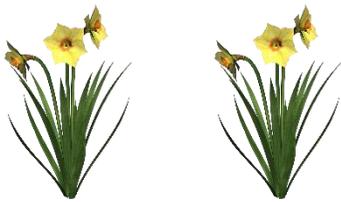


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THE PEW REVIEW



Knee-Deep in Daffodils

When the first flowers of spring bloomed in our yard, my 5 year-old son waded into a patch of daffodils. He noticed some debris from plants that had expired months before and remarked, "Mom, when I see something dead, it reminds me of Easter because Jesus died on the cross."

I replied, "When I see something alive - like the daffodils - it reminds me that Jesus came back to life!"

One reason we know Jesus rose from the grave is that, according to the gospel of Luke, He approached two travelers headed to Emmaus 3 days after His crucifixion. Jesus walked with them; He ate dinner with them; He even gave a lesson in Old Testament

The empty cross and the empty tomb provide a full salvation.

Prophecy. The encounter showed the travelers that Jesus conquered the grave - He had risen from the dead. As a result, the pair returned to Jerusalem and told the disciples, "The Lord has really risen!"

If Jesus had not come back to life, our faith as Christians would be pointless, and we would still be under the penalty of our sin. However, the Bible tells us that Jesus "was raised to life to make us right with God."

Today, we can be right with God because Jesus is alive.



THIS 'N THAT

Everyone is happy that Pastor Matt, Rachel, and the kids are home after a week's visit with her parents in Pennsylvania.

Also, we were sorry to learn that Rachel's beloved grandmother died shortly after Rachel returned to Maine. They had a great visit together and were so happy to share their love for one another.

Judy Antoniello's sister, Nancy Perry, is seriously ill with cancer and an infection that is being stubborn about clearing up. Nancy, please know you are in the prayer of this church family.

While I sit here writing this, my heart is in Massachusetts awaiting news on Sandra Sherrard's valve surgery. This morning, April 2, she was prepped for surgery at Brigham & Women's Hospital. This procedure can take up to seven hours. Our prayers are with you, Sandra.

Another prayer goes out to Earl Hill who is a patient at Mass General in Boston. Earl, who had been battling a stomach virus Monday, ruptured his esophagus and was life-flighted to Boston. Patsy and family are there with him as it will take a week or more for him to recuperate. If you want to send a card, please mail it to their home in Alexander. Get well soon, Earl. We miss and love you.

Ruth Lyons was on the sick list for a stretch but has since returned to church. So glad to see her up and about.

Ron Doten, a cousin to all the other Doten's you can list, has been a patient at EMMC and CRH recently. He came home this week after a month long stay in the hospitals.

Alan Smith recently experienced some heart problems. The doctors have him on medication hoping that this helps. He is going to cardiac rehab and trying to eat healthier. Praying for good results, Alan.



Hi, to the Quigley's who are enjoying a warm winter in Florida. I wonder if their camp has survived this Maine winter? Hope to see you soon.

Speaking of our "snowbirds," it's just about time they got into their cars or hopped a plane to head north. Safe travels to each. You are missed.

Another one on the sick list is Beverli McAdams. She finally gave in and went to the doctor. I have no word yet on how she made out but hope she is feeling much better.

Kindness in words creates confidence.

Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.

Kindness in giving creates love.

Adrian Munro, director of BYC, took over the pulpit on March 22 while Pastor Matt and family were out of town. The congregation was showered with Life Savers before the beginning of service. Thanks, Adrian, we love having you.

HOW COME..... ??????

- Round pies come in square boxes?
- We call it "rush hour" when no one can go faster than 5 m.p.h.?
- Irons have a permanent press setting?
- "Economy-size" means big in detergents and small in cars?
- It's always the driver in the third car back that's the first to see the light turn green?
- Cat hairs seem to stick to everything except the cat?

Spring must be here.....I have my sandals on today. But there is still 3 feet of snow outside the church. Hmmmmm.....

Billy Gibson (Calais) recently had a medical procedure done in Bangor which turned out well.

If you can, please send a card to Bud Barnard at Marshall Nursing Home in Machias. Bud misses the church family and has had bouts of depression. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

THE TEAM (Brothers & Sisters for Missions) has disbanded because of a lack of interest. The group was hoping for more interest from the "younger" set to help with the "older" set. The balance in the checking account was turned over to the Mission Fund. (\$180) We hated to call it quits but felt it was just too much for this small group.



Our Sam ☺ enjoys listening to Dad preach as he leans on Austin's shoulder.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE ABOUT.....

The skunk that went to church every Sunday?
He even had his own pew.

The tomcat who lost his tail? That's what brought him to the retail store.

The man who fell into the upholstery machine?
But don't worry, he's fully recovered.

The guy who asked his gal if he could change her name to his? When she said, "yes," he started calling her Bruce.

Here are a few random pictures of winter and happeningssome old, some new. I hope you can enjoy them.



My beautiful snowbank



I got carried away with the spray paint.



The deer herd in Eastport



Vi Carter was baptized by Pastor Matt on April 1 at Washington Place

Are Mondays really "the days that the Lord hath made?" And if so, why hath He?



The mike seems just a little high for Daniel



Debbie and Lydia are good friends



Josiah is tired of being a donkey at Christmas



Christmas Angels

Told you these were random....just found some on my computer, but it's never too late to look at our kids.

This is a rather abbreviated edition of the Pew Review but it's been a busy place here at the Church and at my home.

Jim and I have been doing kitchen renovations too big of a job for the old folk.

So with that being said, I bid you a fond farewell for this month and will try harder in May.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

WHATEVER YOUR LOT IN LIFE, BUILD SOMETHING ON IT!