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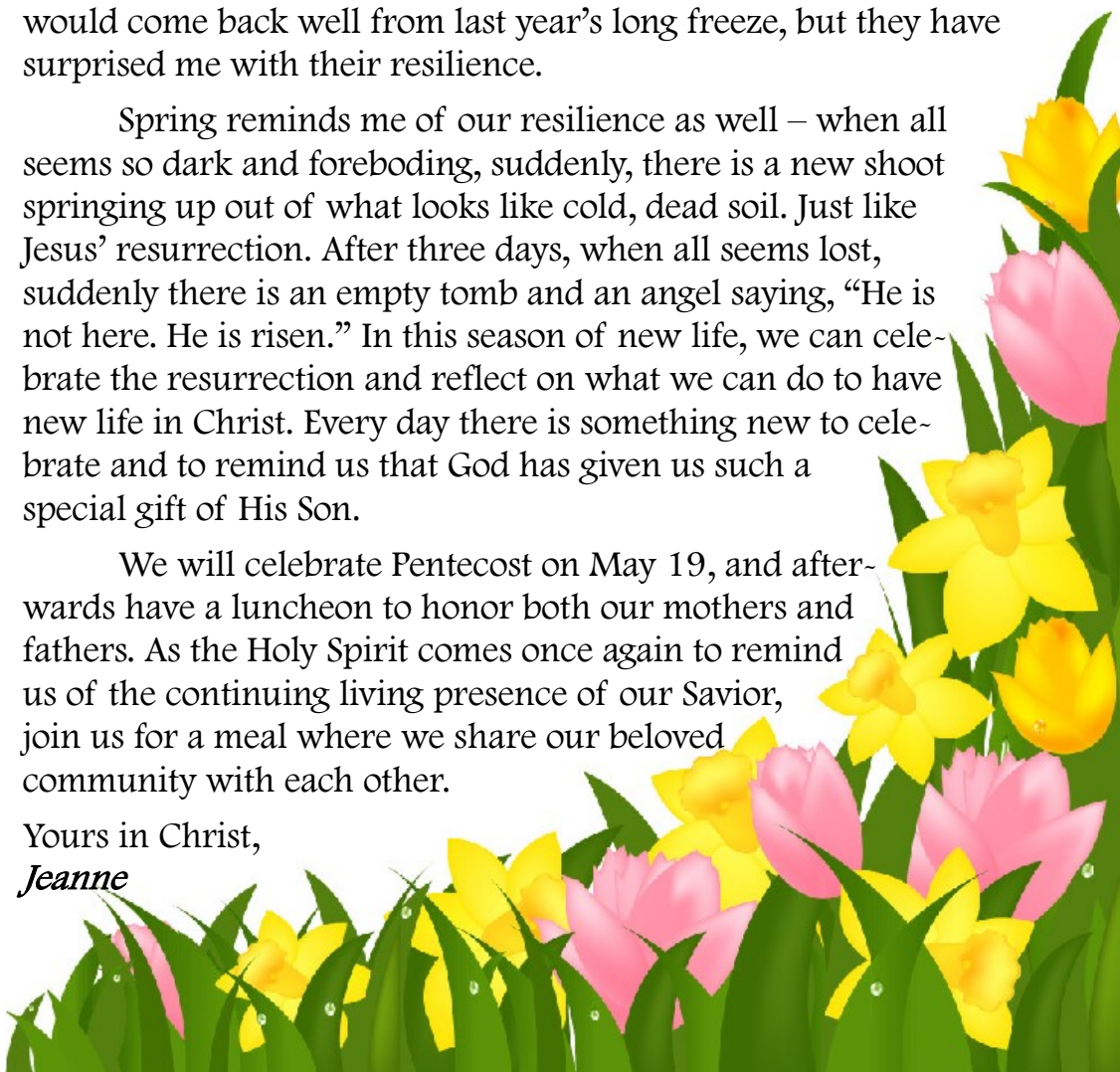
THE CROSSROADS

Spring has come blasting in incredibly fast, and I know we are all hopeful the pine pollen will settle out soon so we can wash cars and keep them clean at least a few days! Our flowers have bloomed much better than last year – it’s as though they have recovered from last year’s killing cold by overcompensating. It has been delightful to watch the wealth of dogwood, azalea, roses, peonies, and clematis blooms. I didn’t think some of these plants would come back well from last year’s long freeze, but they have surprised me with their resilience.

Spring reminds me of our resilience as well – when all seems so dark and foreboding, suddenly, there is a new shoot springing up out of what looks like cold, dead soil. Just like Jesus’ resurrection. After three days, when all seems lost, suddenly there is an empty tomb and an angel saying, “He is not here. He is risen.” In this season of new life, we can celebrate the resurrection and reflect on what we can do to have new life in Christ. Every day there is something new to celebrate and to remind us that God has given us such a special gift of His Son.

We will celebrate Pentecost on May 19, and afterwards have a luncheon to honor both our mothers and fathers. As the Holy Spirit comes once again to remind us of the continuing living presence of our Savior, join us for a meal where we share our beloved community with each other.

Yours in Christ,
Jeanne



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A light in the community that brings all people to God through Christ centered worship and ministry and nurtures their faith in order to extend His kingdom.

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

05/03 Parveen Yusufji
05/07 Rusty Taylor
05/08 Diane Banke
05/12 Annelle Maxwell
05/25 Kathy Banke
05/30 Dinah Bingham

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Fred Rohrbach
Mary Smith
David Hatch
Debbie Bray

The Craft Group

MAY 14, 11:30am—Craft Group
@ Ted's Montana Grill, Peachtree City

MAY 28, 11:30am - Craft Group
@ Southern Pit Bar-B-Que, 2964 N. Expressway, Griffin



Tuesday, May 7, 9:30am
@ Egg's Up, Morrow.

WORKDAY

SATURDAY, May 18, @
9:00AM

Please help out if you can.



TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

04/16 Russell Adair (Ed's brother) – new meds for heart and liver function

- 03/17 James Ballew (Joyce's son) – new meds for infectious colitis
- 03/17 Steve Ballew (Joyce's son) – recovering from bypass surgery
- 04/01 Van Banke – recovering from surgery.
- 03/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems
- 03/29 Gail Harris (Rohrbach family member) – stomach, pancreatic, liver cancer
- 04/23 Lorelei Koster (Connie's great granddaughter) - fluid was drained from brain**
- 03/07 Eliot Lawrence – rehab for partial leg amputation
- 04/23 Todd Long (Jim & Nancy's nephew) - repair of aortic aneurysm**
- 03/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – continued recovery from fall
- 04/10 Cathy Morris – seeing specialists for eye pressure & central vision loss
- 03/24 Cheryl Queen (Serena's aunt) - diagnosed with congestive heart failure
- 03/06 Darren Queen (Serena's cousin) – Polymyositis & Heart issues
- 03/14 John Randolph –soon to complete treatment for tumors in bladder
- 03/19 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) –palliative care for pulmonary fibrosis, needs new meds

OUR HOMEBOUND: Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

The Babb Project—Community Outreach

In March we were able to purchase all the food needed for 24 bags each Friday, at the cost of \$834.92. Thanks to your generous donations.

We are always in need of **food items** for the bags we give them each week. See the bulletin board for an updated list. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project.



For more info, see **Cathy Morris**.

Penecost Sunday—May 19

With a Church-wide Luncheon to honor our **Mothers and Fathers**.
Please bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

No PWCT meeting this month. Throughout May we will be collecting contributions to the PW Birthday Offering. See more information on this year's recipient projects in a separate article.



- MAY 11—10:30am—Circle One
- MAY 15—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle *virtual*
- MAY 21—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle



Each May, we contribute to the PW Birthday Offering, which funds projects to improve the lives of people in need. This year, the two following projects will receive our help. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. You may give your contribution at May PW Circle meetings or put it in the offering plate on any Sunday in May. Please note on your check that it is for PW Birthday Offering.

Thank you for your generous support of these deserving projects.
Debbie Bray, PW Moderator

Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills
Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area
Marthasville, Missouri

Many adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) experience difficulties finding appropriate and affordable housing and often struggle to make friends and thrive in the wider community. Many are placed in nursing homes, boarding homes, with aging parents or in other environments that are expensive and isolating. Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of individuals with I/DD by providing a safe and loving place that takes into consideration their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish.

By renovating a villa into four accessible apartments for eight individuals, this project will provide housing that takes into consideration specific needs unique to the residents, such as addressing acute sensitivity to sounds, bright light and certain colors. The new recreational area will offer space for art and music therapy and other leisure activities for people with and without intellectual/developmental disabilities. With the Birthday Offering grant, Bethel Hills will expand its mission to provide supportive, faith-based, inclusive community where all are accepted and valued.

Shawnee Presbyterian Church
Café Gingko
Louisville, Kentucky

Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves as a welcoming beacon of light for their community in Louisville. Located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face challenges of food insecurity, the church started addressing this need in August 2019. The small yet dedicated congregation began serving free dine-in meals at Café Gingko, named for a ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. On average, 30 meals were served at Café Gingko each Monday. In 2020, the pandemic put a stop to the program.

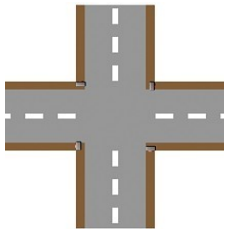
At present, the need for healthy food and fellowship continues to grow. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Gingko will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen and expanded capacity to provide meals. Improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities: tutoring for elementary ages, Ginkgo Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops. The members of Shawnee Presbyterian Church will reach out and serve their beloved community with resilience and strength—just like the ginkgo tree outside their door.

OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Radical Hospitality** (Romans 12:9-21)
- Passionate Worship** (John 4:21-24)
- Intentional Faith Development** (I Corinthians 9:19-24)
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service** (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Extravagant Generosity** (II Corinthians 9:6-15)

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