

# NEWLETTER

## First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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APRIL 2024



### CANARIES AT EASTERTIME

The first church where I served as a pastor had a tradition involving canary birds during Easter.

The Village of Lake Linden is located in the Keweenaw Peninsula, 450 miles northwest of Croswell. That region is known as the *Copper Country*. Numerous copper mines once marked the landscape from Ontonagon to Copper Harbor.

No doubt, you have heard of the expression “*a canary in a coal mine.*” Canary birds were also taken down into the copper mines. The little yellow birds warned miners of dangers under the ground. Because some poisonous gases in the earth such as carbon monoxide are colorless and odorless, the miners brought along the little yellow birds in cages as safety devices. In the mines, the canaries’ collapse and death would let the miners know there were dangerous gases in the air and give them time to evacuate. The Red Jacket Mine, owned and operated by Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, was 4,900 feet deep. So it could take quite a long time to retrieve miners from the mine in a cage operated on a crude rope and pulley system. The canaries served as an early warning system. The little birds were lifesavers!

On Easter Sundays in Michigan’s *Copper Country*, those same little yellow birds were brought to church in cages. The cages were placed on hooks in front of windows on the inside of the church Sanctuary. As the sun rose in the east and streamed through the windows of the church, the warm air caused the canaries to happily sound off with their audible throaty warbles and melodic chirps. So in addition to the sounds of the pipe organ and piano, the choir and the congregational singing, the “*singing*” canaries also praised the Lord God the Father for resurrecting God the Son from the dead on the first Easter morning! The mines closed in 1968. I became a pastor there in 1981. But the old timers of the church were still talking about days gone by, when singing canaries were featured in church services on Easter Sunday mornings.

The celebration of Easter is actually a season, rather than reduced to just one Sunday. Easter Sunday this year was March 31st. The four Sundays of April and the first two Sundays of May are known as “*Eastertide,*” that Webster’s Dictionary calls “*the time after Easter.*”

God loves to hear us sing our praises, as we thank God for the salvation, meaning and purpose that we have received from Jesus, the Resurrected One. None of us need to sing as well as the canary. The Bible says, “*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.*” (Psalm 98: 4a). Like me, if all you are able to do is to make a “*noise,*” come and worship the Lord with us at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays at First Presbyterian Church!

Bill Wright  
Pastor

### Prayer Requests

Prayers that we hold silent in our hearts.

Claire Gordon – cancer

Praise for Carlene Black's healing she is now home

Praise for JoAnn Hall's great-granddaughter Astora, she has been released from the hospital, prayers for her continued strength and growth.

Praise for those who have health issues and are healing, for those who are in remission.

Prayers for the family of Pete Oliver upon his recent passing

Prayers for the family of Lores Kettlewell upon her recent passing

Prayers for those in the military and first responders (EMT's, fire fighters and police)

Prayers for all those on Spring Break - safety in travel

Prayers for those in nursing homes and adult foster care

Prayers for those in our community suffering loss, despair and loneliness

Prayers for those world wide suffering from displacement and loss due to severe weather and natural disasters.

## INSPIRATION STATION

### ANGER

“You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...” (Nehemiah 9:17b)

“Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot that it do singe yourself.” (William Shakespeare)

### COMFORT

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you...” (Isaiah 66:13a)

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.” (Thomas More)

### FEAR

“Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. No one was there.” (Inscription on an ancient mantelpiece in Hind’s Head Hotel, Bray, England)

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self control.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

### HOPE

“Hope is the thing with feathers. That perches in the soul. And sings the tune without words. And never stops at all. And sweetest in the gale is heard.” (Emily Dickinson)



### Welcome our new members:

Leonard Goheen and granddaughter Chelsea Mikinka who was baptised at church on March 24, 2024



## APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

### April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Ps. 133

Isa. 65:17-25

Ps: 3

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

### April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Ps. 4

Isa. 6:1-9a

Ps 40:1-5

1 John 3:1-7

Like 24:36b-48

### April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Ps. 23

Zech. 10:1-12

Ps. 80:1-7

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### April 28, 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Ps. 22:25-31

Ex. 19:1-6

Ps. 118:19-25

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



# SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

## April 1

April Fool's Day  
National Fun Day  
Sorry Charlie Day  
St. Stupid Day  
Tater Day

## April 2

National Peanut butter and Jelly Day  
Nickelodeon Day

## April 3

Don't Go To Work Unless It's Fun Day  
Fan Dance Day  
Find A Rainbow Day  
World Party Day

## April 4

National burrito Day  
National Walking Day

## April 5

Gold star Spouses Day  
Go For Broke Day  
National Deep Dish Pizza Day  
Time Warp Days

## April 6

Charlie The Tuna Day  
International Pillow Fight Day  
Just Pray No! Day  
New Beers Eve  
Hostess Twinkie Day

## April 7

No Housework Day  
National Girl Me Too Day  
National Beer Day

## April 8

Draw A Bird Day  
Right To Read Day  
Trading Cards for Grown-ups Day

## April 9

Jumbo Day  
National Library Day  
National Unicorn Day

## April 10

National Siblings Day  
Safety Pin Day

## April 11

Barbershop Quartet Day  
International "Louie Louie" Day  
National Clean Up Your Pantry Day

## April 12

Big Wind Day  
National Day of Silence  
National D.E.A.R. Day (Drop  
Everything and read)

## April 13

International Plant Day  
Make Lunch Count Day

## April 14

International Moment of Laughter Day  
National Ex-Spouse Day  
National Pecan Day

## April 15

Take A Wild Guess Day  
That Sucks Day  
Rubber Eraser Day

## April 16

Blue Umbrella Day  
Save The Elephant Day

## April 17

Banana Day  
Blah! Blah! Blah! Day  
Nothing Like A Dame Day

## April 18

Get to Know Your customers Day  
National D.A.R.E. Day

## April 19

Bicycle Day  
National clean Ourt Your Medicine  
Cabinet Day  
National Garlic Day  
National Hanging Out Day

## April 20

National cheddar Fries Day  
Husband Appreciation Day  
World Circus Day

## April 21

National Yellow Bat Day  
National Surprise Drug Test Day

## April 22

Beagle Day  
Earth Day  
National Jelly bean Day  
Passover

## April 23

English Language Day  
English Muffin Day  
Movie Theatre Day  
Talk Like Shakespeare Day

## April 24

Sauvignon Blanc Day  
International Noise Awareness Day  
Walk at Lunch Day  
National Library Outreach Day

## April 25

Celebrate Teen Literature Day  
East Meets West Day  
Hairstylists Appreciation Day  
Hug A Plumber Day  
National Mani-pedi Day  
National Teach Your Children To Save  
Day  
World Penguin Day

## April 26

Alien Day  
National Help A Horse Day  
National Pretzel Day  
National Hairball Awareness Day

## April 27

Babe Ruth Day  
Bring Your Own Cup Day  
National Dance Day

## April 28

Blue Sunday  
National Superhero Day  
Pet CPR Day  
Save the Frogs Day

## April 29

World Wish Day  
Zipper Day

## April 30

National Raisin Day  
Spank Out Day  
National Honesty Day  
National bubble Tea Day

## WEEK EVENTS

- Wk.1 Laugh at Work Wk  
Mule Days  
Wk. 2 American Crossword Puzzle  
Bat Appreciation Wk  
National Library Wk  
Wk 3 Cleaning For A Reason Wk  
National Karaoke Wk  
National Dance Wk  
National Princess Wk  
Wk 4 National Scoop The Poop Wk  
Interstate Mullet Toss Wk

## MONTHLY EVENTS

- Adopt A Ferret Month  
Adopt A Horse Month  
Alcohol Awareness Month  
Couple Appreciation Month  
Dog Poop awareness Month  
Holy Humor Month  
Keep America Beautiful  
National Frog Month  
National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Month  
Straw Hat Month

## From your little Library in the corner....

"Is this all life is about?" Many of us have asked this question at one point or another in our lives. : "Is it just an endless pursuit after things that never really satisfy?", we ask. "Where can I find lasting contentment and joy?" The author of this book guides readers through the book of Ecclesiastes to demonstrate that the answer is and always has been this: Contentment and joy are gifts of God; they come to people who take life daily, whatever it may bring, from the hand of a loving Father. From *Is This All There Is to Life?* by Ray Stedman.

Did you miss seeing Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*, or maybe you'd like to see it again?? We have it available in DVD format!! A great reminder of what our Lord has done for us! (Orange Dot)

"When his dog, Bodger, is hit by a car and killed, Christopher must overcome his sense of guilt. 'The story strikes home for anyone who has experienced the loss of a pet, and its quiet depiction of Christopher's coming to terms with grief will extend to all.'" (Yellow Dot – Children)

To check out an item from our Library, simply remove the card found inside the book, put your name and the date on it, and place it in the basket on the table. There is no time limit, but please remember to return the item when you are finished. Simple, huh??!! Enjoy!!



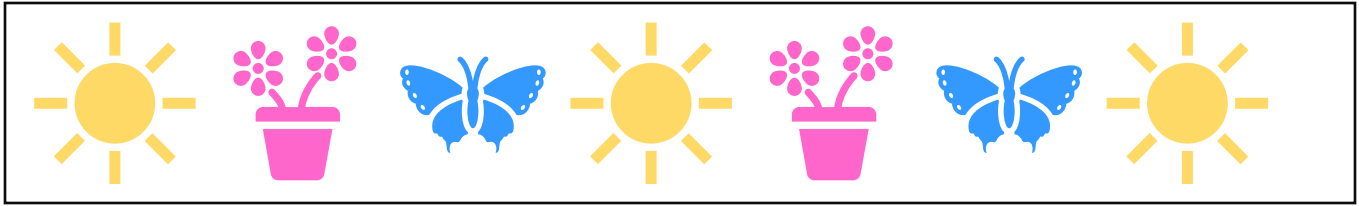
Happy  
Birthday



3<sup>rd</sup> Randy Bales  
Parker McClelland  
4<sup>th</sup> Julia Holliday  
Jenna Holliday  
8<sup>th</sup> Michael Hosler  
18<sup>th</sup> Ralph Kinsley  
23<sup>rd</sup> Caden Young  
24<sup>th</sup> Christie Brown  
25<sup>th</sup> John Geiger  
29<sup>th</sup> Dave Edmiston  
Wesley McClelland

9<sup>th</sup> Steve & Gale Oldford  
27<sup>th</sup> Curt & Anne Soule

# Dates to Remember



APRIL 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Easter	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Easter	15	16 Sessions Mtg. 7 p.m.  Deacons Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21 4th Sunday of Easter	22 Earth Day 	23	24	25	26	27  AED Training 10:00 am to 12:00-noon
28 5th Sunday of Easter	29	30				

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# Emergency Medical Educational Class

Saturday April 27, 2024

10:00 am - Noon

First Presbyterian Church  
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Please join us for  
demonstrations on  
using an AED, heart  
and stroke aid,  
heimlich maneuver  
and fall and injury aid.



Instruction by Crosswell  
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