



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

What Jesus Will Ask

Spring is upon us. New life comes forth from what has seemed dead. In our Christian faith nothing is more essential than the reality that our salvation comes from God's defeat of death itself to bring us to everlasting life. What we will celebrate on Sunday morning April 20 is what Peter said in Acts 4:12, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

I love the simple clear truth of this statement. With this EVERYTHING is settled and without it NOTHING is. And the glory of Easter is living into this great gift that transcends the death that would hold us forever without this. And we get to tell people! We get to bring people to the empty tomb and say, "See! He really has risen." The renewal of our lives is the evidence.

We are in a time of listening for the leading of God's Holy Spirit about how we can best station ourselves in culture as the body of Christ to share this good news. April 1 at 10 AM and 7 PM we will have two more town hall meetings to give you an opportunity to learn about a possible move to a Presbyterian denomination called ECO that is as timeless as the Gospel itself, but as fresh and new as spring.

Whether we make this move and find it possible to do so is a matter of letting God's Holy Spirit lead us. If this is the right step for us, as Gamaliel said to the Sanhedrin in Acts 5:39, "...if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them – in that case you may even be found fighting against God!"

Here's what I want us to realize from "the upper story"; Jesus will not ask us what denomination we were in. He will ask us, "Did you tell every person you could about my resurrection promise that would deliver them from life to death." And this is why we need to know this story beyond all else, so that we are NOT distracted by what human identity is placed on the part of the body in which we find ourselves.

Making a denominational change on a human level is complicated and for some it is sad because being in one room in God's house has meant a great deal. I'm still wistful at times for the house in which I grew up! But I know where I am is the BEST place for me now because it is where God has me and I am so grateful.

I believe ECO can be the BEST place for us to grow into a new and yet timeless expression of proclaiming JESUS as the ONLY name that will give ANYONE hope. It is not only the best for now, but for the future and if it is right God will make the way clear. I ask you to join me in prayer as we seek God's leading in all the details. I pray that we will be one body in one accord as Paul says in Philippians 2 seeking the Lordship of Jesus and to be empty of anything less. May this clarify and unite us as we walk toward the cross and on to the empty tomb. And may we rejoice that we know the NAME that is above all names; the ONLY name that saves, Jesus.

Faithfully yours in HIM,

Bruce

Youth Ministry Update (from Dan)

We have had some fun things going on with our youth ministry these last few months. We continue to be astounded by the amount and diversity of youth who have been attending. In some cases, our participants are friends of friends of friends of youth from our church family.

We have been working our way through *The Story* along with the rest of the church congregation. Many of our kids are hearing about God's faithfulness in history for the very first time. We have been putting a special emphasis on praying for each other and for our friends and family during our youth groups, and it has been very rewarding to watch us get more comfortable with turning our hearts towards God. We had eleven kids attend the inaugural Youth Winter Retreat at Zephyr Point – and we had deeply meaningful and fun time.



Enjoying leftover pizza at youth group

Growing in number is great, but growing deeper in relationship with Jesus is even better. We have six youth in our confirmation class again this year, and we just had our retreat at Zephyr Point. Our time together has been a real blessing to me. It's immensely satisfying to watch our youth take the Gospel seriously and make sense of it in their own terms.



The confirmation class of 2014 (plus Lucy)



THE KING'S KIDS – APRIL



...Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.' Luke 18:16

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE

- Kids experiencing Jesus and community as we walk through God's Story –

April 6: Palm Sunday Celebration

April 13: Easter Celebration

April 20: "The King Who Had It All" (Solomon)

April 27: "A Kingdom Torn in Two"



Bible Verse for April

Memorize this verse as a family and see how God uses it in your lives!

"Be alert. Stand firm in your faith.

Be courageous. Be strong. Let everything you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Older King's Kids' challenge:

Old Testament books: Books of Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
Books of History: Joshua; Judges; Ruth; 1, 2 Samuel; 1, 2 Kings; 1 & 2 Chronicles; Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

DATE CHANGE: VBX 2014: "ARCTIC ADVENTURE" June 23–27 (evenings)

Needed: large "pillow" package bubbles (approx. 4"x6"); white bed-sheets
Watch for more requests, as plans are made



Zephyr Point Day Camp (June 30 – August 15)

Register your kids at Zephyr Point's website.

Let Nancy know which week you've chosen and we'll try to work out car-pooling.

<http://zephyrpoint.org/programs-home/youth-and-children-events/day-camp>



One of the most valuable seminars I attended in my recent Children's Ministry Conference, was a Parenting seminar led by the Center for Biblical Parenting. Here's an excerpt from one of their recent publications:

"At the National Center for Biblical Parenting, we talk a lot about helping children change their hearts. You may be thinking, "My children don't know how to change their hearts." What does that mean anyway, and what can we expect in any given discipline situation.

When a child has done the wrong thing, it's often helpful to require some alone time with instructions like, "You need to take a break. Come back and we'll talk about this after you change your heart." Kids may not understand how it happens, but with practice they can learn to change their hearts. A change of heart in children involves four steps:

- (1) Stop fighting, calm down, and be willing to talk about the problem;
- (2) Acknowledge having done something wrong;
- (3) Be willing to change; and
- (4) Commit to doing right.

These are all steps that a child can do. Ideally we would also like to see two other steps take place:

- (5) Feel sorrow for doing wrong; and
- (6) Have a desire to do what's right.

That may sound like a lot, but kids grow into this process slowly and we can help them through the steps. If your son has been disrespectful in the way he spoke to you, first he needs to stop and settle down and be willing to work on the problem. Then secondly, he needs to acknowledge that he was wrong. Thirdly, he needs to be willing to respond differently next time. And lastly, he needs to commit to trying to do better.

Sometimes children may only settle down (Step #1) in the "break". Then they are ready to process the other steps with the parent. Other times, children may be able to work through all four steps and then just report back to the parent. The only prerequisite for coming back from a break is that a child be willing to work on changing the heart. Remember, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) Teaching children to change their hearts is a valuable lesson that they will benefit from for the rest of their lives."

If you'd like to hear more from the National Center for Biblical Parenting, let Nancy know. They have many resources available, including a video parenting class we could look into!

Worship and Community -

“Worship is essentially communal. Christian community is necessary for (Christian) worship. It is something that is done together - not just physically, but together in one spirit. Community is more than an aggregate group of persons offering up individual praises and prayers to God. Community is one praise, one prayer, one song that is being offered by a unified group of worshipers precisely because community is already a divine reality. When people express worship in the same service in ways that may not hold the same degree of meaning to them personally, they gladly share in the expression anyway, knowing that every element holds meaning for someone in their community. As (Dietrich) Bonhoeffer states, ‘Even if a verse or a psalm is not one’s own prayer, it is nevertheless the prayer of another member of the fellowship.’” So begins a section of the book, *The Worship Architect* (Constance M. Cherry, Baker Academic, 2010).

As we come into worship each week, we are called to active participation as we are challenged to pray with one voice, to sing in one voice, and to experience the God of the universe in fellowship with one another. Our community is modeled for us by the fellowship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- a unique fellowship that requires no other input. If we think of our worship as being a structure (like an architect thinks of a building), our structure must be without a ceiling. When there is no ceiling, I like to think of the worship being lifted up and mingling with the worship that is going on in Heaven. Not only do we worship with those who have gone before us, we are being prepared for the eternal worship in the days to come. As such we experience a unity of spirit and the dynamic of active worship across the ages -- past, present, and future.

Bonhoeffer wrote, “We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ.” In other words, we are in community together because of our relationship with Christ. Whether we feel it or not, we are community because it exists whether we realize it or not due to our relationship to Christ. Another way of thinking of community with reference to Church is “Christian community is an interdependent fellowship of believers who share life together in ways that bear witness to the love and mercy of God.” (Thornton)

As we move through Lent we reflect on the atoning work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. In our gratitude for this incredible redemption, let us pray as one community for discernment in the season that faces First Presbyterian Church. Ask questions, attend meetings and talk about how we can best do the mission we are called to here in Carson City. Our prayers and praises as one unified church need to seek God’s will for His glory. How best can we worship and serve the God of the Universe?

Grateful for community with you,

Karen

Per Capita

We are almost there! As of 3/16/14 we have \$7,250 in for our Per Capita Offering. We are only short \$2,985. If you have already paid your \$35.00 - THANK YOU. But if you have not been able to at this point but can in April, we would appreciate your giving so that we can close out this giving line.

Per Capita envelopes are still in the pews or you can just write "per cap" in the memo area of your check or on the regular giving envelopes.

Thank you all,
Finance Committee

Attention Quilters

Earth Angels Mission Baby Project is looking for Quilters who might be interested in sewing just blanket tops. These blankets will be going to Carson Tahoe Hospital, Gardnerville Family Support, and Yerington Family Support. We have the packages ready to go and all we need is for you to sew for us. There is such a need out within our community and this is one way we can help. Vicki Pearson and Gloria Gaillard-Powell have been our quilters from First Presbyterian Church. If you have questions regarding this project please talk with these ladies or Charlene Rodman in the church office.

Earth Angels has been helping since 2001. We have been providing Blessing Gown packages for preemies who pass away and blankets for many hospitals and organizations who need them.

Please contact Helen Clark at 775-790-7996 or Charlene Rodman if you have any questions.

Please join the **DESERT SCHOONERS** for our own Ron Roberts sharing some of the special displays and events at the Carson City State Museum. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month until May. This month we will be meeting on **April 22 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. For more information, please call Sandy Ehresman at 775-885-8230.



THE MARTINKUS FAMILY would like to thank their church family for the out pouring of love. The cards, phone calls, meals and memorial gifts have been a balm on our hearts.

Thank you all so much,
Bonnie, Michael, and Jay.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS will be held on Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the church library. If you are interested in joining this Body of Christ, please call the church office at 775-882-1032 to sign-up.

META MILLER expresses her gratitude to the Deacons for all the cards, flowers, visits, and the delivery of the Sunday bulletins to her each week.

Thank You!

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE TO ATTEND **DOUG & LYNN MORTON DAY** **AT BEAUTIFUL LAKE TAHOE**

What's up: Contribute time and talents to give Doug & Lynn some needed vacation time while participating in our church's annual Spring Work Day Mission Project at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center. Provide assistance to spiff up Zephyr Point in preparation for their busy summer ministry season at Lake Tahoe. There's something to do to fit everyone's abilities, young and old, skilled and unskilled.

- **When: Saturday, May 3rd, 8 a.m.**
- **Where: Meet at Zephyr Point Conference Grounds**

WORKERS BONUS! LUNCH PROVIDED TO ALL IN THE BEAUTIFUL TALLAC DINING ROOM AT ZEPHYR POINT

For further information or questions, contact Dave or Jan Brees at 775-883-0224



April Birthdays

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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 03-16-2014

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April Anniversaries

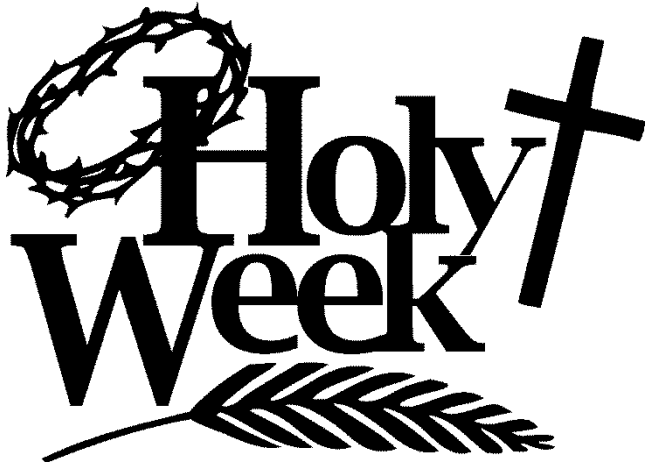
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AN AMAZING FAMILY! ~ THANK YOU ALL!

When January 2014 arrived, I never would have guessed that the New Year would so quickly bring so many new experiences and awareness's into my life. As many of you know, as I was storing away Christmas 2013 decorations in my garage, a tumble from a ladder resulted in a leg with multiple breaks requiring the skill of an orthopedic specialist. An ambulance transport from home to Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center and then on to Renown in Reno followed by surgery and a week in their orthopedic ward, then 4 weeks at a rehab facility kept me away from home until mid-February. It was such a weird feeling to have my typical routines so quickly ended and put on hold for an indeterminate period of time with everything "out of my control".

It soon became abundantly clear that I did not need to be in control. Family emerged from the woodwork, so to speak---both my related family and my brothers and sisters in Christ. I have been and continue to be supported, first and foremost, by love and prayers, and then by seeing many of you face to face. Cards, flowers, visits, meals, "surprises", and phone calls from so many have been overwhelming. Now that I am home and no longer have my sister and then a brother from back east staying with me, the Tuesday morning Women's Study Group makes sure someone is "calendared" each day to be available while I am still homebound. How humbling is that to know that I am a calendar item each day on someone's personal calendar! It's amazing! **YOU** all are amazing as you remind me daily of how God cares for us and shows us His love through those around us. How do I know the presence of Jesus in my life? I see Him in the face of each of you, my sisters and brothers. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

GRATEFULLY,
Barbara Kowal



At First Presbyterian Church of Carson City

Palm Sunday and One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – April 13

Join us at either 9:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Dan leads us into worship celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be received. OGHS supports programs like Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. If you give, please indicate on the memo line of your check it is for OGHS.



Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Potluck Soup Supper – April 17

We will begin the evening with a potluck soup supper at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Bruce will lead us in worship at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your soup and/or bread to share between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

The Service of Tenebrae marks Christ's time in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he prayed and prepared to go to the Cross. At the close of the service, the pastors gradually extinguish candles while reading passages from the Gospels, and the service ends in darkness and silence.

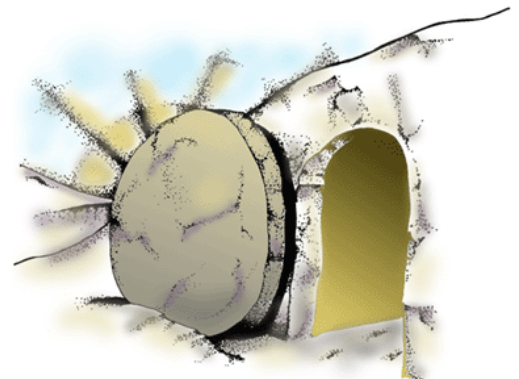
Good Friday, Stations of the Cross – April 18

On Good Friday (April 18), we will have an open-house format Stations of the Cross exhibit from noon to 7:00 p.m. It will consist of 14 interactive stations created by a team of our members. The stations pair 14 events from Jesus' last day with a wide variety of artistic media. Our objective is to present the events of Good Friday in ways that engage the imagination of participants and inspire reflection, new understanding, and worship. This will be our third annual exhibit. Please come and visit our exhibit!

Easter Sunday - April 20

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! Two services are offered. Our contemporary service begins at 9:00 a.m. and our traditional service at 10:45 a.m.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!





GraceWorks

RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 5

To donate earlier than April 3 & 4, items may be placed on the stage in the Family Life Center of the First Presbyterian Church – 307 W. Musser St.

Set-up and in-gathering April 3 and 4.

Proceeds benefit GraceWorks. For more information, contact Carol Wilson at 775-720-3198.

GRACEWORKS, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014, involves churches and a swim team in Carson City, exhibiting Christ's love by working together outside the church walls, to serve the community. The following organizations will tentatively be involved: First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Fountainhead Foursquare Church, Salvation Army, Calvary Chapel, Ministerio una Puerta al Camino (The Church of the Door to the Way) and Tigersharks Swim Team.

- Register online to sign up for the project you want to work on.
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/graceworks-2014-tickets-9483442231?aff=eorg>
- Assistance will be available for those who want help registering. Contact Troy Stansbury on his cell phone at 925-918-3676. Leave a message & he will return your call. Or contact the church office.
- **First** online item is the opportunity to purchase a T-shirt bearing the new 2014 logo. To purchase a T-shirt, use a credit card.
- **Second**, select your project from the list of 37 work sites!
- **Third**, select a free sack lunch and a free dinner.

PROJECTS:

Assisted living and care facilities – worship, music and visiting

Advocates to End Domestic Violence

Do Drop In – gardening and irrigation system

Fremont Elementary School - gardening

F.I.S.H. - painting

Trail building – Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon

Stop Hunger Now – Packaging emergency meals in food containers

Carson City Senior Citizens Center – planting flowers

Children's Museum of Northern Nevada

Ron Wood Family Resource Center

Carson City Animal Services

The Greenhouse Project

Senior Assistance - to help selected senior citizens with yard work and/or work in their homes

Carson City Linear Park clean up

Lone Mountain Cemetery beautification

Small Blessings Preschool

Empire Elementary School

Bordewich Elementary School – yard work

Mark Twain Elementary School

Seeliger Elementary School – touch-up painting of existing display on playground

Brewery Arts Center

GraceWorks Date: Saturday, June 7, 2014

Meet at Ross Gold Park at 8:00 AM for prayer, instructions, pickup lunch and send-off to work sites.

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April Sermons

April 6: "The King Who Had it All" Chapter 13 of *"The Story"*

April 13: Palm Sunday – "Gates of Righteousness"
 Psalm 118:19-29

April 17, 7 PM: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
 "Served by the Savior" John 13

April 20: Easter – "I Have Seen the Lord"
 John 20:1-18

April 27: "A Kingdom Torn in Two" Chapter 14 of
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Song of Solomon 2:12