

JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

Joy on mission...the hands and feet of God!



April Ministry of the Month:
Treats and baked goods, Scripture posters and prayers were delivered to the Lexington County Sheriff's & Town of Lexington Police Departments.



Care Basket Ministry:
Do you know someone who needs a little encouragement? - How about someone who does not have a church home? - A new neighbor or someone goes out of their way to help others? We are launching a new ministry to connect with others and share the love of Christ. Our new care basket ministry will be a great way to meet new people, deepen existing relationships, and extend an invitation to Joy.



Scheri is the coordinator of this ministry, but we need your help to bake goodies, make deliveries, and visit with people. This ministry will include our homebound members and friends of Joy, but we hope to be really creative and reach out to lots of other folks as well. If you have someone to whom you would like a basket delivered, or if you can help with this ministry in any way, please be in touch with Scheri. Together we can share some love and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:

*"And Jesus came and said to them,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age." (Matthew 28:18-20)* This is why we exist – to:

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

JOY MISSION CHURCH

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Raised to New Life

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We hear this *kerygma*, or proclamation, all throughout the Easter Season. This Season runs from Easter Sunday all the way until Pentecost Sunday, which this year, falls on May 23rd.

In these forty-nine days of the Easter Season, our lectionary (the appointed schedule of Scripture readings for worship) focus on Jesus' appearances and interactions with His disciples and other believers. We get a glimpse into the activities and ministries of the early Church in *The Acts of the Apostles* and reflect upon the love of God shown us in the death of resurrection of Jesus through our readings of the epistles (letters).

The Gospel readings reaffirm that Jesus has indeed arisen from the dead and that He is alive and well and very present with His disciples (us included) each and every day. Just as God raised Jesus from the tomb, so too, He is raising us to new life in Christ here, in this life. In Christ, we have God's gift of eternal life after this life AND the gift of new life here and now!

Over the past year we have been entombed in a way - closed off from others in fear, worry, our own homes. We have been isolated, felt disconnected. But now, God is calling us forth from our tombs. He is calling us, as we are able, to return to worship in person, to enjoy once again the gift of fellowship with one another, and to begin reaching out and serving others face-to-face, heart-to-heart with joy in Jesus' name.

Let us celebrate this good news and rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, as we gather and grow as His people, for we too have been raised. And we are Easter people!

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
And thanks be to God, so are we!

In the joy of our risen Lord and to His glory,
Pastor Paulette



“Enjoy the brightness of new LED lighting in the chapel. Thank you to those who made this change possible.”



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