

PASTOR'S CORNER

*"And He departed from that sight that we might return
to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed,
and behold, He is here.*

Augustine of Hippo

Have you ever wondered the date that Easter came to be celebrated? Why Easter Sunday can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25? Then perhaps a review of Easter's timing might be of some benefit. Initially Christians celebrated the resurrection of Christ every Sunday, with observances such as scripture readings, psalms and the Eucharist. At some point in the first two centuries, however, it became customary to celebrate the resurrection, in a more elaborate fashion, on one day of each year. Many of the religious observances of this celebration were intended to coincide with the Jewish Passover.

It was at this point that the specific *day* on which the resurrection should be celebrated became a major point of contention. First, should Easter be on Jewish Passover no matter on what day that falls, or should it always fall on a Sunday? It seems Christians in Asia took the former position, while those everywhere else insisted on the latter. The eminent church fathers Irenaeus and Polycarp were among the Asiatic Christians, and they claimed the authority of the Apostle John for their position. Nevertheless, the church majority officially decided that Easter should always be celebrated on a Sunday.

With this issue resolved, the next problem was to determine *which* Sunday to celebrate the resurrection. Because the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ happened after the Passover, they wanted Easter to always be celebrated subsequent to the Passover. And, since the Jewish holiday calendar is based on solar and lunar cycles, each feast day is movable, with dates shifting from year to year. Now, from here the explanation grows more complicated.

Today in western Christianity, Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon. Initially Easter was always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox; but, beginning at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., the western church decided to establish a more standardized system for determining the date of

Easter. As astronomers were able to approximate the dates of all the full moons in future years, the western church used these calculations to establish a table of Ecclesiastical Full Moon dates. These dates would determine the Holy Days on the Ecclesiastical calendar.

Though modified slightly from its original form, by 1583 A.D. the table for determining the Ecclesiastical Full Moon dates was permanently established and has been used ever since to determine the date of Easter. Thus, according to the Ecclesiastical tables, the Paschal Full Moon is the first Ecclesiastical Full Moon date after March 20 (which happened to be the vernal equinox date in 325 A.D.). So, in western Christianity, Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon. The Paschal Full Moon can vary as much as two days from the date of the actual full moon, with dates ranging from March 21 to April 18. As a result, Easter dates can range from March 22 through April 25 in Western Christianity.

Ultimately, though, *whenever* Easter is celebrated is quite subservient to the event itself. The blessed day when Jesus the Christ triumphed over death, itself, provides both a day of hope and a day of new life. My prayer this day is that this year each of you will take it upon yourselves to take in the entirety of the Lenten and Holy Week experience while pledging your life, anew, to the work of Jesus the Christ in this world.

God Bless Always, Chris



April 1st - Easter Sunday

***11:00 a.m. Worship - "Celebration of the
Festival of Resurrection"***



**“Sharing brings joy...
to others, to God & to us.”**

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering help provide relief those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

**This special offering will be received
on *Easter Sunday, April 1st*.
Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing
will support the following:**



Every Sunday Morning

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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April 1 – Susan Fabry, Barbara Foard

April 8 – HOST NEEDED

April 15 – HOST NEEDED

April 22 – HOST NEEDED

April 29 - HOST NEEDED

**If you would like to  
volunteer to host a  
Coffee Fellowship,  
the sign-up sheet is on  
the bulletin board in  
the Donaldson Room  
or call the church  
office, 304-523-9920.**



Coffee, creamer, sugar,  
cups, plates & napkins are all provided. You only  
need to bring juice, home-baked or store-bought  
baked goods, and fruit if you would like.

Thank you from the Fellowship Team!

...and the Children...ages 1 – 99!!

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April Birthdays

- 1 - Marcia Daoust
- 2 - Alex Cunningham
Laura Gilliam
- 3 - Pat Zabel
- 10- Robin Bonyak
- 12 - Becky Lepanto
- 14 - Tammy Damron
Susan Fabry
- 15 - Austin Allen
- 19 - Virginia Stewart
- 20 - John Brewster
- 23 - Matt Olson
- 24 - Betsy Gerber
- 28- Faith Bonyak

Food & Clothing Pantry

Christian Associates' Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry has asked EPPC to contribute:



**36 cans of
Ravioli
in April.**

If you would like to be a volunteer at the Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry, which is located in the Trinity Episcopal Church, you can go Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. and Monday 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

They in desperate need of SPRING/SUMMER BOY'S & GIRL'S CLOTHING, SIZES 6 - 9 MONTHS and MEN'S Med. BOXERS

Hope Chest Mission

Our Hope Chest
"Item of the Month"
for **APRIL** is:

POTS & PANS.

**These are the most
needed items.**



Please leave your donations on the table in the Donaldson Room. The Hope Chest items are distributed to Huntington City Mission, Cridlin Food & Clothing Pantry, and Harmony House.

*Our Mission: "We exalt God
through joyful worship,
loving care for others,
and service to our
community and world."*



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATE FAMILIES

If you have someone who will be graduating this spring **from high school, college, graduate school or any educational institution**, please contact the church office by April 21st at 304-523-9920 or email Barbara the info to eppc7@outlook.com



We would like to honor them in the May newsletter.



Your Ideas & Input are Needed!



*Come meet with
Presbytery Representatives
in Listener Teams*

*to Share Your Concerns & Praises
whether good, bad or ugly,
about the Life of our Church
as we seek ways to revitalize EPPC
to insure the Future of our Church.
Saturday morning, April 14th*

**You may sign up for a 25 min. time slot for
Saturday April 14th, between 9:30- 12:30.**

There is a schedule of
eight 25-minute sessions every half hour
for up to 5-6 members per group.
You can arrange to meet with friends and choose
which ½ hour time that's convenient for you.

*Talk with your church friends &
Sign-up in the Donaldson Room or
call the Church Office 304-523-9920
or email eppc7@outlook.com*

Another way to provide your thoughts is by e-mail
or snail mail directly to the Executive Presbyter.
Your confidentiality will be maintained.

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c/o Presbytery of West Virginia
520 Second Ave.
South Charleston, WV 25303

Email:

wvgeneralpresbyter@wvpresbytery.org

Think about it. Pray about it.
The future of Enslow Park may depend
on the success of these discussions.

~ The Session of EPPC ~

Consider “The Lilies”

(Ladies Inspired by the Lord In Eternal Service)
formerly Presbyterian Women of EPPC

A heartfelt **THANKS to All** who were involved
in the planning and participation in the LILIES
"Celebration of the Gifts of Women" worship
service & reception on Sunday, March 11th. A
very special thank you to **Mary Lou Pratt**, a
woman who exemplifies "A Woman Leading in
Love" not only in EPPC, but to the community, near
and far as well. We appreciate & celebrate having
her in our church family.

**The next women's LILIES meeting will be on
Sunday, April 15th, in the parlor after worship.
All EPPC women, and EPPC friends, are invited
and encouraged to attend.** Marilyn Lilly will be
leading our Bible Study "Who Is Jesus", lesson #8:
"According to the other Abrahamic Faiths".

The LILIES meet after the Sunday worship service
in the parlor on the third Sunday of each month,
September through June. We invite all the women
of our church to a light lunch, fellowship, **local and
world mission involvement**, devotions and
scripturally based study and discussions.

If you have any questions, please contact: Susan K.
Fabry, Moderator of The LILIES, 304-523-0891 or
susankfabry@msn.com.



*Our Vision: “We will be known
as a growing, spiritually vibrant,
and diverse congregation, serving
others through Christ’s love.”*



*The Gathering
Gathered...
to celebrate March &
the Anticipation of Spring*

A Big Thank You

*To Marcia Daoust & Michelly Frizao
from the Fellowship Team
& from everyone who attended
...for graciously hosting*

*"The Gathering" in the Parlor at EPPC
The food was so delicious and everyone had
a really great time...as you can see by the
photo below!*



"Recipe of the Month"
"Brazilian Chicken Stroganoff"

This Month's recipe has been submitted
by Michelly Frizao

Michelly served this delicious Brazilian dish
along with Marcia Daoust's delicious Quinoa
at "The Gathering" on March 3rd.

Serves 3-4

Ingredients:

- 3+ Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 onion, cut up
- 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1 lb. or more boneless,
skinless, chicken breasts
- salt & pepper to taste
- 4 oz. can of tomato paste
- 1 can of Table Cream (Creme de leite Nestle)
(you can find this in the baking section)
- 1 jar of champignon. (a pickled mushroom)



Preparation:

Cut the chicken into bite-sized cubes. In a skillet,
sauté the onion and garlic. Add the chicken & sauté
until browned.

Add salt & pepper to your taste,
while cooking. After the chicken is
nice and browned, add the tomato
paste and stir in well. Take off the
heat and stir in the cream and the
mushrooms making sure to stir in all the chicken
brownings in the bottom of the pan.

Serve over rice or even better - quinoa!
Bom appetite!



Send us your Recipe!

If you have a recipe that you
would want to share in
EPPC's "Recipe of the
Month" column, please
email it to the

Fellowship Team Co-chairs:
Karen Faulk and Pat Zabel
or to the church office:
faulkkaren@yahoo.com

eppc7@outlook.com



Thank You for Helping to Honor our 1st Responders in March!

Thanks to everyone who participated in EPPC's project to honor the firemen at Fire Stations 4 & 5. The cookies, cakes and fruit looked delicious! Michelly packaged them up to create a gift for us to be proud of giving. Each fireman was able to take home a plate of assorted cookies. In addition to the individual plates, there was an abundance of goodies for them to eat at the stations during each work shift.

We had lots of fun meeting the firemen. It was an extra special occasion for Doris Flock, whose father, Russel Withers, was a fireman stationed at #5 when she was a little girl. We were shown a group photo including him, which I was able to capture with my I-Pad.



Please bring Cookies, Cakes or Fruit for 1st Responders in April & May



The Outreach & Service Team will continue to regularly show appreciation to our Huntington 1st Responders. If you would like to participate, you can provide home-made or store bought cookies, cakes or fruit.

The dates to bring them to the church:



~ by Tues., April 17th
~ by Mon. May 14th

**Please leave your
much-appreciated
donations in the
Donaldson Room.**

Questions?? Contact Rodrigo Almeida
eppcoutreach@gmail.com
304-972 8103

*"Thank you
to all who have
given 7 guitars!
& funding to the
Guitar Program"*



Dear Friends,

Your generous response to the needs of the new outreach project for disadvantaged kids, called "The Guitar Program", has been amazing.

This project is dedicated to disadvantage/low income kids in order to teach them how to read music and play the guitar.

I am already teaching guitar classes to children at the Boys & Girls Club in Gyandotte and I will begin classes at EPPC this summer.

Rodrigo Almeida
EPPC Outreach Coordinator