

THE GRAPEVINE

April 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

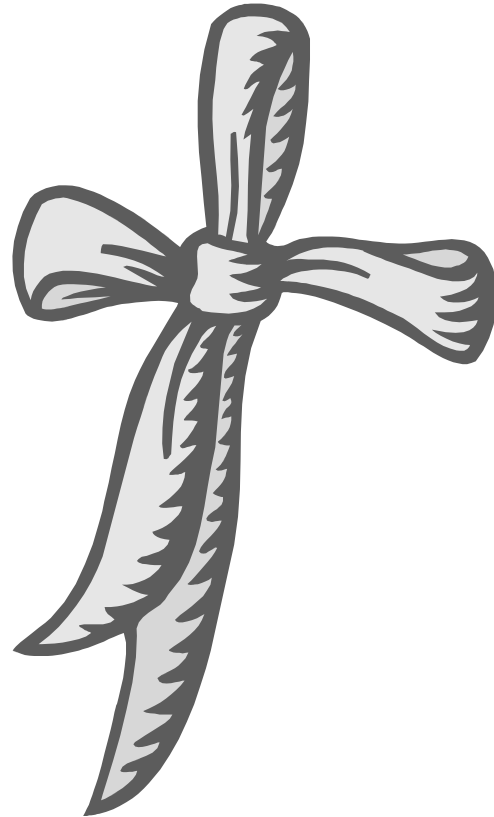
Blessed and happy Easter to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior! As Christians, we believe that Easter is the central event of the entire human race—His resurrection powerfully symbolizes the eternal life that is given to all who believe in Him. The resurrection gave final and irrefutable proof that Jesus *really was* the Son of God...and death was destroyed once and for all.

On Easter Sunday I hope to share a song written by internationally know Christian songwriter, Don Francisco. Don is known worldwide for his ballads written from the point of view of Bible characters who were surprised by God's amazing grace. This song, "He's Alive!", is his best known song and written from Peter's perspective just after the crucifixion of Jesus. The following lyrics are contained in the latter part of the song (based upon John 20:1-18) and describe Peter's encounter with the Risen and Living Christ—

"But suddenly the air was filled
With a strange and sweet perfume
Light that came from everywhere
Drove the shadows from the room
And Jesus stood before me
With His arms held open wide
And I fell down on my knees
And I just clung to Him and cried

Then He raised me to my feet
And as I looked into His eyes
The love was shining out from Him
Like sunlight from the skies
Guilt in my confusion
Disappeared in sweet release
And every fear I'd ever had
Just melted into peace

He's alive yes He's alive
Yes He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide
He's alive...yes He's alive
Oh He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide
(repeat) I believe it...He's alive
Sweet Jesus..."



May this coming Easter bring you *such an encounter* with the Living Lord...a Sweet Surprise of Grace!

In His Love,

Pastor Craig

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MINISTRIES OF NURTURING

Kurt Johnson—717-762-5281



COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Registration open for an in-depth weekly study of the Gospel of Luke: Wednesdays—September 2010—May 2011. For more details call MaryBeth at 717-762-5281

A Cozy Tea with friends



Thursday, April 15 11:30a.m.

Cozy Restaurant, Thurmont

\$21.62/person (includes gratuity)

make your reservation by 4/8

Call Marie 301-898-1505 or

Nina 301-271-7543

ABS



Awesome Bible Study

For Middle Schoolers—open to the community. We meet at noon and include lunch. It is a 90 minutes gathering to honor the kids God-given desire for a life of fun and adventure around themes in scripture. Next meeting date is April 18th. For more information contact Rachel Johnson at 717-762-5281.

MINISTRIES OF CELEBRATING

Gayle Spahr—301-271-2049

April 25th, we will celebrate our worship service at 10:15a.m. (a combined service) and then we will follow that worship service with a luncheon. Please bring a dish to share.

Following the luncheon we will have a congregational meeting to look again at our budget for 2010. When the congregation met in January we did not pass the proposed budget and decided to meet again in April to discuss further.



We had 365 people attend our most recent production of "Something's Afoot" - 58 for the dinner theatre - and feedback from the audiences was positive. The show was very difficult to produce since it used many special effects, including pyrotechnics. We were proud of the result and those church members who missed it will get a taste of it at the fund raiser on June 13th when we reprise the songs for your enjoyment - no pyro in the church this year!! But the music is catchy and amusing without all the special effects. Since it's a spoof on Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" you get treated to English accents and English humor which is always fun.

The Mountain Gate Restaurant and Timeless Trends are doing fund raisers for us on April 1st so we encourage you to shop at the new lovely shop in town where Creager's Furniture used to be and mention Thurmont Thespians and (continued on next page)

MINISTRIES OF SHARING

Kathrin Muegge—301-271-4109

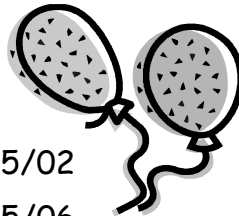
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Laurin Spahr	4/02
Dorothy Stephens	4/03
Michael Delauter	4/06
Rodman Myers	4/09
Eric Hobbs	4/11
Randy Valentine	4/15
Darlene Fogle	4/16
Stacy Brown-Hobbs	4/18
Becky Urian	4/22



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Delauter	5/02
Pastor Craig Moorman	5/06
Randy Grimes	5/07
Spence Watson	5/07
Zachary Getz	5/11
Nancy Riffle	5/12
John Urian	5/15
Carroll Zentz	5/18
Warren Zentz	5/18
Carroll Roderick	5/20
Gloria Angleberger	5/21
Michael Lewis	5/25
Beulah Zentz	5/26
Brian Getz	5/26
Amanda March	5/28
Lisa Riffle	5/29
Inus Lohr	5/30
Kristin Fox	5/30
Nathan Fox	5/31



PRESCHOOL NEWS

During the month of March, parent-teacher conferences were held. This is an opportunity for the parents to find out how their child is doing in preschool and if the parents have any questions or concerns regarding their child.

In April, the four-year-old children will be taking a field trip to "Explore & More" in Gettysburg. This is always a fun trip for them. Also, in April, all of the children will be preparing for the Spring Program and Graduation which will be held on Sunday, May 16. It seems as though the school year just began and here we are getting ready for graduation.

Thurmont Thespians news:

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"Something's Afoot" and have breakfast, lunch or dinner at Mountain Gate taking a coupon with you so that both businesses will rebate 10% of the sales back to Thurmont Thespians.

Mark your calendars for our semi annual book sale which falls in April this year - the 9th and 10th and stock up your reading for the summer at those wonderful prices of 50cents for paperbacks and just \$1.00 for hard backs. What a bargain!! We've accumulated quite a following of folks who love to read and they watch for that sign to go up out front so they get in on the bargains!!

Thanks to all who supported us with "Something's Afoot"! It was the realization of a long held dream for me personally and I am grateful!

Beth Watson

Thurmont Thespians

MINISTRIES OF DISCOVERING

Brian Getz—301-447-6939



Best deal around

and it benefits the Thurmont Thespians

50 cents for paper back

\$1 for hard back

April 10 and 11th at St Johns.

Also selling homemade soup.



250th Anniversary Edition Cookbook

We need your recipes! There are forms in the Fellowship Hall for anyone to submit recipes for this new cookbook edition. Please pick-up a Recipe form and offer one or two of your favorite recipes for this new cookbook.



MINISTRIES OF HEALING

Carol Ford —301-271-7608



We are going to be working on preparing casseroles to keep in the freezer to be given to families in need on **Friday, April 16 at 9:00 A.M.** Lunch will be served to the cooks and everyone who wants to help is invited. Please let Carol Ford know if you will be coming so we can plan lunch.

Everyone will be getting a call from their Neighborhood Niche asking them to provide something for our casseroles and soup. You may either provide ingredients or money whichever works best for you. Both may be brought to church on Sunday, April 11 or during that week. Food may be placed in the kitchen and money may be placed in the offering plate marked neighborhood niche and with your name on it. When you are called we will have a list of ingredients to chose from and will try to make it as equitable as possible. We hope all will help so we can meet the needs of our congregation whenever they arise.

He is risen

He is risen indeed,

Alleluia, Alleluia!



LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

8:30 Worship

	Asst Minister	Lector	Welcomers	Altar
4/11/10	Amy Deluater	Carolyn Fraley	Harriet/Randy Valentine	Gayle Spahr
4/18/10	Bill Riffle	John Ford	Barbara/Carroll Roderick	Gayle Spahr
4/25 10:15a.m. Combined service	John Ford	Emily Johnson	Wm/Mary Willhide	Gayle Spahr
5/2/2010	Rick May	Mary Willhide	John/Becky Urian	Delores Sheeler
5/9/2010	Alice May Hinkle	Gayle Spahr	D/D Valentine	Delores Sheeler
5/16/2010	Bill Riffle	Rick May	M/C Delauter	Delores Sheeler
5/23/22010	John Ford	Alice May Hinkle	H/R Valentine	Delores Sheeler



10:45 Worship

	Lector	Acolyte	Welcomers	Prayer
4/11/10	Gayle Spahr	Emily Johnson	Spahrs	MaryBeth Johnson
4/18/10	Bill Riffle	Mallory Donaghue	Hoovers	Beth Watson
4/25 10:15a.m. Combined service	See table above		→	
5/2/2010	Sarah Getz	Sarah Johnson	Johnsons	Gayle Spahr
5/9/2010	Rachel Johnson	Sarah Getz	Donaghues	Chris Krietz
5/16/2010	Kelli Donaghue	Emily Johnson	S Getz/R Johnson	Kelli Donaghue
5/23/2010	Mal Donaghue	Rachel Johnson	Spahrs	Kurt Johnson