



Think Spring!!!



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WAITING FOR EASTER

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Waiting for Easter.

Three years ago in 2008 we didn't need to wait for Easter. Celebrated on Sunday, March 23, Easter showed up before the last snows had melted in some parts of the country.

This year, however, we've been waiting. Easter hasn't been this late since it was observed on April 25 in 1945. The last time Easter was celebrated on today's date was 1859!

If you like Easter in late April, you will need to wait until 2038 when it is again observed on April 25. As for April 24, you will need to wait until 2095!

But the good news is that the only true "waiting" for Easter occurred 2,000 years ago when the Bible tells us that even Creation

waited for the Son of God to burst the bonds of death!

Since that resurrection morning, believers have not had to wait. All waiting is over! Instead, we rejoice every day of the year that



Christ is our risen lord and Savior. The songwriter who wrote this hymn

was not "waiting" for Easter; he experienced Easter every day. Alfred Ackley wrote:

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today I know that he is living, whatever men may say. I see his hand of mercy; I hear his

voice of cheer; and just the time I need him, he's always near.

CHORUS: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and lakes with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he live, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

He you see his "hand of mercy"? Do you "hear his voice of cheer"? If you do, you, too, are not "waiting" for Easter; you are experiencing Easter!

(Timothy Merrill)

THOUGHT:

We live and die;
Christ died and lived!

You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving.

Let's not waste a second worrying because we are not like other people. You are something new in this world. Never before, since the beginning of time, has there ever been anybody exactly like you; and never again throughout all the ages to come will there be anybody exactly like you again.

Top Ten con't.

5. "Go Tell It on the Mountain -
And Speak Up!"
4. "Give Me That Old Timer's
Religion."
3. "Blessed Insurance"
2. "Guide Me, O Thou Great
Jehovah (I've Forgotten
Where I Parked)"

AND THE NUMBER ONE
HYMN FOR PEOPLE OF THE
OLDER GENERATION
IS.....

OUR APRIL PEOPLE**GREETERS**

- (3) Rachel & Christine
- (10) Rick & Barbara Baird
- (17) Wanda Brown & Nola Hough
- (24) Joe & Bev McAdams

NURSERY

- (3) Heidi Fitch & Isaac
- (10) Sandra Woodward & Joy Lyons
- (17) Alissa Lovely & Kianna Pike
- (24) Jody Deacon & Brad McFadden

JUNIOR CHURCH

- (3) Shannon Carr
- (10) Lewis & Debbie Little
- (17) Jennifer Lander
- (24) Steve McFadden
- (25)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING**"NEARER, MY GOD
TO THEE"**

HAVE A NICE DAY AND A
BETTER TOMORROW.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS**

- 1) Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.
- 2) Store open chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!
- 3) Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.
- 4) Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.
- 5) To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich, add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream; then beat them.
- 6) Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste or at the end of cooking if you want a stronger taste.

Seniors Adopting Seniors

Recently PAWS has created a new program to enable Senior Citizens to adopt mature cats that will enhance and enrich their lives. It is proven that older people enjoy life more and live longer happily when they have a pet. Mature cats usually give back more than they're given in areas of comfort, companionship and love. The cats in PAWS care are all spayed/neutered and have all vaccinations. If a mature cat is adopted, the fee for Seniors is waived. This is a big financial boost because the cost of spaying and neutering can be expensive.

PAWS is hoping to find sponsors to fund "KAT KITS" that will give the adopting Senior the set up for caring for their new family member. It would be a litter box and some litter, a bag of cat food, a scratch post, a toy and maybe two bowls for food and water. This is a project we are working on as we write.

Please know that all the cats are well and well cared for at PAWS. Each adopting person needs a reference, just as a person would need to adopt a child. It is important to PAWS that the adopting "parent" loves cats, and will be a loving parent.

PAWS is a loving and caring center for cats and dogs. The fact that Seniors are enriched by having pets in their lives is old news but a new thrust for PAWS to support older folks. It's a win/win situation for all. We hope you will consider PAWS for pet adoption and even financial support especially animal lovers. The cost of spaying/neutering, feeding, and general vet care for cats and dogs at PAWS is great. The local vet is generous with his time and two weeks ago we had veterinarian, Dr. Brown, come with a mobile unit to spay and neuter cats. They are all "fixed" at PAWS, for the moment. New cats arrive frequently.

Thank you for taking time to read this and consider the Seniors Adopting Seniors Program.

(Karen Hastings, PAWS Volunteer
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An Easter Message from the Pastor

In this month of April, at least two major events in the life of the church will take place—the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, and the participation of a group from Second Baptist in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. These might seem to be two very different things at first glance, but from the Bible's point of view they go hand in hand—events of Easter should lead us directly into missions. The connection between Easter and missions is a special emphasis of Luke's Gospel in particular, so it's fitting that Luke is the object of our study in morning worship this year. At the very end of Luke's Gospel, the risen Jesus speaks to his disciples: "This is what is written; the Christ

will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations." (23:46-47). That's pretty clear isn't it. Our celebration of Jesus' resurrection should lead us into missions and evangelism. Let's remember that Jesus' sacrifice is not only for us—it's not given just so that we can sit back and feel good about being forgiven. Jesus' sacrifice is also for the sake of the whole world, and it's our honor and duty to take part in spreading that message. For some of us, that means going to the Dominican Republic and showing the love of Christ to the people there. For others of us, it might mean talking to a friend or neighbor

about Jesus. It might mean supporting our DR missions team with continual prayer. It might mean making a resolution to pray for the cause of missions in all nations. It might even mean considering the possibility that God could be calling you to be a missionary. There are lots of ways to get involved in what God is doing in the world. The message of the forgiveness and new life we have in Christ is a message that is meant to be shared. It's the best news there is, and the best way to celebrate it is by passing it on.

(Pastor Matt)

APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

April 1 Nancy Beal
 April 5 Ruth Lyons
 April 6 Sandra Sherrard
 April 7 Trudy Gillespie
 April 8 Casey Donovan

April 8 Karen Davis

April 15 John Benner

April 17 Jim Doten

Pastor Al Coffey

April 22 Bruce Bailey

April 29 Dana Johnson



Washington Place needs items for their store. Please leave donations in the basket provided on the table.

Soap, combs, socks, tooth paste or brushes, writing pads, pencils/pens, shower caps, after shave, jewelry, puzzle books, candy. Any kind of personal items, or something they can use in their rooms. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING**

This 'N That

Sorry to report that Pastor Ray Morse is having treatments at Cancer Care of Maine in Brewer. He travels daily for treatments. We are praying for you, Ray.

Also, Kay Urquhart has to return for 4 more treatments in Brewer. Pray for a quick recovery and safe travels.

Nola Hough is recovering at home after having shoulder surgery.

Can I "brag" you about our granddaughter Shannon Marden. She was recently hired by the Regency Hotel in Portland's Old Port as their new Sales Manager. This position begins on April 11. Papa and I are very proud of her. And, Dale is with us for a few days while he works at Calais Fire/EMS. They just keep us smilin' :)

The following 2nd Baptist will be going on the missionary trip to the Do-

minican Republic: Pastor Matt, Nathan and Brian Marshall, Karen Hastings, Cindy Richendollar, Dr. Bob. Joe McAdams, Mary McLellan, Laurie Greene, and other community people including Anne Perry.

While I write this on Thursday afternoon, I am impatiently waiting for the April 1st snow storm. Please send spring ASAP.

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Some Perks of Being Over 50

- 1) Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- 2) People call at 9am and ask, "Did I wake you?"
- 3) There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- 4) No one expects you to "run" anywhere.
- 5) Things you buy now won't wear out.
- 6) You sing along with the elevator music.
- 7) Your investment health insurance is beginning to pay off.
- 8) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember anything either.
- 9) Your joints are more accurate meteorologist than the national weather service.

One Sunday during in his sermon, a preacher asks the congregation how many are willing to forgive their enemies. They all raise their hands, except for one elderly lady in the back pew.

The preacher notices and asks, "Mrs. Jones, why aren't you willing to forgive your enemies?"

"Well, I don't have any," she replies.

"Mrs. Jones, you're ninety-three years old and have no enemies? How is this possible?"

"It's easy', she says, "I simply outlived all of 'em."

Dear God,

My prayer for 2011 is for a fat bank account and a thin body. Please don't mix these up, like you did last year. Amen



This 'n That (con't)

Mary McLellan was recently treated to a surprise retirement party. Mary was truly surprised. Nice to have relatives home from Texas to celebrate: sister Diane Peek, niece Mary Kay, and nephew W.C. and wife. The surprise was concocted by her children Duane and Laurie with a little help from husband Doug. It was a great time. Congrats, Mary. Enjoy the upcoming summer at camp.

Kathy and Choir are working hard on the Easter Cantata to be held Easter night. Remember that choir practice is at 4:30pm for the remainder of the month.

Did you read the Bangor Daily News and see where Ben & Jessie Tracy, Phineas' parents, are in the running for a new home from ABC's Extreme Home Make-Over? How wonderful that would be for them. Fin has not

been in the hospital since November and doing well. He is learning sign language as he is unable to speak with the "treg" inserted in his throat. He is also still on a feeding tube.

The next East Area meeting will be Saturday, May 7 in North Sedgwick. If you would like to attend let Pastor Matt or Sally know.

April 1st—April Fool's Day—is this snow storm a joke?????

Saturday, 11:30am—Guess what? It wasn't an April Fool's joke. I waded through 6 inches of snow this morning to get to the truck to get here to finish the newsletter. (how's that for a sentence?) Never try to figure out Mother Nature.....

So nice to welcome two new members Ron & Heidi Williams. We are pleased you chose us as your home church.

Shamus & Elaine Trainor are entertaining his parents this weekend. They live on Cape Cod. Wonder how much snow they have?

Thank you to Muriel Doten. Aunt Muriel comes in a few days before Communion each month and prepares the cups. You are appreciated!!

Sandra Sherrard, Mary McLellan, and Irene Gallway traveled to Bangor last week. Mary received a "quilting thing" at her retirement party, but she didn't know how to use it. So off they went for lessons. Now I know that was a fun trip.

Please note that meetings for the Diaconate and Trustees have been moved up a week because of Easter Sunday.

That's all, folks!

