

NEWLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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HAVING A BOUT WITH DOUBT?

Are you hesitant, reluctant to believe in miracles? Have you sincerely tried but just cannot seem to believe in what is the greatest of all miracles of the Christian faith, the Jesus' resurrection from the dead? If so, then join the crowd! Plenty of people have rejected Christianity's claim that Jesus rose from the dead but then later in time did a 180 degree turn in their viewpoint, embraced everything miraculous, including Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Thomas, one of Jesus' original twelve disciples, was resistant to believe His crucified Lord had been resurrected. *"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it"* said Thomas.

By the next Sunday evening Thomas was eating alongside his fellow disciples in a locked room, out of fear that they might be the next ones to be crucified. Suddenly, Jesus stood among them and said, *"Shalom, peace be with you."* We imagine the blood must have drained from Thomas face, to see Jesus alive. He must have been shocked. Jesus turned to Thomas and spoke to him plainly without any hint of rancor or sarcasm, *"Put your finger here, see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."* Thomas then dropped down on his knees and said in awe, *"My Lord and my God!"*

Those who once strongly doubt, often become the strongest advocates for belief. *"Doubting Thomas,"* as he is sometimes called, when he came to believe, journeyed far and wide to tell others about his resurrected Lord. One tradition tells us that he preached at ancient Babylon, near the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, where Iraq is today. He traveled to Persia, present-day Iran, and continued to win disciples to the Christian faith. Then he sailed south to Malabar on the west coast of India in the year 52 AD. He preached, established churches, and won to Christ high caste Brahmins (priests) of the Hindu religion. When explorers from Portugal landed in India in the early 1600s, they found a group of Christians there - the Mar Thoma Church established by Thomas' preaching 1500 years earlier. Finally, Thomas traveled to the east coast of India, where he preached relentlessly. He was killed near the city of Mylapore about 72 AD, near present-day Madras. Tradition tells us that he was thrown into a pit, then pierced through with a spear thrown by a Brahmin.

Regarding the resurrection of Jesus or Christianity in general, do you have some doubt? If so, do not count yourself out, because God does not count you out. God might chose to reveal Himself to you in the seeming miraculous birth of your grandchild, a particularly gorgeous sunrise, or the inspiring Easter morning worship service at First Presbyterian Church of Croswell. You can expect to receive from Jesus everything Thomas received, minus a spear driven through your body.

Bill Wright, Pastor

Prayer Requests

Andy Wright - broken leg/surgery is home recovering

Sally Goheen - is currently at Regency on the Lake (cancer)

Leonard Goheen as he tends to Sally

Lisa Haddix sister-in-law Linda and her father Dave have cancer

Debbie Fair's brother - is home and doing better with medication (Praise be to God)

Those who have been recently hospitalized and are recovering from surgeries and other serious illnesses.

Those in our church family and our community going through difficult times.

Those in the military, those who serve in the police and fire departments, those who serve in the electrical departments restoring power, all these put their lives in danger to protect our community and country.

2025 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

6:00 p.m.

- April 2 First Presbyterian Church
7 S. Howard Avenue
- April 9 Croswell Free Methodist Church
13 N. Howard Avenue

JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

6:00p.m.

- April 17 Croswell Free Methodist Church
Our Church has been invited!

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

12:00p.m.

- April 18 Trinity Episcopal Church
5446 Main Street, Lexington



PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Bill Wright is available to visit church members anytime, anywhere, either for emergency situations or casual conversations. Feel free to call Bill at (810) 858-7033 NOTE: Pastor Bill's new email address is: hi.from.Bill.Wright@proton.me

Bible Verses

“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.’” – Matthew 28:5-6

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” – 1 Corinthians 15:20

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’” – John 11:25-26

“For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him.” – Romans 6:9

“But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.” – Acts 2:24

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds, we are healed.” – Isaiah 53:5

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

“So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” – Hebrews 9:28

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed.” – 1 Peter 2:24

Easter Customs

Easter have been documented as early as the 2nd century.

Easter, like [Christmas](#), has [accumulated](#) a great many traditions, some of which have little to do with the Christian celebration of the Resurrection but derive from folk customs. The custom of the Easter [lamb](#) appropriates both the appellation used for Jesus in Scripture (“behold the lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world,” John 1:29) and the lamb’s role as a sacrificial animal in [ancient Israel](#). In antiquity Christians placed lamb meat under the altar, had it blessed, and then ate it on Easter. Since the 12th century the Lenten fast has ended on Easter with meals including [eggs](#), [ham](#), [cheeses](#), [bread](#), and sweets that have been blessed for the occasion.

The use of painted and decorated [Easter eggs](#) was first recorded in the 13th century.

The [church](#) prohibited the eating of eggs during [Holy Week](#), but chickens continued to lay eggs during that week, and the [notion](#) of specially identifying those as “Holy Week” eggs brought about their decoration. The egg itself became a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell. In the Orthodox tradition eggs are painted red to symbolize the [blood](#) Jesus shed on the [cross](#).

The custom of associating a [rabbit](#) or bunny with Easter arose in Protestant areas in Europe in the 17th century but did not become common until the 19th century. The [Easter rabbit](#), or Easter bunny, is said to lay Easter eggs as well as decorate and hide them. In the [United States](#) the Easter bunny also leaves children baskets with toys and candies on Easter morning, a tradition enjoyed by non-religious families and Christians alike. The practice has been seen as a [manifestation](#) of the Protestant rejection of Catholic Easter customs. In some European countries, however, other animals—in Switzerland the [cuckoo](#), in Westphalia the [fox](#)—brought the Easter eggs.

Easter egg hunts are popular among children in the United States. Modern egg hunts often involve real and plastic eggs, the later being filled with candies or small toys. Sometimes one or more “prize eggs” are hidden, which earn a treat-filled basket or other prize for the finder. First lady [Lucy Hayes](#), the wife of Pres. [Rutherford B. Hayes](#), is often credited with sponsoring the first annual Easter egg roll (an event where children and their parents were invited to roll their eggs on the Monday following Easter) on the [White House](#) lawn, in 1878. That year the event was moved to the White House from the grounds of the [U.S. Capitol Building](#), where large numbers of children had gathered beginning in the early 1870s to roll their eggs and play on Easter Monday. Members of [Congress](#) were [dismayed](#) by the large crowds on Capitol Hill and feared that the foot traffic was damaging the grounds. By 1876 Congress and Pres. [Ulysses S. Grant](#) passed a law that forbade the practice of egg rolling on Capitol Hill. Some historical records note that the Hayes first opened the White House lawn to egg rolling festivities the following year, in 1877, after a young boy asked President Hayes directly for permission to use the space.

SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

April. 1

April Fool's Day
Reading is Funny Day
Sorry Charlie Day
St. Stupid Day

April 2

National Ferret Day
National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
National Walking Day
Nickelodeon Day

April 3

Don't Goto Work Unless It's Fun Day
Fan Dance Day
World Party Day

April 4

National Day of (No) Silence Day
World Rat Day

April. 5

Go For Broke Day
International Pillow Fight Day
National Play Outside Day
National Deep-Dish Pizza Day

April. 6

Hostess Twinkie Day
Drowsy Driver Awareness Day

April. 7

National Girl Me Too Day
National Handmade Day
No Housework Day
Right to Read Day
Tater Day

April. 8

National Library Day
Trading Cards for Grown-ups Day

April. 9

International Day of Pink
Jumbo Day
National Unicorn Day

Feb. 10

Poem In Your Pocket Day
National Siblings Day

April. 11

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

April. 12

Big Wind Day
Bring Your Own Cup Day
Walk on Your Wild Side Day

April. 13

Palm Sunday
Scrabble Day
Houseplant Appreciation Day

April. 14

International Day of Laughter Day
National Dolphin Day
National Pecan Day

April. 15

McDonald's Day
Purple Up! Day
Rubber Eraser Day
Take a Wild Guess Day

April. 16

Save the Elephant Day
National Bean Counter Day

April. 17

Blah! Blah! Blah! Day
High Five Day
National Crawfish Day
Nothing Like A Dame Day

April. 18

Good Friday Day
Nabisco Animal Cracker Day
World Marbles Day

April. 19

Bicycle Day
National Garlic Day
National Hanging Out Day

April. 20

Easter Day
National Cheddar Fries Day
Plum Pudding Day

April. 21

Bulldogs are Beautiful Day
National Yellow Bat Day

April. 22

Beagle Day
Earth Day
Global Selfie Earth Day
In God We Trust Day

April. 23

English Muffin Day
Talk Like Shakespear Day

April. 24

St. Mark's Day
Take Your daughters 7 Sons to Work Day

April. 25

Arbor Day
Hug a Plumber Day
National Hairball Awareness Day

April. 26

Alien Day
National Dance Day
National Pretzel Day
National Sense of Smell Day

April. 27

Blue Sunday
National Day

April. 28

National Superhero Day
Save The Frogs Day
Workers Memorial Day

April. 29

World Wish day
Zipper Day

April. 30

National Bubble Tea Day
National Honesty Day
National Raisin Day
Spank Out Day
Walk at Lunch Day

WEEK EVENTS

- Wk.1 Mules Wk
American Crossword Puzzle
- Wk 2 Bat Appreciation Wk
Passiontide Wk
National Library Wk
- Wk 3 Holy Wk
National Blue Ribbon Wk
Cleaning For A Reason Wk
- Wk. 4 National Karaoke Wk
National Paperboard Packaging Wk
National Princess Wk
National Scoop The Poop Wk
Fiddler's Frolic

MONTHLY EVENTS

Alcohol Awareness Month
Dog Poop Awareness Month
Holy Humor Month
International Twit Award Month
National Grilled Cheese Month
National Licorice Month
Second Chance Month
Stress Awareness Month

April 22-23 Lyrids Meteor Shower (peak).



From your little Library in the corner....

"Begin Again is inspirational, but it isn't a self-help book. It is a treasury of grace. " The author's "eloquent, yet everyday, honesty will give you both the yearning and courage to begin again, no matter what end you may find yourself at. From Begin Again: The Brave Practice of Releasing Hurt & Receiving Rest, by Leeana Tankersley. (Self-Help - [Golden Beige Dot](#))

"Every Moment Since is everything you want in a novel – a gripping story, nostalgia for lost childhood, exorbitant love, a deep sense of place, and page-turning tension." By Marybeth Mayhew Whalen (Adult Fiction – [Purple Dot](#))

The Animated Passion Trilogy is three award-winning DVDs the whole family will enjoy! Experience the Passion of the Christ and learn the story of the greatest miracle of all – the resurrection of Jesus Christ! (CDs & DVDs - [Light Orange Dot](#))

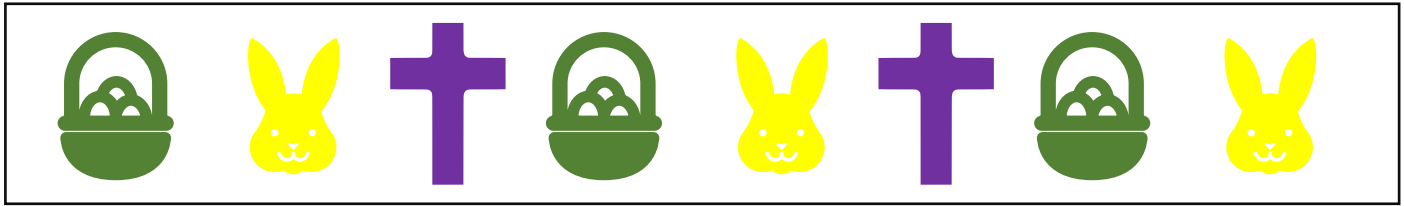


3rd Randy Bales
Parker McClelland
4th Julia Holliday
Jenna Holliday
18th Ralph Kinsley
23rd Caden Young
24th Christie Brown
29th Dave Edmiston
Wesley McClelland



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

Dates to Remember



APRIL 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2 Lent Services Croswell Presbyterian 6:00 pm	3	4	5
6 10AM Worship. Communion	7	8	9 Lent Services Croswell Free Methodist 6:00 pm	10	11	12 Medical Training Class 10 am
13 10 am Worship Palm Sunday Holy Week begins	14	15 Session Mtg. 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg 6:00 pm	16	17 Maundy Thursday joint/Croswell Free Methodist 6:00 pm	18 Good Friday Lexington Trinity Episcopal Church 12 noon	19
20 10 am Worship 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Worship	28	29	30			

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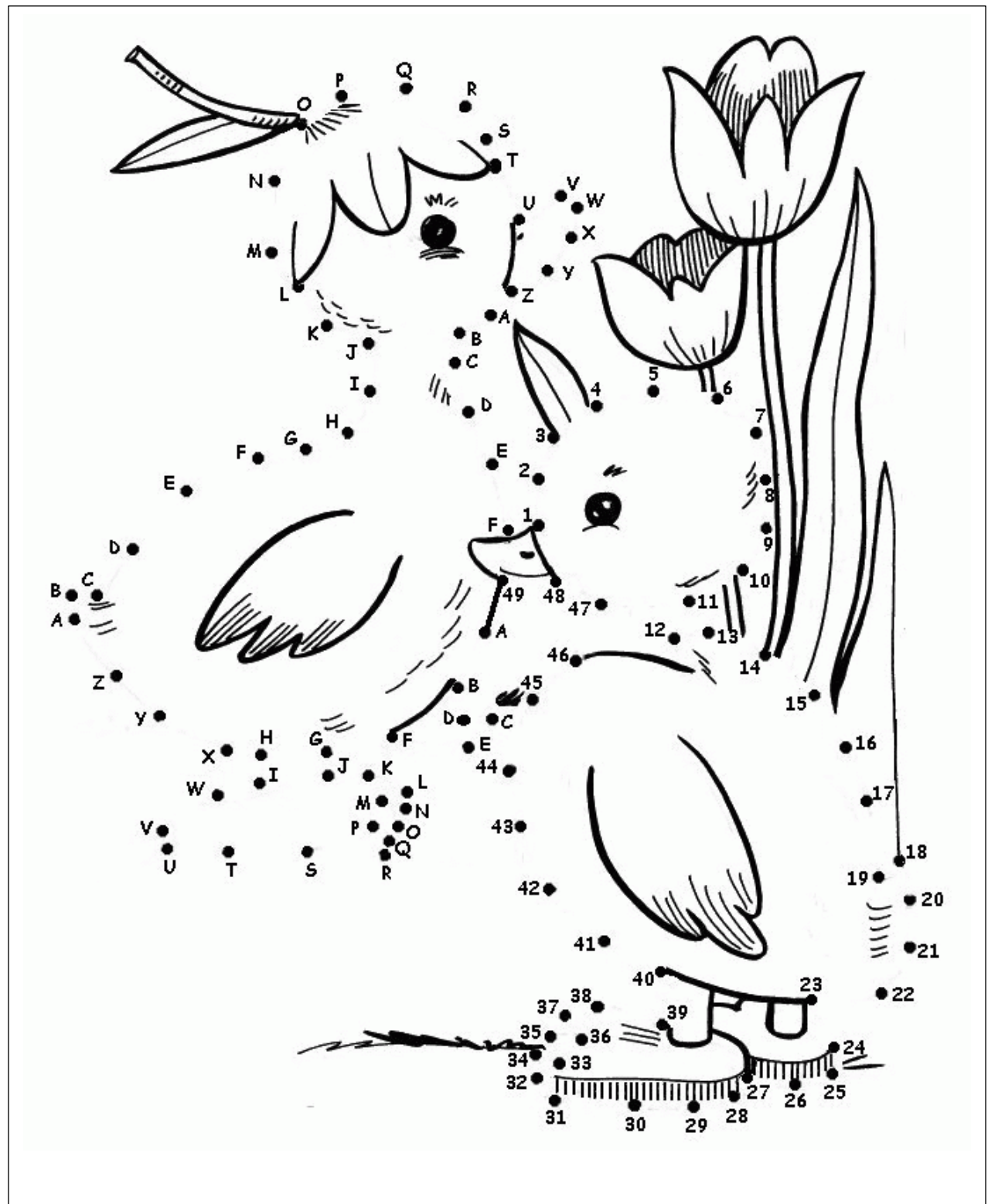
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KIDS CORNOR



First Aid Basics



Saturday
April 12, 2025
10:00 am



7 S. Howard Ave
Croswell Mich
(Church at the stoplight)



Please join us for this free Basic First Aid
class.

Instructed by Croswell Paramedics.
Brought to you by The First Presbyterian
Deacons