

# The visitor

  
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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Articles for the **MAY**  
**must be submitted to the church office**  
by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

[Church Calendar](#)



**From the Pastors Desk**

*"A Sheepdogs Tale"*

**“So again, Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:7-11 NRSV**

As we begin the month of April with all of the freshness of Spring and what feels like a relaxation of the anxieties around COVID-19 and the isolation that we have endured for the last year, we celebrate what are arguably the highest holy days of the Christian Calendar – the Passion of our Lord in Holy Week and his Resurrection on Easter.

On Palm Sunday we remembered together Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We heard the children and the crowds calling out “Hosanna! Save Us!”. The people that heralded Jesus’ entry into the Holy City that day could not imagine all that Jesus had come to accomplish. They had relatively small goals all wrapped up in their own temporal needs and inconveniences. They cried out for Jesus to overthrow the occupying forces of Rome and fix their immediate needs. They couldn’t comprehend the depth and breadth of Jesus mission. He had come to kill death and free all humanity from our bondage to sin.

Nearly two thousand years later I wonder if we have a clear idea of the mission of Jesus in this world and in our lives. How often do we relegate Jesus to a minor part in our lives and turn to God only as a last resort in desperate times of emergency?

This Holy Week, this Easter I pray that we might consider that Jesus’ life, death and resurrection accomplished far more than we can imagine. Among the gifts of God in Christ is a restoration of all that we have lost or squandered in sin! Jesus said that his mission statement was that we might have life and this life abundant! Ask yourself as we journey here together – are you experiencing a life that is full and abundant that Jesus lived and died for? If so, tell your friends! Invite them to come and experience this blessing too. If not, perhaps we need to look again and consider what this thing called resurrection means for us, for the world.

Come and join us online for worship this Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. for our Heritage worship service featuring our choir and familiar hymns, or at 11:00 A.M. for our new Contemporary worship featuring Nairobi Smith leading worship. Both of these services will be available online through Facebook and YouTube. We’ll save you a seat!

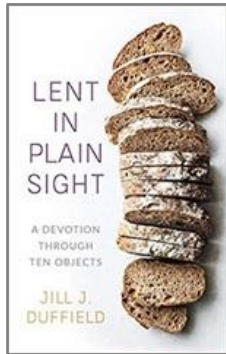
Serving Christ with You, Pastor Bill Mudge

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

*Rev. Jeff Hodge, Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

**April 2021**

We shout *Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!* But it began in the dim light and uncertainty. A grieving Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away. But she didn't run singing "Alleluia!", she came running to the disciples claiming that someone had taken their LORD away. How do we respond to stones that have been put in place – and those that have been rolled away?



Throughout our Lenten journey, we have been looking at ten objects in plain sight, using Jill J. Duffield's devotional, [Lent in Plain Sight](#) (2020, Westminster John Knox Press). Every week, I offer an online reflection from the book. The Holy Week reflection (Coats, Towels and Thorns in Plain Sight) will appear on Wednesday, March 31. The Easter reflection (Stone in Plain Sight) will appear on Thursday, April 8. The series of videos are available on our Facebook page.

### **Sunday School in a Bag brings us to you!**

In February, we began a monthly Sunday School in a Bag program intended in bringing Sunday School home for pre-school through elementary. Easter bags are ready to be distributed. If you have not received a bag and would like one or if you volunteer to deliver one, please let Jeff or the office know.



***Also look for news on Summer VBS and our Sunday School Plan for the fall!***

**Friends & Neighbors:**

Peter Allen, Diane Allen's husband  
Don Child, Stephanie Smith's uncle  
Barbara Church, Harlow Kesselstein's sister  
Brent Ellsworth, Candy Johnson's nephew  
Tom Disinger,  
    brother of Barb Stowe & Sue Vanderveer  
Joseph Disotell, friend of Pam Fallesen  
Kathy Duncan, friend of the Kesselsteins  
Richard Greer, Dave Greer's brother  
Marjorie Heck, Shari Mudge's mother  
William Hobart, friend of the Kesselsteins  
Janet Horton, friend of the Kesselstein's  
Evelyn Maihofer, Walter Maihofer's daughter-in-law  
Nola Marotta, friend of Diane Nolan  
Scott Maxwell, Rocky Maxwell's brother  
Linda Munson, Marsha Plucinik's sister-in-law  
Blakely Nowicki (infant), Kesselstein family  
Milton Pellman, friend of Alice Nykaza  
Melissa Sullivan Ricotta,  
    Bonnie & Millard Sullivan's daughter  
Judy Scott, friend of the Benton's  
**Nora Rose Thomas,**  
    **Clara Rose Thomas' great-granddaughter**  
Zachary Thomas, Mary Thomas' grandson  
Isobella Vecchio, friend of Ron Waterbury  
Leona Vallier, cousin of Pam Fallesen

**Pray for our Service Men & Women:**

Holly Abbott, Jeff Coover,  
Brian Cunningham, James Scott Gibbs,  
Casey Hargrave, Jeffrey Lucy,  
Dr. Kristen Lucy, Jeffrey Meany,  
Brandon Merle, Benjamin Nordmark,  
Tyler Reynolds, Peter Slye, Richard Slye



**Sympathy to:**

Ezra & Mary Ellen Oyer, Olivia Oyer-Halen and their families on the passing of daughter and granddaughter, Julia Oyer.

Suzanne Ellis and the family of Connie Taft.

**Of Continued Concern:**

Harold Crandon, **Gene Evans,**  
Helen Falge, Sally Graham,  
**Oscar Jensen (Crouse),**  
Andy Picco, Justin Taylor,  
Robert Yeddo

**Remember Those at Home and at Care Facilities:**

*Patricia Berry, Joan Foster,  
Mildred Long, Shirley McMahon*

Bill Barrett – Sedgwick Heights #124A  
Charles Bordwell – Brookdale Liverpool #53  
Sharyn Brown – Sedgwick Heights #306B  
Gertrude Collins – Loretto-Cunningham #936  
Marjorie Dence – McHarrie Pointe #513  
Jack Ferguson – Loretto-Cunningham #517  
Barbara Johnston – Van Duyn #455  
Lois Minnoe – Syracuse Home #304  
Ernestine Parry – Syracuse Home #107  
Jim Tudman – McHarrie Pointe #317  
Patricia Tudman – Syracuse Home #223

**Celebrate St. George's Day with the Blessing of the Sheep & Farm**

Join us Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. for the Blessing of the Farm Animals at Linda Miller's Rainbow Acre Fiber Farm, 8487 Dunham Road, Baldwinsville, New York 13027.

If you have any questions, please see Linda Miller or Pastor Jeff.  
(You are welcome to bring your pets or small farm animals)



**Thanks and Praise**

Thank you all for your prayers and cards. I am much better now.  
Gerry Foster

**Onomatopoeia**

Murmur ...  
What an expressive word!  
Murmur...  
Who does that woman think she is to ...  
Murmur... murmur...  
He... he is getting that promotion to...  
Murmur...murmur... murmur...  
From the pulpit that so-called preacher said...  
Murmur... murmur...murmur... murmur...  
On good authority I was told that...  
Murmur...murmur...murmur... murmur... murmur...  
That does it. I've had enough of ...  
Murmur...murmur... murmur...murmur...murmur... murmur...  
Just like Jews in the wilderness of Sin.  
Murmur...

Submitted by Rev. Gordon Knapp



# April BIRTHDAYS

04/03 Heidi Kieskowski  
 Jennifer Radicello  
 Abraham Cavalieri  
 04/04 Zachary Brown  
 04/07 Jared Kenney  
 Bonnie Abbott  
 Sophia Landers  
 04/08 Dave Berube

04/09 Patty Maxwell  
 Mary Anita Berry  
 04/10 Jeff Landers  
 Richard Stafford  
 04/11 Megan Ransiear  
 04/12 Barbara Jones  
 04/15 Annabelle Horan  
 04/16 Jeanne Pray  
 04/17 Gerard Slate  
 Jackson McMahon  
 04/18 Anna Morgan

04/21 Brian Phelps  
 Harold Crandon  
 Elizabeth Monaco  
 04/22 Jessie Olin  
 04/23 David Hildreth  
 04/24 Clara Derby  
 04/25 Paul Ransiear  
 Jennifer Alfieri  
 04/28 Linda Honicker  
 Nicholas Alfieri  
 04/29 Anne Monaco  
 Stefanie Pastella  
 04/30 Bill Beall

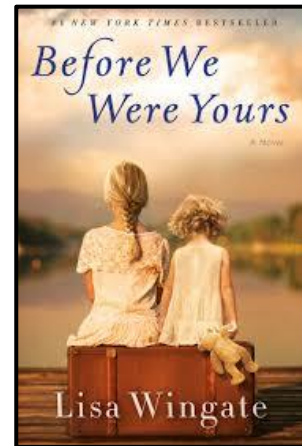
## **Eureka! Book Club book for April**

Our meeting is via zoom on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, Ballantine Books Penguin Random House, New York, New York, 2017

From Amazon.com: *A novel based in Memphis, 1939.*

Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate’s riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.



## **Rummage Sale Notice**



Due to Covid, we will stay on the safe side of life and plan on our Fall Rummage Sale.  
 Please save your items for our big October Rummage Sale.  
 Thank you, co-chairs Dave Horan and Mickie Lorenz

**Easter Flowers 2021**  
The Easter Flowers  
Have been given to the Glory of God and

**In Memory of...**

- ✦ *Dreher Loved Ones*  
    *King & Richmond Loved Ones*
- ✦ *Jane & Edwin Dean, parents*
- ✦ *All Those Lost to COVID 19*
- ✦ *John D. Gagnon*
  
- ✦ *Bob Jennings*
- ✦ *Joseph Kieskowski*
- ✦ *Helen Hurley*
- ✦ *Irwin, husband and Alan Jay, son*
- ✦ *Willard Olin and Friends Lost Last Year*
- ✦ *Jeffrey F. Rice, son*  
    *Ferris A. Elhage, Eileen's father*
- ✦ *Eldred & Jean Disinger, Don & Naomi Stowe*
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- ✦ *Jim, Michael, and Mikel Wojnovich*
- ✦ *Fred & Dorothy Ward, Carol Smith*

**In Honor of...**

- ✦ *Children & Grandchildren*
- ✦ *Don & Sue Vanderveer*
- ✦ *Her Whole Family*

**Given by...**

- The Dreher Family*
  
- Lori Driscoll*
- Suzanne Ellis*
- Kristin Gagnon*
- Ashley & Cara Weaver*
- Ellen, Allison & Sarah Jennings*
- Annalissa Kieskowski*
- Susan Lison*
- Janet McIntosh*
- Jessie Olin*
- Ray & Eileen Rice*
  
- Dave & Barb Stowe*
- Don & Sue Vanderveer*
- Your Grandchildren*
- Janet Wojnovich*
- Joan Wolcik & Family*

**Given by...**

- Dave & Barb Stowe*
- Your Children and Grandchildren*
- Janet Wojnovich*

