

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE RESURRECTION?

Christians around the world have spent a lot of time over the last few weeks pondering the Gospel accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. During Easter week, we read the familiar stories of the Triumphal Entry, the Last Supper, the crucifixion... and then with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, the story ends. Right?

Not quite. While the Gospels of [Matthew](#) and [Mark](#) end shortly after the Resurrection, Luke and John provide extra detail about what Jesus did during the time between his resurrection and his ascent into heaven. If your Gospel reading stopped at the Resurrection, you're missing out on several interesting stories.

Luke and John both describe at length Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances to his followers. (Mark [mentions](#) these briefly as well.) Jesus' appearance before "doubting Thomas" and the other disciples ([in John](#) and [in Luke](#)) are well known and contain a number of little details. For instance, Jesus appeared "when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders"—a minor sentence, but one that communicates the terror and bewilderment that must have plagued the disciples in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion. If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, what might you have done in this situation—reeling from the death of your teacher, fearing for your life, and wondering if everything you believed in was really true?

The Gospel of Luke also describes an encounter with Jesus [on the road to Emmaus](#). With tantalizing

but confused rumors of the empty tomb still spreading, Jesus appears in disguise to a pair of his followers. After visiting with and teaching them for some time, Jesus reveals himself in a beautifully-described scene:

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of John provides a few more memorable stories. First, Jesus (again, unrecognized at first) [performs his last recorded miracle](#), overwhelming the disciples' fishing nets with a huge catch. Shortly thereafter is the moving story of [Peter's reinstatement](#). Peter, who had denied knowing Jesus three times during his master's trial, is questioned by Jesus... three times. It is during this questioning that Jesus gives Peter the famous charge to "Feed my sheep."

Matthew and Mark both close with the "Great Commission," Jesus' instructions to his disciples to go out into the world and spread the good news of salvation:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I

have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ([Matthew 28:18-20](#) NIV)

This passage has long been the basis of the Christian emphasis on sharing the Gospel with the world through evangelism and missionary work.

[Mark](#) and [Luke](#) describe Jesus' departure from earth into heaven, "taken up into heaven" after speaking to his disciples a final time.

It's clear from the Gospel accounts that the story of Jesus reaches its culmination with the Resurrection. But the tidbits we do get about the post-Resurrection days not only satisfy some of our curiosity about how Jesus' Resurrection was received by his followers, but also give us the evangelistic direction that guides Christ-followers to this day. Do not let the resurrection be the end of our story.....

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April Worship News

The Lectionary Scripture Readings are:

* Focus Scripture For Sermon

Sunday, April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter

***Acts 5:27-32**

Psalm 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

***John 10:22-30**

Sunday, April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter

***Acts 9:1-20**

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Guest Speaker—Rachael Miller

The Musical Offering Schedule for April:

April 7 - Sr. Choir

“Alleluia Praise the Lamb”

arrg. By Dick Torrans

April 14 – Denise (Mickey) Voshell

April 21 - **Shepherd Sunday** – Sr. Choir

My Shepherd Will Supply My
need” arrg. By Jay Althouse

April 28 - Hand Bells



THANK YOU FROM PASTOR CHRIS

Dear Friends at St. John's UCC

It was a joy to have friends from St. John's at the installation service on March 17. You have been an integral part of my ministry and so it was important for me to have you there as I begin a new chapter in my ministry. I also know that several of my parishioners enjoyed meeting with you and I just hope you didn't tell too many stories. Anne, Zach and Rachel were also thrilled to see some of their Fredericksburg friends. The kids still talk about St. John's UCC. We continue to hold you in our thoughts and prayers as you move forward with the transition.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris Rankin

Our worship experiences/opportunities for the month of April are as follows:

Wednesday, April 3—Noon to 1PM— Bible Study in the Social Hall. Bring your own lunch.

Sunday, April 7 - 10:30 Am - Sermon entitled "Obeying God" with a focus scripture of Acts 5:27-32

Wednesday, April 10- Noon to 1PM— Bible Study in the Social Hall. Bring your own lunch.

Sunday, April 14 - 10:30 AM - Sermon entitled "Becoming Blind In Order To See" with a focus scripture of Acts 0:1-20

Wednesday, April 17- Noon to 1PM— Bible Study in the Social Hall. Bring your own lunch.

Sunday, April 21 -10:30 AM - Sermon entitled "Plain As It Can Be" with a focus scripture of John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 24—Noon to 1 PM- Bible Study in the Social Hall. Bring your own lunch.

Sunday, April 28 -10:30 AM - Guest Speaker, Rachael Miller

(Per agreement between Pastor Herb and the church council Pastor Herb will have the fourth Sunday of each month off.)

HARTMAN CENTER SUMMER CAMP 2013

Sharon, myself (Pastor Herb), and our two sons had many enjoyable experiences at Harman Center. As our sons were growing up, they attended summer camps, and as a family we attended a number of family camps. Both Sharon and myself, alone or together, have attended many workshops or retreats at Hartman Center. And one of our greatest experiences was to attend a grandparents weekend with our son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

This year there is a 4th of July Weekend Community Adventure camp. This adventure will take place from Wednesday, July 3, through Sunday Morning, July 7. There will be trips to sign up for, worship opportunities, crafts to work on, and hikes to take. There will be singing around campfires, roasting hotdogs, and making smores.

Also this year there is a camp for women (Spiritual Practices for Women from July 28 to Aug 3) and a camp for men (The Carpenter's Apprentice from June 16 to 22). For grades 3 thru 6 a camp called "Mud, Bugs and God" sure sounds interesting, and how about "Lions, Hobbits & Hogwarts, O My!" for grades 6 thru 9.

Check out the folders on Hartman Center Summer Camp 2013 as enter church.

If you have never been camping at Hartman Center you are missing a chance to experience God in a new and exciting ways.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We may have missed the scheduled date for One Great Hour of Sharing, which was March 10, but we are not forgetting this important and valuable chance to share with those in need.

We will be collecting funds during the month of April to help support clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare and education as well as responding to disasters in both the US and internationally.

Watch for envelopes in the April 7 bulletin and in the pews during the whole month of April.

Let us continue to show the world that we care.

Happy Birthday to:

April 2013

6 Rev. Drew Morris	12 Andrew Fegan	20 Kayla Benfer
6 Jordan Seltzer	13 Erika Flanick	26 Rick Rudy
6 Aidan Zechman	13 Josh Stoltz	30 Russell Schott
7 Sheila Fox	15 Christine Lutz	30 Peter Hevel
7 Pat Ziegler	18 Wade Tyrpin	
8 Cathy Rentschler	18 Zachary Baynard	
9 Keith Gingrich	20 Becky Martin	
11 Ken Mohn	20 Leah Stoltz	
11 Steve Zechman	20 Sharon Hibshman	

Happy Anniversary to:

9 Peggy & Charles Wike	21 Kim & Jarrod Kapp
14 Linda & Mark Tyrpin	27 Linda & Mike Nace
18 Betty & Vernon Schriver	

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You

April Readers

April 7 Robin Getz
 April 14 Keith Gingrich
 April 21 Joe Ditzler
 April 28 Regina Engler

April Acolytes

April 7 Andrew Eberhart
 April 14 Noah Gingrich
 April 21 Zach Seltzer
 April 28 Rachael Quairol

March 2013 Attendance

Mar. 3: 62
 Mar 10: 56
 Mar. 17: 58
 Mar. 24: 55

April Bulletins

April 7 Betty Schriver
 April 14 Connie Martin
 April 21 Ken & Violet Leibensperger
 April 28 Millie Schriver

April Flowers

April 7 Betty Schriver
 April 14 Priscilla Rentschler
 April 21 Ken & Violet Leibensperger
 April 28 Millie Schriver

April Deacon of the Month
 Angela Michael

April Circle Time Schedule

April 7 Regina Engler &
 Karen Light
 April 14 Robin Getz
 April 21 Missy Seltzer
 April 28 Missy Daub

April Coffee Hosts

April 7 Terry & Ginny Knapp
 April 14 Terry & Ginny Knapp
 April 21 Terry & Ginny Knapp
 April 28 Terry & Ginny Knapp



A few things I can report on is that many have noticed that we have finally gotten the new door in the Sanctuary. Even though there are some finishing work that needs to be done, this is one large project that is coming to conclusion. You will also see the basement going through some changes as well. There will be some new “facilities” in the boys and girls bathrooms as well as a complete and final facelift to the remaining areas. We are grateful to the hard and dedicated efforts of our building and grounds committee.

Our final member of the search committee has been confirmed. Amber Daub we are sure will bring a more youthful perspective concerning some of the many gifts of our future pastor should be offering. The church profile has been resurrected so that the committee can now begin meeting and working through updating much of that information. Again, the members of the church will play an important role with some of our decision making on what we need to continue our existence as a God-loving, family church.

We have raised all of the money necessary for the AED purchase. Again, your generosity is more than we can expect as we continue getting our church building to the 21st Century and beyond. We cannot offer enough thanks to all of those of you who have so graciously donated. This life saving equipment is critical to our surroundings. Even though we all pray that we will never need to use it, it is a blessing to know that it is here in the event we do.

We are now working through a very difficult decision concerning our summer months. It has been suggested that we consider taking a hiatus from the Christian Connection and morning Circle time over the summer months (in conjunction with the school schedule). It was hoped that perhaps we could begin our morning worship service at between 9-9:30AM giving members more time in their afternoons. Consistory is also working with Christian Education and Music and Worship with this item. Help us to pray over this important decision as we continue to work through what is best for our members as a whole.

We have not heard any negative comments in this area, so I will consider it a sign that we made the right decision. Just a reminder that the VOICE will be available each month on our website at <http://www.stjohnsuccfburg.org/thevoice/> or copies will be printed and available each month on the table located in the narthex for your convenience. Also, we are well aware that some do not have computer access so in those cases we must rely on a call from you or a note to the office to let us know just that. We will mail those pieces with a standard first class stamp.

As always I want to remind everyone that Consistory is here for you. You are the voice we answer to where our church needs are concerned. Please let us know if you have concerns or if there is something that we are just not quite on the mark. It is important that your voice is heard.

We continue to work hard to keep our church as loved and necessary as it always has been. You are the people who make it what it is. You give it life and offer it breath to sustain our Christian lives. May we always continue to do this work together as one in the body of Christ.

April's Children's Christian Connection By Angela Michael

The children will learn about the story of the Good Samaritan. Scripture: Luke 10:25-37; Memory Verse: "Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who call down curses on you. And pray for those who treat you badly." Luke 6:27-28 (NIRV)

April 7-Art; teacher: TBD

April 14-Storytelling; teacher: Missy Daub

April 21-Video; teacher: Missy Seltzer

St John's Fellowship At Work by Regina Engler

We met on March the 19th.
We did not just sit and chatter.
In deep deliberation
We talked of things that matter.

OK, now that we have your attention, here's what we did as the men and women of our congregation work together to go forward into the future as God's people. We'd like to share the plans we made with you.

Although Spring seems to be in hiding with the groundhog, one of our committees is overseeing the order and placement of flowers within the sanctuary for Easter. Many of you have helped with your order. We are also having our sanctuary and social hall windows professionally cleaned so that we can enjoy that sunshine when it appears.

On Easter Sunday, you will be offered a small cardboard bank to be used prayerfully between that time and Thankoffering Sunday in November when there will be an ingathering of those banks. During 2012, those funds were earmarked for our congregation's Missions Committee's use. Plan now how you will use the bank you receive. Keep it in plain sight as a reminder to be thankful.

Although our congregation has an official Fundraising Committee, the Fellowship has a few projects throughout the year. Cookbooks are always available for purchase and the Avon representative provides our group with those small booklets of items for men, women and children. A current drive is underway and will end April 21, so ask Peggy Mohn or another Fellowship member if you'd like to order something.

Of course, the "biggie" is the Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale scheduled for April 19 & 20. Set up will take place Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m., prior to the next monthly meeting of this group with sorting and pricing on Thursday, the 18th. A sign-up sheet on the social hall bulletin board is available for your signature. Your help is appreciated as are the delicious baked goods for which St. John's is noted.

We value each member of our congregation and hope you will come and share the light of Christ that lives in you.

SPRING FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE

**Sponsored by the Fellowship of St. John's United Church of Christ
April 19 & 20, 2013**

**Friday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Saturday
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**There's something for everyone!
Come for lunch on Friday and enjoy
Homemade soup
Barbecues
Hot Dogs with or without Sauerkraut
And
Assorted beverages, including coffee**

CONGREGATION LIFE By Ginny Knapp

WOW – The Ditzler-Dorsey duo had the place rockin'! They presented “St. John’s Idol” and “Dancing with St. John’s” during the return of the Birthday Social on Saturday, February 23.

St. John’s Idol featured Mickey Voshell, Gary Trautman and Wendy Dorsey. Regina Engler and Rev. Herb Hibshman, who won the judges’ prize for his rendition of “Bye Bye Love”. Judges were “Randy” Keith Gingrich, Julie “Abdul” Ditzler and “Simon” Joe Ditzler.

Dancing with the stars were Jean Ann and Neal Grimes, jitterbug; Robin Getz and Gary Trautman, polka; Sharon and Herb Hibshman, ballroom; and Julie and Joe Ditzler, disco. After the polka ended when Gary couldn’t maneuver, Robin and Wendy performed a scarf dance around Gary who was seated in a wheelchair, Winners of the contest were Jean Ann and Neal. Judges were “Weezy” Louise Walmer, “Char” Charlene Ziegler and “Randy” Keith Gingrich.

A big kudo to all the hostesses of the tables. Decorations and foods were outstanding! Robin Getz served as Master of Ceremonies.

BEACH TRIP INFORMATION:

It's that time of year again....Here is the information for anyone interested in the annual St. John's UCC Beach trip.

Dates are June 13th thru the 16th, 2013..this is a Thursday thru Sunday.

We will be staying at the Pyramid Motel. located in Wildwood Crest, NJ as in previous years. Please visit their website at pyramidmotel.com or visit them on facebook.

Cost is \$299.00 for a standard room...plus 14% tax for the 3 nights. A deposit of \$150.00 is required to hold your room. Any questions or need a bigger room (efficiency room) please contact Donna Martin at the Pyramid Motel...at 609-522-9527. Deposits can be mailed to Donna at the motel at the following address: Pyramid Motel, 8105 Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

SUGAR COOKIES (Corrected)

Submitted by Ressie Lauer

1 1/2 cups sugar

1/2 lb margarine

2 eggs

Pinch of salt

1 cup buttermilk

1 tsp soda

2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp vanilla

4 cups flour

Chill and drop Bake at 350

10 to 12 minutes

Do not brown too much. Touch and if they pop up they are finished.

Makes 50—60 cookies.

Frosting

4 Tablespoons butter

2 Tablespoons Crisco (not liquid)

1 lb 10X sugar—(4 cups = 1 lb)

2 tsp. vanilla

milk

NEW HORIZONS 2013

New Horizons is an opportunity for fellowship for single adults, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee of the Lebanon Association, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Chris. For additional information or suggestions for future programs, please call Betty Holdren (866-2013), Dolores Wolfe (867-1807), Eleanor Hollowell (865-8087), Helen Keller (865-4014), Betty Ann Smith (865-5769), Barbara Beard (497-0208), Eleanor Baylor (865-4977) or Ann Wagner (867-2675).

April 27— 2:00 pm Show and Tell at Christ UCC Annville, PA and Supper at Waterworks Fire Company.

May 24 2:00 pm Miniature Golf and Dinner at Kaufman's Barbecue. Be sure to join us.

The complete year's functions are listed on the bulletin board in St. John's UCC church office.

April 2013

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4 6:00 PM Search Committee	5 9:00 AM-11:00 AM NLPRC	6
7 8:30 am Circle Time 9am Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Helen Walmer	8	9	10	11	12 9:00 AM-11:00 AM NLPRC	13
14 8:30 am Circle Time 9am Christian Con- nection 10:30 Worship	15	16 6:30 PM Set Up for Flea Market 7:00 PM Fellowship Meeting	17	18 Sorting & pricing for Flea Market & Bake Sale	19 800 AM-6:00 PM Flea Market & Bake Sale	20 8:00 AM-11:00 AM Flea Market & Bake Sale
21 8:30 am Circle Time 9am Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Christian Ed Mtg. Follow- ing Worship	22	23	24	25	26 9:00 AM-11:00 AM NLPRC	27
28 8:30am Circle Time 9am Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate	29 7:00 P M Consistory Meeting	30				

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"IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Again we remind you that we will no longer be mailing the VOICE under the bulk permit system. If you need to have your edition mailed to you directly, please contact the church office at 865-7222, or by email at stjohnsucc@comcast.net. You can also continue to read the current edition on our website at www.stjohnsuccfburg.org. You must inform us if you are not receiving the VOICE on a monthly basis so we can make the necessary adjustment to change that on your behalf. We appreciate your continued support and hope that the VOICE continues to cross your doorstep and as a result, you will be able to continue enjoying the content.

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Every Sunday

8:30am Circle Time

9:00am Christian connection

10:30am Morning Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ is: A church of faith, heeding to God's call, through worship, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship. We are building on our church's history, while looking to our future. Our church is filled with messengers, who share the gift of God's love, with the community and beyond. We strive to be a church that reaches out to all with compassion, a vision of God's everlasting peace, and a witness of spiritual hope to our present and future generations. For all this and so much more, we pray in God's name.

Church Staff

Pastor Herb Hibshman, Jr., Interim Pastor
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Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director
Mrs. Donna Eberly-Lehman Church Secretary

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