



April 2017

✠ BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IN CHRIST

# STEEPLE TALK

## Renewal & RESURRECTION!

Rest. Reconnect. Have fun. Study. Think.

Those were the five goals of my six week sabbatical. As I mentioned to one person, I felt like I went through a spectacular buffet and my plate was spilling over. It began with opening all of those wonderful cards and gifts from the congregation, which I appreciated immensely. Thank you!!

I was able to spend some wonderful time with my dad and sister in Florida, dear friends in Washington, D.C., and shared in a mini-college reunion in NYC. The four guys I lived with senior year at Michigan and I met for dinner – the first time the 5 of us have been together in 24 years!

At home, I savored time with my daughter on her spring break and Janet on her spring break.

There were books that helped me immerse in the practice of Sabbath and guided me in a re-assessment of the spiritual life of a pastor. I journaled.

I began a new weekly personal regimen combining prayer, study, exercise (racquetball!), family & friends connections and rest.

I immersed myself in art. I visited the 15<sup>th</sup> century through an audio exhibit at the Nelson Atkins featuring a piece sung by the Salisbury Cathedral choir. I saw stunning Frederic Remington canvasses and native American art at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. I soaked up Italian Renaissance and French impressionist paintings at the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. I remembered 9/11 as I stood by the reflecting pools in lower Manhattan and then walked thru the hushed spaces of the memorial museum.

I worshiped at churches big and small, from Florida to Virginia to Tulsa to KC.

All of this was possible by the generosity of the BRPC congregation, the hard work of staff, the contributions of Donna Chavez and other visiting clergy – and then thru the special efforts of everyone in the congregation who helped lead worship, extend pastoral care, and otherwise tend to the life and ministry of the church.

Thank you so very much.

Now, I look forward to reconnecting with the congregation, our activities, and entering into a sermon series tied to the heart of our faith:

### RESURRECTION!

Here's a preview –

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> “Prelude to Resurrection”** John 11: 1-45, the raising of Lazarus (and us?).

**April 9<sup>th</sup> “Marching to Resurrection”** Matt. 21: 1-11, the Palm Sunday entry to Jerusalem.

(Join us on **April 13<sup>th</sup>** for the Maundy Thursday meal, Tenebrae service and Prayer Vigil! It is my hope that everyone in the congregation will share in the Prayer Vigil, see p. 5).

**April 16<sup>th</sup> “Living Resurrection”** John 20: 1-18, Mary bumps into the living Christ.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> “Believing Resurrection”** John 20: 19-31, Thomas' struggle and confession.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> “The First Resurrection Testimony”** 1 Corinthians 15: 1-10. It's by the Apostle Paul!

**May 7<sup>th</sup> “Roadside Resurrection”** Luke 24: 13-35. Resurrection on the way to Emmaus.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> “I'll take fries with Resurrection”** Luke 24:33-43. The risen Christ has a meal.

**May 21<sup>st</sup> “Going Up: Ascension after Resurrection”** Luke 24: 44-53. And the new community receives a call.

Join us this Lenten and Easter season – and rediscover and reclaim this promise of resurrection – for us together as a worshiping community, and for each of us in our own lives. May it be your own time of renewal!

*Peace and grace,  
Pastor Pat*

# What's Happening?

## Session At Work



The committees, session and the congregation have been functioning well during Pastor Pat's absence. However, as he didn't return to work until March 27, the session postponed their March meeting until his return. The May issue of Steeple Talk will contain news of the business conducted at this meeting and the April meeting.

Many thanks to our deacons and elders who stepped up with hospital, home visits and calls to those folks in need.

Those who couldn't make it to the service, "Lenten Vespers for the Journey," directed by our own Grace Cox-Johnson missed a most inspirational experience. With Grace's decorating talents the chancel was

beautiful with purple tiers decorated with numerous candles. This non-musical person found the Taize hymns easy to follow. Between the hymn and appropriate scripture readings, the choir sang two beautiful anthems.

Over the past few Sundays we have received excellent messages from Rev. Charles Spencer, Rev. Sally Wright and Rev. Donna Chavez. Our own members stepped up with their heart-felt and well received messages. We enjoyed and appreciated youth Sunday on March 26th. Thanks to all who have participated in many ways including our Boy Scout troop.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 PM, we will have our annual potato dinner with thanks to the Worship Committee. The dinner will be

followed by the Tenebrae service. Immediately following the service, a 24-hour prayer vigil will follow. Members are asked to sign up for ½ hour increments where they can spend the time praying, reading scripture or other devotional materials of their choice either in the sanctuary or the quiet of their home. Many of us have not had the opportunity to participate in such a vigil. It can only strengthen our individual faith as we prepare for Easter.

While we functioned well without our leader, we are looking forward to his return with faith that he has been able to recharge and look around with continued energy. WELCOME BACK, PASTOR PAT! Blessings to all,

*Avis Odenbaugh, clerk of session*

# Deacons

**Holy week is just around the corner** and I am hoping that everyone will be able to participate in all the activities this year. You'll see the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter so what I want to emphasize, not just to the Deacons but to the whole congregation is we need to make sure we reach out to our neighbors and our church family.

**As Deacons** we are charged with looking after our individual flocks, but more importantly we want to make sure everyone, especially those that don't drive after dark, can be at church and receive the message of forgiveness and God's love. This church family has always looked after one another and that alone sets us apart from a lot of congregations. Our Lenten services are also open to other congregations that don't necessarily have the services we do. Let's invite anyone and everyone we meet to come and experience the Building Relationships with People in Christ that we always

talk about. Now is a great time of the year to (as Jesus did for us) not just talk the talk but walk the walk. If anyone needs a ride to BRPC, I hope they will let us serve them by calling the church office and let us know how we can help. Or call me, 716-6912.

Yours in Service to BRPC and God's people,  
*Mike Schumacher, Deacon Moderator*

*PS – May 7<sup>th</sup> will quickly follow and I want everyone to know that is Home Communion Sunday. We need your help to reach out to ALL of our church family as we extend God's Love to those unable to attend our worship service.*





## Sunday School

Breakfast treats are available at 9:15 AM. There are classes for children, youth and adults beginning at 9:30 AM. Come join us as we grow in our faith together.

**K-5<sup>th</sup> grades** – will complete their Easter unit where the children are familiarized with Jesus' arrest, trial, death, and resurrection. Finally, they make a scrapbook of their own to remember all the events of Holy Week. On Easter Sunday the children will engage in a Crystal Experiment where they will learn of the hope and new life through Jesus. The last Sunday in April children will again work through a Cool Science Experiment "Make Ground Level" learning about John the Baptist and Isaiah's Prophecy.

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades** will explore the questions *Why Does Jesus Always Say, "I tell the Truth"?*; *Was Jesus a Wacko?*; *Did Jesus Sin?*; *Was Jesus All That (and a bag of chips)?*; and *Do I Have to Be a Jesus Freak?*

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders** will explore the topics *Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Betrayal; Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension; Love Your Enemies; Don't Judge and Don't Worry.*

**Adults Class** – begin a book study of *The Shack* where tragedy confronts eternity. A couple of reviewers comment "This story reads like a prayer" and "The Shack will leave you craving for the presence of God." A few books are available at \$10.00 each. If interested, please see Mike Schumacher.

**Adult Bible Study** class led by Dodie Lunceford continues to meet at 9:00 – 9:30 AM each Sunday morning in the Finance Office. They are studying the book of Daniel and you are invited to come and learn and participate.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – the annual BRPC egg hunt will be held after worship on Easter Sunday for children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children are encouraged to bring their own Easter baskets.



**BRPC Traveling Day Camp** is scheduled for the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. Heartland Center has planned another great camp experience for our youth who have completed K-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Spread the word and invite your friends. Registration information will be available soon.

**Rummage Sale** – Remember to keep gathering and saving items for the church rummage sale in June.



**The nursery is open**  
**Sunday mornings, 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM**  
**Nursery ages:** Infants up to 5 years of age  
(not attending Kindergarten)



**Praise  
GOD!**

### GRADE 7-12 RETREAT

- **Lock-in** at BRPC on Easter weekend
- Third annual event
- **Friday, April 14 to Saturday, April 15**
- **6 PM to 10 AM**
- Supper, snacks, and breakfast provided
- Bring Bible and sleeping bag
- **Grow closer to Christ**, discuss relevant issues, and **HAVE FUN. SIGN UP** on bulletin board **IN PARLOR!**

### LOST AND FOUND

Our new opportunity for youth and friends to connect, share, praise, and pray together each month starts on **Sunday, April 2** from 6-8 PM here at BRPC. Plan now to be a part of this new experience. It will be different each time, and you can be a part of the development each month. Friends are invited. See Christi for more information.

### YOUTH SUNDAY

**Eleven youth** group members developed and led the entire March 26 worship service. **Alex Banks, Ryan Buller, Faith Cummins, Mariela Calderon, Stormy Dellolio, Erica Donaldson, Bryland Flowers, Xzavier Flowers, Christopher Gilbert, Izaak Hull, and Molly Wiltfang** coordinated the music with videos, April birthday celebration, scripture readings, prayers, youth message, faith sharing, special music, lighting, and candles to help share the message of **"Jesus' Love - The Light of the World."**

We appreciate the opportunity to participate so fully in the life of BRPC, and we want to thank everyone for your support and encouragement as created a different yet meaningful worship experience. Special thanks to Bobby Neal, Bill Melewski, Linda Mann, and Grace Cox-Johnson for your assistance.

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2017

- **July 2-9**
- **Chattanooga, Tennessee**
- **BRPC Youth Grades 8-12** Completed
- **Deadline** to register –**April 30** – turn in **Completed Registration Form, \$50 Deposit**
- Your Cost: no more than \$200 total - TBA
- Paid registration includes meals, transportation, lodging, study materials, Saturday fun event, etc.
- **Total Balance Due** no later than **June 4**
- **Partnering with YouthWorks** in a life-changing, Christ-centered mission trip
- Serve people of Chattanooga through Kids Club by leading Bible lessons, games, reading time, or crafts with children
- Serve with a few land preservation organizations that help keep the Chattanooga area beautiful
- One such site, Audubon Acres, is listed as a "National Trail of Tears Site," – its preservation is important to US history
- Spend time with the elderly
- Opportunity to explore Lookout Mountain, which boasts a breathtaking waterfall, mountain and scenic views of up to nine different states from one mountain-top
- Enjoy the beauty and pride of Chattanooga, including their Riverfront Park area and Pedestrian Bridge leading into downtown Chattanooga
- Help host community cookout with local residents and church members
- **Fun on Saturday** - TBA  
**Return on Sunday, July 9**

### CORRECTION

Our profit for sub meals was \$246 rather than \$266 as reported earlier. Thank you for your support!

# Worship



## A Unique Opportunity To Unite in Prayer

Sometimes before an evening church meeting, I slip into the sanctuary early and sit alone in a pew. Maybe the last light of day filters through the windows. Or perhaps the lighted cross provides the only illumination. It is quiet. Peaceful. Comforting.

I came to pray, but often minutes – who knows how many – slip past while my mind catches up, eventually slowing to feel the blessing of the silence. Then I talk to the Lord, or to those gone before: my parents, grandparents, my brother, aunts and uncles, loved ones. Depending on what's going on in my life, I talk quietly with anyone, past or present, with whom I might be in the mood to converse. It's uplifting; those moments steady me.

I know many of you have similar spiritual experience wherever you are. Now we all get a chance to have the BRPC sanctuary to ourselves for at least 30 minutes during the 24-hour **Good Friday Prayer Vigil**. It begins at 7:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 13. The sign-up is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You also can sign up for the same prayer vigil times in your home.

Speaking of special Lenten events, Grace Cox-Johnson and the Chancel Choir put on a wonderful Vesper Service Sunday evening, March 19. It was not well attended, partly because it was the same time as key NCAA tournament games, and more likely because we did not begin publicizing it far enough in advance. But the service was a musical, visual and spiritual delight.

Finally, we want to introduce you to the BRPC Worship Committee for 2017. Veterans **Bob Fray** and **Bill Melewski** have rotated off and we thank them for their years of service. New to the committee are **Karen Clevenger** and **Sandy Moore**.

Karen has been a BRPC member for 28 years and is remembered for her work with youth and the LOGOS program. She remains a Sunday School and VBS teacher, deacon, liturgist and bell choir member – all while trying to keep up with Ken's crazy schedule.

Sandy joined us Easter Sunday a year ago. She also is co-moderator of the Finance Committee and a regular with **OWLS**, among other things. But most of the congregation got to know her when she took the pulpit March 12 to share her tragic childhood and successful life story as part of her faith walk. If you missed it, get the DVD from the church office.

The other members of the Worship Committee this year are: Co-Moderator Debbie Jones, Christi Neal, Margaret and Gordon Neal, Gary Oberlander, Avis Odenbaugh and Mike Schumacher.

*Jim Bagby, Co-Moderator Worship Committee*

**We have ordered 12 Easter Lilies to decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday.** Each lily is \$11.95. If you would like to place an order in remembrance or in honor of a loved one or an occasion, please fill out an order form (on the table in the parlor) and put it along with a check in Jim Bagby's box in the front office or give to Shelley Melewski.

## Praying for You



John Martin            Jean Barton            Elena Schesser  
Ros Dickison        Barbara Gregory        Lynn Forsythe  
Bruce Forsythe       Peggy Neal            Betty Schroepfer  
Gordon & Margaret Neal  
Bob Johannesen and family upon the passing of his wife, Judy Marjorie Martin, mother of Mary Ziegenhorn  
Alex MacMorran, brother of Marsha Elbasani  
Dakota Wilbur, brother of Alexis Frazier  
Danny Baker, friend of the Schumachers  
Ron Gilbert, Verne Winter, friends of the Bagbys  
Connie Oliver's sister Ann and Ann's husband, Robert  
Liz Grey, Jerry Remick, Bill Holt, friends of Sandy Moore  
Paul Luce's sister, Betty            Cindy Tacker, niece of the Beckas  
John Heim, father of Cub Scout Brett at BRPC

## BRPC Sunday Schedule

- 9:00 AM** Adult Bible Study (finance office)
- 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM** - Nursery available
- 9:30 AM** Adult & Youth Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 AM** Worship  
*Coffee Fellowship in the parlor following Worship, everyone is welcome!*

### Communion 1st Sunday





**PROPERTY  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE**



**Budget thru January                      Actual thru January**

Income	\$33,636.80	\$28, 901.33
Expenses	\$33,636.50	\$35,106.44

This month the Finance Committee is spotlighting the **BRPC ENDOWMENT FUND**. You have all heard this before "BRPC" has an endowment fund and yes it's true there has been a fund established. The fund is still in its infancy after being re-established in 2015 and being nonexistent for many years. The BRPC Endowment Fund, like many other accounts of this type, is a living, breathing item of much importance to our church.

The growth of the fund creates a foundation from which money can be allocated for various needs of not only BRPC and its members, but to the community at large. As a loving and vital part of the world around us, we need to be in a position of strength as well as a place of hope for people in need.

The rules have been set. Only up to 5% of the total value of our Endowment Fund annually can be used to help a need or needs that have been presented to and approved by the Endowment Committee and our Session. So with that said, you can surely determine that it takes a pretty good size basic fund to generate enough money to truly help using only 5% of the total. There are many ways that you can help build this valuable asset.

Examples include....Bequest in Wills, Charitable Trusts, Life Insurance Beneficiaries and others.

**One of the easiest options that will help build this fund rapidly is contributions related to your birthday.** If everyone could find a way to contribute to the BRPC Endowment Fund an amount of money, 50 cents or a \$1.00 for example, for each year of birth you are celebrating, it would build this fund enough to where the 5% distribution would be much more meaningful. My birthday is March 17<sup>th</sup> and I will have a check in the offering plate that Sunday matching my age. I hope that many of you will consider doing the same when your birthday month rolls around. Throughout the year your Endowment Committee will be posting information on the video board in the entry as well as reminders attached to the bulletin from time to time.

Prayers for the growth of this fund and its ability to really help our church and the surrounding community will always be welcomed. Endowment committee members are: Don Young, Bill Melewski, Barry Holmes and Ken Clevenger

*Linda Schumacher*

**Easter Breakfast**

**Our committee will again be hosting the annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 16. Breakfast will be served from 9-10:15 AM.** Delicious eggs, biscuits and gravy, and potatoes will be served with coffee, milk, and juice. Anyone wishing to assist with preparation, serving, or clean up is encouraged to contact Sally Ingram or Bobby Neal. We appreciate everyone's support!

**Concerns**

Property has met with our custodial service, and we are confident that all concerns will be addressed. Nick is very conscientious and wants BRPC to be pleased with his company's service. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Bobby or place the concern in writing, with date, and place in his mailbox. Thank you.

**Building Requests**

**Anyone wishing to use the building for events** that are not in our regular schedule will need to:

- \* **Fill out a building request form** - located next to the wall calendar in the office. Please specify the date(s) and room(s) to be used.
- \* **Submit to Property** - give to Bobby Neal or place in his mail box.
- \* **Requests are reviewed monthly** - Property Committee meets regularly each month. Our committee works with all committees, groups, and individuals to meet the needs of each request, when possible. Feel free to pencil in your event on the wall calendar with "pending" next to it.
- \* Once/if approved, **Property will initial the event on the church calendar** and inform the person(s) requesting building use.
- \* A request for building use does not guarantee approval for use, as our committee must consider all requests and the needs of BRPC.
- \* Our committee strives to ensure that all parties wishing to use BRPC can, when at all possible.

*Bobby Neal,*

*Property Committee Moderator*



**The volunteer list for coffee fellowship on Sundays following worship is on page 9.** Please be sure and check to see if your name is listed for the **month of April!**

## **Think Summer !**

*\*We are discussing plans for a BRPC BBQ!  
Watch for upcoming information!*



*\* Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 6th. We are making plans for the annual BRPC ice cream social.*



## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

The annual BRPC egg hunt will be held after worship on Easter Sunday for children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children are encouraged to bring their own Easter baskets.



**Please note the change** for Lee Featherstone's telephone number. It currently is: 816-489-3403

**Many thanks to all who cooked, baked and attended our Pancake breakfast and bake sale to benefit REAP.** The scouts were a wonderful help and did such a good job. Our attendance was down, but a good time was had by all.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is Palm Sunday, please note:

These funds are used for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid, part of these are under the umbrella of Church World Service.

Soon after WWII, Protestant churches in the U.S.A. made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by war. Seventy-five thousand churches responded with gifts and the follow year it became know officially as *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

## **Care Beyond the Boulevard**

The Missions and Outreach Committee has elected to discontinue bags of Grace and move support to Care Beyond The Boulevard. This is a Micah ministry of mobile medical care to the homeless of Kansas City,

A team of 6-8 people that include nurses, medical assistants and pharmacy students provide medical care on the street for anywhere from 5 to 25 people every Tues. night. They look for the homeless, under bridges etc and bring them medical diagnosis, immediate care and basic medications.

They welcome donations of adult socks, shaving cream, razors, protein bars, lotion, baby wipes and hand sanitizers. You can leave these donations with the Micah donations in the church cloak room.

What a beautiful new Spring all around us....let us feel the joy of rebirth!

*Marsha Elbasani,  
Missions and Outreach Committee Moderator*



Lenten Vesper Service



Youth Sunday



April Birthdays



Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall



**BRPC is updating the church pictorial directory!**

**The church will be updating its pictorial directory on four days this spring.** The session has approved the professional photo services of Scott E. Thomas and Daughter Photography in Lee's Summit to conduct the portrait sessions. The dates of the portrait sessions will take place on two Sundays of April 23 and April 30 from 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM and two Wednesdays of April 26 and May 3 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The photo studio will be located in Meeting Room 1. The directory price will be \$12.00 plus various photo packages will be available starting at \$15.00. A complete photo price list will be available at the church. Signup will start up soon for family groups and individuals in ten minute intervals for the dates stated above. Stay tuned for more announcements and information about the directory update in the coming weeks.

**Dates and Times for directory portrait sessions at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, April 23** – 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 26** – 4:00 PM to 9:00PM

**Sunday, April 30** – 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 3** – 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Photography studio for all portraits** will be located in Meeting Room 1 at Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church.

*John Starcke*




# April Worship Volunteers

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Pastor &amp; Liturgists</u>	<u>Youth Message</u>	<u>Nursery</u> <u>9:30 am</u> <u>10:30 am</u>	<u>Tech Ministry</u> <u>Slides</u> <u>Audio</u> <u>Camera</u>	<u>Guest Book</u>
<b>2</b>	<b>P:</b> Pastor Pat Jackson <b>L:</b> Bobby Neal	Pat Jackson	<b>9:30</b> Edgar Urriola <b>10:30</b> John Foster	<b>S</b> Carol Schumacher <b>A</b> Avis Odenbaugh <b>C</b> Mike Schumacher	Kellie Wentz
<b>9</b>	<b>P:</b> Pastor Pat Jackson <b>L:</b> Don Young	Christi Neal	<b>9:30</b> Sandy Moore <b>10:30</b> Joann Bagby	<b>S</b> Mary Ziegenhorn <b>A</b> Craig Ziegenhorn <b>C</b> Bill Melewski	Woody Webb
<b>16</b>	<b>P:</b> Pastor Pat Jackson <b>L:</b> Jim Bagby	Dot Mitchell	<b>9:30</b> Lynn Forsythe <b>10:30</b> Linda Musgrave	<b>S</b> Michelle Miller <b>A</b> Bobby Neal <b>C</b> Don Young	Ken Clevenger
<b>23</b>	<b>P:</b> Pastor Pat Jackson <b>L:</b> Connie Oliver	Connie Oliver	<b>9:30</b> Donna Vance <b>10:30</b> Linda Lockwood	<b>S</b> Bobby Neal <b>A</b> Mary Ziegenhorn <b>C</b> John Starcke	Donna Vance
<b>30</b>	<b>P:</b> Pastor Pat Jackson <b>L:</b> Marsha Elbasani	Pastor Pat Jackson	<b>9:30</b> Karen Clevenger <b>10:30</b> Bob Jones	<b>S</b> Jo Riggs <b>A</b> Joe Barton <b>C</b> Mike Schumacher	Paul Vance



## April Coffee Fellowship

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Helpers</u> 
<b>2</b>	Sally Ingram 304-7344	Ham, Henderson, Holmes, Ingram
<b>9</b>	Loydine Kranz 254-8384	Jackson (Janet) Jackson (Patricia), Jones, Kranz
<b>16</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<i>Join us for Easter breakfast beginning at 9:00 AM. After worship come and watch our kids as they race to find Easter eggs. A casual coffee fellowship will also be provided.</i>
<b>23</b>	Linda Lockwood 358-4673	Lentz, Lockwood, Lunceford, Mann, McCorkle
<b>30</b>	Michelle Miller 506-3458	McCoy, Melewski, Merrill, Miller

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26 4th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes Adult & Youth 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM <b>Worship</b> 12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship 12:30 PM Deacon's mtg	<b>27</b> <b>Pastor Pat in office</b>  4:30 PM Micah Ministry 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	<b>28</b>  6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	<b>29</b>  5:45 PM 5 x 5 bells 6:15 PM Chancel Chimes 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>  7:00 PM Session Meeting	<b>31</b> BRPC Business Office Closed	<b>1</b> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3
<b>2 5th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM -12:00 PM Nursery 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes Adult & Youth 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM <b>Worship</b> 12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship	<b>3</b>  7:00 PM C E Cmtee Mtg 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Garden Club Mtg (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 AM All Staff Mtg.  6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Regional Scout Meeting (Church-wide usage)	<b>5</b> 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study) 5:45 PM 5 x 5 bells 6:15 PM Chancel Chimes 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 11:30 AM RCIFA at REAP  6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM Fellowship Cmtee Mtg 7:00 PM Worship Cmtee Mtg	<b>7</b> BRPC Business Office Closed	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3 1:00 PM Judy Johannesen's Visitation @BRPC 2:00 PM Judy's Service 3:00 PM Reception for Johannesen Family
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Nursery 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes Adult & Youth 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM <b>Worship</b> 12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Worship at Elliott Place	<b>10</b>  6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 PM Personnel Cmtee Mtg	<b>11</b> 12:00 PM Mission&Outreach Cmtee Mtg.  6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM Property Cmtee Mtg	<b>12</b> 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Connect with Pastor Pat (Pastor's Study)  5:45 PM 5 x 5 bells 6:15 PM Chancel Chimes 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>13 Maundy Thursday</b>  6:00 PM Supper  7:15 PM - 8:00 PM <b>Tenebrae Service</b>  8:00 PM - 12:00 PM <b>Prayer Vigil</b>	<b>14</b> BRPC Business Office Closed 12:00 AM - 7:00 PM <b>Prayer Vigil</b>  7:00 PM Bridge (Parlor)	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Gentle YOGA rms 2 & 3
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# Grace Notes



# OWLS

**As a young child growing up** in the southern portion of the USA getting a new outfit for Easter was a big deal for me. There's nothing quite like the feeling of getting a new frock or a new tool or a new toy no matter how old we are or where we live. Part of the earliest recorded histories we have of Easter practices show that baptism was a part of the Easter Vigil Service taking place at dawn. Freshly initiated Christians would receive a new white robe when emerging from the waters to give an outward sign of being made a new creation in Christ, a new white robe and often a new name for a new person cleansed through the risen Christ.

Baptism has been linked with Easter for thousands of years because it fully represents both death and life. In our baptism we submit to our death in order to be a living creature called and named and sustained by the living God who even raised Christ from the grave.

**One of the best parts of being a church musician** is living through holy week year after year and sharing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection through story, song, and ritual. In order to fully participate and experience this essential part of our worshiping community BRPC will present the story over several days. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, our prayer vigil, and Easter Morning; each with a different part of the central story of our faith and each a necessary step on the journey to Resurrection.

**The Chancel Choir will present** a particularly poignant program following a simple meal on Maundy Thursday which will include a string quartet and oboe. Our own Chancel Chimes and 5x5 Ringers will also be playing throughout the season. I encourage you to check out the calendar for the coming weeks and be sure to find ways you can participate in our Holy Week this year.



*Grace Cox-Johnson,  
Director of Music*



**If you weren't at OWLS on March 15th**, you should be green with envy. Our great kitchen crew, Mary Lou, Judy and Marleen prepared gloriously good green meal for us topped off with a birthday cake to **celebrate OWLS 9th birthday.**



And then there were lots of grins and giggles as we played Left Right Center and gained some green to gift to the Summer Lunch program

**April 19th** - Lunch will be a taco bar. And then we'll be treated to entertainment by **The New Harmony Handful** under the direction of our own, Jim Bagby. This mini-chorus of men who sing barber-shop harmony is a highlight every year. You don't want to miss it! Sign up in the narthex

**May 17th** -We will travel to the Mediterranean from the comfort of Fellowship Hall. Ed and Sally Ingram & Bill and Shelley Melewski are going to give a **travelogue** about their Mediterranean Cruise last summer

*Linda Schumacher*



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*In God We Trust*

### The Mission of BRPC is to

- ❖ **Proclaim** the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- ❖ **Worship God** with reverence, warmth and joy;
- ❖ **Nourish faith and discipleship** through prayer, fellowship, giving, study and service;
- ❖ **Work** for justice and peace; and
- ❖ **Share the love of Christ** with the community and the world.

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