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PHILIP'S EGG

Philip was born with Downs Syndrome. He was a pleasant child . . . happy it seemed . . . But increasingly aware of the difference between himself and other children. Philip went to Sunday School faithfully every week. He was in the third grade class with nine other eight-year olds.

You know eight-year olds. And Philip, with his differences, was not readily accepted. But his teacher was sensitive to Philip and he helped this group of eight-year olds to love each other as best they could, under the circumstances. They learned, they laughed, they played together. And they really cared about one another, even though eight-year olds don't say they care about one another out loud.

But don't forget. There was an exception to all this. Philip was not really a part of the group. Philip did not choose, nor did he want to be different. He just was. And that was the way things were.

His teacher had a marvelous idea for his class the Sunday after Easter. You know those things that pantyhose come in . . . the containers that look like great big eggs? The teacher collected ten of them. The children loved it when he brought them into the room and gave one to each child. It was a beautiful spring day, and the assignment was for each child to go outside, find the symbol for new life, put it into the egg, and bring it back to

the classroom. They would then open and share their new life symbols and surprises, one by one.

It was glorious. It was confusing. It was wild. They ran all around the church grounds, gathering their symbols, and returned to the classroom.

They put all the eggs on a table, and then the teacher began to open them. All the children gathered around the table. He opened one and there was a flower, and they ooh-ed and aah-ed. He opened another and there was a little butterfly. "Beautiful!" the girls all said, since it is hard for eight-year old boys to say 'beautiful.' He opened another and there was a rock. And as third-graders will, some laughed, and some said, "That's crazy! How's a rock supposed to be like new life?" But the smart little boy who'd put it in there spoke up: "That's mine. And I knew all of you would get flowers and buds and leaves and butterflies and stuff like that. So I got a rock because I wanted to be different. And for me, that's new life." They all laughed.

The teacher said something about the wisdom of eight-year olds and opened the next one. There was nothing inside. The children, as eight-year olds will, said, "That's not fair. That's stupid! Somebody didn't do it right."

Then the teacher felt a tug on his shirt, and he looked down. "It's mine, Philip said. It's mine."

And the children said, "You don't ever do things right, Philip. There's nothing there!"

"I did so do it right!" Philip said. "I did do it right. **The tomb is empty!**"

There was silence, a very full silence. And for you people who don't believe in miracles, I want to tell you that one happened that day. From that time on, it was different. Philip suddenly became a part of that group of eight-year old children. They took him in. He was set free from the tomb of his differentness.

Philip died last summer. His family had known since the time he was born that he wouldn't live out a full life span. Many other things were wrong with his little body. And so, late last July, with an infection that most normal children could have quickly shrugged off, Philip died.

At his memorial service, nine eight-year old children marched up to the altar, not with flowers to cover over the stark reality of death . . . but nine eight-year olds, along with their Sunday School teacher, marched right up to that altar, and laid on it an empty egg . . . an empty, old, discarded pantyhose egg.

AND THE TOMB IS EMPTY!

Author Unknown



April 7th Communion Sunday

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
 Scripture: Sharon Smith
 Offering: Valerie Bandemer
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Valerie Bandemer
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Ginny Chase

April 14th Palm Sunday

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
 Scripture: Dan Scurlock
 Offering: Loretta Hirschman
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Dan & Sharon Scurlock
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Brunch - Board of
 Christian Education

April 21st

Easter

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
 Scripture: Ginny Chase
 Offering: Valerie Bandemer
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Valerie Bandemer
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Volunteer

April 28th

Invocation: Betty Heisig
 Scripture: Joanne Wilbert
 Offering: Rev. Peter Grinion
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Valerie Bandemer
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Volunteer

PETER GRINION'S MOTHER PASSING

As individuals and as a congregation, we extend to Peter and his family our sincerest condolences on the recent passing of his mother, Sidna. Aiden and Bryce have lost their grandmother.

Peter and the boys will be traveling to be with their family in Jamaica on April 15th.

Let us keep the Grinions in our thoughts and prayers as they mourn their loss. Let us also pray for traveling mercies for them as they travel to and from Jamaica: asking for their safe return to us.



To Meditate

Psalm 8

By Evelyn M. Shoots

Over all the earth, God's Name
 Reaches excellence beyond fame!
 Enemies and avengers are stilled
 Our Father's strengths ever build!

Throughout enemy surges and blasts
 God's mighty resourcefulness lasts.
 The excellence of Father's power
 Can negate an evil endower!

With His fingers God formed moon and
 stars ---

Bright comets, with Venus and Mars,
 God gave us the Gift of His son,
 Then evil which sneaked to destroy

Needed Jesus, with strength to employ!
 Christ rose from His grave,
 Heaven Crowned ---

No darkness of sin could confound!

Salvation of soul will bring peace
 Father's love would see gladness increase.

Alleluia!



Prayer Meeting
 9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice
 6 p.m. Wednesdays

Missions Committee
 1 p.m. April 1

Deacon's Meeting
 10 a.m. April 5
 Pastor's House

Spring Craft Sale
 10—3 p.m. April 13

Palm Sunday Brunch
 11:30 a.m. April 14

LINK articles due to
 Joyce Shutts April 18

Cabinet Meeting
 6 p.m. April 30



Apr. 2 ~ Betty Trim
 Apr. 3 ~ Lynne Stewart
 Apr. 8 ~ Colin Chase
 Apr. 11 ~ Cliff Thayer
 Apr. 11 ~ Sarah Zima
 Apr. 15 ~ Sierrah Griffin
 Apr. 17 ~ Roberta Miller
 Apr. 18 ~ Oliver Hagen
 Apr. 21 ~ Mark Heintz, Jr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy 98th Birthday Virginia!!

The sign in front of the community room door at The Friendly Home read:

"Reserved for Virginia Bliss and Family!"

Yes we are family in Christ and what a joy to be able to share a meal and good fellowship with Virginia. She was teary eyed trying to thank people for coming. She had been ill on her 98th birthday, so we postponed the lunch. Praise God we were able to reschedule and have a gathering of family from WHBC. We all had a fun, blessed and memorable time.



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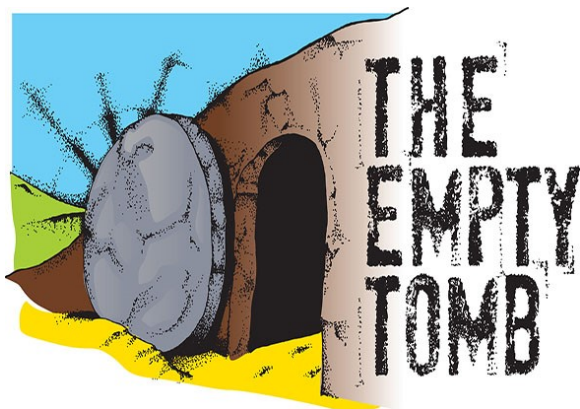
PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Palm Sunday Brunch sponsored by the Board of Christian Education will be held immediately after the Church Service.

The children will be participating in the service. We will be practicing during the Sunday School time. Please bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and anyone you can think of to Church April 7th for practice.



Order your Easter plants for Easter Sunday Service between now and Palm Sunday. There are order forms in the Fellowship Hall or see Valerie Bandemer to place your order. She will need to know who the flowers are in memory or honor of.



Mission's Moment

We have been encouraging giving to the America For Christ offering throughout March. We are praying for a \$500.00 offering to help spread the word of God's Love to so many in need. Children in poverty, people who have lost their homes and churches to hurricanes, floods and so many other hardships, are benefited by this offering. If you haven't been able to give your America For Christ offering it is not too late. Please pray about your gift and give freely.

March's Noisy Offering was taken up for the Coffee Connection which helps women in recovery from drug addiction to have stable work and support to get their lives back on track. Thank you for \$51.40 which we pray helps if only in a small way.

Remember we are called to spread the Good News of God's Love wherever we can.

Submitted by Leanna Shirley on behalf of the Missions Committee.

UPcoming EVENTS



Craft & Vendor Sale

Saturday April 13th
10-3pm

There will be both
"Church tables" and
"New to You" tables.

We're looking for used hand tools and books for the "New to You" tables. We are also looking for cups and saucers or mugs for making up gift sets. And, new craft items you would like to donate for the table. Please see Joanne for items you would like to donate or suggestions for other items for the "New to You" or craft table.

Planning Ahead:

For the Fall sale we would like to have a table/tables with pre-enjoyed Christmas decorations. So, if you have some you would like to get rid of please hold on to them until the Fall sale.



**Don't
FORGET!**

Please submit your
articles, events and/or
calendar items to Joyce
Shutts by April 18th.



May 5th — CROP Walk

Registration 12:45pm and walk 1:00pm in Henrietta Memorial Park. Form teams and sign up with Gretchen Young to walk for Church World Service and RHAFT. If you are unable to walk, you are encouraged to support a walker.

April 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Dedication of Harvest Home/
Thrivent Coalition Habitat Home
at 79 Whitney Street, Rochester.

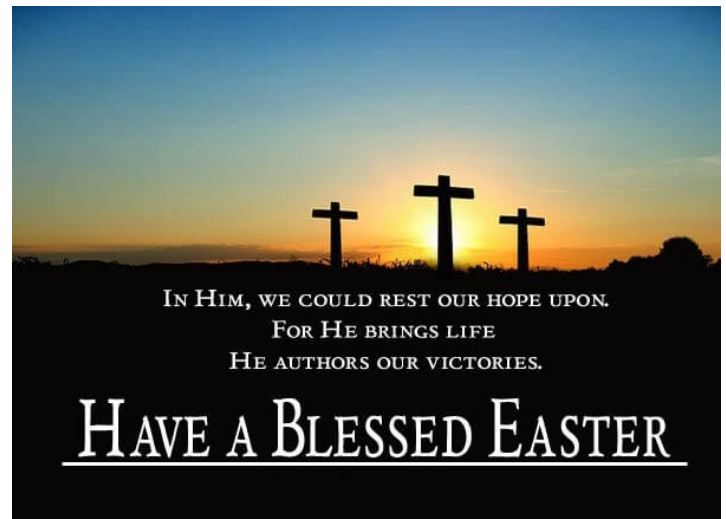


A Celebration of our Region and Installation of Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Lake Avenue Baptist Church

In celebration of the region, please bring a gift of underwear for Cameron Community Ministries.



IN HIM, WE COULD REST OUR HOPE UPON.
FOR HE BRINGS LIFE
HE AUTHORS OUR VICTORIES.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER