



The Herald



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Easter Sunday, April 12

We are hoping to provide a service at 10:00 AM in the Parking lot! Right from your vehicles. We will have more information out soon. If you ordered Flowers we will have you drive up and pick up your order.



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Keep on believing

Through major life challenges, Christian singer-songwriter Jeremy Camp has learned to walk by faith and cling to his hope in Christ. While he was growing up, Camp's family (which includes a brother with Down syndrome) struggled with poverty. When Camp was just 23, his wife of several months died of cancer.

The first song Camp wrote after her death was the chart-topper "I Still Believe." In the chorus, he sings:

I still believe in Your faithfulness
I still believe in Your truth
I still believe in Your holy word
even when I don't see, I still believe.

Camp says trusting in God during life's valleys takes lots of courage. "You can say, 'All right, Lord, I don't get it, but I'm going to trust you,' and go to the only One [who] offers life and hope and peace and joy."

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Dear Family of God,

There have been many present moments in my life when the following words from Howard Thurman has made him into one of my fondest friends when comfort was a dire need.

“Look well to the growing edge! All around us worlds are dying and new worlds are being born; all around us life is dying and life is being born. The fruit ripens on the tree, the roots are silently at work in the darkness of the earth against a time when there shall be new leaves, fresh blossoms, green fruit. Such is the growing edge! It is the extra breath from the exhausted lung, the one more thing to try when all else has failed, the upward reach of life when weariness closes in upon all endeavor. This is the basis of hope in moments of despair, the incentive to carry on when times are out of joint and men have lost their reason, the source of confidence when worlds crash and dreams whiten into ash. The birth of the child — life’s most dramatic answer to death — this is the growing edge incarnate. Look well to the growing edge!”

I pass these words onto you, dear friends. I encourage you to ruminate them. Treat them like a gem with many facets; keep turning them so the Light of Christ dances off each one of them in a dazzle. Because now is the time when we remember that “in him [the Word, Jesus Christ] was life; and the Life was the Light to all humankind” as John so masterfully conveys. We have a life together... in Christ! And I am so deeply moved to hear how well you are all taking care of your life together.

May we continue, my friends, to “look well to the growing edge!”

Well done! Beautiful and faithful servants!

Grace to you all and Peace!

Rev. Phil

Bible Study News

Please join us live for Bible Study on either Sunday or Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:00PM where we will pick up our latest adventure in Revelation. The first zoom class this Sunday and Tuesday will primarily review what we’ve done so far in case there are those of you who now may want to join us. If that time doesn’t work for you, we will try our best to record the class so that you may be able to participate in an on-demand way. The link will be available on the front page of the church website and sent via email to the church at-large later this week.

Holy Week Services

During Holy Week there will be online worship opportunities available. This way we can continue to celebrate together and ponder the events anew that Christ bore willingly and faithfully out of love for all.

These events will be available right from the home page of our website.

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Thank You!

To the SPPRC Team for providing refreshments for the month of March.



April Birthdays

4/3 Ralph Squire 4/7 Becky Hewitt
4/10 Kitty Pratt 4/15 Jennifer Allen
4/15 Sandra Waterman
4/16 Don Snyder
4/27 Jim Kline, jr
4/28 Red Wittman



Prayer Concerns for April

Prayers for: Joyce P at home, Doug W, Liz H, Barb O, Amen, Ted, Jean, Lisa B. & friend, Kelly B, Ann V., Bob C, Phyllis' daughter Barbara, Steven L and his friend, Sonya's sister Ida a home health care worker, Claire for health issues, Jenn A who is starting a new job.

All those in care facilities who are now separated from their families: Gene M at Wegmans family cottages, Carol M at Fairport Baptist home, Walt P at Shorewinds.

Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: D Snyder's family.

Praises: for Alice who cut her first tooth, and Charlie is adjusting to home schooling!
Praise that Margot & daughter Kathy are doing well.

Gary & Marcia Caswell, Doris Frediani, Phyllis Gordon, June Harndon, Helen Ottley, Ruth Peck, Barbara Ward, Gene Mori, Walt Palmer



The Memorial Service and Reception for Dee Colwell and The Memorial Service for Florence Mihalyov will be rescheduled when life settles down. We will keep you all informed about these events.

Pancake Breakfast **Cancelled**



Operation Christmas Child
Will be taking a break from collections this month.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Disposable razors, Shaving cream, Band aids, Diapers and baby wipes, Soap & Dish soap, antiseptic hand wipes. Our delivery day is Sunday April 19 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help. Right now the need is great. Please call ahead to make sure Susann is there and you can leave your items at the door and ring the bell. Susann will put items on our shelves and delivery to Grace Church will be arranged.



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