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# Parish Sounds

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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Berthoud

**"A TRADITION OF SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY"**

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Adult Bible Study-8:30am  
Worship Service-10:00am

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During Worship



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## PASTOR'S PEN



*"What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power."*

~ 1 Corinthians 15:42–43 NRSV

*". . . but if it dies, it bears much fruit."*

~ John 12:24 NRSV

**W**hat is the "it" of which Paul and Jesus speak in these verses? The context in both passages describes seeds which, once buried in the ground, sprout forth bearing new life in a new form. But Paul and Jesus each use the image of the seed figuratively here to speak of something else. Seeds look different from flowers. Roots look different from fruit. The image, the metaphor, matters because of the relationship between two different, but connected, forms of life. There is both continuity and contrast between what came before and what comes after.

So it is and will be—Jesus and Paul each say—with our mortal bodies. Scripture teaches that we will all one day be raised through Christ to new life (Daniel 12:2–3, John 5:28–29, Acts 17:31, Revelation 21:12–13). Our human bodies, which are now perishable and weak, will one day be raised imperishable and glorious. And the difference could be as stunning as the contrast between a tiny plain seed and the radiant flower which later grows from it. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard . . . the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV). "We are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed" (1 John 3:2 NRSV). This contrast is our hope as Christians, and it is possible only because Jesus was raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:17–18).

This hope should evoke two responses in us: *joyful celebration* and *zeal for mission*. After six weeks of penitence, the Church calendar invites us to spend seven weeks celebrating the resurrection. The joy of Easter is not confined to one day, or even one season, but ought to permeate all our days.

Cultivating that joy requires the discipline of celebration. Anglican Bishop N.T. Wright playfully describes such celebration in his book *Surprised by Hope*: "Easter week itself ought not to be the time when all the clergy sigh with relief and go on holiday. It ought to be an eight-day festival, with champagne served after morning prayer (or even before!), with lots of alleluias and extra hymns and spectacular anthems."<sup>1</sup> Our worship as a church in the coming weeks will be decidedly celebratory (though probably without champagne). How might you carry that joy home? What might God be inviting you to do in order to intentionally celebrate the resurrection, not just on Easter, but in the following weeks as well?

Filled up with the joy and fueled by hope, we are then sent out into the world by Christ as *participants in his mission*. God wants the whole world to experience resurrection life. Just as the seed is different from the fruit, and our mortal bodies are different from our immortal bodies, so also this world is destined to be transformed. Isaiah 65:17–25 and Revelation 21:1–4 speak of the "new heavens and new earth" that God is creating, a world where peace and wholeness reign in all creation. Granted, the scriptures cited above regarding general resurrection do also speak of judgment. This is because there are still forces, powers, and people who actively resist the power of God's new life breaking into this

<sup>1</sup> N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope* (New York, NY: HarperOne 2008) p. 256



world. In the end, all that leads to death will be excluded from the new creation. But until that day, God is patiently waiting for more and more hearts to turn toward him, “not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9 NIV). And that means we have a job to do.

Our calling in this in-between time is to live in anticipation of the resurrection, expecting God to transform not just us but the world around us as well. South African scholar of world mission, David Bosch, wrote, “In the resurrection of Christ the forces of the future already stream into the present and transform it, even if everything that meets the eye appears to be unchanged.”<sup>2</sup> Bosch continues saying that for the Church in mission, this means “first, that the central theme of our missionary message is that Christ is risen, and that, secondly and consequently, the church is called to live the resurrection life in the here and now and to be a sign of contradiction against the forces of death and destruction.”<sup>3</sup>

How do we do this? We’re more familiar with the first part of Bosch’s call. In gratitude for the new life we’ve been given in Jesus Christ, we proclaim to all peoples that forgiveness, healing, restoration, and hope are found solely in Jesus. But what does it mean to “be a sign of contradiction against the forces of death and destruction”? In a world where death and destruction remain so active at so many levels, where do we even begin?

On the one hand, this calling informs the *actions* that accompany the words we speak in mission. Feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, protesting injustice, and defending life are all ways to resist the powers of death in the name of Jesus. Closer to home, we can resist death and destruction by choosing daily that which leads to joy and life in our personal lives. To again quote N.T. Wright: “If Calvary means putting to death things in your life that need killing off if you are to flourish as a Christian as a truly human being, then Easter should mean planting, watering, and training up things in your life (personal and corporate) that ought to be blossoming, filling the garden with color and perfume and in due course bearing fruit.”<sup>4</sup>

As we look ahead to and celebrate the resurrection, let’s ask how we can “practice resurrection.”<sup>5</sup> What if the joy, the beauty, the fresh life of the future could somehow leak into the present now? How might you make more space for that joy in your life in this season? How is God calling you to resist the ways in which death still grasps for power in this world? May the Holy Spirit inspire our responses and lead us forth in joyful mission.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Chris*

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<sup>2</sup> David J. Bosch, *Transforming Mission* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books 1991) p. 515

<sup>3</sup> *Transforming Mission* p. 515

<sup>4</sup> *Surprised by Hope* p. 257

<sup>5</sup> This phrase is from the poem “Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” by Wendell Berry



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship Luncheon this month will be on Thursday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m. Meet for food and fellowship at Cornerstone Café at 250 Mountain Avenue in Berthoud. Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Marian Thrush at 970-532-5989 or 720-272-8213 if you have any questions.



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast for everyone will be Monday, April 3 at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to the breakfast. All men are welcome to join in the coffee fellowship on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. during the rest of the month.

## PRAYER CONCERNS



**Please keep these folks in your prayers:**

#### ***Our Homebound Members:***

Barbara Schaal	Natalie Austin
Betty Hartman	Flossie Barrowman
Lorraine Thompson	Lorena Lebsack

#### ***Pray also for:***

Jerry Groves, who will undergo surgery on April 18; family and friends of Don Crain; Nancy Linnertz, widow of Stan; Mike Salomonson; Mark Heim; the Lenz Family (Mission Family in Peru); Dale and Mary Ann Louis; and our military serving around the world, veterans, government leaders, and local and national peacemakers and reconcilers.

## DATES TO CELEBRATE

April 1	Shawn Smith
April 2	Chuck Bradney
April 4	Barbara Schaal
April 7	Dan Kube
April 11	Roxie Bradney
April 12	Jerry Groves
April 13	Janice Gibb
April 14	Sonya Doan
April 19	Jeremy Doan
April 22	Addie Doan
April 25	Sally Seitz



April 10	Niccole & Cole Deister
April 16	Chuck & Roxie Bradney

*If we have missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please call Marty Hyde at (970) 532-2192.*





**SESSION MEETING ~ March 13, 2017**

- Pastor Chris is leading a Lenten Study on *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Wednesday afternoons during Lent.
- Baptisms were approved for Luke Sommers, son of Alex and Kayla Sommers, on March 26, and Sonya, Colette, and Quinlynn Doan, daughters of Jeremy and Jenni Doan, on Easter Sunday, April 16.
- Approval was given for Marty Hyde to look into an offer for purchasing an AED for the church.
- Children's Church is going well, but volunteer leaders are still needed. Contact Bettie Dinsmore if interested.
- The search has begun for a nursery attendant, an organist, and a choir director. Contact Ruth Fletcher-Carter or Joy Woodruff if you know of someone who may be interested.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Heim

**DEACON MEETING ~ March 7, 2017**

The Deacons met on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. We discussed congregational visits made during the past month and needed for this month.

We also compiled lists of cards sent and cards to be sent. We talked about current needs in our congregation and in the community and discussed what needed to be done. Please contact a Deacon if you have a need or know of someone in our church or community who is in need. We count on ALL of you to help keep us informed.



Donations were made to Honor Flight of Colorado, Berthoud High School Baccalaureate, and Give Next (a civic/ philanthropy class at BHS).

We also invite each of you to help with our visits to homebound members. Visits are so enjoyed by those who can't attend church. They miss their church family. A list of homebound members can be found in the bulletin and *Parish Sounds*.

We thank you for all of your support. It's doing great things in our congregation and our community!

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Downing

**SESSION MEETINGS**

7:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month

**DEACON MEETINGS**

6:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

Meeting times and dates may change to accommodate holidays and other schedules.

If you have a question, call the church office at 532-2192.



## HOLY WEEK – April 9 through April 16

Palm Sunday, April 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
Maundy Thursday, April 13	6:30 p.m.	Worship at First United Methodist Church
Good Friday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae Worship Service
Easter Sunday, April 16	6:15 a.m.	Sunrise Service at Roberts Pond
	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at First United Methodist
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Communion, and Baptisms



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USHERS

Revised March 2017 • From Vivian Downing

Please arrive at the church by 9:30 a.m. Unlock the elevator, remove the window coverings\* in the sanctuary, and turn on all the lights, including the light behind the cross (located inside door, on ceiling in narrow hallway behind pulpit). Check to be sure collection plates are on the tables.

\*Remember: Twist the rods on the windows. **DO NOT** yank them down!

**GREET** people as they arrive and hand out bulletins. Please help those who use the elevator. When visitors arrive, encourage them to sign the guest register. Give a guest bag (hanging on the coat rack) to visitors.

**WELCOME BELL:** \*Ring the church bell between 9:45–9:50 a.m. (Make sure no one is on the steps when you ring the bell. It is really loud.) \*Switch is above the sink.

**LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE:** The child acolyte listed on the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary will lead the Pastor and Worship Assistant down the aisle. If a child has not signed up, an usher will need to light the Christ candle. Light the candle lighter wick before walking down the aisle. After lighting the Christ candle, extinguish the wick on the candle lighter before returning to the back of the sanctuary.

**COUNT** the number of people attending church and record the number in the green notebook found in the “desk” where the bulletins are located. Remember to count nursery, Sunday school, and balcony.

**OFFERING:** When the Pastor announces the time for offering, all three ushers will go forward. The center usher will retrieve the offering plates, which are on a table to the right of the altar area, and give them to the other ushers who will walk up the south and north aisles. The middle usher will pass the offering plates up the middle aisle. When the organist begins to play the offering response (“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”), the center usher will take the plates down the center aisle back to the table down front and return up the center aisle.

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE:** Have the same child (or an usher) go forward with the candle lighter (unlit) on either side of the sanctuary during the final hymn and before the benediction. After the benediction, light the wick from the candle and then extinguish the candle. Walk out ahead of the Pastor and extinguish the wick once past the last pew in the rear of the sanctuary.

**AFTER THE SERVICE:** Hang the window coverings back on the windows and be sure all the lights are turned off in the Sanctuary. LEAVE ON the overhead lights above the choir. **Ushers are responsible for locking up the church and locking the elevator. All “duties” should be completed before leaving the church. If you need to leave and there are members remaining, be sure someone will be responsible for locking up the church for you.**

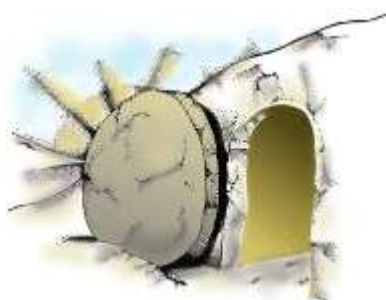


## THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST ~ Luke 23 and 24



<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." ...<sup>44</sup> It was about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,<sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last...<sup>52</sup> [A] man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth,

and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup> The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup> Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments... <sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."



## COMMUNION SERVERS

### Communion

We will celebrate communion by intinction every Sunday through Easter. Individuals assisting with communion for the month of April are as follows:

#### April 2

Preparer Barbara Losche  
Servers Judy Allshouse  
Bettie Dismore  
Barbara Losche

#### April 9

Preparer Mark Johnson  
Servers Ruth Fletcher-Carter  
Rebecca Johnson  
Mark Johnson

#### April 16







Preparer Janet Deen  
Servers Nicole Deister  
Sally Seitz  
Karin Sommers





# April 2017 ~ Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>April 9 – April 16</p>						<b>1</b> – 8:30am–1pm Scout Food Drive for 
<b>2</b> – 8:30am Adult Sunday School – 10am Worship and Communion	<b>3</b> – 8am Men's Fellowship and Breakfast – 7pm Session Meeting	<b>4</b> – 9am HNS – 6pm Deacon Mtg – 6:30pm AI-Anon	<b>5</b> – 1pm Book Study – 7pm Choir Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> – 8:30am Adult Sunday School – 10am Worship and Communion	<b>10</b> – 8am Men's Fellowship	<b>11</b> – 9am HNS – 6:30pm AI-Anon	<b>12</b> – 7pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <b>Parish Sounds Deadline</b> – 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service at UMC	<b>14</b> <i>Good Friday</i> – 7pm Good Friday Service	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> – 6:15am Sunrise Service–Roberts Pond – 7am Breakfast–UMC – 8:30am Sunday School – 10am Worship and Communion	<b>17</b> – 8am Men's Fellowship	<b>18</b> – 9am HNS – 6:30pm AI-Anon	<b>19</b> – 7pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 
<b>23/30</b> – 8:30am Adult Sunday School – 10am Worship	<b>24</b> – 8am Men's Fellowship	<b>25</b> – 9am HNS – 6:30pm AI-Anon	<b>26</b>  – 7pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



## WHO'S WHO

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Brown..... 532-2192  
 Interim Choir Director: Beth Sommers ..... (303) 678-8493  
 Organist: .....  
 Nursery Attendant: .....  
 Clerk of Session: Julie Heim ..... 532-4807  
 Financial Secretary: Ann Hughes..... 587-4057  
 Treasurer: Virgil Downing ..... 622-8847  
 Bookkeeper: LuAnn Hostetter..... 532-2192  
 Facility Manager: Karin Sommers ..... 631-3373  
 Grounds Maintenance: .....  
 Administrative Assistant: Marty Hyde ..... 532-2192  
*Parish Sounds* Editor: Marty Hyde ..... 532-2192

### SESSION

Mark Johnson ..... '17 ..... 532-5228  
 Rebecca Johnson ..... '17 ..... 532-5228  
 Virgil Downing ..... '17 ..... 622-8847  
 Julie Heim' ..... '18 ..... 532-4807  
 Bettie Dinsmore ..... '18..... 532-3033  
 Joy Woodruff ..... '18 ..... 412-0217  
 Janet Deen ..... '19 ..... 699-9344  
 Ruth Fletcher-Carter ..... '19 ..... 532-2681  
 John Sommers ..... '19 ..... 631-3374

### DEACONS

John Prock..... '17..... 532-3564  
 Karl Gruber ..... '17..... 535-4960  
 Verna Covey..... '17..... 532-4815  
 Karin Sommers..... '18..... 631-3373  
 Vivian Downing..... '18..... 622-8847  
 Marian Thrush ..... '18..... 532-5989  
 Ray Gurney ..... '19..... (303) 772-0957  
 Ann Hughes..... '19..... 587-4057  
 Linda Olson ..... '19..... (720) 203-6395

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### USHERS

#### April 2

Janice Gibb  
 Chris Pollock  
 Dianne Pollock

#### April 9

Karin Sommers  
 Niccole Deister  
 Janice Gibb

#### April 14

Virgil Downing  
 Vivian Downing

#### April 16

Ann Hughes  
 Marian Thrush  
 Ray Gurney

#### April 23

Linda Olson  
 Carey Salomonson  
 Donna Salomonson

#### April 30

Ray Gurney  
 Brent Anderson  
 Lois Anderson

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Communion  
 will be  
 celebrated  
 every Sunday  
 through  
 Easter.  
**See page 7**  
 for a list  
 of preparers  
 and servers.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### April 2

Virgil Downing

#### April 9

Dorothy Kurlander

#### April 16

Carolyn Kube

#### April 23

Mark Johnson

#### April 30

Rebecca Johnson

### NURSERY ASSISTANTS

#### April 2

Dorothy Kurlander

#### April 9

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#### April 16

No Nursery

#### April 23

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#### April 30

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### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

#### April 2

Karin Sommers

#### April 9

Dianne Pollock

#### April 16

No Ch. Church

#### April 23

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#### April 30

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**Leader for April:**  
 Janet Deen







**SUNDAY  
SCHEDULE**

8:30am  
Adult Bible Study

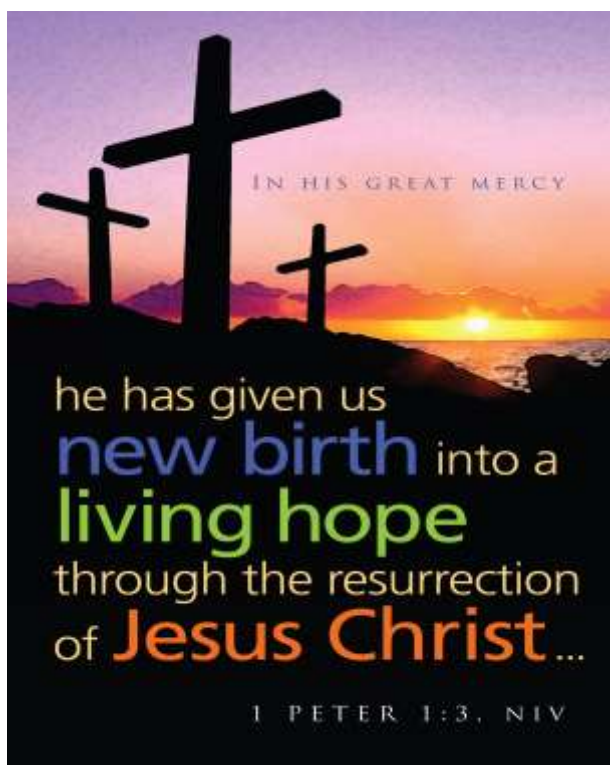
10:00am  
Worship Service  
Nursery Available



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