April 2024

LIVING IN EASTERTIDE

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by Dr. M. Bruce Irwin, Pastor

The sun was red this morning as it peeked through the clouds. Maybe an ominous sign for the coming day. I remember: "Red at night, a sailor's delight: red in the morning, a sailor's warning!"

But then, a few minutes later, the sun was above the clouds. Bright, shiny, and life-giving... the sun illuminating the world for a brand-new day!

So much of the time, our bodies and souls are tightly responding to the tension of all of life. But, once in a long while we relax. When we do, something amazing happens! The presence of life reemerges in our arms, our legs, our chest, and throughout our physical bodies. Hidden by the tensions of combating all of the struggles of life, for moments or minutes, self-awareness of presence and power re-emerges into our physical bodies and gives us peace. There are times when body and soul seem to become one, and God gives us a renewed sense of our humanity's beauty!

In the month of April, we live in the season the Christian Church has termed: "Eastertide".

With the songs of resurrection ringing in our ears from the celebration of Easter Sunday, we remember how the ominous darkness of Good Friday hid the life-giving light. But then sunrise occurred on Easter Sunday bright, shiny, and life-giving. The sad, guilt burdened bodies of the followers of Jesus came alive again to the new day proclamation: "He Is Risen!" No doubt, the limbs and bodies of the Christ's followers felt life returning as the awareness of peace, hope, and love surged into their existence!

DURING EASTERTIDE, WE ARE CELEBRATING THE FACT THAT GOD'S ALWAYS BRING LIGHT INTO OUR TIMES OF DARKNESS AND ALIVENESS INTO OUR BODIES AND SOULS WHICH OFTEN ARE IMPRISIONED BY TENSIONS AND CONFLICTS OF LIFE

HAPPY EASTERTIDE!

Glades Presbyterian Church 21121 Judge Winikoff Road Boca Raton, Florida 33428

Glades' Events for April 202(

6. Boca Helping Hands, 830am

7. Worship & Communion, 1030am

- 7. Healing Meeting, 12pm
- 13. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 14. Worship, 1030am
- 20. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 21. Worship, 1030am
- 27. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 28. Worship, 1030am

Glades' Celebrations for April 2024

- 6. Keith Berman's birthday
- 13. Babbs Dahms' birthday
- 27. Elaine Hulse's birthday
- 29. Dawn Williams' birthday

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DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Terry Crout - 561-699-1139

Lisa Roubian Jim & Celeste Hamilton Marilou Lehner Wayne & Hortense Walker Laura Dorn Tom Serro

Linda Williams - 954-240-4785

Edith Vislocky Bill Eltringham Carmen Gomez Gretchen Schrieber

Ellie Wan - 347-308-2878

Eric, Ellen, Addison & Ryan Armstrong Lee Henderson Mini Dookhan Yvette Tiritto & David MacRae Debbie & Keith Berman Premela Dookhan Kitty Lai

Laura Dorn - 920-570-1069

Dawn Williams-Colozzi Didi Deary Beth Diente Connie Steward Marlene Kappes

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2024</u>: Terry Crout(1) & Edith Vislocky(1) & Pat Wilkins(2) <u>Class of 2025</u>: Linda Williams(1) & Dawn Williams(1) & Laura Dorn(1) <u>Class of 2026</u>: Celeste Hamilton(1) & Ellie Wan(1)

Pat Wilkins - 561-299-8793

Terry, Cheryl & Ryan Crout Gail Bower Linda Williams Beverly Newland

Celeste Hamilton - 561-715-9910

Cathy & Dan Wantz Pat Wilkins Rowena Avrich Lauren Romeo Ozcan Feyziolglo Santosh & Lalitha Mathen Ryan Bullock Mike, Brandy, Kourtney & Amanda Arbuthnot

<u>Dawn Williams - 704-787-3761</u> Babbs Dahms Don & Elaine Hulse Renata, Lydia & Michael Trager Linda Fabiani & Barry Marcus

Edith Vislocky 561-405-5730

Neyda Rodriguez Ed & Brenda Romeo Frank & Liz Romeo Karen Sanchez Ellie Wan Laurie & John Jenkins

Elders:

<u>Class of 2024</u>: Bill Eltringham(1) & Marilou Lehner(1) <u>Class of 2025</u>: Jim Hamilton(2) & Gretchen Schrieber(1) <u>Class of 2026</u>: Rowena Avrich(1) & Ed Romeo(2)

If you have any needs or questions, please contact your Deacon or an Elder.

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Sermon Series for April: 4/7 "Walking Together, Following God" 4/14 "Snakes in the Grass" 4/21 "The Genuineness of Faith" 4/28 "You Gotta Own Gold"

Habakkuk 2:1-3 John 3:14-21 I Peter 1:3-9; 4:12-13 Exodus 32:1-14

Choir: The Choir is ALWAYS looking for more beautiful voices in ALL vocal ranges, from bass to soprano! Please call either Gretchen Schrieber (561-859-5246) or Renata Trager (317-652-7853).

Men's Group: Every other Thursday evening at 7pm, men from Glades and other nearby churches meet at Duffy's (Mission Bay) to discuss Christian topics. For any questions, please call or text Jim Hamilton (954-621-5993).

Boca Helping Hands: Every Saturday at 830am, Glades' members and other volunteers gather at CrossBridge Church (located at the corner of 441 & Judge Winikoff Road) to hand out bags of food to the needy. Please consider becoming a part of this important food ministry.

Healing Prayer Meeting: A monthly healing prayer meeting (on Communion Sundays) will be held immediately after the service. All who need healing prayer or support are encouraged to attend. The meeting should last approximately 15 minutes. It is facilitated by Terry Crout (561-699-1139).

Prayer contact: romeobren@yahoo.com

The Month in Photos: April 2024







