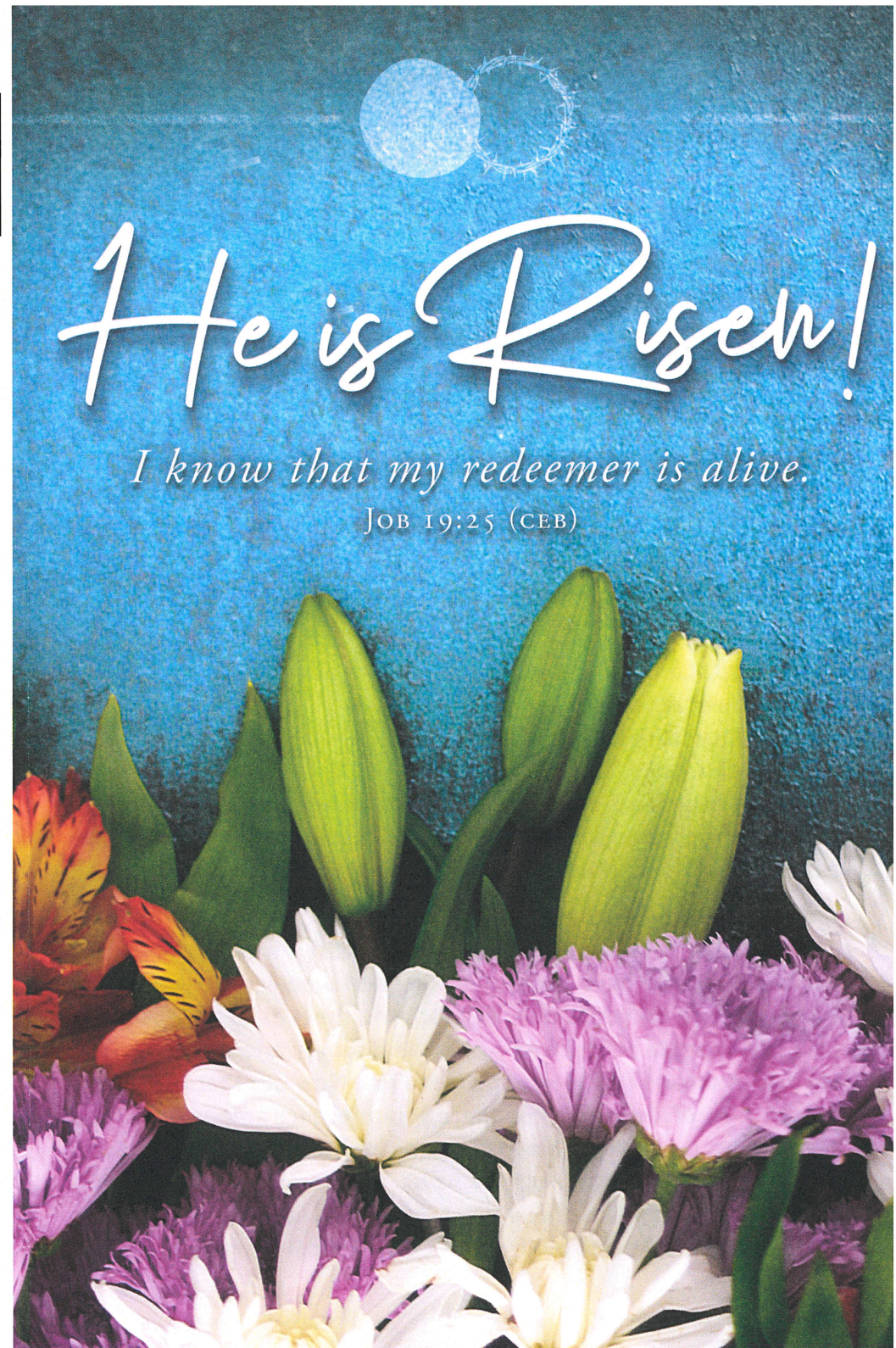
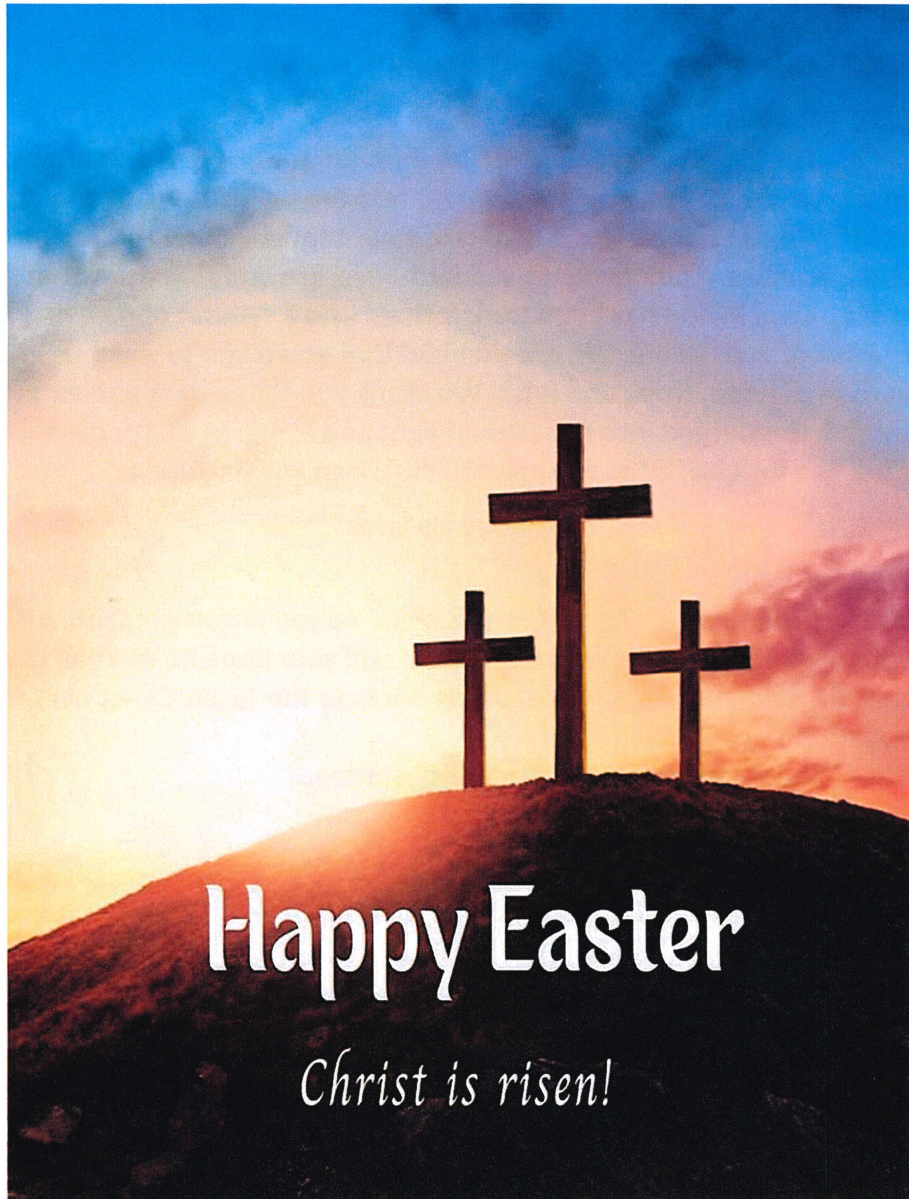


LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Our home bound and nursing home residents: Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon, and Stevie Mider.

Others: Mike Hill, Keri Morris, Steven Palmer, Stacy and Kevin Teunissen, Dortha Brown, Sue, Patty, Fred, Doris B., and Frank.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Sunrise Easter Morning

March 31, 2024 - 6:46 A.M.

Thompson Park Pinnacle

Rev. Leon ("Toby") Schilling is Preaching.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

Leader: Dear friends in Christ... may His light shine eternally into our lives.

People: Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the Eternal Light and Life of the world. Make this new fire holy, and enflame us with new hope. Strengthen us by this Easter celebration, and bring us all one day to the feast of your eternal light, through Jesus Christ our Lord, King of Kings, Lord of lords, Eternal Light of the world. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Faith, hope, and joy are alive.

People: A new age is dawning, and death cannot harm us. God of all creation, we praise you. God of resurrection and eternal life, we have gathered in this garden to worship you and celebrate your victory!

GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)

Loving God, we gather in the early morning of your Resurrection. We have been mourning and weeping believing that you have been taken from us. Instead, you meet us in the garden of new life. Here, in this sacred place, we discover anew that you are alive, that sin and death cannot defeat you. Now our tears of sorrow turn to tears of joy as we experience your presence among us. Today, we begin to understand that joy comes from grief. You call us to go into the world to share this good news, and because we are not left alone, we can pray the prayer you taught us to say: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be

done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Insert)

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20: 1-18

MEDITATION: Rev. Leon ("Toby") Schilling

CLOSING PRAYER (UNISON)

Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this Easter morning. In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm blessing of your Spirit. We can rejoice this day because our tendency toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for faith. We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a symbol of eternal life. We are thankful that you come to greet us in a garden of hope, trust, and faith. We thank you that a dark and empty tomb has emerged into a garden of light and living. In all our days we shall live for Christ, the resurrected and risen Savior. Amen.

HYMN: "Because He Lives" (Insert)

BENEDICTION

Leader: The tomb is empty, Christ is risen. As you journey in faith, may your life be full, your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal. Live this day and always for Christ Jesus because the Risen Christ lives in you.

All: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Thank you for joining us this morning. We trust that your experience here today will mark the beginning of a Glorious and Holy Easter! Special thanks to Faith Kirch for preparing our bulletin, to Mark Smith for providing and preparing refreshments for us as we leave, and to Gerald Holder for assisting in preparing our place of worship.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 * 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy he* gives;
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

Refrain

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;

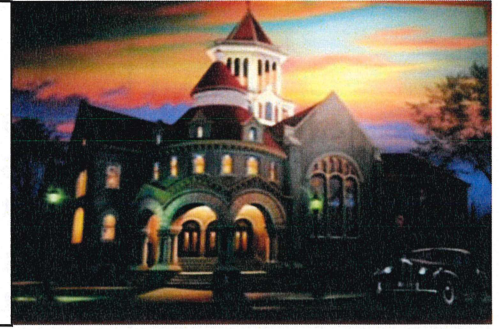
be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.



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*Opportunities
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for God
and Each Other*



HAPPY EASTER

This Week

March 31 - April 7, 2024



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Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, April 1: 10:15 A.M.

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, April 2: 6:00 P.M.

Opportunities to Share

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, April 1: 6:15 P.M.

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, April 3: 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, April 3: 11:00 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, April 3: 4:00 P.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, April 4: 6:15 P.M.

Asbury Book Club @ Flower Memorial Library

- Friday, April 5: 10:00 A.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Sunday, April 7: 9:30 A.M.

Confirmation Class @ Youth Room

- Sunday, April 7: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.



April Newsletter Deadline **Last Call! - Monday, April 1st** **(tomorrow afternoon)**

Please email all articles (in Word format) and pictures to Sue Beaman at asburybeacon@gmail.com or bring them to Faith in the church office. Thank you for your contributions!

Spring Rummage, Plant, and Bake Sale!

Friday and Saturday, April 26th & 27th
8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. in Wesley Hall both days.

SPRING IS HERE! Time to clean up and clean out!

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Furniture, toys, summer items, jewelry, books, puzzles, towels, games, antiques, etc.
- Pies, cookies, candy, cupcakes, snacks, etc.
- Plants and garden items.

Items can be left in Wesley Hall from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. daily or after church services on Sundays.

NO CLOTHES OR COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS!

If you would like to work on the sale, contact Sue Snell: 315-782-8235.

Would you like to help serve communion?
See Frances Goutremout to sign up!

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



John and Eleanor Cerow
April 3, 1976



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Mar. 31 **Anthony Patrick**
Apr. 2 **James Baker**
Apr. 3 **Glen Snell**
Apr. 4 **Mark Smith**



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Join Us Next Sunday, April 7th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:
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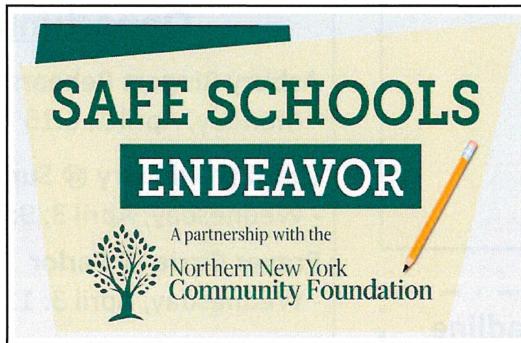
10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:
Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching



Scripture of the Week

“I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.”

- Psalm 119:104 -



If you would like to donate, you can do so online on the Northern New York Community Foundation website: <https://nnycf.org>. Checks can be made out to “Northern New York Community Foundation” and in the memo line “Safe Schools Endeavor”. Mail to 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Asbury UMC yard signs are for sale!

The sign pictured is what is available. Perfect to put outside of your home or business to help promote Asbury!

The signs are \$10.00 each. You can stop by the Church Office to purchase one (or many)!

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