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Dear Ones,

I saw Harold Rose in the church office lobby yesterday morning, and he was beaming from ear to ear. No wonder. He had finished. Behind him lay seven months of scraping, sanding, priming, and painting. Enough crawling on the floor prepping and painting baseboards to wear out the knees in two pairs of jeans. Add to that one set of clothes so caked with dust and paint that they became like form fitting body armor, standing up by themselves when he took them off. Evelyn, I am told, finally refused to put them in the washing machine. There were times during these long months when Harold ended his day bearing a striking resemblance to Omar Sharif's Dr. Zhivago, stumbling through the Russian winter. Only, Harold's face and hair were white with sanded paint dust, not ice.

The fruit of all this hard work is on display upstairs in our education building. The Building and Grounds Committee decided seven months ago to tackle the repainting of all the doors, trim, and walls. Harold thought it might take two months, not seven. He estimated four gallons of paint to cover the walls. The thirsty walls soaked up fourteen gallons. Any painter will tell you that the secret to a good paint job is in the prep work. They will also tell you that tackling a job where the previous painting work was not properly done will cost you double time. All of this proved true. A previous painting job had brushed on latex paint over oil based paint without proper sanding and priming. Harold refused to take the easy route of slapping on a coat of paint that would look okay for a while, but would later magnify the earlier mistake. How much did his integrity cost him? He'd be the last to tell you, modest as he is. I know for a fact that all the lost days on the golf course raised up his handicap in proportion to his painting time. Surely his church golfing buddies ought to unilaterally grant him a few extra strokes in gratitude. I think I will write an official declaration of his deserving that he can carry in his golf bag. How can we ever say "thank you" for such a gift?

There were others who pitched in to help Harold. Eddie Radford and Gene Byrd, who had previously renovated the bathroom at the end of the hall upstairs, lent a hand. Toby Brown, who helps with most everything, added his labor. Jamesie Spicer, Elbert Brown, Dan Blackshear, Randy Sauls, and Hettie Grisette helped too. I hope I haven't missed someone. Any of them will tell you though, that without Harold Rose there would have been no project.

In my sermon Sunday, I said that God grants us a gracious place in the vineyard of his world, expecting us to use it to bear fruit. If you wish to see what such fruit looks like, take the stairs or elevator upstairs, and see for yourself. I imagine you'll be pleased. I know for sure that the One Harold and crew have served over these months is beaming from ear to ear, too.

Love,
Bob



- April 7 Elder: Lee Futrelle
Deacon: Pam Jennette
- April 14 Elder: Ellen Henderson
Deacon: Katherine Parker
- April 21 Elder: Kim Brogden
Deacon: Ann Fidler
- April 28 Elder: Malcolm Shearin
Deacon: Jason Blackburn

Deacon-in-Charge: Linda Stevens
Co-Deacon: Elva Graham
Ushers: Dan Blackshear, Brad Graham, Tim Judd, Sonny Wooten



Circle 4 will meet on April 1st at 6:30 p.m.
Circles 1 and 2 will meet on April 2nd at 10:00 a.m.
PWCT will meet on April 23rd at 9:30 a.m.



Eggstravaganza is Wednesday, April 10th during our last Wednesday Family Night. After dinner there will be a time of fun for the youth and children. Invite your friends and bring your baskets for the egg hunt. Bunny just might make an appearance.

There is a large basket in the hallway by the reception desk. Please donate individually wrapped candy that will fit into the plastic eggs for the egg hunt.



Events

Monday, 4-1	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Nurture
	6:30 p.m.	Circle 4
Tuesday, 4-2	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters
	10:00 a.m.	Circles 1 & 2
	7:00 p.m.	Committees
Wed. 4-3	12:00 p.m.	Lent Community Service
	5:00	Wednesday Family Night
Sunday, 4-7	10:00 a.m.	Youth Sunday Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, 4-8	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, 4-9	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters
	4:00 p.m.	Memorials
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
Wed., 4-10	12:00 p.m.	Lent Community Service
	5:00	Last WFN
Thurs. 4-11	5:30 p.m.	Faith in Progress
Sunday, 4-14	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday
Tuesday, 4-16	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters
	7:00 p.m.	Session
Thursday, 4-18	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Sunday, 4-21	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday
Monday, 4-22		Office Closed
Tuesday, 4-23	9:00 a.m.	Troubleshooters
	9:30	PWCT
Sunday, 4-28	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Thursdays	6:00 p.m.	Handbells, Every week
	7:00 p.m.	Choir, Every week



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BIRTHDAYS



2	Lily Spicer	18	Shepherd Sensabaugh	24	Mr. Bruce Malpass
3	Mrs. Tessa Sensabaugh	20	Mrs. Coleen Leeper	24	Thomas Bradshaw, II
5	Breanna Rowan	21	Mrs. Phyllis Patterson	25	Mr. Taylor Jeffreys
6	Mr. Dillon Wooten		Mrs. Jackie VanHoy		Lilly Eason
	Carmen McCall		Mrs. Rosalyn Lomax	26	Mrs. Jennifer Wilder
7	Mr. Neal Benton, Sr.		Dr. Bud Fidler	27	Mrs. Barbara Bradshaw
10	Emily Bronner		Mrs. Chris Martin	28	Mr. Buck Tate
12	Kate Hunter	22	Mrs. Sue Potter		Mr. James Spicer, Jr.
14	Charlie Dees	23	Mr. John Till		Bess Gibson
15	Revel Wilder		Mr. Toby Brown	29	Hinton Crocker
	Josephine Wilder		Dr. James Taneti		



Youth Sunday April 7

The youth will be taking part in the worship service. Make plans to be here and support our young people. The Cherub Choir will be singing.

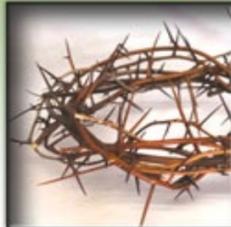


We would like to extend an opportunity to the congregation to place a name on the memorial or honor list and share in the cost of the Easter lilies. The cost will be \$10 for each name listed. **The deadline for placing orders is April 15, 2019.**



The Easter Giving Tree is our mission project this Easter. We will make Easter food bags to support the Wayne County social worker's food closet. If you are interested in supporting this project, please take one egg from the tree and donate the food supplies listed on the egg by **April 15**. You may place the items under the tree or leave it in Mary Taneti's office.

Holy Week Schedule



April 14	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service in Sanctuary
April 17	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Service at St. Luke's UMC
April 18	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary
April 21	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service in East Garden
		Flowering of the Cross - front lawn
	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast sponsored by the Pattersons
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service in Sanctuary
		Flowering of the Cross - front lawn