

Calvary Presbyterian Church

A Loving Community to Support you on Your Faith Journey!

A graphic illustration of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, reaching towards each other and holding a heart shape. The hands and heart are rendered in a dark purple color against a lighter purple background.

Connections

Here's your April issue of Connections! Please remember: be sure to click OPEN when your email provider delivers your newsletter so you don't miss any content.

While you are reading this month's newsletter: if you see a word or phrase in **bold** and Easter **PURPLE** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

Christian Symbolism

Christian symbols have been illustrating important aspects of our faith since biblical times. While symbols themselves are simple, they represent profound spiritual concepts with deep layers of meaning. Many different symbols exist in Christianity. This month, we look at the symbolism of the Cross.



The Cross

This symbol shows the t-shaped structure of the biblical cross, where Jesus gave his life to make humanity's salvation possible. Crosses made be made of any type of material, but they are usually either wooden (like the cross where Jesus died) or metal (which is more durable). Crosses that also feature a figure representing Jesus are called crucifixes. Churches often feature large crosses inside and outside their buildings. People sometimes display small crosses inside their homes, wear crosses as jewelry, or even display crosses on their cars to communicate their faith. During their devotional prayer times at home, many Christians have a cross with them for inspiration.

The cross has become the primary Christian symbol. It represents the core of Christianity: Jesus' sacrificial death on a cross for humanity's sin, to save the world by reconnecting us with God. As John 3:16-17 proclaims: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The cross reminds us of the ultimate gift Jesus gave us through the Crucifixion, by making a way for sinful humans to have relationships with a holy God.

Jesus references how the cross symbolizes sacrifice with a purpose in Matthew 16:24, when he says "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

April Worship Service

4/2 Reverend Dr. Jim Kraft Palm Sunday, Communion

4/6 Reverend Floyd White, Maundy Thursday, 7pm

4/9 EASTER SUNDAY: Dramas, hymns. First drama "The Veil is Torn".. second "It's Empty, He's Alive!" The Call to Worship "Easter Sunrise: A Call to Worship"

4/16 Reverend Floyd White

4/23 Reverend Frank Zeidler

4/30 Reverend Patty Epprecht

Be Social!

Links to our Facebook page, Live streaming services, YouTube and the Church Website all in one place. Just click on the buttons and stay connected!



Staying connected to your church family. Use the links below to worship with live streaming services on Facebook. Our YouTube channel is a repository for past services and music.

You can access videos, website and streaming services right from this email! Just click on the buttons for a direct link!

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Presbyterian Mission at Work in the Community: One Great Hour of Sharing from your Mission Team



The period of Lent may be coming to a close, but you can still participate in the annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** campaign.

You can also still donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake may do so by submitting a check to Calvary with Earthquake on the memo line. You may also donate directly at: **Presbyterian Mission**. The same will apply to checks toward PDA in Ukraine.

Your Mission Team

Your Church at Work in the Community

HOMEWORK HAVEN

Calvary is reaching out into the community! Starting on Thursday, March 23rd, Calvary began hosting a new program for high schoolers: Homework Haven. The Haven is an after-school homework club where students can get help with schoolwork, enjoy snack, talk and just chillax! The Haven will be open every Thursday, from 3pm-6pm. Interact Club members from Palmyra High School are facilitating this new program.

Currently, the program will be limited to Palmyra High School students. However, we hope to expand it to include other schools as we grow! Know a Palmyra high school student? Spread the word!



Calvary Presbyterian Church Riverton



HOMESCHOOL HAVEN

For Palmyra High School Students
Thursdays, 3pm-6pm

What is it?

Homework Haven is an after-school program for local high school students. The Haven is designed as a place where you can get help with homework, destress after school with fellow classmates, enjoy free snacks, relax and talk.

The adult-supervised program is facilitated by members of Palmyra Interact Club. The program is FREE. No registration required. Just stop in!

We're at 300 Fourth Street, Riverton, corner of 4th & Lippincott streets. We welcome all Palmyra high school students.

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www.calvaryriverton.org

April Music at Calvary

April 2 Palm Sunday begins with the annual singing of "The Palms" by Jean Batiste Faure, and the festive waving of palm branches.

Our anthem is "Comes the King" by Regi Stone & Pete Carlson



April 6 Maundy Thursday - The choir sings the reflective "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris with the traditional Spiritual "Were You There".

April 9 Easter Sunday - The Choir begins the service with the fanfare "Let the King Come In!".

"Jesus Lives, Alleluia!", based on the hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", arranged by Lloyd Larson includes trumpet and handbells.

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" is a beautiful arrangement by Chris Tomline, Louis Giglio, James Koerts.

April 16 The choir sings "How Majestic Is Your Name" as recorded by Sandi Patti, written by Michael Smith & arranged by Ed Lojeski.

April 23 "At the Name of Jesus" by Dale Grotenhuis features trumpet with the choir.

April 30 "You Are God" is a powerful choral arrangement by Cindy Berry, arranged by Stan Pethel.

Diana Dohrmann

Mark Your Calendar!

**COMING IN APRIL
A Piano Concert with Diana and Greg**



PIANO CONCERT

Gregory DiBona and Diana Dohrmann
Four Hands Piano
Benefit Concert:

Sunday, April 30, 2023

3:00 PM

Music of Mozart,
Bernstein, Debussy,
Joplin, and John
Williams.

All proceeds will assist
in funding Covenant
and Calvary's Music
Department.

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Easter Celebration Event, April 8th

Kids Easter Celebration Event

Saturday, April 8th, 9am-11am

• Pose for pictures with a real bunny

• Face painting

• Egg hunt

• Arts and crafts table

• Ages up to 10 yrs



FREE!

at Calvary Church, 300 4th St., Riverton

Looking for Treasure Day Donations & Volunteers

We are now accepting donations and looking for volunteers for Treasure Day. Donations can be dropped off in the basement. There will be volunteer sign-up sheets in the Assembly Room.



Our Church Family



Happy April Birthday to you!

Violet Zapisek, 2
Barbara Beck, 5
Dianne Spiegel, 5
C. J. Mannon, 8
Zachary Galasso, 8
Gary Knepp, 11
Leigh Bridge, 13
Dorothy Talavera, 17
Hazel Redman, 19
Jerry Blackman, 20
Tessa Beck, 21
Frank Breece, 21
Ian White, 24
Jean Gilmore, 27

Celebrating our Jubilee Members, March 19th





We celebrated our Silver and Gold members after service on March 19th. There are 28 people who have been members for 25-49 years (Silver) and another 30 who have been members for 50 or more continuous years (Gold).

Members enjoyed fellowshiping with a covered dish lunch.

Calvary Thrift Shop April Sale!

April SALE!

Sale on BLUE DRESSES - the color for April!

Check our **Facebook** page for more great deals!

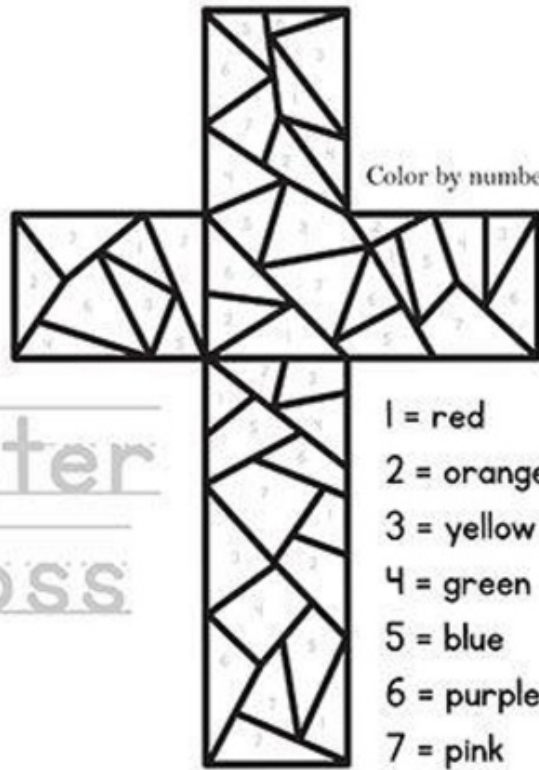
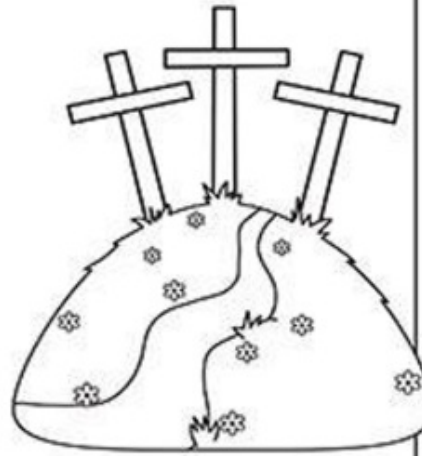
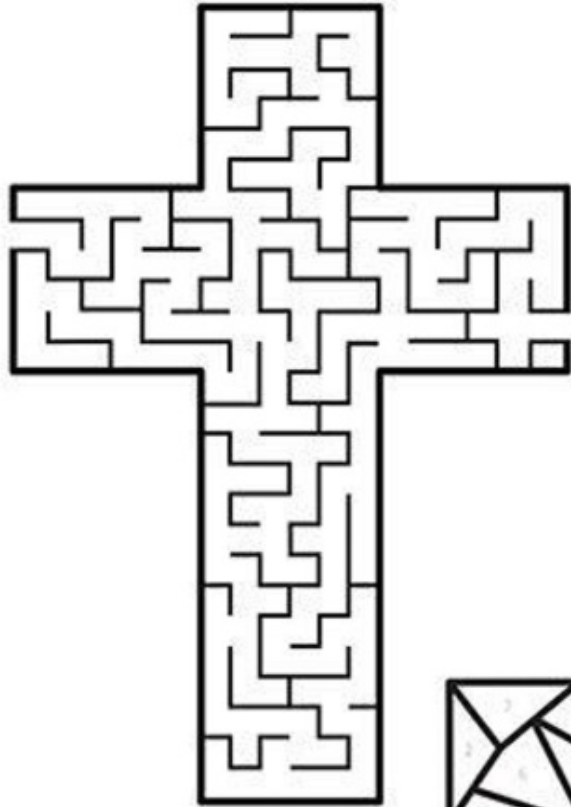


Fun & Games!

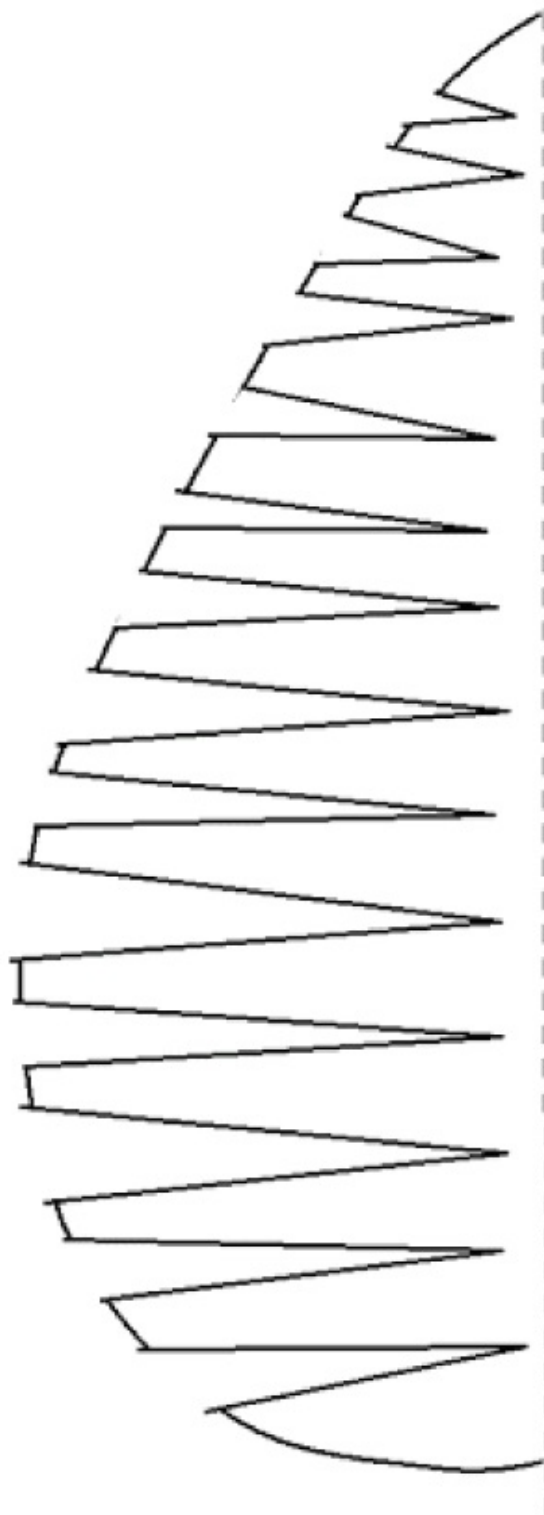
Kids Korner Activities

Click on activity sheets to open a printable .pdf version!

Easter Cross Maze



Easter
cross



Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.



Easter Word Hunt

Directions: Look for the ten words in the list hidden in the puzzle. The words can be forwards or backwards.



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basket

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bunny

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parade

candy



Adult Diversion: Word Search

Click any puzzle or activity sheet to open a printable version.



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY



EASTER WORD SEARCH

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Faithfully Funny...



Can we get an AMEN!



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