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## Top Story Headline: Pastor Beth Ann Cook

### Risen Indeed!



**1 Corinthians 15:12-20** *But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.*

In a few days we get to celebrate Easter. It feels even more special this year after having to have a "virtual Easter" last year. As I write this, our church staff and volunteers are busy preparing for all of the logistics including breakfast items, flowers, music and more.

One of my favorite things about being a pastor on Easter Sunday is getting to lead the congregation in the words "Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!" These words are come from a longer, ancient liturgy that stretches back to the early church.

This ancient affirmation is used around the globe. In fact when I rise very early on Easter morning I love seeing social media posts from friends and fellow pastors in Africa and Asia in earlier time zones post a version of this affirmation in their languages.

I believe with all my heart that Jesus Christ was literally and bodily raised from the dead. This historical fact changes everything. Death dies and hope soars!

The news was incomprehensible for the first Disciples. It seemed too good to be true. Thomas, the Twin, was one of Jesus' closest friends and struggled to believe the

*Risen Indeed continued-*



news. I once struggled to believe as well--as many of you know I was a former atheist who came to believe. Many in our culture have a hard time seeing Jesus as anything other than a man who lived long ago or a good teacher. Even some who grew up in church don't literally believe that Jesus bodily got out of the grave. They see it all as a metaphor.

I have colleague in Texas named Eric Huffman who leads a church called "The Story." He wrote a book about his faith journey called "Scripture and the Sceptic." We are launching a new church wide study of this book the Sunday following Easter. I am praying that God will use it and our time together to strengthen the faith of our congregation and help us reach new people. I encourage you to pray about who needs to know the good news of Easter this year.

Easter Services are at 8:15 AM & 10 AM, with a continental breakfast at 9 AM.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Beth Ann

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#### **Finance Corner- Jerry Miller, Chair**



Getting back to in-person Church is having a positive impact on First Church finances. Thanks to everyone who continued to support our Church financially during the last twelve months.

In April we will be having the first finance meeting we have had in over a year. One of the items we will be looking at is to how to better invest and be good financial stewards of some nice financial gifts that have been given to First Church in the past few years. The long-term hope is that these gifts can be used at some point to help return our Church to some of the vibrancy of the past.

#### **Trustee Report- Steve Longenecker, Chair** No report for April.

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#### **JOY Circle– Jayne Sullivan**



JOY Circle will meet Wednesday, April 14 in Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be given by Pastor Beth Ann. Hostesses will be Penny Schaefer and Doris Regan, program will be given by Sharon Strasser. Sharon and her husband have been sponsoring exchange students for a number of years. In February, Ann Miller led us in making blankets for cancer and dialysis patients. We finished 5 that day. We have taken 15-20 blankets to the hospital recently. There is a need for these blankets. They truly bless those who receive them. Hope to see you all April 14!

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## Prayer Requests

### Prayer Requests

- Mike Gray
- Don & Frances Shelhart
- Kathy Lemons
- Myanmar
- Persecuted Christians

Lauren Hanawalt  
Ed Hanawalt  
Tim Taylor

**Email your prayer requests to the church office at [loganfirst@comcast.net](mailto:loganfirst@comcast.net) or call 574-753-3491.**

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## Nursing Homes



**McKinney Place:** Beverly Hess & Beverly Vietti

**Millers:** Herb Bowman

**Milner Community Healthcare:** Bev Bartunek

**Woodbridge:** Mike Doering

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## Active Duty Military



Braxton Baker

Jacob Kaley

Alex Karnafel

Matt Karnafel

Oakley Lewellen

Joshua Lyons

Tim Strubell

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## April Daily Bible Reading



1 1 Samuel 11-13

9 2 Samuel 4-7

17 1 Kings 1

25 1 Kings 15-17

2 1 Samuel 14-15

10 2 Samuel 8-11

18 1 Kings 2-3

26 1 Kings 18-19

3 1 Samuel 16-17

11 2 Samuel 12-13

19 1 Kings 4-6

27 1 Kings 20-22

4 1 Samuel 18-20

12 2 Samuel 14-15

20 1 Kings 7

28 2 Kings 1-2

5 1 Samuel 21-24

13 2 Samuel 16-17

21 1 Kings 8

29 2 Kings 3-4

6 1 Samuel 25-27

14 2 Samuel 18-19

22 1 Kings 9-10

30 2 Kings 5-7

7 1 Samuel 28-31

15 2 Samuel 20-22

23 1 Kings 11-12

8 2 Samuel 1-3

16 2 Samuel 23-24

24 1 Kings 13-14

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## Birthdays



<b>April 4</b>	Mary Ann Bowman	<b>April 12</b>	Rilynn Yerkes
<b>April 5</b>	Rhonda Martin	<b>April 22</b>	Shelby Graham
<b>April 6</b>	Jim Moore		Sonja Hanawalt, Ann Miller
<b>April 8</b>	Tammy Bartlett	<b>April 23</b>	Bev Bartunek
	Michael Karnafel	<b>April 26</b>	Frances Shelhart
<b>April 11</b>	Howard Cox, Karla Padfield, Betty Thomas	<b>April 27</b>	Keith Binkerd, Terri Tribett

## Anniversaries



<b>April 12</b>	John & Nancy Beachler	<b>April 21</b>	Bill & Vicki Byrd
<b>April 14</b>	Dale & Jeannie Byers	<b>April 23</b>	Mark & Patricia Hammons

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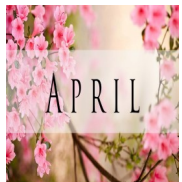
## Sunday Nursery Provider Change



Brenda Angot, our church nursery care provider, will be leaving us on April 11, 2021. Thank you, Brenda, for the many years you have faithfully cared for our children during worship services. We will recognize Brenda on April 11 with a cake. Come to Fellowship Hall after the 10 AM service. Felicia Zawadzki, an LCM daycare worker, will be taking over this position beginning April 18. Welcome aboard, Felicia!

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## April Schedule:



### Weekly Schedule:

<b>Sunday:</b>	Coffee Hour, 9:15 AM, Fellowship Hall Sullivan Sunday School Class, 9:15 AM, Parlor
<b>Monday:</b>	Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Bible Study, 9:30 AM, Parlor Prayer, 11 AM, Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dial-up Devotion & Prayer with Pastor Beth Ann Call 605-313-5919 Code: 635572 Bell Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary

### April Events/Meetings:

<b>Monday, April 5:</b>	Finance, 6 PM, Parlor
<b>Wednesday, April 14:</b>	JOY Circle, 9 AM, Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, April 19:</b>	Ad Council, 6 PM Parlor

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## Little Children's Ministry: Belinda Jordan



Spring has sprung, and LCM will soon be wrapping up our preschool year!

Preschool Graduation will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, May 21st at 6 p.m. We are going to allow 4 tickets for each child's family in order to be able to continue social distancing. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Again, each child will be able to have 4 guests attend the reception.

We have 18 children that will be participating in the ceremony. Ms. Hillary, Giraffe Teacher, and Ms. Cindy, Bear Teacher, will be presenting the children with their diplomas as they will move on to Kindergarten in the Fall.

Little Children's Ministry Zoo Crew had colored and cut out palm leaves. They are currently displayed in the Fellowship Hall. This was one of their activities during Spring Break.

All of the other classes celebrated Easter on Wednesday, March 31st, with a class party and Easter egg hunt. The chapel lessons for the week's prior were all related to Easter. Ms. Nicole continues to prepare our Chapel Lessons. She does a fabulous job!

The classes have started playing outside. They have also begun Chapel Time. As of now, each class attends Chapel individually which allows them 1 time per week in the Chapel. The other days chapel is taught in their rooms.

The LCM Board will evaluate the current Covid procedures and state recommendations for daycares prior to making any changes to our current Covid Policy. We do not currently have a date to review these policies. Therefore, we will continue with the mask mandate and social distancing until further review.

We are continuing to order indoor playground items with the money from the *Come Back Stronger 2 Grant*. Once we have received all of the items, we will prepare the indoor playground. The children are looking forward to having a new play area!!

LCM was grateful to be approved for a Payroll Protection Plan Loan. This loan will be forgiven after 6 months. It will help us tremendously as we continue to recover from Covid closures during 2020.

Please continue to pray for LCM and our families throughout this Pandemic.

**April Bible Scripture: John 3:15** *For God so loved the world he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him will have everlasting life.*

Sincerely,

Belinda Jordan, LCM Director

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## First Church Staff, Contact Information, Service Times



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### Little Children's Ministry

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### Service Times

Traditional In-person and Virtual Service on Facebook: 8:15 AM

Contemporary In-person and Virtual Service on Facebook: 10 AM

Haitian In-person Service: 11:30 AM

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## State/Regional Leaders Church Leaders

**Bishop:** Bishop Julius Trimble

**Conference Superintendent:** Rev Lori Blinn

**Associate Superintendents:** Rev Rob Seewald & Rev John Randall

### Church Cluster

**Crosswind UMC:** Pastor Rick Robinson

**First UMC:** Pastor Beth Ann Cook

**Main Street UMC:** Pastor Doug Thomas

**Wheatland Avenue UMC:** Bert Stover