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Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs April 2023

Apr 1	Easter Egg Hunt	11AM
Apr 2	*Palm Sunday*	
	Sunday School	MAB
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10am
Apr 5	Zoom Bible Study	6:30PM
Apr 6	* Holy Thursday*	
	Service at the Parsonage	7PM
Apr 7	* Good Friday*	
	Cross Walk Start 🖻 Library, Service to follow	Noon
Apr 9	*Easter Sunday*	
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Apr 12	Zoom Bible Study	6:30PM
Apr 16	Sunday School	MAB
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	10AM
Apr 17	Hope Resale Meeting	6PM
Apr 18-19	Pastor Out of Office	
Apr 19	Zoom Bible Study	6:30PM
Apr 23	Sunday School	MAR
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	1DAM
Apr 26	Zoom Bible Study	6:30PM
Apr 30	Sunday School	MAR
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Tues & Wed

8am to 12pm

<u>Service Times</u>

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online 10 :00 am *LyndonvilleUmc On Facebook*



Volunteers Always Welcome!!! Please Call the church office 585-765-93/3

Note: New Winter Hours for Thursday Nights 4PM—7PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING!!!!

Let us continue practicing

"Extravagant Generosity."

Send your offerings by US mail to

P.O. Box 483 Lyndonville NY 14098, or online through Tithe.ly

"Remember whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6



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Christian life in the United Methodist perspective.



FROM THE PASTOR'S

2023

The Sweetness of Christ



It was a tradition in our home for us kids to receive an Easter basket, and I still feel the anticipation of that sweet experience. Each of us had our favorites, and one of mine was white chocolate—creamy and less traditional than milk or dark chocolate. Even less-wealthy families like ours could afford Easter baskets, but how do families do it these days? \$25/pound?

One memory that remains has my sister and I sitting out back of our house overlooking a meadow with our

Easter baskets, enjoying them immensely! Black jelly beans were another favorite of mine.

Now what does this have to do with Christian theology of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? I think it has to do with the joy that God wants us to have in this world he created. We get so serious and burdened by the demands and problems of our lives that enjoyment and pleasure seem almost sacrilegious. And indeed, there is so much pain and suffering in view. But one of the outcomes of the living presence of Jesus is the peace that passes understanding and a joy unspeakable.

I hope for joy for you and for me. Even greater than the joy of an Easter basket with little chocolate eggs nestled and hidden in the bright artificial grass. Times of "Jesus-joy" in my life have been when I was most centered what he was calling me to. They were times when I knew that my life had an eternal purpose. That joy has been muffled or stifled at times over the years, but I know it is available to those who live in the resurrection light of Jesus.

So, enjoy the chocolate treats! Have an opinion about what color jelly bean is best (I like red too but not yellow so much). But most of all, discover the pleasure of God's presence and God's special call in your life. "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119.103

Pastor Tim Schultz



My brain has many files open... all at the same time. Ya just never know what stray thoughts will pass through the mental clutter and what (probably not so) random things that will present themselves that will serve as inspiration. What's rolling through my head at the moment? ... a Will Roger's quote, a line from a Jimmy Buffett song and a song by the Christian group We the Kingdom.

I have a T-shirt that bears a line from a Jimmy Buffet song – "Livin' my life

like a song." I like that analogy. On any given day the song I'm livin' is different, and fun to ponder now and then. Think about it for a minute, if you had to pick a song to live... what would it be?

Then there's an old Will Rogers' quote "I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved." I look back over my life and I can relate to that... Here's the entire quote "Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. "I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved." Sort of makes me wonder what song he was living like.... I think we've all had times when we wanted to "turn back our odometers" but for the most part I wouldn't.... actually, I don't think I'd change much of anything. All of the good and bad, all of the successes and failures, all of the laughter and tears, all of the songs of my life have in one way or another served to mold me into who I am today. I'm good with that.

Then there's the song... Holy Water by We the Kingdom. Google it and listen to it if you can. Here are some lyrics. God, I'm on my knees again; God, I'm begging please again; I need you; Oh, I need you Walking down these desert roads; Water for my thirsty soul; I need you; Oh, I need you Your forgiveness, Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips Like the sound of a symphony to my ears; Like Holy water on my skin Dead man walking, slave to sin, I wanna know about being born again; I need you; Oh, God, I need you So, take me to the riverside; Take me under, baptize; I need you; Oh, God I need you Your forgiveness; Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips; Like the sound of a symphony to my ears; Like holy water on my skin I don't wanna abuse your grace; God, I need it every day

It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change

Water is essential for us... it cleanses, quenches, transports, hydrates, lubricates and preserves. Holy Water is even more essential... it does all those things previously noted but in a spiritual way. It's used to bless people, things, and places. We pour it on babies' heads or immerse those being baptized in it. We dip our fingers in it and make the sign of the cross, renewing our own baptism. We symbolically wash feet as a sign of service. Holy Water reminds us of our need for cleansing and forgiveness.

Renewal in Christ isn't about forgetting or wishing away the tough times in our lives. It's about realizing that through all of the struggles and pain God walks with us and always will. Once we fully grasp that reality of faith... it's like cool refreshing water has been poured out on us, in us and through us. Holy Water... sort of resets our spiritual odometer, cleans us up and puts us back on the path to the Cross.
- Anne Hyndman

10 AM - 12PM 134 S. MAIN ST, ALBION WALK-UPS WELCOME CALL <u>866-5494</u> TO PRE-REGISTER	4th Thursday of Every Month	10AM - 12PM 7 THOMAS ST. 1PM - 3PM KENDALL FIRE HALL 1879 KENDALL RD.	3rd Thursday of Every Month		Ist Thursday of Every Month ABUNDANT HARV	We're working together to get you what you need, where you need it. Mobile Emergency Services Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance - Food Pantry Registration Mobile Health Unit Healthcare - Insurance Enrollment - Education	of orleans & Genesee
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Three Gifts of the Resurrection



by Trevin Wax

If you listen carefully, you can hear echoes of the resurrection in the great, epic stories we return to again and again. Those stories lead us to a poi- nt of despair where all seems to be lost, only then to erupt into uncontainable joy as good triumphs over evil.

There is a reason these stories resonate with us. In one way or another, they model and mimic the true story of our world. A story of perfection and paradise, corrupted by human sin and wickedness, redeemed by a selfless sacrifice, and restored through a triumphant return. This is the true story of our world.

Jesus' resurrection is the turning point. There is great significance in this event, both in the broader story of all of creation and in our individual stories. For us, as believers, there are three unmistakable gifts of the resurrection. While there are obviously more than these, I believe there is much to be gained from focusing on these three gifts.

1. LIFE BEYOND THE GRAVE

Jesus' resurrection guarantees life beyond the grave – the first gift. In it, we find there is hope in our despair.

The resurrection tells the Christian that the sin of your past doesn't define your future. The struggle of the present will not keep you from glory. While you may look at yourself and only see your sin and failure, the resurrection says there's more. The dark night is giving way to the dawn.

Life beyond the grave means we can have confidence that Jesus will do what He has promised. Even though the idea of worshipping a crucified and risen Savior seems like nonsense for many people, we can witness with the confidence that there are people who will join the millions over the course of history who have been amazed to encounter the resurrected Savior.

There are people who sense the darkness of their hearts and the depths of their sin and they are hoping for life – life beyond the deadness of their heart, life beyond the dreariness of their routine, and life that will take them beyond the grave to the world for which they were created. Jesus' resurrection grants us this gift.

2. JOY BEYOND BELIEF

The resurrection gives us joy beyond belief. We have the kind of joy that lasts forever and undergirds our lives. Knowing joy comes in the morning can give you hope during the darkest night.

The gospel seems like it is good news that is too good to be true. The truth is, the gospel is too good *not* to be true. We can never exhaust the truths of the gospel. And it's our joy that keeps us on the pursuit of God. Sometimes our faith has to catch up with our joy.

In Jesus, everything sad will come untrue, and all the sufferings and pain of this present world will be swallowed up in a sinkhole of death and covered over with a garden so beautiful that it will make all the pain seem worth it.

When Christ comes again, He will make us like Himself. Our final destination is a new earth. We await the day of resurrection, when the joy of heaven is reunited with the stuff of earth. In that day, joy will be our routine. It is, as C.S. Lewis called it, "the business of heaven."

Coffins will not stay closed. Old bones will come back together. Skin will reappear. That hole we fill up with dirt will be empty once more. The stench of death will be blown away by the fragrance of new life. The cemetery is a garden, and one day the joy of resurrection will blow through the tombstones of all who believe.

3. MISSION BEYOND BORDERS

Christ's work *for* you – as the Messiah who suffered, and died and rose – gives way to His work *through* you – as the ones who witness to His name. When God calls you to salvation, He calls you to His mission. His work *for* us leads to His work *through* us.

So the point of the resurrection is not to sit back and wait for a heavenly afterlife. It's not to give a religious dimension to our lives. It's not to rest only in the comfort of future hope. The point is proclamation.

The message is about the Messiah, and the message is for sinners everywhere. It's about repentance. It's about dying to sin and being made right with God. Forgiveness is available to all because of the wrath-averting sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the life-giving splendor of Jesus in His resurrection. We are soldiers of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

There is a breeze blowing through this army of messengers. That breeze is a Person – He is the Holy Spirit of God empowering us to be on mission. The borders aren't confined to Jerusalem. They're not confined to your church or your community. The message must go out. The nations must hear.

The Spirit of God uses the gospel of God to motivate the people of God to be on mission with God. To be about His work is a great gift.

The Point of Resurrection

The resurrection is not the "happy end" after Jesus' death. It's the happy beginning of God's new creation. We have a job to do.

In <u>1 Corinthians 15</u>, Paul devotes an entire chapter to unpacking the resurrection and its significance. And how does this lengthy chapter end? *Therefore, my dear brothers* – in other words, "in light of the resurrection" – *be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.* Knowing that we have been given life beyond the grave, joy beyond belief and a mission beyond borders enables us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to labor for the Lord.



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