

First, a little Easter trivia

* Easter is a “movable feast”, it falls between March 22 and April 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21st.

* Easter is only called Easter in English speaking countries, where it takes its name from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring renewal. In other countries the holiday is named some version of “Pascha”, the Latin name for Passover

* Worldwide, 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made every year! All the jelly beans made for Easter each year would wrap around the Earth three times!

* In parts of Germany, candy is brought by a fox instead of the Easter Bunny. In Switzerland a cuckoo brings the candy. In Finland, children save their witch costumes to wear at Easter egg hunts.

* The iconic Easter hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” was written by Charles Wesley when he was 32 years old. His brother John didn’t include it in the Methodist Hymnal because he thought it was too seasonal. Big brothers!

Easter (or Pascha) has taken many forms across the world and through the ages, and meant different things to different people. The one constant meaning is that of glorious re-birth; what has died will return to life, but not just return the way it was, it will return in a new, better, more glorious form. Jesus returned from the grave in a new form, still God in human flesh, but having completed his great work of redemption. One day we will rise from death, to new, glorious forms. That is definitely something to look forward to. In the mean-time, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can experience small resurrections in our lives. What is there in your life that is not right, not working for you, causing you or others pain or worry? Let it die! Let it go and give it to God. God will take whatever we give up and create something new in our life. God can take any situation in our life and make it new. We have a couple weeks left before Easter to spend time in prayer, letting go and giving to God something that needs to be reborn in our lives. And then we can look forward to a renewed life on Easter morning!

God bless you and keep you,
Brother David



Thoughts for April, 2019 He Arose

Romans 8:31-39 (NLT) Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep." No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Why are we all asking: "What has happened to Easter? Isn't Easter supposed to be in March? Why is Easter so late this year?" According to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*:

"Easter is a "movable feast" and does not have a fixed date; however, it is always held on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Specifically, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full Moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox. Interestingly, in 2019, the full Moon and the spring equinox fell on the SAME day—Wednesday, March 20. The full Moon—cresting at 9:43 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time—followed the spring equinox by less than four hours. Given this, the first full Moon after March 21 doesn't occur until April 19 this year. That means Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21." <https://www.almanac.com/content/when-easter-2019-how-easter-date-determined>

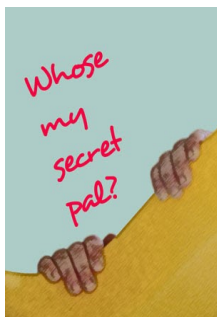
Just as we get a bit confused when Easter does not occur when we think it should, we sometimes get concerned about things that are happening in the world, in our country and even within the church. We are all Christians, so why are we having so many different ideas about so many things?

Even in this confusion there are some things we can rely on: (1) God sent Jesus into the world to save us from sin. When we believe in Him, we are in the right standing with God and Jesus is with God, pleading daily for us. (2) No matter what else happens to us, Christ still loves us. (3). No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. What a wonderful promise!

Please be in prayer this month for all the Easter services, programs and activities to be held at Bethesda, and in all churches. Ask God to give all attendees the desire to listen and the ability to grasp the true meaning of Easter. Entreat God to help us all to give all glory and honor to Christ, the lamb that was slain and is now rose again.

Praise God that nothing can ever separate us from His love. As you prepare for Easter, remember this: "Nothing can separate you from God's love."

Diane Wilhelm, Prayer Ministry Coordinator



*SECRET PAL
BANQUET
APRIL 7TH
5PM*



*Happy April
Anniversary Wishes:*



<i>4/15 Clay & Lyna Morgan</i>	<i>Married 30 years</i>
<i>4/17 Mark & Darlene Jones</i>	<i>Married 49 years</i>
<i>4/17 Ricky & Johnna Stringer</i>	<i>Married 4 years</i>

SPROUTS

APRIL Schedule (K - 5th grade)

7th NO Sprouts
14th 4:30pm
21st NO Sprouts
28th 4:30pm



APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE

7th Ricky & Johnna Stringer
14th Cathy Hickman & Wendy Zittrauer
21st Wanda Evans & Vickie Oliver
28th Dencie Edgy & Erin LeNeave



<p align="center">Annual Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p align="center">Saturday April 20th 11:00am-2:00pm Chicken fingers, tea & lemonade will be provided. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. We will be collecting stuffed Easter eggs (NO chocolate). Look for collection boxes to drop them off!!</p>		<p align="center">MAY 2019 Newsletter</p> <p align="center">Deadline is 4/16/19</p> <p align="center">Please turn in all announcements, articles, or other information turned in by this date. Thank you!!</p> 		<p>Prayer list:</p> <p>Our Pastor All Ministries at Bethesda UMC Military Leaders of America</p> <p>Jack Adams Carolyn Bannister Woody Brewster Justin Cox Reid Crosby Irma Davis Lula Dixon Jason Duboise Kem & Linda Dugger Harry & Reba Edwards Emmory Ely Ethan Ferguson Benji Hall Michael Hickman Tony Hickman LouDean & Betty Hinely Geraldine Jenkins Pam Jernigan TJ Kessler Mike Lance Samantha LeNeave Jake Long Kevin McDaniel Clay Morgan Clayton Morgan Scott Morgan Caroline Morton Royce Nease Allen Perry Zeke Rahn Brenda Saxon Brian Scott Connie Shuman Abby Smith Alice Smith Irene Stanford Bobby Wadsworth Joyce Wadsworth Susan Waller Alma Zettler Bernard L. Zipperer Dwight Zipperer George Zittrauer Marilyn Zittrauer</p>	
<p>Happy APRIL Birthday Wishes</p> <p>2nd Ashton Meador 4th Chris Kasabian 8th Alice Smith 11th Josh Stapleton 16th Marcus Kessler 16th Odell Olsen 17th Kylie Bohl 17th Caroline Grayson 18th Scott Kessler 18th Breanna Lively 21st Jeffrey Wendelken 22nd Palmer Dasher 23rd Connor Wadsworth 25th Evan Zeigler 25th Gloria Kasabian 27th Kathy Morgan 28th Morgan Kessler 30th Makenzie Kessler 30th Laura Grayson</p>		<p>Good Friday Service April 19th 7:00pm</p>		<p align="center">Easter Service Schedule:</p> <p align="center">JOIN US</p> <p align="center">7:00am Sunrise Service 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service</p>	
		<p align="center">NO Administrative Council Meeting during April 2019</p>		<p><i>Please sign up for Altar Flowers, the calendar has several available Sundays, please let me know what date you would like.</i></p>	
<p>Children's Church Workers</p> <p>1st Sunday.....Tina Keener 2nd Sunday....Lyna Morgan 3rd Sunday....Lyna Morgan 4th Sunday....Vickie Oliver 5th Sunday....Kathy Morgan</p>		<p align="center"><i>United Methodist Women Hope Laundry Circle</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Meetings are:</i> <u>April 23rd, August 27th and October 22nd at 7:00pm</u></p>			
<p align="center"><i>Bethesda Women's Association Meeting @ 7:00pm April 16th</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Hostesses: Eileen Olsen & Shirley Shearouse</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Program: Harriet Roberts</i></p>		<p align="center">EFFINGHAM CAMPGROUND CLEAN-UP DAY</p> <p align="center">APRIL 27TH 9AM</p> 			
<p align="center"><i>Bethesda Women's Association Meeting</i></p> <p align="center"><u>MAY 21st @ 7:00pm</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Hostesses: Harriet Roberts & Brenda Saxon</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Program: Janice Nease</i></p>		<p align="center">SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AND COVERED DISH LUNCH AT THE CAMPGROUND ON MAY 5TH BEGINNING AT 9:45AM</p>			
		<p><i>If you have someone you want to add or remove from the prayer list please send me an email, call the office or leave a note on my desk.</i></p> <p align="right"><i>Thank you, Linda</i></p>			

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Bethesda UMC Youth

We invite all youth (grades 6 - 12) to join us for the following

April 2019



Wednesday, April 3	Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
Saturday, April 6	Paint Possibilities, TBA
Sunday, April 7	Secret Pal Banquet 5pm
Wednesday, April 10	Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday
	Worship/lunch/PHP Easter Celebration 10am-3pm
Wednesday, April 17	Bible study/PHP bags 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday, April 21	Happy Easter! (No UMYF)
Wednesday, April 24	Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
Saturday, April 27	Effingham Campground Work Day 9am
Sunday, April 28	Game Night 4:30-6:00pm

Upcoming events:

- April 13-- Bethesda Work Day
- April 20-- Easter Egg Hunt
- May 5-- Sunday School Convention/Lunch at Campground
- Sunday, May 19—Promotion Sunday/Lunch/Games/Fellowship
- July 18-July July 21—Youth Camp at Effingham Campground
- July 19-July 24—Effingham Campmeeting

**“May the Lord bless you and keep you”
Questions?? Tammy Saxon, Jennifer Granat**

Meet, Greet and Eat

Meet and Greet staff and volunteers from the Manna House
Eat a delicious meal at Dairy Queen in Rincon - proceeds go to Manna House Ministries
April 23, 2019; 6 - 8 p.m. See you there!

Manna House Ministries is a food pantry and Thrift store that serves about 600-700 family per month. It is sponsored by approximately 30 churches in Effingham County..

Many thanks to Bethesda
for being a sponsoring church for many years providing volunteers and support to the ministry.