

# *Friday News from South West*

April 7, 2023

## *Pastor Beryl's Easter Message* **The Miracle of the Resurrection**

Here we find ourselves, yet again, in Holy Week. For those who have followed Jesus' journey to the cross, we have yet to experience Maundy Thursday, the horror of Good Friday and, finally, Easter Sunday Resurrection.

The miracle of the resurrection is the most important miracle of the Christian faith. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the first Easter morning, he showed people that the hope he proclaimed was real, and so was God's power at work in the world, believers say.

### **Good News**

All four of the Bible's Gospel books -- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John -- describe the good news that angels announced on the first Easter: Jesus had risen from the dead, just as he told his disciples he would three days after his crucifixion.

But Resurrection is not a one-time event. In fact, it happens over and over again. Whether or not we can envision it, the cycle begins at the end of the summer season when the leaves end their lives and leave the branches they have adorned all summer. It happens when the glorious song of the summer birds wanes and is replaced by the sorrowful cry of geese as they head for warmer places.

It carries through the season of frozen times in winter; times when we and all creation feel entombed in our places of hibernation, awaiting the melting of the ground and the warming of the spring time sun.

It is then we know that the promise of new life is indeed true. The buds begin to appear on the trees, foreshadowing the new growth waiting to burst forth. The birds slowly return, full of new hope; searching for mates to begin the cycle of new life. Slowly, the flowers push through the earth and bring forth colour and fragrance. The bees and insects commence



their summertime dance of pollination culminating in new life, new fruit, and the seeds so necessary to begin the cycle of new life, once again.

Yes, it will soon be Easter morning Resurrection. This cycle has happened for more than two thousand years now.

Glorious Resurrection! New Life! Hope!

My Easter wish for you is that each and every one of us can experience that same hope today.

My wish is that no matter what our situation, no matter what tears have blinded us or what pain, grief, confusion, helplessness or hopelessness we have been focused on, we not allow any of that to make us miss out on the greatest blessing we will ever receive: that Jesus is right there with us – and always has been!

My prayer for this Holy Week

Release your Spirit and let it blow through our feelings of hopelessness.  
Gather us together as one people, agents of your grace and love in this tired world.  
Move mightily through your church, for the world is hungry for what only you can provide.  
Only you offer enduring peace.  
Only you offer victorious hope.  
Only you offer unconditional love.  
Lead us through this week of uncertainty.  
Let us experience your Easter promise,  
may your victory be our victory and may  
we be witnesses to your promise of unconditional love and eternal life.  
Amen

In peace  
Paster Beryl, DLM

### *Holy Week:*

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK SUPPER - APRIL 6th, 6PM

We will gather at 6pm in St. Andrew's Hall for a potluck supper, followed by Maundy Thursday Worship with stripping of the Sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 7, 11AM

Pastor Beryl will celebrate a Good Friday service in the sanctuary on April 7th at 11am, accompanied by Sarah Fraser.

## *Announcements:*

The Artisan Fair (April 29) & 2-Day Book Sale (April 28-29) : If you know anyone who would like to participate in the fair and would like to rent a table, please have them contact the Summerlea church office at 514.634.2651.

Books Needed! Please bring your used books (adult & children) to the church before April 22nd. We will also need help on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> after church to set up for the sale.

### **Artisan Fair – Bake Table**

Based on the success of recent Summerlea Bake Sales which have included the sale of more than freshly baked goods, we will once again offer a selection of frozen pies, soups, and other tasty dishes.

This year the Sale will be “in person” with 2 tables of Summerlea baking. One table will be the traditional table of freshly baked goods, while the second table will present frozen goods and marmalades. (Already made!)

You are ALL invited to contribute favorites from your cooking /baking repertoire.

We are hoping to be able to offer:

- Savoury goods – soups, chili, quiche, mac’n cheese
- Sweets; pies, crisps, cookies, sweet loaves, squares, or fudge
- Breads, rolls, or scones (& Summerlea’s famous sticky buns!)
- Gluten free items of any type clearly labelled.
- Jams, preserves or pickles
- Dog biscuits

We will communicate dates & times for delivery in the coming days, but for now, please think ahead and when the mood takes you, think of preparing your favourite recipe and putting it in your freezer

**\*\* Packaging:** To standardize the sizing and pricing, and to ensure food safety, we are asking that this year you follow these Guidelines:

**Cookies and squares:** will be packaged and frozen by a team at the church. Please bring them in uncut in pans or boxes, labelled with your name and description/ingredients.

**Cakes and loaves:** Please package in clear plastic with a “tie on” label if possible.

**Soups, chili, etc.:** Please freeze in clear plastic containers 1 litre or single serving of 500mls. (We can provide the containers)

**Pies, quiches, crisps etc:** Please freeze in aluminum pans 8” or 9” diameter.

## *Calendar*

April 6: Maundy Thursday potluck supper; sign-up sheets will be circulated on Sunday

April 7: Good Friday service led by Pastor Beryl,

Sunday April 9: EASTER

Sunday April 16: 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter; Octet Plus concert at 3pm, for the benefit of The Trail/Le Sentier Music for Veterans programme. Tickets \$20.

April 28-29: Used Book Sale, 10am to 3pm both days

Saturday April 29: Artisan Fair: 10am to 3pm

## *Our Prayer List*

John Adnum

David Adnum

Bridget McCarthy

Phyllis Luther

Shirley Mitchell

Patrick O'Leary

Natalie Lalonde

Doris Smith

Maurice Tringle

Gilles Gauthier

Helen Cameron

May Cook

Donna Cobb

Keith Wood

Violet L'Esperance

Roberta Roberts

Sylvia Vallee-Girouard

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, or if you are requesting on behalf of a family member, call the office or contact Pastor Beryl directly.

**Pastoral Care:** for emergencies, you may contact Pastor Beryl directly on her cell phone. No calls after 9pm please: 514 942-6212.



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