

A close-up photograph of a magnolia branch with several large, light pink flowers and buds. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light pink. The title 'Faith news' is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Faith *news*

Eldridge United
Methodist Church

April 2021

CONVERSATION *with Pastor Courtney*

I wonder what it would have been like to be one of the first witnesses to see the empty tomb and know that Jesus had risen. I am fascinated with these gospel accounts because it was the women who had come to tend to Jesus's body who saw the truth first. In the gospel of John, it is Mary, by herself, who speaks to the risen Lord. Mistaken for the gardener, Mary does not recognize her teacher until He says her name. Mary recognizes the voice of God and witnesses to what she has seen.

The book of Acts also introduces us to the first witnesses of Jesus Christ and their stories. The book outlines for us how the community of Christ began – its hardships and its triumphs. It teaches us of a community who had to learn how to experience to presence of Christ in the Holy Spirit, unite themselves in God's love and hold onto their beliefs in adversity. Through the Easter season, we will be learning about the Acts People and what they teach us about being the community of Christ today.

As we journey through Acts together, I hope we can all become more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ and draw closer together as the community of Christ.

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. –Acts 4:32-33

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kathy Rhinehart: back surgery

Leona Lightner: ongoing health issues

Sally Riewerts: ongoing health issues



Here's a quick reminder about our special annual offering for the Humility of Mary Shelter!! Some of you have been saving your pennies, some of you have been using those special piggy banks, and some of you prefer to write a check. It's almost time to share our offering with those who find themselves homeless. Mother's Day is May 9, and we'll celebrate this special day with our offering.



MOWING TEAM

April Randy Kinney

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June Don Doonan

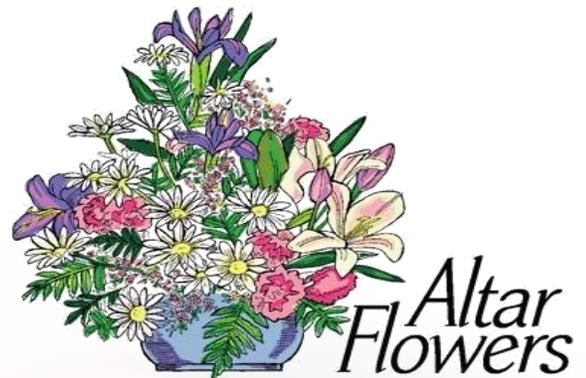
July

Aug Randy Kinney

Sept

Oct Randy Kinney

If you can't take the whole month, let us know and we'll find someone to split it w/you.



Now that we're back in the sanctuary, we could use some help providing flowers for the altar again. I have put sign-up sheets on the window in the Gather Area for you to choose a date(s) to help out.
THANKS!!!



Graduating Senior?

Do you have a loved one graduating from high school or college this year? If so, please notify the church office with the following:

- Full name
- Relationship (son of; granddaughter of; etc.)
- Graduating from what institution
- Major/minor (college only)
- Special awards &/or accomplishments
- Plans for the future (college at; job with; enlisted in; etc.)

Now that we're back to in-person worship . . .

SCHEDULE TO SERVE for April

April 11

Pianist: CJ Albertson
Greeter/Usher: Mike & Vicki Shaw
Liturgist: Cindy Irwin

April 18

Pianist: Sally Riewerts
Greeter/Usher: Deb & Rich Menke
Liturgist: Trish Reisener

April 25

Pianist: Linda Reickard
Greeter/Usher: Stacy & Dietrich Muhs
Liturgist: Keith Riewerts



APRIL Food Pantry List:

- *Canned TOMATOES**
- *Canned FRUIT**
- *MUFFIN MIX**



PALM SUNDAY

Returning to Worship with . . .

The Road To Calvary

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our Palm Sunday Worship Service such a meaningful experience!

* ACTORS: Ryan Riewerts, Matt Hodge, Mary Beth Riewerts, Doug Becknell, Cliff Willey, Joyce Orcutt, Pastor Courtney

* CHOIR ENSEMBLE: Kelly Cronkleton, Trish Reisener, Daisy Schoonover, Steve Sorensen & Bill Tubbs. (Last song included CJ Albertson, Pastor Courtney, Doug Becknell, Mary Beth, Ryan and Keith Riewerts,

* SOLOISTS: CJ Albertson, Mary Beth Riewerts, Ryan Riewerts

* DIRECTOR: CJ Albertson

* MUSIC DIRECTOR: Sally Riewerts

* PIANIST: Kathy Dawson

* SOUND&VIDEOGRAPHY: John Cannon

* GRAPHICS: CJ Albertson

APRIL



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/01	Mark Herrin
4/02	Laura Reth Dave Wall
4/07	Ron Carlson
4/08	Taylor Crain
4/09	Ken & Marcia Nestler
4/11	Glendena Heiman
4/12	Jason Apple
4/14	Cliff & Melissa Willey
4/18	Sondra Bulazo Samantha Stilson
4/22	Zach Petersen
4/23	Cory Crain Linda Tubbs
4/27	Sophia Popelka
4/29	Walker Gentz Mary Miller
4/30	Becky Esbaum

