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## The Easter Season

### John 20: 19 – 31

*“Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”*

*John 20: 24 – 28 RSV*

I love the Easter Season. We focus on all those wonderful post-resurrection stories where Jesus miraculously appears to His disciples and restores their faith.

In our scripture above we see that Thomas was the kind of person who needed proof. Throughout his discipleship, he had seen for himself the miracles Jesus performed. I am sure he had witnessed the crucifixion and had seen the lifeless body of Jesus before Joseph and Nicodemus had laid the body in the tomb. Now, in the absence of his Master, he needed that visible evidence all the more. Believing in the resurrection was too incredible for him.

There is a Thomas in each of us. Our human nature expects concrete, rational explanations of the heavenly realm. We doubt what our heart desires most to believe.

The good news is that God responds to those who doubt as well as those who believe. Thomas was not left doubting. Eight days later, Jesus returned to the place where the disciples were staying and restored Thomas' faith in him. Thomas' worries washed away instantly, as he reaffirmed his faith: "My Lord and my God!"

When the Thomas in us gets out of hand, and doubt, fear, and hopelessness overshadow our faith. The presence of Christ will enter our house and restore our relationship with him and grant us courage and peace. We do not have the benefit of Jesus' actual post-resurrection appearance. However, the Lord does appear to us in many unexpected ways. Our faith can be reaffirmed through worship, prayer, bible study, and encounters with those spiritual brothers and sisters of our church whom we admire. As well as through those people we serve in our community who need a personal relationship with Christ. God cares enough to change our doubting Thomas into a believing Thomas. I pray that during this Easter season we may encounter the living Christ in wonderful and unexpected ways.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jack

## APRIL EVENTS

### Monday, April 1

10am – UMW Board meeting

### Tuesday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

2pm – Knit Wits meet (F.H.)

### Wednesday, April 3

10am – Archives committee

### Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24

5pm – dinner

6pm – Bible study

7pm – Choir practice and/or Prayer service

### Sunday, April 7

6pm – Hallelujah Night (Bristol UMC)

### Monday, April 8

10am – UMW Cir #45 (M. Higdon)

### Tuesday, April 9

9am – Children's Week at the Capitol – Press conference

### Tuesday, April 16

12N – UMW Cir #1 (F.H.)

7pm – Church Council

### Thursday, April 18

12N – Joy Club luncheon

7pm – VBS planning meeting

### Saturday, April 20

9:30am – UMW Human Trafficking workshop (First UMC, Chattahoochee) RSVP

### Tuesday, April 23

7pm – UMW Evening Stars (P. Bates)

### Saturday, April 27

9:30am – NWD UMW "Day Apart" Retreat (Waukeelah UMC)

## UMW

We celebrated United Methodist Women on March 17<sup>th</sup>. I want to personally thank all of those who participated in the worship service. It was a great celebration for United Methodist Women. Our speaker, Dr. Elina Iglesias, from our sister church in Santa Clara presented a very moving and informative message. She was a tiny lady with a mighty message. We appreciate Kay Roach for obtaining her for our service. Our Special Mission Recognition went to a very busy couple in our church, Sonya and Jim Durrwachter. They have been active in Centenary Camp and at the United Methodist Thrift Shop in Greensboro and were very deserving of this recognition. They jumped right into these projects soon after they started attending our church.

We are shifting our emphasis now to Children's Week (April 7-12) at the State Capitol, an event each year during the State Legislative Session. Come and join us at a press conference with our Bishop on **Tuesday, April 9 at 9am** in the Rotunda of the Capitol for the dedication of the hanging of children's hands from around FL. United Methodist's from FL are just one of the many sponsors of this event to speak up for children. We hope that many of our members will be present for these activities. Contact the church office for further information.

We will be holding our regular executive board meeting of UMW on **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**, at **10AM**. All officers are encouraged to attend.

Lucy Whitehead, President

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Greetings from the Children's Ministries! We are excitedly preparing for VBS 2013 themed "Everywhere Fun Fair!" VBS will take place the week of **June 24th - 28th**. Please prayerfully consider being a part of VBS in any capacity you can from being a teacher to volunteering one day to offering monetary help. Any and all help is needed and appreciated as we come together to teach our young ones all about

God! Beginning Easter Sunday, there will be donation bins in either narthex. If you wish to volunteer your time and talents in preparation for VBS or during the week of VBS, please e-mail Sarah Haas at [livebigatcentenary@gmail.com](mailto:livebigatcentenary@gmail.com). If you would like to attend our next VBS meeting, it will take place on **April 18th at 7:00p.m.** We hope to see you there!

Sarah Haas

## JOY CLUB

The 55+ of CUMC are invited for fellowship and a catered lunch every **third Thursday** of the month at **12N** in Fellowship Hall (**\$5**). Please RSVP.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2013 – SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We will be collecting the following items all year long and in November, have a "packing party." Suggested items are:

**APRIL:** school supplies; coloring books, crayons, pencils and pencil sharpeners. Of course \$ is always welcomed as well earmarked **Shoeboxes**.

Items each month have been coming in so well. Thank you for contributing to this worthwhile mission project.

## APRIL Birthday

- 2 Sarah Parramore  
Jan Rippetoe
- 3 Douglas Davey  
Suellen Dickeson  
Lucy Laing  
Thomas Lemacks
- 4 Van Fletcher
- 5 Betty Jayne Edwards  
Betty Ruth Suber
- 6 Chris Smith

- 10 Mortimer Bates  
Peggy Manchac  
Brandewyn Shanks
- 11 Jack McMillan  
Katharine Montague
- 15 Lilly Bell
- 16 Elva Cook
- 18 Ben Young
- 21 John Mooney
- 23 Betty Suber
- 25 Chip Gray  
Joanne Suber
- 28 Louise Walke
- 30 Carly Griffith

## APRIL Anniversary

- 7 Daniel & Meredith McMillan
- 12 Tony & Anne Parramore  
Tommy & Julie Young
- 15 Jack & Cindy Tiik
- 21 Richard & Betty Sprenkel
- 23 Ryan & Mary Hilliard Harrington

## THANK YOU

I would like to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to my church family and friends during my illness with your presence and especially your prayers.

Margaret Strickland

Hello Centenary UMC,

Thank you for the beautiful sweaters you have made for children in our country and around the world. We received your wonderful gift and appreciate all the love and effort that went in to making it. Our most recent shipments have gone to Burundi, Chicago, Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Mongolia, New York, Nicaragua and NW U.S. Programs. Thank you for supporting the Knit for Kids program!

Blessings to you.  
Knit for Kids – World Vision

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ruth Barnes, Joe Bass, Martha Bass, Sue Burnett, Victoria Dickeson, Maudean Floyd, Rich Greco, Marian Hurst, Marjorie Morgan, Betty Ann Rodgers, Cheryl Smith, Margarette Strickland, Mike Timme. Also, those men and women serving in our military overseas: Monte Jackson, Kip Wright. Also, our sister church Santa Clara in Cuba and Leo Garcia and Cleivy Benitez, missionaries serving in Angola (Advance #100130).



# Easter

2013

## Lilies given in Honor of:

**Jesus Christ our Savior** by  
The Deeney Family

**Martha Bates** by  
Jim & Betty Ann Rodgers

**Elva Cook** by  
Jim & Betty Ann Rodgers

**Dixy Hazenberg** by  
Yolanda & Ray Alban

**Mary McMillan** by Bill, Sabrina,  
Norman, Cynthia, Annie, Davis,  
Lilly, Liam, Anna Louise and  
Stuart

**"Mama Mattie" McMillan** by Bill,  
Sabrina, Norman, Cynthia, Annie,  
Davis, Lilly, Liam, Anna Louise and  
Stuart

**Kay Roach** by  
John & Lucy Whitehead

**Maidee Rodriguez** by  
Jim & Betty Ann Rodgers

**W.O. Whittle** by  
Mary Ogletree

**Sarah, Grace, Trey, Taylor and  
Tanner** by  
Mickey & Kay Roach

## Lilies given in Memory of:

**Aunt Alice** by  
Sarah Parramore and Jessica  
Hester

**Albert Bass** by  
Martha Bass

**George D. Bates** by  
Martha Bates

**Jessie Shaw Bates** by  
Mortimer B. Bates, III

**Mortimer B. Bates Jr.** by  
Mortimer B. Bates, III

**John Allen Blitch** by  
John & Emily Higdon

**Alice Cahoone** by  
Jim & Sonja Durrwachter

**Bill & Jean Cantey** by  
John & Emily Higdon

Our son-in-law, **Clint Dunlap** by  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goodson

**Henry & Anne Durrwachter** by  
Jim & Sonja Durrwachter

**Hal D. Fletcher, Sr.** by  
Jean Fletcher

**Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Ford** by  
Harold & Nita Ziegler

**Tom & Betty Freeman** by  
Karen Suber

Our son-in-law, **Dr. Richard Gerson**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goodson

**Bertha Harnett** by  
Jack & Litty Harnett

**Carl F. Hazenberg** by  
Yolanda & Ray Alban

**Mr. & Mrs. J. Buryl Higdon** by  
Cantey & Marilynn Higdon

**J. Buryl Higdon** by  
John & Emily Higdon

**Beneva "Beedie" Hurst** by Stevie  
**Raymond C. Hurst** by Stevie

**Bud & Katie Johnson** by  
John & Emily Higdon

**Spurgeon Johnson** by  
John & Emily Higdon

**Grandpa Dave Keel** by  
Sarah & Grace Watson

**Kay Fletcher Kincaid** by  
Jean Fletcher

**Mrs. E. S. Malone** by  
Cantey & Marilynn Higdon

**Mr. Elward S. Malone, Mr. William  
Hugh Malone and Mr. James  
Ward Malone**  
by Cantey & Marilynn Higdon

**"Poppa" Sam McMillan** by  
Bill, Sabrina, Norman, Cynthia,  
Annie, Davis, Lilly, Liam, Anna  
Louise and Stuart

**"Poppa" Norman McMillan** by  
Bill, Sabrina, Norman, Cynthia,  
Annie, Davis, Lilly, Liam, Anna  
Louise and Stuart

**Mr. J.C. McRae** by  
Cantey & Marilynn Higdon

**Florence & J.C. McRae** by  
John & Emily Higdon

**Mr. & Mrs. James A. Shanks** by  
Cantey & Marilynn Higdon

**Dibby Shaw** by  
Bill, Sabrina, Norman, Cynthia,  
Annie, Davis, Lilly, Liam, Anna  
Louise and Stuart

**Elbert & Lucille Shelfer** by  
Jim & Betty Ann Rodgers

**Marcus & Betty Graves Shelfer** by  
Jim & Betty Ann Rodgers

**Uncle Elbert & Aunt Lucille Shelfer**  
by Bill, Sabrina, Norman, Cynthia,  
Annie, Davis, Lilly, Liam and Anna  
Louise

**"Grammie" Joan W. Turner** by  
Bill, Sabrina, Norman, Cynthia,  
Annie, Davis, Lilly, Liam and Anna  
Louise

**Mr. & Mrs. Harold F. Ziegler, Sr.** by  
Harold & Nita Ziegler