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Maundy Thursday

A couple of years ago we added a Last Supper Drama to our Maundy Thursday worship. This event was so well received that we have kept the drama as part of this service. This Maundy Thursday, April 1, we also bring back the "Simple Meal" which had been part of this special worship service. Our own Tim McNutt will provide a simple meal of soup, and we will gather around the tables to eat together and receive communion as we hear again the message from the Bible of that last meal.

Come join us again this year as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We will gather at 6:30pm, and because it is a school night will conclude the service by 7:45pm.

Good Friday

This year on Good Friday, April 2, we will gather for a special worship of music and readings. Continuing with the words we heard from the disciples on Maundy Thursday, we will hear again what they saw then, as well as what that message means for us today. There is no meal; we will gather at 7:00pm and be away from the sanctuary by 8:00pm. Come hear and understand what the message of yesterday means for us today.

Easter Sunday

There is the story of the construction company who sent a memo saying: "Since Easter falls on Sunday this year, you may take Monday as your Easter holiday." Well, it does fall on Sunday, and this year it is April 4. We will hold our two regular services at 8:30am and 10:45am. During this joyful celebration of Resurrection we will enjoy special choral and instrumental music. Invite your friends to come celebrate Easter with us.

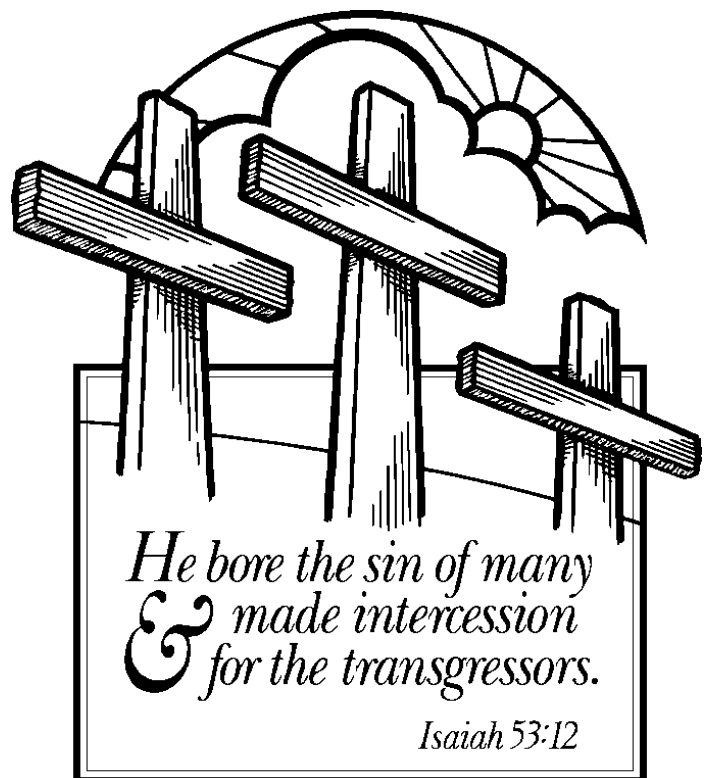
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April 4 – Easter Sunday
Isaiah 65:17-25; I Corinthians 15:19-26;
Psalm 114; Luke 24:13-49

April 11 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118; Revelation 1:4-8;
John 20:19-31

April 18 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

April 25 – 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17;
John 10:22-30





A story has been roaming around about a little boy who was not exactly happy about going to church on Easter Sunday morning. His new shoes were too tight, his tie pinched his neck, and the weather was just too beautiful to be cooped up inside. As he sulked in the backseat, his parents heard him mutter,

“I don’t know why we have to go to church on Easter, anyway; they keep telling the same old story and it always comes out the same in the end.” How true, how true!

Of course, there have been times when church folks have questioned the story; found it difficult to believe. In fact, within just a few years of Christ’s death and resurrection, some in the church at Corinth expressed doubts about it, which prompted the apostle Paul to issue the stirring defense that includes our text. For Paul, this is serious stuff. It is the heart and soul of the Christian faith. Paul will brook no compromise on this issue. In fact, he goes on to insist, “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). But he will not let it end there; he writes, “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” The resurrection of Christ is a fact, and you can take that to the bank.

* What is it that gives a widow courage as she stands beside a fresh grave?

* When a family receives the tragic news that a little daughter was found dead or their dad was killed in a plane crash or a son overdosed on drugs, what single truth becomes their whole focus?

* How can we see past the martyrdom of hundreds of police officers and firefighters at the World Trade Center or the thousands of other innocent victims of terrorists in the world?

* What is the final answer to pain, mourning, senility, insanity, terminal disease, and sudden disaster?

All these questions have the same answer. Resurrection.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!
God bless, Bill.

Be a Good Steward of our Earth!
Saturday, April 24
9am-3pm

1441 W Trinity Mills (Bush Tollway & I35 – on the south side by the Bus Terminal)

The City of Carrollton is teaming up with the Dallas Area Household Hazardous Waste Network in order to host this day which will enable you to safely dispose of all unwanted hazardous waste and electronics in your homes and garages. Check the list below for items which will be accepted.

- Pool & yard chemicals
- Batteries of all kinds
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Automotive fluids, oil, gasoline
- Paint home repair products
- Household cleaners & polishes

All types of electronics (small fee for TVs and Monitors only)

Quarterly Nor’kirk Officer Meeting

The 2010 Nor’kirk deacons, elders and trustees will meet in Price Hall on Sunday, April 11th at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review the progress of action items from the All Officers Retreat held in January, evaluate the success of such actions and events held thus far this year, and coordinate events scheduled to occur later this year.

If you have any suggestions on how to improve the spiritual growth of our congregation or better serve our community, please get your suggestions to me or any 2010 Nor’kirk Officer before the April 11th meeting. With everyone’s input and support, The Nor’kirk will better meet the needs of our congregation and our community.

Scott Cherry, Clerk of Session



**Come celebrate our Kirk Orchestra's
10th season of Music Ministry
Sunday, April 11th- in both worship services
and an evening concert at 7pm in
The Nor'kirk Presbyterian Sanctuary**

In the spring of 2000, a small but committed group of Nor'kirk musicians began rehearsals in Price Hall. Little did we know that 10 years later we would have grown so much, both musically and in numbers. So it is with great appreciation for the support we have received from The Nor'kirk and our surrounding community, that we invite you to help us celebrate

TEN YEARS with TEA and TCHAIKOVSKY.

Our program will be comprised from a myriad of styles and composers - there will be something for everyone! And, as is our tradition, we will enjoy a reception following the concert - this one in the form of a High Tea. Various teas with scones, biscuits shortbreads and cakes will be provided for all those who participate and attend.

The orchestra is bringing back some of our favorites, including Shaker Variants, Beautiful Savior and Thunder and Lightning Polka. Two Tchaikovsky pieces will also be featured.

Please join this dedicated group of instrumentalists of all ages, in worship, and in an evening of music, as we celebrate ten years of music making!

Contact director Charlotte Moellering, orchmo1@verizon.net 214-796-4086 for more information.

SECOND SATURDAY SISTERS

Our new Second Saturday Sisters group continues to be flexible as we have scheduled our next gathering for **Sunday, April 25th right after the 10:45 service**. Maybe we'll eventually meet on a Second Saturday, but until then we'll take the calendar as it is. We will meet for a salad luncheon (either in the Banner Room or over in Price Hall) right after the second service. We had a great turnout for our first event in March (with about 20 ladies attending with quite a few more who wanted to come but had conflicts). Many ideas were tossed about and will be discussed further at our April lunch.

Several options for future events:

* *Lunch or Dinner out at local restaurants .*

* *High Tea * Women of Faith Conference (in August)*

* *Spa weekend get-a-way*

We want to incorporate different types of gatherings at different times of the day (some don't drive at night, and some have childcare issues). We will focus of Christian fellowship but will also take on mission projects from time to time.

Come with your ideas and your salad! We'll see YOU on April 25th.

The Women of the Nor'kirk have a wonderful opportunity ahead! **Friday/Saturday August 20-21**

The Women of Faith conference is coming to Dallas (American Airlines Center) this summer. The conference will feature a diverse line-up of speakers, special guests and musical artists (Steven Curtis Chapman and Sandi Patty to name a few!). Throughout the event women will join together to experience music, comedy, drama and inspirational stories that will leave a powerful message. Women of Faith has been going strong since 1996 and is the nation's largest Women's Conference.

We have the option of attending both Friday night and Saturday or just Saturday. We also have the opportunity to make reservations at a nearby hotel in we choose to make this a

week end retreat. If you can

commit by April 17 (and we are able to sign up as a

group), you will receive a discount

on your ticket (only \$89) and hotel costs.

Please contact Shari Sobek or Diana Farrar for more information. We hope you will make plans to attend this special event!

Check out this website for more details and information - http://www.americanairlinescenter.com/events-and-tickets/event_details.php?eid=934

MORE BYOB GOOD TIMES IN APRIL!

Come join all your brothers for another **BYOB** on **Saturday, April 17, 2010** at the welcoming abode of **John O'Connell, 2306 Sheffield Square, Carrollton, TX 75007**.

The gathering will commence at **7:00 pm** and last till around 9:30pm. So, bring your meats, bring your favorite sides (if ya want), bring your favorite beverages – most important, bring yourselves!! RSVP asap to John Bara at 214-724-3089 or jbara@sbcglobal.net.

See ya at the O'Connell's!!

Norkirk Highland Games and Chili Cook-off

Saturday April 10th at 4pm

Games, Food and Fun for ALL ages

Caber Toss, Hammer Throw, Stone Put and Weight over Bar are just a few of the games that will take place. In the Scottish Tradition King Malcolm III (alias Jack Martin) will summon all from **The Kirk and Neighboring Village** to participate in an afternoon of games for all ages.

Thanks, King Malcolm



Spiritual Retreat 2010 Summary Fellowship and Rejuvenation!!

A heartfelt "thanks," from the Ministry for Adults, to all who made the trek up to Tanglewood Resort at the end of February to fill up their souls with good fellowship, strong and beautiful music and the presence of God, at the 2010 Spiritual Retreat! And, special thanks to the many who helped make this joyful and powerful event happen, with words of inspiration, wondrous music and group facilitation!

Yes, who will forget the many special moments, including – an awe-inspiring rendition of Dylan's "Knocking On Heaven's Door" by Mike Mayo and friend Greg in the still of Friday night; campfire talk (sans campfire) into the wee hours; seeing the hand of God in a spectacular sky early Saturday morning (for the two inspired to get up crazy early!); the question-marks raised over the heads of many, during the Saturday morning break-out session, at the sight of a tinfoil sculpture of a squashed frog (?) and a flamingo (?) in front of a burning candle; ruminating on the meaning of the famous "I Am the Door" quote on the basement door at City Lights Bookstore; the merciful failure of a questionable bonfire to ignite at the end of Saturday's program (God's hand, again?).....

And many, many more.....but, mostly, all of us taking the rich and meaningful journey, together, from "God, where are you?" to "God, you are everywhere, in every thing and every person.....let me open my eyes and my ears – and my heart!"

Spiritual Retreat 2010 provided great fellowship and inspiration – and FUN – to all who participated. The Ministry for Adults was definitely inspired, and already noodling on Spiritual Retreat 2011 ideas! You are invited to join your Kirk brothers and sisters, in the deep mid-winter 2011, to immerse yourself in this amazing experience! God bless!

Team Fox Update

I offer my heartfelt thanks to each of you who donated to Team Fox. With some very generous help from church members, I was able to raise \$5260.50 for Parkinson's research. I ran my 50K (31.25 miles) race on Saturday, February 27 in 5:14:41 and have lived to tell about it! I even placed 3rd in my age group and beat the average MALE finishing time by 12 minutes. The best part was having my dad literally on the finish line! This has been a phenomenal experience and I am humbled by all the support I have received throughout this event. Again, thank you!

Kim Ready

Summer Youth Events

In the February issue of *The Kirk News* we included an article about two special summer events for our high school students. We now have further information AND we have information about a 4 day event for our middle school students:

Mo Ranch, located in the Texas Hill Country near Kerrville, offers a program for high school students called "Youth Celebration" from June 27 through July 2. You'll live in dorm-type housing, spend a lot of time in and on the water, sing, dance, play games, listen to key note addresses (the theme is GODS PLAN IS NOWHERE), and spend time alone, thinking about your spiritual journey. It's a life-changing, fun week. The cost will be about \$444 per person, plus transportation and meals on the way to and from Mo Ranch. If we have a group of Nor'kirk youth interested, we'll find an adult sponsor.

Synod Youth Connection (SYC) is held each year at the University of Tulsa. Dates this summer are July 12-17. SYC is a week much like that at Mo Ranch, but on a college campus instead of a river! You'll stay in dorm rooms at University of Tulsa, meet throughout the week in small groups, spend one day doing mission work somewhere in Tulsa, and enjoy music, energizers, and key note meetings. The cost will be about the same as Mo Ranch. Again, if a group of Nor'kirk youth are interested in attending, we'll find an adult sponsor.

And for those of you in middle school, Mo Ranch offers Junior High Jubilee July 4-8 or July 11-15. Cost is \$381 per person plus transportation and meals on the way to and from Mo Ranch. The theme is A.R.K. (Acts of Random Kindness). If we have a group of students who are interested in attending, we will find an adult sponsor.

If you are interested in attending one of these events, contact David Miller.



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HEY, NOR'KIRK SHERLOCKS!

The game is afoot! And, you have the opportunity to find out, once and for all.....are you a true Sherlock, or only a bumbling Watson! Here's the deal - Jack and Lore Martin have graciously offered their beautiful abode to host the wedding reception after the nuptials of a local celebrity, with the festivities starting at **7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010**. In gratitude, the wedding party has invited all Nor'Kirk adults – that is, YOU!! - to the reception. Of course, you know all the internal politics and intrigue of this couple and their friends and family, all the animosity and enmity.....oh, you don't? Well, perhaps, you best show up, watch and learn.....and solve the mystery to win fabulous prizes!!

Please just **rsvp to Jack Martin ASAP at firemanjack@tx.rr.com or 214-364-4911**, and, if coming to this boondoggle, **please bring a main course of some sort (unless Jack contacts you to bring something else!!)**. If you have any questions, contact our gracious host, Jack Martin, in the above manner. Otherwise, come and enjoy a great night out – and help the local gendarmes capture the nefarious perps of this soon-to-occur heinous crime!

