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With Jesus as our guide and community as our goal, we worship, love, serve and grow

Pastor's Corner

I don't know which day it is. As I write this. As you read this. It's hard to know if we are in Holy Week yet, or if it's after Easter already. So I could tell you about the tradition of Palm Sunday, or share our plans for ecumenical worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Or should I tell you about the incredible youth lock-in and their confirmation on Easter Sunday. But that hasn't happened yet. Or has it???

We in the church tradition are big on timing. We have this liturgical year with our fancy holidays and our honored traditions. We mark time and moments and festivals with special services, favorite music, certain rituals, and, always, cake.

But the thing is, we all already know the story. It is never going to be a surprise to us. Jesus was born. Jesus lived and walked and taught and healed and shared. Jesus rode that donkey into town and the people cheered. Then the week got out of control, the politics got out of control. And Jesus walked along that week, knowing he would be abandoned and betrayed, knowing he would be tortured and killed, knowing he would rise again.

We go through Holy Week already knowing the story. But we put ourselves through it, year after year, lent after lent, sunrise after sunrise, maybe because we need to keep knowing it. We need to keep remembering. We need to keep hearing. We need to keep hoping.

I don't know which day it is or where you are when this newsletter gets to you. I don't know what you are going through, what season it is for you. But I know this story. The story that goes out of control. A community filled

with messy power dynamics. People who try to follow and lose the way. People who want to believe but find themselves distracted. People who need hope and help and justice, but have it taken from them. People who wonder. People who hate. And a God who loves. A God who teaches. A God who heals and feeds and fills. A God who changes systems and challenges power. A God who wanders and searches and finds. A God who gives all. A God who rises. A God who loves and loves and loves, beyond the end.

If it's Easter again, maybe we need to read the story again. Maybe we need to remember again. Maybe we need to hope again.

Beyond the end. Whatever day it is.
Happy Holy Week. Merry Christmas. Blessed Easter.

With love and hope,
Pastor Erin



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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The April Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 8. This is Holy Humor Sunday so bring your funniest dish to share! This will be a true potluck so all items are welcome! We are looking for funny and yummy! Please contact a Mission Committee member if you have any questions.

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE



EASTER SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 1, we will celebrate Easter with a 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the front steps and our 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service with communion and confirmation of our new youth members. Oh, and don't forget to bring your flowers to help flower the Easter cross! There will not be any Sunday School classes on Easter.

During the sanctuary worship service on April 1st, we will receive our confirmation class as new members of the church. Please join us in celebrating them and welcoming them into full membership here at Oak Hill.

On April 8th we'll celebrate Holy Humor Sunday, and bring our silliest selves to worship. Wear a funny hat or a full costume. Come prepared to share your favorite church-appropriate joke. Bring your sense of humor and your joy for serving the Lord! Come and celebrate the great joke God played on us all—cheating death and rising in glory!

EVANGELISM AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Inquirers and New Members Lunch

Interested in learning more about Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, and possible membership here? Plan to come for an informal lunch and conversation in the Theleos Room on the lower level of the church building after worship on Sunday, April 15.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Join us for Foosball happening on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. It's a fun night of community with our neighborhood kids. Please join us for pizza, snacks and fun! Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

Open gym night is coming up on Friday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. This is for middle and high schoolers. Please consider volunteering. We have snacks and fun times playing sports, games and sometimes there's a mean game of Uno going on! Not to mention crafts, coloring and puzzles plus snacks! Yay!

Isaiah 58 Ministries

Isaiah 58 Ministries is excited to share that The St. Louis Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta is hosting its 13th Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction on Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the Heights Community Center (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO). This year's proceeds will benefit Isaiah 58 Ministries. Call and reserve your spot today at 314-8921924.

You can also support Isaiah 58 each week with your donations of canned, boxed or plastic bottled food items. Toiletries and personal hygiene items are always needed by the clients.

April

- 1st - canned ham
- 8th - Salt substitute such as Mrs. Dash
- 15th - olive oil
- 22nd - tea or coffee
- 28th - razors or shaving cream

MISSION COMMITTEE (cont'd)

May

- 6th - canned fruit
- 13th - SPAM
- 20th - Beans - canned or bagged
- 27th - Small bottle of liquid dishwashing soap

You are always welcome to bring whatever you have on hand or find on sale. Financial donations are always welcome, check the table in the back of the sanctuary for I58 envelopes. Or donate via PayPal here. <http://www.i58ministries.org/id67.html>
 Every \$1 will provide 4 meals for a family in need.

Thanks to all for your continued love and support.

April at AMEN House St. Louis

This month, we welcome the following group to AMEN House:

April 21-25 – Ridgewood Church from Minnetonka, MN (This group has stayed with us several times already and keeps coming back!)

STEWARDSHIP AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Stewardship and Property Committee received a bid from the Happy Roof Company to provide a white elastomeric roof coating over all the three flat roof areas of the church. A bid for \$7,937 was approved and the work was contracted and completed on March 8.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle 3 will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 5, in the Theleos Room. Please bring a sandwich - salad, chips and dessert will be provided.

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, at the St. Louis Bread Co., Loughborough Avenue and Interstate 55. We will discuss “*The Hotel on Place Vendome*” by Tilar J. Mazzeo. Please read the book and join us. We are always looking for new members. We are meeting the third Tuesday of the month, not the usually scheduled second Tuesday.

The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group will be discussing “*Just Mercy*” by Brian Stevenson Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford Coffee. All are welcome to join the conversation!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were reported or approved by Session in their March 14, 2018 Stated Scheduled Meeting:

Average Worship attendance in February was 73.

Membership as February 28, 2018 is 106.

Financial Reports for January and Year-to-Date 2018

	February	2018 Total
Income		
Budgeted	\$14,359.00	\$28,718.00
Actual	\$4,937.8j0	\$25,246.47*
Expenses		
Budgeted	\$14,931.61	\$33,683.38
Actual	\$14,934.90	\$38,153.08

*Includes Wamser Trust Fund earnings.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Session approved adding Brent Crittenden and Richard Wiethop as signatories to the church's checking account, replacing Carolyn Moody and Ricardo Johanning.

Session approved the use of the church building for the following:

- March 26 – BRO Business Meeting
- April 27 – BRO Luncheon
- 4th Thursday of each Month for 2018 – 15th Ward Democratic Meetings
- April 11 – Piano Recital (non-members)

ARTS AND CRAFT CLUB

Craft Night

Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Theleos Classroom, for a fun evening of crafting! It will be a "bring your own project" evening. Please bring a snack to share! Please let Dena know if you have any questions.

Under the Oak Tree



Dear Oak Hill Family,

My family and I wish to thank the members of Oak Hill for their kind expressions of sympathy and support after the unexpected death of my son, John Barrow.

Peggy Barrow

CONFIRMATION CORNER

Our youth will be confirmed as members in the church during worship on Easter Sunday! The whole church is invited to celebrate with them!



Bible Readings for the Month

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday, April 1	Acts 10:34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 25:6-9; <i>Psalm</i> 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Mark 16:1-8; <i>Easter Evening:</i> Isaiah 25:6-9; <i>Psalm</i> 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
Sunday, April 8	Acts 4:32-35; <i>Psalm</i> 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 15	Acts 3:12-19; <i>Psalm</i> 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
Sunday, April 22	Acts 4:5-12; <i>Psalm</i> 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
Sunday, April 29	Acts 8:26-40; <i>Psalm</i> 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8



Scenes from Oak Hill

Stewardship and Property Committee's Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon



Peggy Barrow's 90th Birthday Celebration at Oak Hill



Some of Peggy's Family



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We are a welcoming congregation where visitors are always expected!

Choir Rehearsal – 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education – 9:30 a.m.

Service of Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care – 10:30 a.m.

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

Rev. Erin Counihan

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Parish Associate

Ms. Susan Brown

Minister of Music

Ms. Korla Masters

Student Pastor & Interim Director AMEN St. Louis

Ms. Carole Adams

Secretary

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submitted in writing 

to the church office by the

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month.