

NEWSLETTER

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April 2026



The Dogwood Tree

A story is told, to you and me,
Of a use once made of the Dogwood Tree.
It grew straight and tall in the days of old;
At least that is how the story is told.
But then they used it just one time,
To form a cross for that King of mine.
From that day on, the tree felt shame;
It twisted its branches to show its pain,
A pure white cross, its petals make
So the world won't forget that one mistake.
The cross is white with tips of red
To represent places our Savior bled.
That's the story, as it was told to me,
To explain the flowers of the Dogwood Tree.

A Time to Question

Crucial events often present the opportunity for questions like these:

1. Do I tend to blame someone else for what's wrong in my life?
2. Do I try to change other people rather than change my own attitudes and actions?
3. Am I willing to assume responsibility for the direction of my own life?
4. Do I live in the present moment or are most of my thoughts about either the past or the future?
5. Do I confront the crises of life, or do I use alcohol, pills or other escapes to avoid facing them?

Do I believe that whatever happens in my life I will be given the ability to cope with it.

How do I Want to Live?

My friend, I want you to live, aware of being fully alive and fully redeemed.
I want you to be aware of me, your brother Christ, living within you.
I don't want you to get all busted up and broken down over your sins.
Because, in a sense, they are irrelevant.

Conscience

It praises, it blames, it promises, it threatens, it implies a future and it witnesses to the unseen.
It is more than a human's own self. The person has no power over it, or only with extreme difficulty; he may not make it, he cannot destroy it, he may refuse to use it, but it remains...
Its very existence throws us out of ourselves, to go seek him in the heights and depths, whose Voice it is.

Prayer Requests

Jim Kettlewell - continues rehab at Medilodge of Fort Gratiot

Jon and Sharron Lusher - health concerns and guidance

Those in the military being deployed to the Middle east conflict

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Those going through surgeries and illnesses.

Those going through difficult times and suffering recent losses.

APRIL QUOTES

Inspirational April Quotes for a Great Spring Month

“April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of rebirth and renewal.”– Mary Sojourner

“April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden.”– Marty Rubin

“April, like a child, writes hieroglyphs on dust with flowers, wipes them away, and forgets.”
– Rabindranath Tagore

“The reappearance of the light is the same as the survival of the soul.”– Victor Hugo

“April will not fail to turn out as it should be, and as it generally is, one of the sweetest, dearest, loveliest months of the year.”– Joseph Grimaldi

“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it.”
– Hal Borland

“April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, ever-renewing cycle.”– E.E. Cummings

“With the coming of spring, I am calm again.”
– Gustav Mahler

“April is a promise of what’s to come.”– Gladys Taber

“April is a gentle reminder that life’s transformations are beautiful and inevitable.”– Ellen Lovell

“Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.”– Doug Larson

“April marks the real end of winter. Daffodils pop open and nod their yellow heads. Grass starts to recover from its frozen cover of snow.”– Sharon Leah

“April distance brings May existence.”
– English Country Saying

“Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.”
– Byron Caldwell Smith

“April prepares her green traffic light, and the world thinks, ‘Go!’”– Christopher Morley

“You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep spring from coming.”– Pablo Neruda

“The beautiful spring came, and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.”– Harriet Ann Jacobs



Beautiful Hello April Quotes to Welcome This Wonderful Month

“April, all to welcome thee, spring sets free.
”– Remy Belleau

“Now the noisy winds are still; April’s coming up the hill!”– Mary Mapes Dodge

“The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day when the sun is out and the wind is still.”– Robert Frost

“April again! The willow wands are yellow, rose-red the brambles that the passing wind knows.”– Virna Sheard

“April brings the primrose sweet, scatters daisies at our feet.”– Sara Coleridge

“April was just beginning, and after the warm spring day, it turned cooler, slightly frosty, and a breath of spring could be felt in the soft, cold air.”
– Anton Chekov

“The April winds are magical and thrill our tuneful frames. The garden walks are passionate to bachelors and dames.”– Ralph Waldo Emerson

“A gush of bird song, a patter of dew. A cloud and a rainbow’s warning suddenly sunshine and perfect blue. An April day in the morning.”
– Harriet Elizabeth Prescott Spofford

“April in Paris, chestnuts in blossom, holiday tables under the trees.”– Yip Harburg

“April this year, not otherwise than April of a year ago, is full of whispers, full of sighs, dazzling mud, and dingy snow.”– Edna St. Vincent Millay

“They who meet on an April night are forever lost in love if there’s moonlight all about and there’s no moon above.”– Yip Harburg

“Well-apparel’d April on the heel of limping winter treads.”– William Shakespeare

“April, the angel of the months, the young love of the year.”– Vita Sackville-West

“In April, the first soft, tender, delicate green of spring salutes the eye in every direction.”– Joseph Grimaldi

“O sweet wild April came over the hills. He skipped with the winds, and he tripped with the rills.”
– William Force Stead

“Sweet April’s tears dead on the hem of May.”
– Alexander Smith

What Is Easter Sunday?

Next to the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Easter Sunday is the most important holiday in Christendom. What is Easter Sunday? Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He was crucified and rose three days later. The day that He rose is called Easter Sunday. In the Bible, there is a reference to Easter in Acts 12:4. Here Peter is arrested and there is mention that after Easter, he would be brought forth to the people. So, we know that is a day that was celebrated as Easter. The day and the date that we celebrate Easter was determined in the 7th century. Easter is celebrated “on the Sunday following the 14th day of the calendar moon. This comes on or after the vernal equinox fixed for March 21.”

Why Do We Celebrate Easter Sunday?

We celebrate Easter because it is a part of the redemptive plan of mankind. It is cause for celebration because the rising of Jesus proves to man that He is the Son of God. The power of the Holy Ghost caused Jesus to rise, and the Comforter or Holy Ghost is now here to assist us.

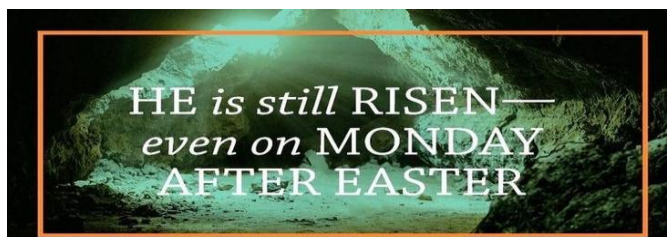
So, we take confidence because we have the same power working in us that raised Jesus from the dead. Since Jesus was crucified, He became the sacrificial Lamb for mankind. That is why we can plead the blood to the devil whenever we are in trouble, sick, or in need of rescue. The enemy is afraid of the blood because he knows it is the blood of Christ and the only way mankind can avoid hell. The crucifixion is significant because God sent His Son as a ransom for our sins. The enemy is quite familiar with the Son of God who is a part of the Trinity. The devil was once in Heaven until he was kicked out.

In the book of Luke, God sent Gabriel to Nazareth in Galilee to announce Jesus’ birth to Mary (Luke 1:27-33). The birth of the Savior was foretold in Isaiah 7:14. “*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*”

Why Is it the Most Important Holiday for Christians?

This is indeed a high holy day for Christians because Jesus died for us so that we might live. Every human goes somewhere when they leave this earth. We will all live forever somewhere. For Christians, we will live for eternity in Heaven. That is why it is so important to witness to others who do not know Christ. We can rejoice when a Christian transitions from this life unto the next because Jesus died for us.

God values us so much as His children that He allowed His Son to walk and minister among us. He allowed Him to be ridiculed and betrayed. He allowed Him to die a shameful death on a cross. He allowed the temptation of Jesus Christ. He allowed Jesus to suffer many things. Through all of that suffering, we do not have to worry about a hell that was created for Satan and his fallen angels. We do not have to worry about a lake of fire. We can be assured that our names will be found in the Book of Life. We do not have to be condemned for life when we missed the mark. We can go to God in prayer to obtain grace and mercy to help in a time of need. If we keep His commandments and keep a heart of repentance, we shall live with Him for eternity.



From your little Library in the corner....

“Jesus is alive, little bird!” Micah whispered. “You don’t have to hide! It’s safe to come out of your shell now because Jesus is alive!” Author Pamela Kennedy deftly weaves a touching retelling of the first Easter as seen through a child’s eyes. Micah experiences first-hand both the loss of Jesus when he is crucified and the joy of His resurrection. From *Easter in the Garden*, by Pamela Kennedy. (Yellow Dot – Children)

“Don Piper is an ordinary man with an extraordinary experience and calling... This book will lift your eyes from the trials and troubles of this life and warm your heart as you realize that everything you do here on earth can make a difference for eternity.” From *Heaven is Real* by Don Piper. (Turquoise Dot – Grieving and Death)

“Vienna Prelude opens in pre-World War II Austria. Elisa Lindheim, a violinist with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, is of Jewish heritage but has adopted an Aryan stage name. Thus, she is able to travel and play in Germany even though a 1935 law forbade Jewish musicians to do so. Her dear friend Leah, a cellist, and her husband Shimon must escape Austria or perish in the coming Holocaust.” Find out what happens!! From *Vienna Prelude*, by Bodie Thoene. (Purple Dot – Fiction)



Happy
Birthday



3rd Randy Bales
Parker McClelland
Ella Strand

4th Julia Holliday
Jenna Holliday

8th Michael Hosler
10th Danielle Cunningham

18th Ralph Kinsley

22nd Mya McCelland

23rd Dylan Cunningham

18th Ralph Kinsley

23rd Caden Young

24th Christie Brown

29th Dave Edmiston

Wesley McClelland

9th Steve & Gale Oldford

27th Curt & Anne Soule

SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

April 1

National Fun Day
Reading is Funny Day
St. Stupid Day
Pig Day

April 2

National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
Nickelodeon Day
National Burrito 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

International Pillow Fight Day
National Play Outside Day
World Rat Day

April 5

Go For Broke Day
National Deep Dish Pizza Day
Plum Pudding Day

April 6

Hostess Twinkie Day

April 7

International Beaver Day
National Handmade Day
National Making the First Move Day
No Housework Day

April 8

Trading Cards for Grown ups Day

April 9

Jumbo Day
National Unicorn Day

April 10

National Siblings Day
Safety Pin Day
National Farm Animals Day

April 11

National Pet Day
National Teach Children to Save Day
Record Store Day
World Circus Day
Submarine Day

April 12

Big Wind Day
National Drop Everything and Read Day
National Only Child Day

April 13

Make Lunch Count Day
Scrabble Day
International Plant Day

April 14

National Be Kind To Lawyers Day
National Dolphin Day
National Pecan Day
World Watergun Flight Festival

April 15

Banana Day
McDonald Day
Purple Up! Day
Take a Wild Guess Day
That Sucks Day

April 16

National Orchid Day
Save The Elephant Day
World Voice Day

April 17

Blah! Blah! Blah! Day
National Crawfish Day
Get to know Your Customers Day

April 18

Husband Appreciation Day
Nabisco Animal Cracker Day

April 19

Bicycle Day
National Garlic Day
National Hanging Our Day

April 20

National Cheddar Fries Day
Right To Read Day

April 21

Bulldogs are Beautiful Day
National Chocolate-covered Cashews Day
National Library Day
Kindergarten Day

April 22

Beagle Day
Earth Day
National Jelly Bean Day

April 23

English Muffin Day
Movie Theatre Day

April 24

Arbor Day
National Hairball Awareness Day

April 25

Hug A Plumer Day
National Dance Day

April 26

Alien Day
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
Blue Sunday

April 27

Babe Ruth Day
Morse Code Day

April 28

National Superhero Day
Save The Frogs Day

April 29

Stop Food Waste Day

April 30

Bugs Bunny Day
National Bubble Tea Day
National Golf Day
National Raisin Day
Spank Out Day

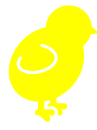
Weekly

Wk 1	Laugh at Work Wk
	Golden Rule Wk
Wk 2	Bat Appreciation Wk
Wk.3	National Library Wk
	National Princess Wk
Wk.4	National Scoop Poop Wk
	National Volunteer Wk

Monthly

Beaver Awareness Month
National Card and Writing Month
National Licorice Month
School Library Month
Straw Hat Month

Dates to Remember



APRIL 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5. 10am Worship Communion Elder Lisa Naveen 	6	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
12. 10 am Worship Communion Pulpit Supply Rev. Kim Strunz	13	14. Deacon's Mtg. 6:00 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm	15.	16. Food Give-away, 12-2 pm Valiant Ministries	17.	18.
19. 10 am Worship Pulpit Supply Rev. Linda Fuller	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25
26 10 am Worship Pulpit Supply	27	28	29	30 PW Spring Gathering 5:30 pm		

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JOIN US FOR A

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH
AT 5:30 PM

COME IN YOUR FINEST DERBY INSPIRED
HAT AS WE ENJOY A DERBY THEMED
MEAL AND EVENING OF FUN.

1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7 S. HOWARD
CROSWELL, MI



Leadership Training Day
Saturday, April 11, 2026
10am until 1pm

Fairgrove Presbyterian Church
5040 Maple Street. Fairgrove 48733

Moderator Training
Communion Training
LUNCH PROVIDED!

Led by Rev. Ted McCulloch
Open to Ruling Elders in
Presbytery of Lake Huron

RSVP by Monday, April 6 here:
<https://forms.gle/Ru8aWRzd21sb4bx5A>