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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 13-20

The Oak Hill Mission Committee will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Proceeds from the free-will offering will help support Oak Hill's Room at the Inn ministry.

On **Palm Sunday** during the opening hymn, children will begin our worship as they wave palms throughout the sanctuary. Please have your children meet in the Faith and Fellowship Room ten minutes before worship begins to pick up a palm branch.



Tenebrae Service



Oak Hill will participate in an ecumenical worship service on **Maundy Thursday**, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3664 Arsenal Street. The service will include the

Lord's supper and an optional foot washing ritual as we move from the time of Jesus' last supper with his friends and followers into our observance of Good Friday, the Easter vigil and finally, on to Resurrection Sunday.

On **Good Friday**, April 18, local congregations will gather for a community Cross Walk. The gathering point is St. John's Episcopal Church, 3664 Arsenal Street at 12:00 noon. The walk will last approximately two hours and will end at St. John's. The walk will be a healthy public exercise of faith as together we walk through our neighborhood tracing the final steps of Jesus and praying for our neighbors.



Worship and Christian Education and the Mission Commission will once again be arranging an **Easter Prayer Vigil** in the sanctuary, spanning the hours from Saturday afternoon, April 19, until sunrise on Easter morning. Individuals (or more) are asked to sign up for a 1-hour block, during which you are invited to pray, read, and reflect in the peaceful stillness of the empty sanctuary. Please look for sign-up sheets in the coming weeks to choose your hour of prayerful waiting. Please contact the church office if you have questions. A sign up sheet will be available in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or you may email Kim Smith.

On Easter Sunday, in addition to the regular 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will have an **Easter Sunrise Service** here at the church at 6:30 a.m.

Come in comfortable clothes for this brief service that will help us welcome in the Day of the Resurrection as the first rays of the sun's light appear. Doughnuts and orange juice will be on hand following the service!





FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

First Sunday Potluck Luncheon

Join us for our First Sunday Potluck on April 6. The Mission Committee will provide pasta and bread sticks from Fazoli's and dessert. Please bring a side dish to share if you are able! A free will offering will be collected to cover the costs of the meal. Hope to see you bring a friend!

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee is continuing to do Skype interviews with potential pastors and to read submitted Pastor Information Forms and PIFs matched by the Church Leadership Connection. We are impressed by the pastors who are seeking calls in the Presbyterian Church (USA). – Peggy Barrow, Donna Cook, Josh Smith, Will Woodward, and Janet Stanford.

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE



Easter Flowers

If you wish to purchase a fresh potted flower to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter, April 20, please call the church office or fill out the form located in the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by Friday, April 4. Each flower will cost \$8.50, and we will again have the options of Easter lily; blue, white or pink hyacinth; jonquils; or assorted color tulips. Flowers can be in memory or honor of loved ones and may be taken home following worship on Easter Sunday. Please contact Kim Smith or the church office if you have questions.

Oak Hill Presbyterian Mission Trip Youth Trivia Night Saturday, April 12th: 6pm to 10pm Register by April 1st \$10 per person

After April 1st, \$15 per person

Forms are located at the back of the church.
Soda and popcorn included, plus raffles and activities

Individual registrations are fine too. We'll help you find a table that needs additional brilliant minds. We encourage you to bring your youth. Questions, contact Marion Hollander or Christine Woodward.

Mission Trip Trivia night is in need of gift baskets to be auctioned off. If you would like to donate an entire basket or just a couple items for a basket we would be very appreciative. Please talk to Christine Woodward or Marion Hollander if you can make a donation. Thank you for your support.

Youth mission week will be held Sunday, June 8, through Friday, June 13, at the AMEN House. Cost is \$100 per person. Please RSVP and provide a \$50 deposit by May 1. Half days are also an option for this mission trip if interested. Youth from 6th through 12th grade are invited to participate in this mission experience. Please contact Christine Woodward, Marion Hollander or the church office for more information. Financial assistance is available: please contact Pastor Kathy at (314) 664-5525 if a scholarship is needed.

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Easter Activities

Sunday, April 13 - Individually wrapped candies (plastic egg size or smaller) are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place your donations in the boxes in the Large Assembly Room or in the church office by April 11. We will be filling the eggs during the time of the pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday), or after worship, if needed.

**EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE (cont'd)**

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 - Bring your family Tower Grove Park by 10 a.m. to look for Easter Eggs around the Old Carriage Shelter. Remember to bring Easter baskets for the little ones to fill.



Mark your calendar for SpringFest on Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your whole family to the church parking lot where you can enjoy a delicious barbecue, face painting, games, pony rides and other activities. This is for the whole neighborhood as well as our church members. You don't want to miss this fun event.

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Saturday, March 22, turned out to be a wintery morning when the Neighborhood Visitation Team called in the church neighborhood. We visited 13 homes that had changed ownership during October, and found only two residents at home. Both of them were interested in information about our congregation's upcoming Easter Egg Hunt in Tower Grove Park the Saturday before Easter. We left fliers at 11 doors where no one answered the door. Callers were Anne Stoltz, George Soscia and Jan Stanford.

**MOUND RIDGE CAMP MISSION WEEKEND
May 16-18.**

Join a group of hard workers for a weekend of fun and good deeds. This Presbyterian camp offers kayaking, hiking, hearty meals, peace and serenity just 2 hours south on Hwy. 44. Our work project will take about 6 hours on Saturday. Rustic climate controlled lodging and your meals for less than \$100 person. Check out the camp at <http://www.moundridge.org>. To ask questions or reserve your spot contact Toby Eckert.

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Timely Topics

Carleton Stock, retired PCUSA minister, gave us our February Timely Topics talk. Central to his talk was Holy Scripture's depiction of creation and our role in it. From the Book of Genesis 2:15, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it." God created this world, gave us both our place in it and our responsibility to it. "We" are to "keep it," to maintain and protect it. To do this Rev. Stock laid out how we might do this: we could become a "green certified" PCUSA church. Second Presbyterian, where he attends, has the distinction of being the first such church in our Synod. We already do many of the things required by the certification process. Education on these issues is important if we are to understand what needs to be done. It's like what author Jonathan Merritt says in his book, "Green Life God." "It isn't until we view ecological problems through the divine lens that we can truly determine our obligations."

Pastor Kathy and Mary Lou Woodward have materials about the steps we can take toward becoming a green church. Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning more.

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Timely Topics –MCU

During the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 16, a presentation was given on the activities of Metropolitan Congregations United. Lisa Thompson and Heather Beckmann presented a PowerPoint™ highlighting the work that MCU is doing in 2014 to accomplish the mission that all people should have access to a living wage, quality education, adequate housing, affordable health care, and a safe place to raise children.

The items covered in the presentation included working at the legislative level to: 1) expand Medicaid that would enable low income working Missourians to receive medical care; 2) establish equity in Education access and funding across our State and provide wrap-around support services for schools and parents; and 3) establish equity in food stamp assistance by removing the life-time ban that singles out convicted drug felons over any other.

MCU is also gathering signatures for a ballot initiative that, if passed, would establish Early Voting in the State of Missouri allowing expanded access for voters to participate fully in the democratic process.

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (cont'd)

Handouts covering these topics in more detail were available to take home, and ballot petitions were also offered for signatures.

As MCU operates on the principle that organized people and organized money are needed to be effective, Jammin' for Justice, the first major fundraiser of the year was also highlighted in the Presentation. Jammin' for Justice is now in its 5th year and is the brainchild of our own Kim Smith. It will be held at Plush on Locust Street on Thursday, May 1, beginning at 6.30 p.m. Jammin' is an evening of great music, food, a silent auction and a grand raffle drawing. Tickets are \$40 for two and \$25 singly, so buy two and bring a friend!

If you would like to work on any of the issues listed above, help out with Jammin' for Justice or buy tickets, please contact Lisa Thompson or Heather Beckmann.

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Timely Topics will not be offered in April as the third Sunday is Easter. The May topic will be brought by the Alzheimer's Association.

STEWARDSHIP AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE



On Easter, April 20, Oak Hill will receive donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Donations collected are used to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Self-

Development of People (SDOP), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). Each program receives 32 percent of the offering, and the remaining 4 percent goes to the PHP for its work on homelessness and affordable housing. **An envelope for the offering will in the April 13 Sunday worship bulletin, or you may just send a donation to the church. Your check should be marked "One Great Hour of Sharing Donation."**

The Stewardship and Property Committee has arranged for Coveral Health-Based Cleaning Systems to clean the church. They will be doing the entire major inside cleaning of the church and will work one day a week. The contract is for one year.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Message from the Isaiah 58 Buddies!

As you color Easter eggs, the Buddies wonder if you think of us. After all, we are Blue Lucy, Purple Betty, and Salmon (think pink!) Eli. Wonderful colors for Easter eggs! Okay, okay, so the Easter eggs are not about us; we know. We just wondered. (Actually, it was Eli who wondered. He's a bit taken with his bright salmon color. We only posed the question to keep him happy.)

Mostly, during Lent, the Buddies think about forgiveness (with Jesus as our model). Forgiveness with our friends (which is how we come to accept Salmon Eli's self admiration) and forgiveness of our own shortcomings. Each day, we pray for new understandings about forgiveness.

During April and May, the Buddies invite you to share any of the following foods with our friends at Isaiah 58.

April

- 1st Sunday: Spaghetti & meatballs (canned)**
- 2nd Sunday: Green Peas (canned)**
- 3rd Sunday: Biscuit/Baking Mix (boxed)**
- 4th Sunday: Pancake Syrup (plastic bottle)**

May

- 1st Sunday: Tuna (canned)**
- 2nd Sunday: Tuna helper (boxed)**
- 3rd Sunday: Bars of soap**
- 4th Sunday: Toothpaste and toothbrush**

As always: it's a real convenience for our friends when the cans have tab top openings, but not a necessity.

It's all about sharing our food with others.

Thanks for your generous spirit!

Your Isaiah 58 Buddies,

Blue Lucy, Purple Betty, and Salmon Eli

Questions? Ask Valery York-Schneider

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were reported or approved by Session in their March 12, 2014, Stated Scheduled Meeting:

The average worship attendance in January was 74.

Membership as February 28, 2014 is 138.

Financial Report for February & Year-to-Date 2014

	February	2014 Total
Income		
Budgeted	\$14,542.00	\$27,050.00
Actual	\$8,849.54	\$25,399.13
Expenses		
Budgeted	\$21,350.83	\$34,790.16
Actual	\$18,126.43	\$37,830.79

Session approved revisions to our Wedding Policy.

Session approved accepting Brent Crittenden and Sarah Gibson as active members by letter of transfer from Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Session also approved accepting Millie, Lucy, and Gretchen Crittenden as baptized members.

Session voted to invest a \$15,000 gift from the estate of Marion and Estel Mabuice in a 3-year certificate of deposit.

Session approved signing a one-year contract with Coverall Health-Based Cleaning Systems (to clean the church one day a week).

Session approved funding for Will Woodward, Chair of the Stewardship and Property Committee, to attend a Stewardship Kaleidoscope Workshop in St. Louis, March 17-19. The Presbytery will fund a portion and Oak Hill will pay \$100.

Session approved a supply drive in May for AMEN St. Louis. They will be asking for supplies like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, etc.

Session approved Mel Soles as Oak Hill's honoree at the Celebration of Aging on May 6 at St. Mark's Presbytery Church

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, April 10, in the Theolos_Room at 10 a.m. Please bring a sandwich – salad, dessert and chips will be furnished.

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In place of our monthly restaurant outing, Circle 2 will be attending the annual meeting of Isaiah 58 Ministries at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, at Compton Heights United Church of Christ, Grand and Flora. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. The cost of dinner is \$20.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, at St. Louis Bread Co., Loughborough and Interstate 55. We will be discussing "*Stitches*" by Anne Lamott. Please read the book and join us!

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

Field trip this month!
Friday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting at the Art Museum.

We are going to go to the Art Museum in Forest Park and see the Impressionist France exhibit. You must make a reservation with Dena in advance so we can reserve our time to go through the exhibit. Reservations are due on Friday, April 4. This event is free. Some folks will go out to dinner afterward, all are welcome. Please contact Dena Roper to make a reservation.

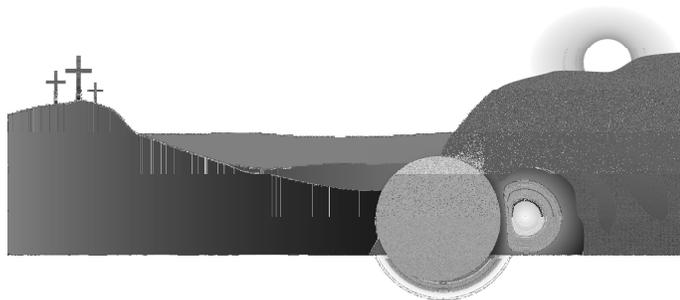
BOARD OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

You are invited to the BRO annual luncheon to be held at Oak Hill on Friday, April 11, at noon. Lunch will be catered by our own Bev Brickey. We'll be enjoying a "Taste of the Hill" with sandwiches from Mom's Deli, Zia's salad, and cannolis from the Missouri Baking Company. Lunch is still only \$10. Enjoy entertainment by the Missouri Cameo Club and a silent auction. Contact Donna Cook before Monday, April 7, to purchase tickets!



Who told the women at the tomb that Jesus had risen?

- A. Two men in shining garments
- B. A young man in a white robe
- C. An angel
- D. All of the above, depending on which gospel you read



Answer: See Matthew 28:5-6; Mark 16:5-6; Luke 24:4-6)

LECTIONARY APRIL

Sunday, April 6	Ezek. 37:1-14; <i>Psalm 130</i> ; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
Passion/Palm Sunday, April 13	<i>Palms</i> : Matt. 21:1-11; <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</i> ; <i>Passion</i> : Isaiah 50:4-9a; <i>Psalm 31:9-16</i> ; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 <i>or</i> Matt 27:11-54
Monday of Holy Week, April 14	Isaiah 42:1-9; <i>Psalm 36:5-11</i> ; Heb. 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15	Isaiah 49:1-7; <i>Psalm 71:1-14</i> ; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16	Isaiah 50:4-9a; <i>Psalm 70</i> ; Heb. 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday, April 17	Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14; <i>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19</i> ; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17; 31b-35
Good Friday, April 18	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; <i>Psalm 22</i> ; Heb. 10:16-25 <i>or</i> Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, April 19	Gen. 1:1-2:4a; <i>Psalm 136:1-9</i> , 23-26; Gen. 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6- 18; 9:8-13; <i>Psalm 46</i> ; Gen. 22:1-18; <i>Psalm 16</i> ; Exod. 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Exod. 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11; <i>Isaiah 12:2-6</i> ; Prov. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6; <i>Psalm 19</i> ; Ezek. 36:24-28; <i>Psalms 42 and 43</i> ; Ezek. 37:1- 14; <i>Psalm 143</i> ; Zeph. 3:14-20; <i>Psalm 98</i> ; Rom. 6:3-11; <i>Psalm 114</i> ; Matt. 28:1-10
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday, April 20	Acts 10:34-43 <i>or</i> Jer. 31:1-6; <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</i> ; Col. 3:1-4 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Matt. 28:1-10 <i>Easter Evening</i> : Isaiah 25:6-9; <i>Psalm 114</i> ; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
Sunday, April 27	Acts 2:14a, 22-32; <i>Psalm 16</i> ; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



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We are a welcoming congregation where visitors are always expected!

Christian Education - 10:00 a.m.

Service of Worship – 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Care – 11:00 a.m.

The ministers of Oak Hill Church are its members assisted by:

The Rev. Kathy Riley
Interim Pastor

Ms. Susan Brown
Minister of Music

Ms. Carole Adams
Secretary

Articles for publication
in the
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need to be
submitted in writing
to the church office by the
3rd Monday of each month.

Easter Cake

Celebrate our risen Lord with this uniquely decorated cake.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Box of cake mix (any flavor)
- Tub of brown frosting
- Shredded coconut
- Green food coloring
- Chocolate Hostess Ding Dong cupcake
- Donut hole
- Pretzel sticks
- M&M's candies

What you do:

1. Bake cake in rectangular pan. When cool, frost it.
2. Pour coconut into bowl. Add drops of green food coloring. Mix until coconut resembles grass.
3. In one corner of cake, set Ding Dong upright to resemble a tomb. Place donut hole in front of it, to one side.
4. Make three crosses with six pretzel sticks and some frosting. Arrange on opposite corner from tomb.
5. Use brown M&M's to make a path from the crosses to the tomb.
6. Use other colors of M&M's to spell out "Jesus lives!"



HE HAS RISEN!

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were surprised to meet an angel at Jesus' empty tomb.

Directions: Use the word shapes to complete the angel's message, in Mark 16:6 (NIV).

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1. [Word shape]

2. You are [Word shape]

3. [Word shape] has [Word shape]!

4. He [Word shape]

5. See [Word shape]

Answer: 1. Don't be alarmed. 2. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. 3. He has risen! 4. He is not here. 5. See the place where they laid him.