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Praising Christ Every Sunday at 8:30 am

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a letter from the pastor



Each year Christians celebrate that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! But the world celebrates Easter with eggs and chocolate bunnies. Unfortunately, “Resurrection Sunday” has become like Christmas in that the world celebrates Santa instead of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

For many Christians, joining Santa to Jesus birth and joining easter eggs and chocolate bunnies to resurrection Sunday seems harmless. The reason why is that for Christians we work hard to teach our children the difference between make-believe and the Truth. And while this is what we should do, I wonder if we also allow ourselves to think this is what others do, even if they are not Christians. After all, we reason, Christmas and Resurrection Sunday are Christian holy-days that all people should respect and at least know the basic understanding of them.

Of course, all we have to do is take a look around at our world and we will easily see that Christmas and Easter are not looked at, interpreted, understood, and celebrated the way Christians celebrate them. In fact, I would go so far as to say, that the majority of non-Christians know very little about why we celebrate Jesus’ birth and resurrection, and how foundational these two holidays are to our Christian faith. Could this be the result of assuming we know what others are thinking about the Holy-days we celebrate?

Now, I do not want to offend you in your knowledge of why we celebrate “Resurrection Sunday” but I do wonder if we are able to share the “why” with those who don’t know the why. In case you are not for sure, below is the “why.”

Celebrating Easter is about rejoicing in the risen Christ. In the days leading up to Easter, we remember His horrific death on the cross. It is a death Jesus died willingly (Mark 10:45; John 10:18). He came to earth as a baby in order to live a perfect human life and one day die as the sacrifice for sin. At Easter time, generally on Good Friday, we remember His sacrifice and thank Him for it.

But it is not only Jesus’ death on the cross that is important. Jesus’ resurrection proclaims His victory over sin and death. Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. Then He rose back to life, proving He is who He says He is and that He accomplished what He came to earth to accomplish. Jesus Christ is fully God, fully human, and the only Savior of the world. It is because He is risen that we can trust in His sacrifice for our sins and receive new life in Him. His resurrection also demonstrates that His promise to resurrect us one day will come true.

The apostle Paul wrote, “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.”
1 Corinthians 15:3–8.

Easter is the time to celebrate Jesus’ victory and to celebrate the new life He gives. All can have their sins forgiven and experience new life in Him if they will receive Him by faith. Ephesians 2:1–10. The life Jesus brings is eternal. We celebrate the reality of His death and resurrection every day, and especially at Easter. Let’s make sure we do not keep the true meaning of “Resurrection Sunday” to ourselves.

Your fellow servant in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Doug Carroll



UPCOMING EVENTS



Apr 1	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday
Apr 2	6:30 pm	Good Friday
Apr 3	2-4 pm	Resurrection Egg Hunt
Apr 4	7:00 am	Easter Sunday/ Communion
Apr 11	6-8 pm	Youth Group Meeting
Apr 15	6:30 pm	One Board Meeting

May Newsletter items are due on April 18th

Those Who Serve

**Greeters and Readers will continue to remain as we have been currently doing due to COVID.*

<u>Greeters/Door</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Apr 4	Jason Barklow	-	No Sunday School
Apr 11	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
Apr 18	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
Apr 25	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

<u>Communion Setup</u>	<u>Pianist/Organist</u>
Apr 4 (pre-packaged)	Ann Pals

<u>Greeters/Door</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
May 2	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 9	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 16	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 23	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 30	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

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If there is a conflict with your schedule, please find someone to trade with you, then contact Megan at the office with the change at 443-2177, email her at pearlcityumc@gmail.com



Office Hours: Megan will be working from home and in office throughout the week with set office hours on Thursdays from 10:30-3:30.

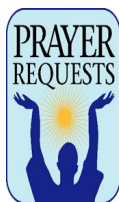
If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call or email her. You can email her at pearlcityumc@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message. She will get back to you as soon as possible.

Offerings: Please remember that if you are financially able, you can continue to mail your offerings to the church: Pearl City UMC, PO Box 236, Pearl City, IL 61062.



***One Board Meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 6:30 pm**

Submitting a Prayer Request: Please email prayer requests/ joys to pearlcityumc@gmail.com and we will add them to our bulletin and they'll be included in our worship service. These can be a prayer or even a joy! You can also leave a message on the Pearl City UMC answering machine at 815-443-2177. We also have a sheet on the table in the Narthex that you can add your joys/concerns to before the service begins.



PRAY FOR HEALING

Cody Hardy Bentley Don Plock

Gary Daves Kurt Mills

Those suffering from illness and injury

OUR SHUT-INS & THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Dorothy Willhite Connie Brady

Marcelle Rosenstiel

Our family and friends in care facilities and hospital

OUR NATION, WORLD & COMMUNITY

Our men and women in uniform and their families



April Celebrations



Birthdays

Apr 2	Isaiah Linnemann
Apr 3	Richard Voss
Apr 3	Jennifer Barklow
Apr 6	Darci Keeling
Apr 8	Brycen Voegeli
Apr 10	Alexander Smith
Apr 13	Karsen Kuhlemeier
Apr 15	Nathan Kluck
Apr 18	Nevin Werkheiser
Apr 18	Matt McDearmon
Apr 19	Weston Gronewold
Apr 23	Calvin Barklow
Apr 27	Chad Stephan
Apr 30	Amber Roach



Anniversary's

Apr 22	M/M Jason Barklow
Apr 24	M/M Jim Tessororf
Apr 25	M/M Merlyn Voss

**If any birthdays or anniversaries have been missed or are incorrect, please let Megan know so she can update our records. Thank you!*

Worship SCHEDULE

We are back in person to worship! We will continue to stream the worship service via Facebook live at 8:30 am on Sundays and this service will also be posted on our website by Monday evening.

April 4th-7:00 am– Easter/Communion/No Sunday School

April 11th-8:30 am “Finding Sound Arguments”

April 18th-8:30 am “What is the fullness of Christ”

April 25th-8:30 am “Living a life free from religion”



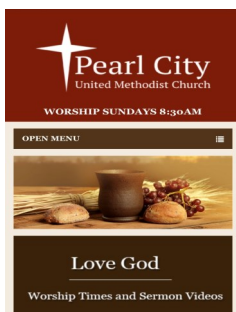
Don't forget! Sunday school has resumed. Every Sunday during service, children are welcome to attend Sunday school in the lower level. A short children's sermon is held when they return from Sunday school.

The youth group will meet on the second Sunday evening of the month from 6-8 pm for all 7th-9th grade youth. If you have any questions, please contact Devin Martens, pastor Doug Carroll, or Kathy Sleezer.



*You're
Invited*

Please Join Us! Small group/ Bible study to be held at Steve and Janis Sheffey's house on Monday nights from 6:30 -8:00 pm. Please bring a Bible and sermon notes.



Website: Stay up to date on events and other information by visiting www.pearlcityumc.org You can see our on line services, upcoming events, announcements, daily messages, view our church calendar/schedule, worship schedule, youth information, food pantry information and also view the newsletter.



Facebook: Visit our Facebook page and “Like Us” at: facebook.com/pcumcil

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Pearl City United Methodist Church One Board Meeting March 18th, 2021

Present: Calvin, Jason, Jennifer, Jolene, Greg, Phyllis, Pastor Doug, Janis, Dennis, Janine

Calvin called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Checking account balance at the end of January, 2021 was \$2,414.32

Motion was made by Janis to approve the consent calendar, and Greg seconded, motion passed.

Trustee items:

1. Easter Sunday Service will be at 7 am. The committee discussed the possibility of continuing the Easter morning tradition of a breakfast following the service.

Jennifer made a motion to hold an Easter Breakfast following the service and Dennis seconded. The motion passed.

All are invited to stay and eat, but To-Go boxes will be made up for those not able to stay.

2. Paperwork was completed with Dollar General & work to begin ASAP.

Greg shared that he is working with Dollar General with possible retention wall changes as well as options for material (dirt) to be moved from the lower church parking lot.

3. Boiler Issues in the Church building may not be an issue any more this season.

4. Remodel work at parsonage is moving forward and much is complete.

5. There appears to be drainage issues from the field south of the parsonage causing water to drain toward the house. The sump pump is constantly running. Greg has offered to do some grading work.

6. A work day will be necessary at the parsonage this spring.

SPRC:

Did meet for annual walk-through of parsonage already, however, with the remodel, an additional walk-through will take place.

Old Business:

1. Worship times

No changes for PC at this time. McConell is changing the start of their service to 9:30 am

New Business:

1. Sunday school has restarted. There are lots of kids! Pastor Doug will contact Melissa V. ASAP to discuss plans.

Walk-in Items:

Megan Sheffey has replaced Rhonda Brudi as church secretary. Megan started 3/8/21 and will work 10 hrs/week.

Jason made a motion to adjourn, Janine seconded, and meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Jolene Martens

Secretary

HELP NEEDED! Our church directory is in need of some major updating. We need your current address and contact information to keep you current on what's happening in the church. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please let us know. If you need to update your information, you can call (815)4432177, email pearlcityumc@gmail.com, or mail this from back to: Pearl City UMC, PO Box 236 Pearl City, IL Attn: Megan

Name

Address

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Cell Phone

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Yes

No

E-mail

Anniversary

Birthday(s)



Palm Sunday March 28th– 8:30 AM

PC UMC

Maundy Thursday April 1st-6:30 PM

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Good Friday April 2nd-6:30 PM

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Come & Celebrate the Risen Lord!

Easter Sunday April 4th 7:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary, Or join us on Facebook Live. We will be holding our Easter Breakfast after service this year. Breakfast will be served as dine-in, but carry outs will also be available.

