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Maundy Thursday? Good Friday?

We often use words in the life of the church that we assume folks understand. We preachers love to use these words thinking everyone knows what we are talking about when they may not. Some of the words that we use to describe events or observances have come to us from languages other than English or may be a corruption of the original word, which adds to any confusion. Holy Week (the week between Psalm Sunday and Easter Sunday) gives us two of these words: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday is an interesting title for the Thursday in Holy Week when we remember our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples. Many churches have a communion service that evening as will we this year (more on this later). The word *Maundy* comes from the Old French word, *maunde*, which is from the earlier use in Latin of *mandatum novum*, which means a "new commandment". In John 13:34, we read when Jesus was celebrating his Last Supper with his disciples, and before the later events of that terrible night and following day Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Later that evening and into the next day, we see the true meaning and the depth of His love and God's love for us.

Good Friday is more of a challenge for us. Over the years, people have asked me and many other preachers the obvious question: why do we call it Good Friday when it is such a terrible day? There are two possible explanations, one theological and the other a word issue.

In 1 Corinthians 15:3, Paul writes that it is of first importance that Christ died for our sins in according to scriptures. We remember that Jesus was willing to pay the ultimate price for our sins by his death. Paul in Romans 6:5 writes, "For we have been united with him in a death like his (baptism), we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." So, if there is meaning in the word "good", it is the good news of forgiveness, new life, and a future with God in eternity.

Of course, any look at other languages, like German, their word is Karfreitag meaning "Sorrowful Friday." Some also make the case that what we call Good Friday has changed over the years from an older title, God's Friday.

Hopefully we have made things a bit clearer and didn't add any confusion. What matters is that we know in our heads and our hearts the depth of God's love and hope for us in Christ. And knowing that makes Easter or as it is also called, Resurrection Day, a day to truly celebrate.

Pastor Walter

TRUSTEE MEETING 3-13-19

In attendance: Gary House, Tom Ingraham, Frank Hoffman, Tony Callari, Dan Cater, Rev. Walter Steenson, Marilyn Kundrata

The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Tony made a motion to accept. Frank seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. \$5,000 was transferred to the Capital Fund, \$1,000 was transferred to the Memorial Fund. Taxes were filed. Frank made a motion to accept. Tony seconded.

Carpet and stair treads were installed at the back entrance.

Gary and Carolyn House purchased blinds for MacQueen Hall. Dan will help install them.

The organ is in need of repair. Tony will get a quote.

Carolyn House purchased cards with a Christian symbol on them to give as gifts for birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you, Carolyn for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

The Pastoral Relations Committee members will be Brad Miller, John Cook and Carol Duerr.

The Pulpit Committee will be co-chaired by Brad Miller and Julia Ingraham; Ralph Olney will stay on as a consultant.

We received a quote of \$4,700 to repair the cracks in the ceiling of the office. There is also a crack in the wall of the sanctuary. The cracks will be reassessed when the weather warms.

There is water leaking into the back hallway. Possibly a roof leak at the flashing.

The last 5th Sunday meeting will be held March 31st after church. Rev. Steenson will reveal the results of the survey he distributed in December and will discuss our next steps to finding a new minister. There will be a pot luck luncheon before the meeting.

The garbage cans are not always put out on garbage day. Gary will contact the garbage company and see if they will pick up the cans where they are stored.

Lisa Rowley and the Deacons are looking into purchasing new hymnals. Eleanor Reynolds bequeathed \$1,000 to the church. Her family would like the money to be used for the purchase of hymnals.

We need a wireless microphone to use during "Prayers and Concerns" so everyone can hear the prayer requests.

All MacQueen Hall reservations will be posted in the newsletter from now on so everyone knows when the hall is in use.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be April 17th at 7:30 pm.

ATTENTION!

Recorded Messages

The church services are recorded every Sunday and are now can be accessed through the church Facebook page and can be downloaded from Soundcloud <https://soundcloud.com/ortonaptisthurchermons>).



Church Calendar

All events must be approved by the Board of Trustees. You may reserve a date by posting on the calendar in MacQueen Hall, however it still needs Board approval. This is to ensure there are no conflicts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Food Cupboard

The Kendall Food Cupboard is collecting contributions of hams and money for Easter by April 8th. Please see Julia Ingraham with any donations or questions.



New Copier

As a result of a great deal, we were able to trade our old copier for a newer copier. This newer copier is able to print in color, which will significantly improve the quality of our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Care Net Annual Banquet

The Care Net Center of Greater Orleans is holding its annual fundraising banquet, "The Dad Difference," on Thursday, April 4th from 7:00-9:00 pm (seating at 6:45) at Hickory Ridge Golf and Country Club. The keynote speaker will be American singer, songwriter, speaker, and author Matt Hammitt. Please see the Cook's or Calleri's for tickets.

A promotional image for the "The Dad Difference" event. It features a man in a striped shirt holding a young child, both smiling. The background is a light blue gradient.

CARE  **NET**
Center of Greater Orleans
presents

The Dad Difference

As a father has compassion on his children, so the
Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.
Psalm 103:13

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Guest Speaker: Matt Hammitt
Former lead singer for the band Sanctus Real

5th Sunday Meeting

Our next 5th Sunday meeting will be held after the church service on Sunday, March 31st. We will be discussing and analyzing the results from the church surveys. There will be a potluck luncheon before the meeting.



Appreciation Dinner

The Youth Group is hosting an Appreciation Dinner for all those who have supported them throughout the year. They will be serving homemade garbage plates on April 6th.

Youth Day Service

Please join us on Sunday, April 28th where the Youth Group will be taking over the service. The teens will be performing musically and be sharing their favorite scriptures. It's sure to be a great day!



Town of Kendall Blood Drive

A blood drive will take place at the Kendall Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 9th from 1:00-6:00 PM. For an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins welcome!

Easter Sunday

The choir is preparing a cantata for the Easter service. It will be full of beautiful music with singing, piano, flute, and trumpet. The Easter story will be told through both song and scripture. Please join us April 21st!



April Birthdays:

2 nd	Jennifer Clay Anderson
9 th	Penny Gibson
10 th	Kate Ingraham
12 th	Kylie Davenport
17 th	Robbie Henry
19 th	Brianna Wakefield
24 th	Christian Villalobos
29 th	Pam Dutton



April Anniversaries:

10 th	Dave & Sandy Strassenburgh
30 th	Dale & Lisa Rowley



April Greeters:

7 th	Tom & Julia Ingraham
14 th	Dale Rowley & Todd Young
21 st	David & Sandy Strassenburgh
28 th	Frank Hoffman



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for April is:
9 oz. cups

In and Around the Community

Please remember Jerry and Maxine Wahl in your prayers. Jerry is now in a nursing home.

Marilynn Kundrata's aunt, Sandy, had bladder cancer years ago and has been in remission. She has now been diagnosed with colon cancer. Please remember her in your prayers.

John Cook's friend, Rick Pettit, lost his father in late February. Please keep them in your prayers.
<https://cooperfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/349/Thomas-Pettit/obituary.html>

Gary and Carolyn House had a chimney fire in early March. Luckily, they had a fire extinguisher nearby and were able to keep the flames at bay until the fire department arrived.

Please keep Natalie Cook's mother, Betsy, in your thoughts. In addition to her brain condition, she has been diagnosed with cluster headaches.

Luann Henry's wound from her surgery in July is finally starting to heal. However, she is absorbing iron and the cause is unknown at this point. We pray for answers.

Natalie Cook's friend, Katelynn, is joining the Harvest School of Missions and will be traveling all over the world. She is in the process of fundraising to help aid her travels. Please contact the Cook family if you would like to donate.

Please remember Liz Pearson's mother's co-worker in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will begin chemotherapy soon.

Congratulations to Luann Henry whose book "A Gust of Wind" has sold 100 copies from November through December and received her first check! She is currently working on a sequel. We can't wait to read it!

Kendall Jr/Sr High School's rendition of *The Addam's Family* the musical, which included many members of the Youth Group, was a wonderful show of talent and an enormous amount of fun!

Keep the Nancy Walker and family in your thoughts and prayers. Stephen Walker passed away tragically from an accident on March 3rd at the age of 70. His memorial service was held at Morton Baptist Church on March 7th.

<https://christophermitchell.com/tribute/details/6266/Stephen-Walker/obituary.html>

Andrew Cook started a three-month, online program through SUNY Oswego to become a paralegal. We wish you the best of luck!

Andrew and Natalie Cook's rabbit has a pinched nerve, which caused her back legs to be paralyzed. Keep her in your thoughts!

Please keep the Strassenburgh family in your prayers. Sidney "Sid" Strassenburgh passed away on March 27th at the age of 78. His memorial service was held on March 25th at Morton Baptist Church.

<https://diponziofh.com/book-of-memories/3781543/Strassenburgh-Sidney/index.php>

The Youth Group presented the Life Ladies with a beautiful photo and picture frame (made and etched by Dan Cater) to thank them for their constant support.

John Curtis began his dialysis treatments in early March. Within the first few weeks, he's beginning to have more energy and is feeling better. That is wonderful news!

We sold 100 dinners and raised \$645 at our annual Beef on Weck dinner this year! A total of \$156 was raised from the 50/50 dinner, which Sandy Strassenburgh presented to the Youth Group. A huge thank you goes out to Sandy for organizing the dinner and to Tom and Julia Ingraham for their help!

We continue to remember in prayer: Fred Conradt, John & Cindy Curtis, Pam Dutton, Chap & Jan Fabry, Kevin & Joyce Foley, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph & Bev Olney, Joan Purvee, Pastor Jim & Alice, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.

April Bible Puzzle

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Easter

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APOSTLES	NAILS
BETRAYAL	PASSOVER
BLOOD	PIECES OF SILVER
CALVARY	PIERCED
CROSS	PILATE
CROWN OF	RESURRECTION
	THORNS
CRUCIFIXION	ROBE
DARKNESS	ROMANS
DEATH	SACRIFICE
EARTHQUAKE	SIMON OF CYRENE
EASTER	SOLDIERS
GOLGOTHA	SON OF GOD
HIGH PRIEST	SPEAR
JESUS CHRIST	STONE
JOSEPH	TEMPLE
JUDAS ISCARIOT	
KING	THREE DAYS
LAMB	TOMB

BiblePuzzles.org.uk

March Bible Puzzle Answers

STILL ESTHER
TGAE E
INN DREAMERS
NODDLT
GARDENER E
ERNGOLD
WIDELJR
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DOCTRINE AWE
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"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." - John 11:25-26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Tops 4:00-7:00pm	2	3 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	4	5 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	6 Youth Group Appreciation Dinner
7 Communion Sunday	8 Tops 4:00-7:00pm	9 Town of Kendall Blood Drive from 1:00-6:00 pm	10 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm	11	12 Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	13 Mary Callari 1:00-4:00 pm
14 Palm Sunday	15 Tops 4:00-7:00pm	16	17 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm Trustee Meeting @ 7:30 pm	18 Maundy Thursday	19 Good Friday Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Earth Day Tops 4:00-7:00pm	23	24 Bible Study @ 12:00 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm Newsletter items due	25	26 Arbor Day Youth Group 7:00-9:00 pm	27
28	29 Tops 4:00-7:00pm	30				

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