banning of books start? Oddly enough, I found that “In 213BC, the Chinese emperor Qin Shi Huang buried 460 scholars alive and burned all the books in his kingdom so he could control how history would remember his reign.”

So the act of banning books has a long history, and it is used to control what is known. From my youth, I remember one episode of *The Walton's* that included a scene of a book burning. This was orchestrated by the pastor, and was in response to Hitler's burning of books in Germany. Because *The Walton's* always had a moral point, right near the end, John-Boy picked up a book and had a lady read it out loud. The book happened to be a Holy Bible in German. These good people were trying to make all things german disappear, but in doing so, threw into the fire the thing they cared most about.

This Lent, I am trying to read every book that has been banned in the last year. I have read some, I am not going to make it through them all. But it has changed me. Reading these books has opened my eyes to things we don't accept any more like racial slurs, as well as things that embarrass us, like the Third Reich, slavery, and living conditions that are less than adequate. I invite you to read some banned books. You can find a list of banned books at:

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/decade2019>

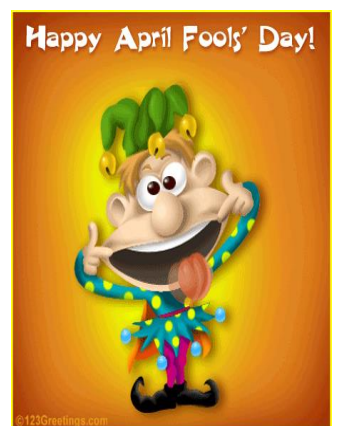
Remember, the Bible has been banned in certain places throughout time. All being said and done, I have to agree with Oscar Wilde's statement, “The books that the world calls immoral are books that show the world its own shame.”

Let's discuss it,
Leigh



Prayer Requests

Alan Bradbury has requested prayers for Grace Dungan



APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3rd

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 OR Psalm 119:9-16

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 10th

Palms: Luke 19:28-40

Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a

Ps. 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11

Luke 22:4-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Easter Day

April 17th

Acts 10:34 or Isa. 65:17-25

Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43

Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18

Easter Evening: Isa. 25:6-9

Ps. 114

1 Cor. 5:6b-8

Luke 24:13-49

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24th

Act 5:27-32

Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150 or

Kgs. 7:1-16

Ps. 2

Rev. 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Announcement

The Books & Banter Club will be meeting April 23, 2022 at Riverside Dining at 12:30. April's book is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Pick up books at the church.

Please mark your calendars for our May meeting; it will be held on Wednesday May 25, 2022, same time and place as mentioned above. May's book selection is *small great things* by Jodi Picoult. Books will be available soon.

All are welcome.



April 10-17, 2022

Announcement

Lillies for Easter Sunday presentation on the Chancel may be ordered from Croswell Greenhouse. Please note if the flowers are to be "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of".

SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

APRIL 1

April Fool's Day
Atheist Day
International Fun at Work Day
International Tatting Day
National Walk to Work Day

APRIL 2

Children's Book Day
National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
National Ferret Day

APRIL 3

Don't Go to Work Unless it's Fun Day
Find a Rainbow Day
Tweed Day
World Party Day

APRIL 4

Hug a Newsman Day
Walk Around Things Day
Tell a Lie Day
World Rat Day

APRIL 5

Deep Dish Pizza Day
Go for Broke Day
National Dandelion Day

APRIL 6

National Tartan Day
National Walking Day
New Beer's Eve
Plan Your Epitaph Day
Sorry Charlie Day
Teflon Day

APRIL 7

Caramel Popcorn Day
International Beaver Day
National Beer Day
National Burrito Day
No Housework Day

APRIL 8

Zoo Lover's Day

APRIL 9

Name Yourself Day
Winston Churchill Day

APRIL 10

Golfer's Day
National Farm Animals Day
National Siblings Day
Palm Sunday
Safety Pin Day

APRIL 11

Barbershop Quartet Day
Eight Track Tape Day
National Pet Day
National Submarine Day

APRIL 12

Big Wind Day
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
National Licorice Day
Walk on Your Wild Side Day

APRIL 13

International Plant Appreciation Day
National Peach Cobbler Day
Scrabble Day

APRIL 14

Ex Spouse Day
International Moment of Laughter Day
Look up at the Sky Day

APRIL 15

Good Friday
Rubber Eraser Day
Take a Wild guess Day
That Sucks Day
World Art Day

APRIL 16

Husband Appreciation Day
Mushroom Day
National Bean Counter Day
National Eggs Benedick Day
Save the Elephant Day

APRIL 17

Bat Appreciation Day
Blah, Blah, Blah Day
Easter Sunday
National Cheeseball Day

APRIL 18

Dyngus Day
International Juggler's Day
National Stress Awareness Day

APRIL 19

Chinese Language Day
Look Alike Day
Volunteer Recognition Day

APRIL 20

Banana Day
Chinese Language Day:
National Cheddar Fries Day:
National Pot Smokers Day or National
Weed Day

APRIL 21

Kindergarten Day
National High Five Day

APRIL 22

Earth Day
National Jelly Bean Day

APRIL 23

National English Muffin Day
National Zucchini Bread Day
Take a Chance Day

APRIL 24

Pig in a Blanket Day

APRIL 25

East Meets West Day
World Penguin Day

APRIL 26

Hug an Australian Day
National Pretzel Day

APRIL 27

Babe Ruth Day
Morse Code Day
Denim Day
National Devil Dog Cakes Day
National Little Pampered Dog Day

APRIL 28

Kiss Your Mate Day
Take Your Daughter to Work Day

APRIL 29

Arbor Day
Greenery Day
National Shrimp Scampi day
National Zipper Day

APRIL 30

Hairstyle Appreciation Day
National Honesty Day
National Raisin Day

WEEK EVENTS

Wk 1	Library Week Read a Road Map Week
Wk 2	Garden Week
Wk 3	Organize Your Files Week Medical Labs Week
Wk 4	Administrative Assistants Week National Karaoke Week

MONTHLY EVENTS

Global Astronomy Month
International Guitar Month
Keep American Beautiful Month
Lawn and Garden Month
Natal Card and Letter Writing Month
National Frog Month
National Humor Month
National Kite Month
National Pecan Month
National Poetry Month
National Welding Month
Records and Information Management
Month

From your little Library in the corner....

Happy Spring!! Why not pick up a good book to read on those rainy, windy April days??

John 3:16: “Brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment, yet solid enough to weather two thousand years of storms and questions. If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here. We all need the reminder. The heart of the human problem is the heart of the human. And God’s treatment is prescribed in John 3:16.” From **3:16: The Numbers of Hope**, by Max Lucado. (This book was a gift to our Church from Joshua and Nicole Hetzel, and was autographed by the author.) (Teal Dot)

Junior Asparagus is reluctant to help a grouchy old neighbor, until a strange book transports him and Laura to Hamalot, where they become waiters and learn what it means to serve God by serving others. This is yet another delightful “Veggie Tale”, and is based on Mark 10:43: “Anyone who wants to be important among you must be your servant.” From **The Spoon in the Stone**, by Doug Peterson. (Yellow Dot - Children)

This very special cookbook “invites you to take a ‘cook’s tour’ of the Bible! “The authors have re-created the recipes for everything from Rebekah’s stew to what Jesus might have eaten at the wedding feast at Cana...even a novice cook can produce a feast fit for a king of Israel.” From **The Good Book Cookbook**, by Naomi Goodman, et.al. (Teal Dot)

Happy
Birthday

April Birthdays

1st	Michelle Oldford
3rd	Randy Bales
4th	Julia Holliday
	Jenna Holliday
8th	Michael Hosler
18th	Ralph Kinsley
23rd	Ed Stone
	Caden Young
24th	Christie Brown
25th	John Geiger
29th	Dave Edmiston



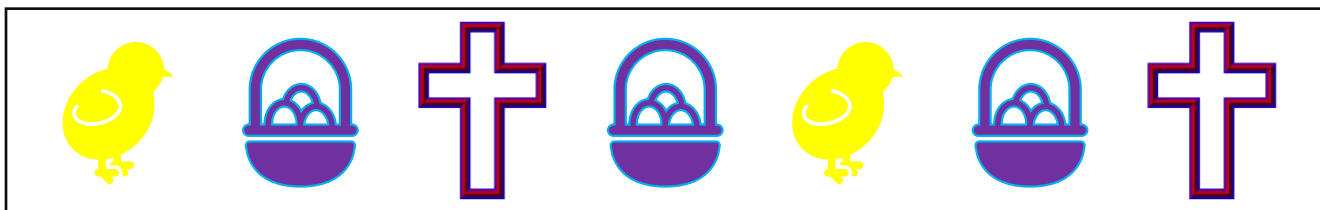
April Anniversary's

9th	Steve & Gale Oldford
27th	Curt & Anne Soule



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Dates to Remember



APRIL 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5 Sessions Mtg. 7p.m.	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Community service at noon. 	16
17 Easter Sunday  Early service 7a.m. FACEBOOK ONLY Sanctuary at 10.00 a.m.	18	19	20	21 Food Truck at Valiant Ministries in Croswell. 1-3 p.m.	22	23 Make and take art program 10 am in the Frostick room.
24	25	26	27	28 PW dinner, with the Methodist women.	29	30

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