

“WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST”

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Friends and **F**amily of **C**ross**W**alk,

Iggy Popp (age 69 as of January, 2017) is a singer, musician, and actor, whose band, the Stooges, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In a recent interview, Popp was asked if he has started thinking about his own immortality. Popp responded: *“Well, of course I do. Part of the experience of being my age, and particularly in my corner of the field, is that — oh, gosh, I could click off the names, but all sorts of people I’ve had a drink with, and then all the people in my group, with the exception of one, are all gone. So, obviously, I begin thinking about myself.”*

“What, exactly, do you think?” the interviewer asked. Popp said, *“Well, O.K., I’m alive. Great! So, what’s good about that? That’s question 1. Then: What is a reasonable amount of time that I can look forward to?”* (The New York Times Magazine, 11/30/16)

As we reflect on our own mortality it is helpful to recall Paul’s words to the Christians in Corinth regarding the resurrection of Jesus: ***“For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.***

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through one man, the resurrection of the dead comes through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:16-22)

Praise God for the raising of His Son Jesus Christ! Because He lives...we live! As Christians, we need not be concerned about counting the days we have remaining on this earth. This is not our home. In His time...His perfect time, He will come to take us home. So, let’s just make our day’s count, living them to the fullest for His glory!

Happy Easter my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Kirk



Messages for the Month

APRIL 2, 2017— *Isaiah 26:3 - 6* - “Stayed or Starved?” - Communion

APRIL 9, 2017— *Philippians 2:5 - 11* - “The Height of Humility”— Palm Sunday

APRIL 16, 2017— *Colossians 3:1 - 4* - “White Funeral”— Easter Sunday

APRIL 23, 2017— *John 20:24 - 31* — “The Blessing of Belief”— 2nd Sunday of Easter

APRIL 30, 2017— *1 Peter 1:17 - 23* — “Bought with the Blood”— 3rd Sunday of Easter

Our Staff

Pastor: Kirk Werner

Child Care Director: Linda Odle

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Anna Baker

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Maurice Briere, Greg Davis & Lindsay Rosa.

Class of 2018:

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John Carson, Dale Lutton & Courtney Scollard



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Emily Burnett – 6th
Karen Walkup - 7th
Lisa McNabb – 7th
Bob Donnell – 9th
Ryan Pierce – 11th
Clyde Baker – 15th
Kirk Werner – 18th
Rusty Webber – 23rd
Rusty Esch – 28th
Greg Davis – 29th
Diana Hawk – 30th



John & Linda Wilkerson – 4th
Davin & L.J. Olafson – 9th
Dale & Debbie Lutton – 20th
Randy & Mary Alice Wagner – 25th



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Preschool Room with **Linda Odle:**

March 2: Sue Werner
March 9: Irving Rosa
March 16: Chelsea Peterson
March 23: Lindsay Rosa
April 30: Jeanne Cecil



Kids Crossing with **Jim Odle**

April 2: Kassie Harrison
April 9: Courtney Scollard
April 16: Kassie Harrison
April 23: Courtney Scollard
April 30: Kassie Harrison

If you **cannot** work *your scheduled time*, please swap with someone and if you *cannot find a substitute*, call Linda Odle at 690-9358 or 207-2623. **When you know, you can't work in the nursery, please e-mail the date(s) to jlodle@comcast.net** or put them in writing and give them to Linda Odle in the nursery. Thanks!



Babies/Toddlers & Preschool Children

You probably did it when your children were small so why do it now? Wouldn't it have been nice for you to have a break when your children were small? How about giving our parents a break one week, every six weeks? You won't miss anything, because you can pick-up a **FREE audio CD** of the complete service when you come enjoy loving our children. They are the next generation of our church. You will have no preparation or teaching. Just come help. You can choose helping with the babies/toddlers or preschoolers.

To help please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 or 207-2623 for more information.



Your Prayers are needed for The Good News Club at New Hopewell Elementary



Will you pray for the Good News Club children? When you **sign up** on the sheet in the **back** by the kitchen, you will be emailed a copy of *the GNC children's prayer request*. These children need your prayers. Please print your email clearly.

Thank You



REQUESTS:

Alexander: I fell down. Pray for my foot to heal.
Maddy: Continue to pray for my Grandad who was spider bitten. Pray for my Daddy to find a real job.

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PRAISES:

Bernie: Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for our sin.

Mikie: Praise the Lord I was born.

Maddie: Thank the Lord for Life.

Michael: Thank the Lord for my Mom.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Maundy Thursday

We will observe **Maundy Thursday April 13th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** with the *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* being offered at the conclusion of the worship service.

This is a special time as we recall the evening of the Last Supper and our Lord's command that we are to love one another as He has loved us. The Latin word *maundy* means "commandment" and so it is that we refer to this time in the life of the church as Maundy Thursday.

We hope that you will join us for this intimate time of reflection and remembrance.



CrossWalk Café

Our next Cafe' will be **April 2, 2017**. Time for one of our favorites, the "Old-Fashioned Covered Dish" cafe. Break out one of your mom or grandmother's recipes, an old family favorite to share with others.

Our Cafe' time is a great opportunity to get to know one another better and enjoy some wonderful food and entertaining conversation. See you around the table!



THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!

The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the *Refreshment Ministry Team*. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you. Please remember that you are NOT responsible for providing breakfast for everyone.* This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is their gift to the church in service to our Lord.* Be sure and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

**The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.*





Sunday Morning Refreshment Schedule

April 2017

Lisa & Pat McNabb 951-1866
Jim Slyman & Janice 250-1821

May 2017

L.J. & Davin Olafson 609-6061
Sandy & Fred May 579-5182

June 2017

Karen & Mike Walkup 573-0105
Judy Campbell 573-4691
Jeff Hayes 389-5586



CrossWalk family, if you see a need to replenish coffee supplies such as coffee, hot/cold cups, paper towels, kitchen dish soap or the men's/women's room supplies, please let us know by; (1) noting what is needed on the bulletin

board in the kitchen for refreshment supplies and (2) noting on the rest room listing in the rest rooms for rest room supplies so that supplies can be replenished **before they are completely out**. If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell* or *Sue Werner*. Thank you!



Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? It's a great way to introduce people to our church. Navigate through the site and see pictures of various activities. There are photos of **JAM** (Jesus and Me children's ministry), church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends. The web address is www.crosswalkepc.org.



Church Cleaning Committee

April 5 – 8 – John & Carolyn Carson
April 12 – 15 – John & Carolyn Carson
April 19 – 22 – Fred & Sandy May
April 26 – 29 – Fred & Sandy May



If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.





The Last Supper

by Mary Fairchild



The Last Supper - Story Summary:

On the first day of the *Festival of Unleavened Bread* or *Passover*, Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead with very specific instructions on where to prepare the Passover meal. That evening Jesus sat down at the table with the apostles to eat his final meal before going to the cross. As they dined together, he told the twelve that one of them would soon betray him.

One by one they questioned, **"I'm not the one, am I, Lord?"** Jesus explained that even though he knew it was his destiny to die as the Scriptures foretold, his betrayer's fate would be terrible: **"Far better for him if he had never been born!"**

Then Jesus took the bread and the wine and asked God the Father to bless it. He broke the bread into pieces, giving it to his disciples and said, **"This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

And then he took the cup of wine, sharing it with his disciples and said, **"This wine is the token of God's new covenant to save you--an agreement sealed with the blood I will pour out for you."** He told all of them, **"I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."** Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives. (Summarized from Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-25, and Luke 22:7-20)

The Passover commemorated Israel's escape from bondage in Egypt. In Exodus, the blood of the Passover lamb was painted on the door frames, causing the plague of the firstborn to pass over their houses sparing the firstborn sons from death. The Last Supper was very significant because Jesus showed his disciples he was about to become the Passover Lamb of God. His blood would open the door to freedom. His followers would exchange slavery to sin and death for eternal life in God's Kingdom.

Typically, wine is served four times during the Passover meal. According to Jewish tradition, the four cups represent four expressions of redemption. The first cup is called the cup of sanctification; the second is the cup of judgment; the third is the cup of redemption; and the fourth is the cup of the kingdom. The passage of Scripture surrounding the Last Supper form the biblical basis for the practice of Communion. Judas had already determined that he would betray Jesus, yet still he shared in the communion of the Passover meal.

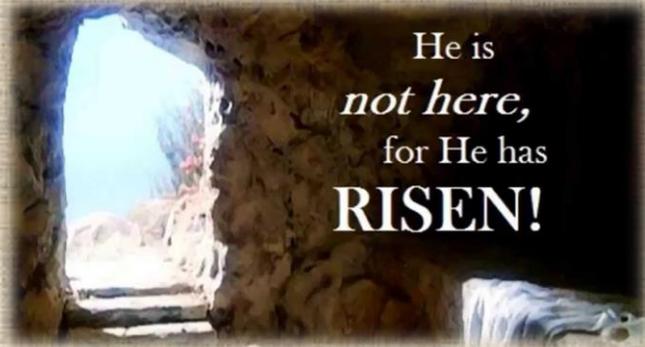
There are 3 main Christian views regarding the blood and the wine during the practice of Communion:

The bread and the wine become the actual body and blood of Christ. The bread and the wine are unchanged elements, but Christ's presence by faith is made spiritually real in and through them. This is known as "Real Presence." The bread and the wine are unchanged elements, used as symbols, representing Christ's body and blood, in remembrance of his enduring sacrifice.

Question for Reflection:

At the Last Supper, each of the disciples questioned Jesus (paraphrased): **"Could I be the one to betray you, Lord?"** I would guess at that moment they were also questioning their own hearts. A little while later, Jesus predicted Peter's three-fold denial. In our walk of faith, are there times when we should stop and ask ourselves: How true is my commitment to the Lord? Do I profess to love and follow Christ, yet deny him with my actions?





He is
not here,
for He has
RISEN!



The Resurrection

by Mary Fairchild



Scripture References to the Resurrection

Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-21:25.

After Jesus was crucified, Joseph of Arimathea had Christ's body placed in his own tomb. A large stone covered the entrance and soldiers guarded the sealed tomb. On the third day, a Sunday, several women (Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna and Salome are all mentioned in the gospel accounts) went to the tomb at dawn to anoint the body of Jesus.

A violent earthquake took place as an angel from heaven rolled back the stone. The guards shook in fear as the angel, dressed in bright white, sat upon the stone. The angel announced to the women that Jesus who was crucified was no longer in the tomb, **"He is risen, just as he said."** Then he instructed the women to inspect the tomb and see for themselves.

Next, he told them to go inform the disciples. With a mixture of fear and joy they ran to obey the angel's command, but suddenly Jesus met them on their way. They fell at his feet and worshiped him. Jesus then said to them, **"Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. There they will see me."** When the guards reported, what had happened to the chief priests, they bribed the soldiers with a large sum of money, telling them to lie and say that the disciples had stolen the body in the night.

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the women near the tomb and later at least twice to the disciples while they were gathered at a house in prayer. He

visited two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus and he also appeared at the Sea of Galilee while several of the disciples were fishing.

Why Is the Resurrection Important?

The foundation of all Christian doctrine hinges on the truth of the resurrection. Jesus said, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."** (John 11:25-26, NKJV)

Consider these compelling reasons for believing in the resurrection.

There are at least **12 different appearances of Christ** in the resurrection accounts, beginning with Mary and ending with Paul. They were physical, tangible experiences with Christ eating, speaking and allowing himself to be touched.

Jesus' resurrected body was *different* from his physical body. It was no longer subject to the same laws of nature. He could transcend locked doors, and *yet he could still be touched and he could eat.*

Before Jesus ascended into heaven he gave the *Great Commission*, telling his followers to go and make disciples of all nations.

The stone was not rolled away from the tomb so Jesus could get out. He was able to walk through walls (John 20:19) in his resurrected body. The stone was rolled away so that everyone could see that he was risen.

Question for reflection about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. *When Jesus appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they didn't recognize him (Luke 24:13-33). They even talked in great length about Jesus, but they didn't know they were in his very presence.*





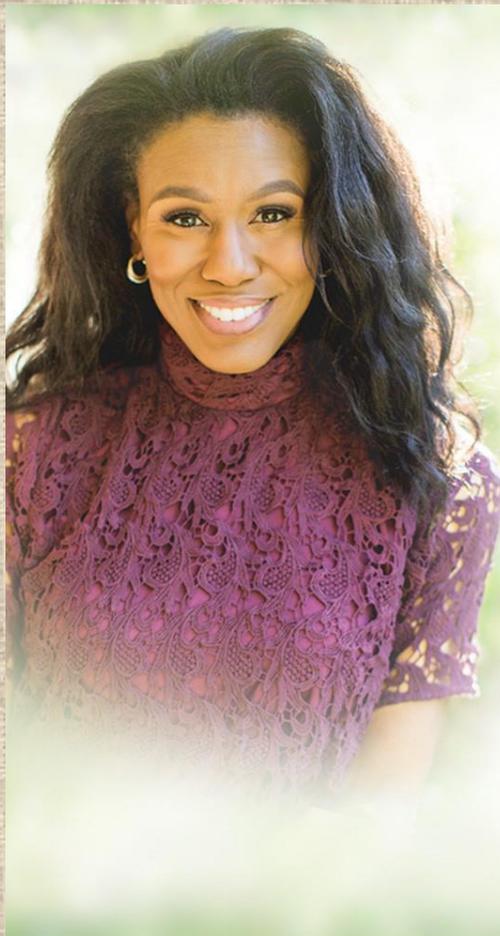
Please remember that we have an ongoing project with New Hopewell Elementary School:

We are collecting **snacks** (*single serve if possible*) and **all** sizes of children's underwear to donate to New Hopewell School. Please place any donations in the bucket at the back of the church labeled "New Hopewell". These are things that the school office gives out almost every day to students. Thank you.



Save the Date!

Ladies; Priscilla Shirer is coming to Knoxville this summer on **July 14th – 15th**, at the **Civic Auditorium**. Tickets are available at www.lifeway.com/priscillashirerlive



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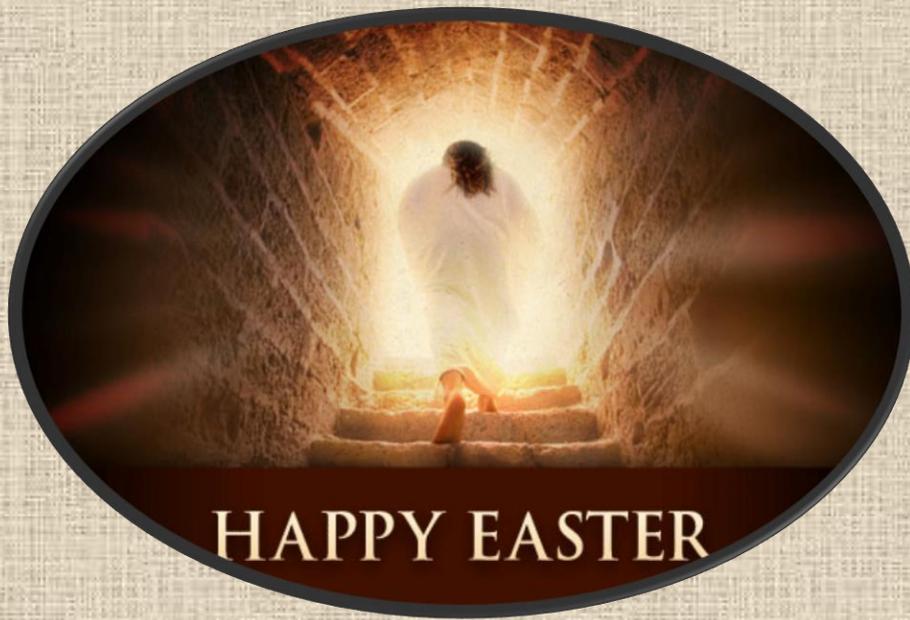
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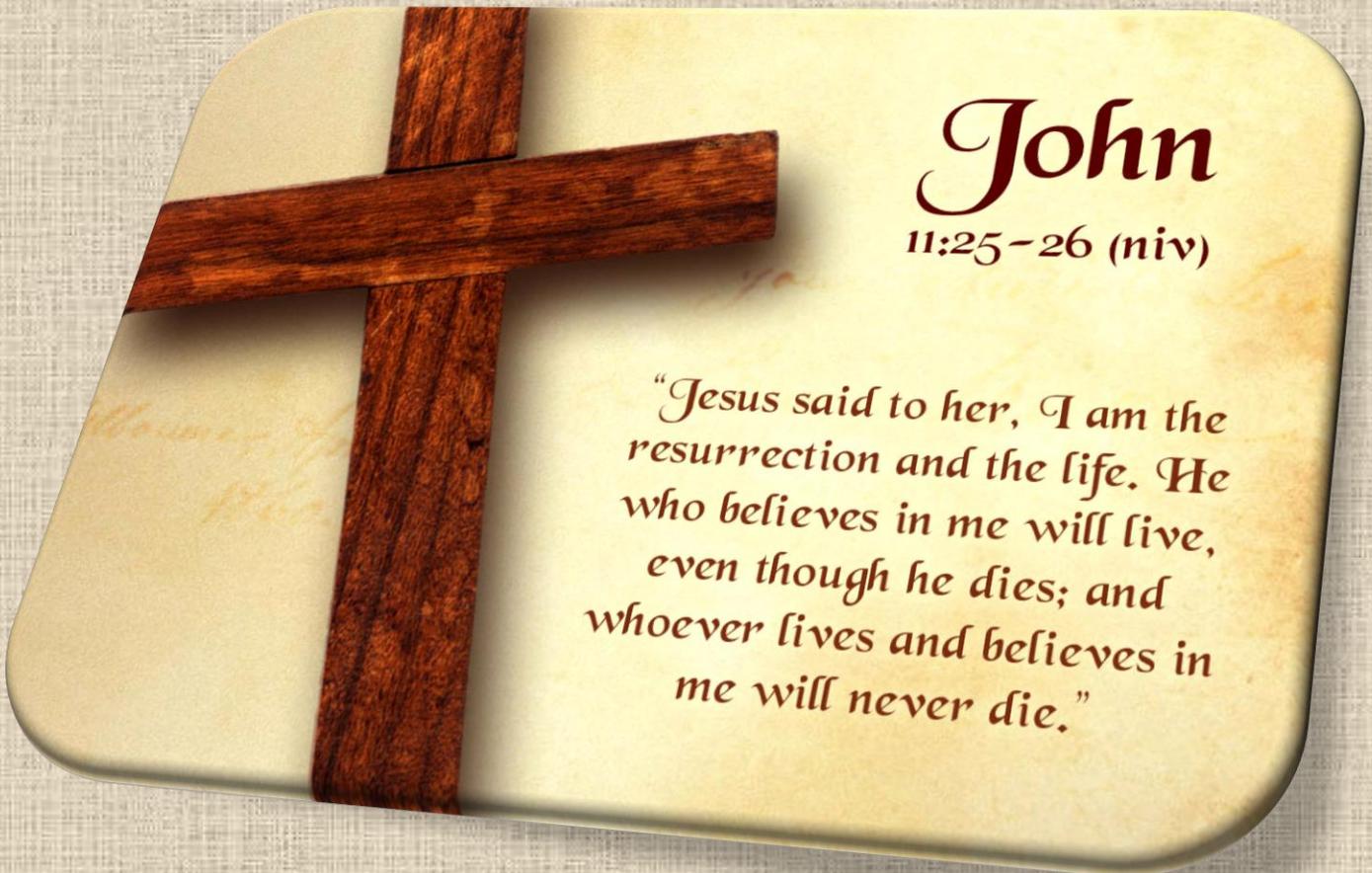
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HAPPY EASTER



John

11:25-26 (niv)

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."