The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

What is it about Easter? Why does something that took place so many years ago have an impact or make any difference? I have often thought about that. It seems to me that the answer to that lies in Hebrews 13:8 which says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. This means that the same Christ who arose victorious over death and met Mary in the garden continues to meet us. The Christ that promises that he is with us always, even to the end of the age is still with us. In the celebration of Easter, Christ meets us again and asks us why we are weeping and acting as if he is still in the tomb. Then he calls us by name and reminds us that in our faith we share in his victory over death and we know his peace.

This Easter, I hope that you will allow Jesus Christ to meet you once again to touch the parts of your life that need his resurrection power.

Mother's Day Flowers

The Mission Team will be selling 10 inch hanging baskets for Mother's Day. Orders will be taken from April 7 to April 28. The baskets will be delivered to the church on Saturday, May 11. There are three sunny choices: Petunias, Geraniums, and Calibrochoa (Million Bells) and three shade choices: New Guinea Impatiens, Begonia hybrid, and Torenia (Wishbone Flower). Each basket is \$17.00. See a Mission Team member to order yours.



Alice Buck Memorial Scholarship

The high school graduation season will be here before we know it. Since, in the past two years, there have been some minor changes in the requirements to receive one of the church's scholarships, it would be helpful to review the application process before June is upon us.

The applicant must be graduating from high school this year, be a confirmed member of the United Methodist Church of Mantua, and be continuing their education in the Fall at college or trade school. He or she should also regularly attend worship services and participate in church activities such as UMYF, retreats, mission trips, vacation Bible school, Sunday School classes, choirs, etc. or, if he or she has not yet officially joined our church, they must be furthering their education, attend worship regularly, and participate in activities as previously listed. All applicants must also submit an essay, describing what this church means to them.

If there are any questions regarding these requirements and/or the application process, contact Kathy Durand through the church office. Applications will be available there in May 2019.



Easter Services

Palm Sunday April 14 at 9:15 am and 11:00 am Easter Cantata April 14 at 4:00 pm Holy Thursday Service April 18 at 7:00 pm Good Friday Service April 19 at 12:00 noon (at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church) Sunrise Easter Service April 21 at 6:30 am Easter Worship Service April 21 at 9:15 am and 11:00 am



MTV Painless Fundraiser Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards The Church receives 5% You receive gift cards dollar for dollar. It costs you nothing!

Goal: We have a goal of \$1,000 per week. This is easily achievable!

Action: LET'S DO IT! Exchange your cash or check for Shop Rite gift cardsand go food shopping for your family or donate cards to The Corinthian Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

> THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer



Happy Birthday!

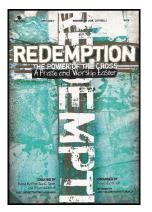
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- 4 Joe Gelormini Debbie Sullivan
- 6 Carter Ingram George Shute III
- 7 Gavin Fuchs David Heiss Savanna Schaekel
- 8 Joshua Yannerella
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- 11 Stephen Tumminia
- 12 Walt Seibel
- Cecilia Wyckoff 14 Kitty Gardner



- 17 Leah Carelli
- 18 Howard Aaronson
 Evan Godsey
 Isla Heiss
 Tyler Kreh
- 19 Benjamin Joseph
- 20 Ryan Drucker Jenn Kraft
- 21 Karl Dickel
- Sadie Drucker
- 22 Elizabeth Bobzin Michael Gorman Elise Jennings
- 23 Jim McManamy Walter Rouh
- 24 Brynn Cusano
- 25 Dan Gooch
- Nick Kreh
- 29 Tricia Eckert
- 30 Jim Kruithof



- Happy Anniversary
 - 2 Ed & Marcie Daniels
 - 12 Paul & Lori Brooks
 - 19 Heather & Joe Vincent
 - 20 Brashad & Cindy Waters
 - 24 John & Corrine Brickner
 - 26 Neil & Heather Riggs



EASTER CANTATA

REDEMPTION THE POWER OF THE CROSS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 4:00PM

The Choirs of our church invite you to come and prepare your hearts and minds for the events of Holy Week, remembering what Jesus did for ALL of us at the cross.



Easter Egg Hunt (For children 2 years -6th grade) United Methodist Church of Mantua McConnell Hall

Saturday, April 20th

11:00 A.M. Rain or Shine!

Light lunch will be served (Hot Dog, Chips, Beverage, Fruit)

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your basket, and join the fun!!

Dessert Night

Once again the Mission Team will be sponsoring a dessert night on Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 PM. You can enter a dessert into contest. The desserts will be judged by judges and by those in attendance and prizes will be awarded. The cost to enter the contest is \$5.00 and the cost of admission is \$5.00. (\$10.00 to enter a dessert and eat or \$5.00 to come and eat!). Family Promise guests will be with us so join us for a sweet night of fellowship and fun. All proceeds will benefit the mission trip this August.



Vacation Bible School 2019 June 24th - 28th from 6pm-8:30pm

We hope you can join us as we discover the wonders of God's universe! The evening starts with dinner, then we have our mission project, music, classes for all ages, activities, games,

crafts, door prizes and we end with prayer! This is a family & friends event, so everyone is welcome to attend! This year the theme is space, if you have anything we could use to decorate or would like to help, please see Jenise.

> Go Beyond with Faith - Boldness - Kindness - Thankfulness & Hope!



Women's Community Bible Study meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. September-May at 9:30 am. Please join with us as we study God's Word. All are welcome. Please contact the church office at 468-2711 or call 468-5549 with questions.

