



FOOTHILLS Worship Center

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Bimonthly Newsletter

“If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.”
1 Corinthians 15:14

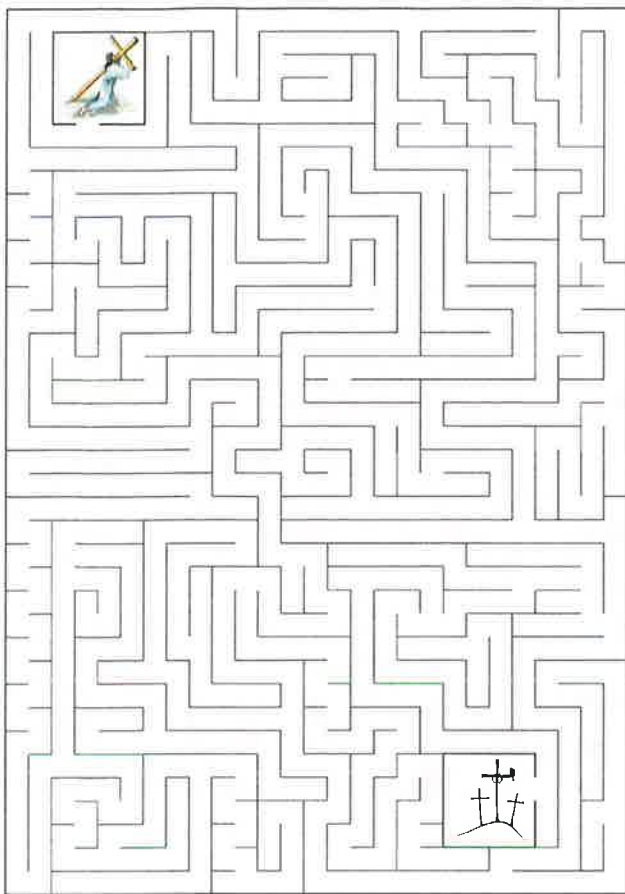
The Christian apologist and author C.S. Lewis made an interesting observation about Jesus’ practice of saying to people, “I forgive you.” It is natural for us to forgive people for things they have done to us. But what would you say if someone cheated you out of ten dollars and I said, “That is alright because I forgive them.”

When a person goes around forgiving people who have not done anything to harm that person, something seems amiss. Wrong. The Pharisees caught the problem immediately when they said to Jesus, “Why does this man speak blasphemies like this? Who are you to say, ‘I forgive you? No one but God can forgive sins” **(Mark 2:7)**

Exactly. So Jesus was saying He was God. Now anyone could make that claim, and many have. What is needed is something to back up those claims. Jesus did many such things, all of which led to the greatest proof of all: His resurrection from the dead. There are some things that only God can do—like forgiving sin and conquering death. Jesus did them all. The Resurrection is the ultimate, historical benchmark for your faith. Jesus is God—the Resurrection proves it. Straight Facts!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides the proof, the provision, and the pattern for our own resurrection. We will share the glory of Easter with Him! Let’s Rejoice!

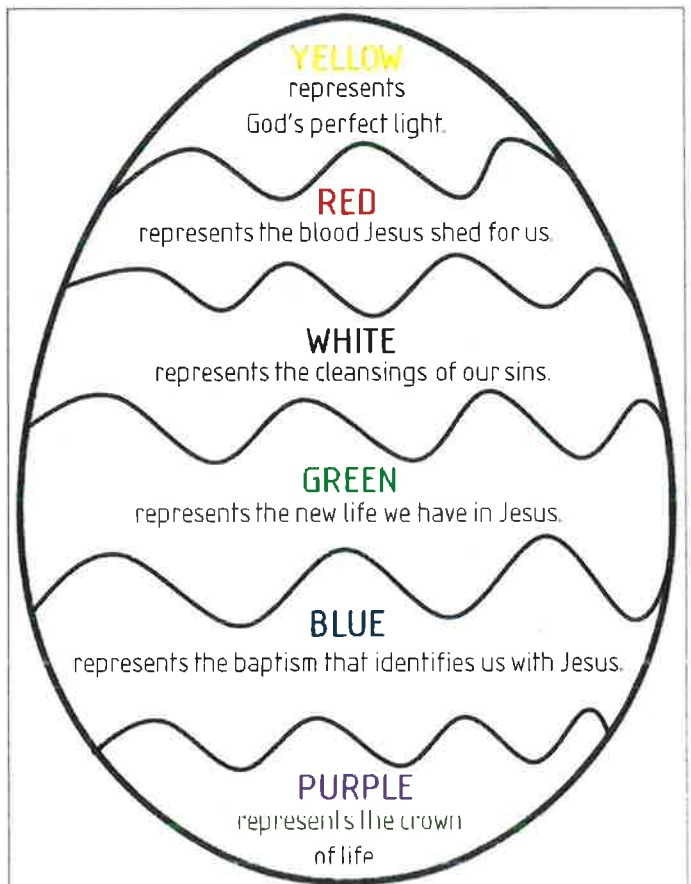
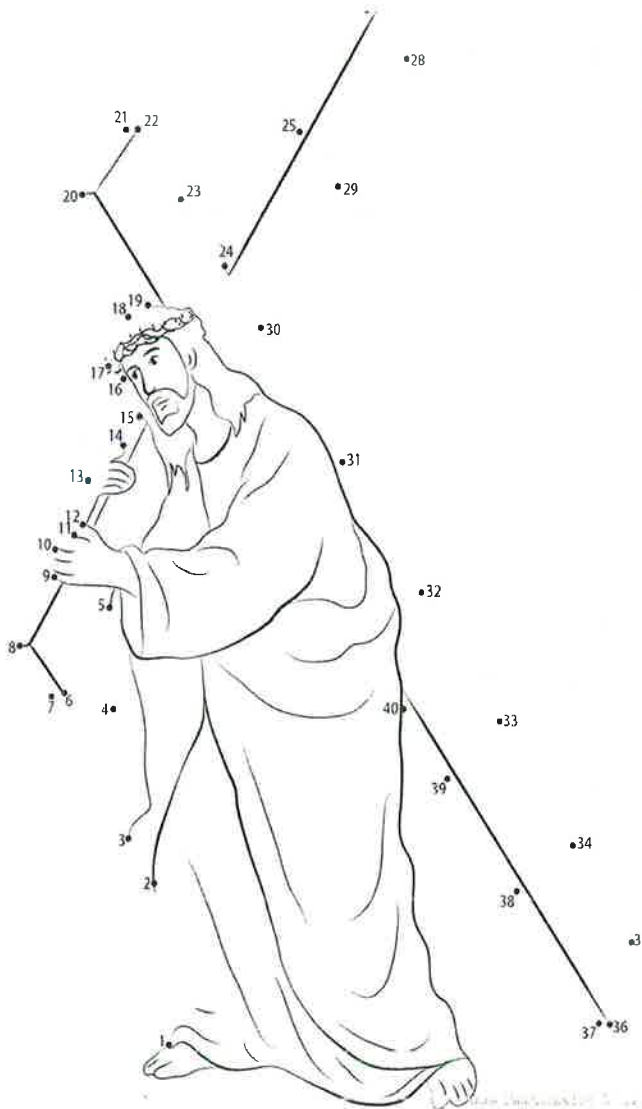
Remember, our best days are ahead of us! And your faith can remain full because Jesus’ grave remains empty—that is the best news imaginable. Happy Easter!
Wishing you a beautiful and joy-filled Easter! Blessings in Christ, Pastor Brad



Easter Story Wordsearch

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A Note From the Choir Director

The Secret Number Code in the Hymnal

Have you ever noticed the little numbers printed at the bottom of a hymn, like 8.7.8.7? It might look like a secret code and in a way, it is!

Those numbers tell us the meter of the hymn. That just means they count how many syllables are in each line of the song. For example, 8.7.8.7 means the first line has eight syllables, the next line has seven, then eight again, then seven.

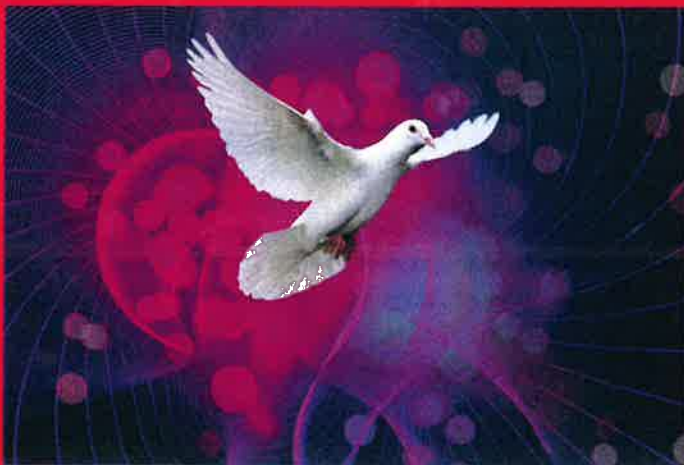
Why does that matter? Well, if two hymns share the same number pattern, sometimes their words can be sung to the same tune! Think of it like having different sets of lyrics that all fit the same musical puzzle.

Take the hymn "Amazing Grace" for example. Its meter is called CM, or Common Meter, 8.6.8.6. That means, with a little creativity, you could even sing the words of "Amazing Grace" to the tune of the Gilligan's Island theme song!

Next time you open the hymnal, check out the number code at the bottom of the page. You might be surprised to find some hymns are like musical "twins," sharing the same rhythm. There's even a metrical index in the back that lists all hymn meters in numerical order, handy for discovering new combinations.

This idea isn't new. Back in the Renaissance and Baroque eras, printed hymn books were rare. Congregations often only knew about ten hymns, but they could sing many different texts to the same familiar tunes. It was a clever way to make music accessible and fun!

Who knew the hymnal had a secret code hiding inside???



Proverbs 22:17
"A merry heart does good like medicine"



A Testimonial from Jewel Ernst

Your Foothills Church Choir

Have you ever noticed how music speaks to everyone, no matter who you are? That's exactly what our choir loves about it. Many of our members have been inspired by music for years, some since they were in High school!

We come from all over, former First United Methodist Churches of Groversville and Johnstown, Fremont St. United Methodist Church, and more. But here, none of that matters. What matters is this: we're all here to lift hearts with song and, maybe, help someone feel a little closer to God. For some of us, singing is even a little therapy for the soul.

Yes, sometimes we sing bright and early at 8:30 a.m., and yes, it's worth it! Whether it's with our voices or the bells, we're here to share our music with you and give glory to God.

Could you be our next member? If you've ever thought about it, there's no better time to try. Everyone here is friendly and happy to help you find your place. Plus, you'll get to make music with one of the most talented musicians around, Malcolm Kogut.

So... what do you say? Come join us and see how wonderful it is to be part of something that truly lifts the spirit.

Now is the Time to Put Your Green Thumb to Work!

While our Food Pantry continues to serve many families in Fulton County; January we served 524, February, 566, and as of March 23, 406 people have utilized our resources.

We are always trying to figure out new ways to serve our clients. Last year, our volunteers had the great idea to have a couple raised vegetable gardens. We have been waiting for the right time to either purchase or make a few so we can offer fresh produce to our food pantry clients. If you are able to make them or know someone who is selling them, within reason, please let us know. Planting season is coming up quickly. Facebook marketplace had some garden beds for sale for about \$65 each or 2/\$100.

If you would like to contribute to purchasing them, the seed, and the soil, or planting the garden, and volunteering to help tend the gardens, please let us know.



March
In Like a Lion...
Out Like a Lamb



April Showers
Bring

May Flowers



MISSION AND OUTREACH

In April we will be meeting the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 10am-Noon to prepare our Care Bags and also to knit and crochet. We will also be filling the Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt (4/4) and making some Bean Prayer packets (#130 packets) for Easter Sunday.



We are combining two groups for more fellowship and fun. Please consider joining us. We always have a good time. We have many projects to do for others in our service to the community and the world.

Women Of Foothills

Our next meeting will be April 19th at 11:30 am in the Lounge. This will be a bag lunch so bring what you like to eat for yourself. We will be having a program on Spring, Serving with Jesus and planting seeds for our raised flower gardens.



Where Are All the Men At?

Are you in need of some "bro-time"? FWC wants to start up a Men's Group. We have had some men express interest in some guys getting together. You don't even have to meet at church! Have coffee, talk on someones porch or go do something.

See Tim Johnson to get the ball rolling



One More FP Thing!

The Food Pantry would like to remind you that any donation is welcomed, however we are asking you to please consider donating canned fruit and/or boxes of cereal for the months of April & May. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated.



Dates, Events & Reminders

April 2 - Communion & Conversation 6:30pm

April 3 - Office Closed

April 3 - First Friday Feast

\$10 Fish Fry 4 -6 pm

April 3 - Set up for Easter Egg Hunt

April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 5 - Easter Worship Services 9 & 10 a.m

April 19 - Woman of Foothills

April 22 - Sturgess BBQ - 2-6 p.m.

Auto Zone Parking Lot

May 8 & 9 - FWC Garage Sale

May 10 - Mother's Day Services

May 25 - Memorial Day

Office Closed

Spring Clean-Out

We are going to have several booths & will need volunteers to be there to help shoppers. In the last newsletter we told you that some tables we are planning to set up are, grannie's attic, plants, Christmas items, kitchen items, books, puzzles & toys. Of course there will be a Bake Sale too.

You may donate any item for sale to the church (please no clothing or large furniture), or you may purchase a booth (\$25) to sell your own items.

Times are Thursday - May 7th from 12-4pm for set-up, Friday Sale - May 8th 9am -4pm. and Saturday Sale - May 9th from 9-3. The event will be in the gym and hallway.

Please see Cindy Van Allen or call the church (518-725-9611) if you want to volunteer or have any questions/suggestions/ideas.

There will be signup sheets to volunteer on the Welcome desk.



There was a misprint on the BBQ tickets. Sturgess BBQ is on WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND



April Babies

- Lorrie Elmendorf 4/5
- Merdice Jones 4/8
- Kelly Vallee 4/9
- Cathy Cattucci 4/12
- Kiki Cannell 4/16
- Cal Dennie 4/22
- Sawyer Harrington 4/27

- Susan Rhodes 4/5
- Teresa Rhodes 4/9
- Steve String 4/11
- Evie Nicosia 4/14
- Jon Glover 4/16
- Darlene Vogt 4/24

May Birthdays



- Becky VanAllen 5/3
- Betty Myers 5/6
- Corbin Claus 5/8

- Jim Catucci 5/10
- Archer Harrington 5/15
- Deb Anderson 5/16
- Patricia Green 5/22
- Carol Cristman 5/23
- Martin Andrews 5/26
- Marlene Walker 5/27
- Janice Green 5/28
- Janice Havlick 5/31
- Michael Harrington 5/30



April/ May Anniversaries

- Brad & Lynné Chesebro 4/24
- Clayton & Jewel Ernst 5/1
- Bob & Betty Twardy 5/4

Dear Church Family,

As we approach **Resurrection Sunday**, our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy as we celebrate the victory of our risen Savior.

The Scripture declares: "**He is not here; He is risen, just as he said.**" (Matt. 28:6)

This is the greatest message the world has ever known—Jesus Christ is alive! Because He lives, there is hope for the lost, forgiveness for sinners, and eternal life for all who believe.

But may I gently remind us of something important:

Resurrection Sunday is not just for us—it is for those who are not yet here.

Church growth is not meant to come simply from people moving from one church to another. True growth comes through evangelism—reaching those who do not know Christ, those who are not attending anywhere, those who need to hear the Gospel.

This special day provides one of the greatest opportunities all year to invite someone who might not otherwise come.

I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider this simple challenge:

Make a list of at least five people you could invite to Easter Sunday.

It might include:

- A neighbor who does not attend church
- A coworker who is searching for answers
- A family member who has drifted away
- A friend going through a difficult time
- Someone you've been meaning to reach out to

Then take the next step—personally invite them. A simple invitation could make an eternal difference. You never know how God might use that moment.

On Resurrection Sunday, they will hear the gospel clearly—the message of a Savior who died, was buried, and rose again for them. This is not just another service; it is a divine opportunity.

Let us come together not only to celebrate, but to **offer others the hope of Christ**. I look forward to worshiping our risen Lord with you and with those you bring.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Brad Chesebro