



*A Service for the Lord's Day*  
*April 25, 2021 ~ 10:00 am*  
*4th Sunday of Easter*

To listen to the service on your phone, call 720-647-9623 between 10 am this Sunday and 10 am next Sunday..

**Prayer of the Day**

"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to pray in and play in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul."  
~ John Muir

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.

Gathering Music

Dr. Jonathan Morris

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sheri Fry

Call to Worship

Liturgist Diana Bennett

One: Come, let us dwell in God's shelter. Let us dwell in God's work of art. Come, because the Earth is the Lord's, and God's Earth is our home.

All: **We live in God's world; we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth, with the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with minerals and creatures of every form, and with all our brothers and sisters.**

One: God is good and everything God makes is good. God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit. Let us worship God!



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Diana Bennett

**We light a candle to God, the Creator, who lit the light in the darkness and breathed life into the creation. We light a candle to Jesus Christ, the light of the world, our hope and rescue. We light a candle to the Holy Spirit, who sets our faith on fire and gives us courage to follow the truth. The heavens bear witness to your wonder and we believe your faithfulness.**

Hymn 187

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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Prayer for Illumination

**You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways. With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening...for nourishment, comfort, for challenging and new focus. Amen.**

First Lesson for the Day

Psalm 104:1-30

(The Message)

Second Lesson for the Day

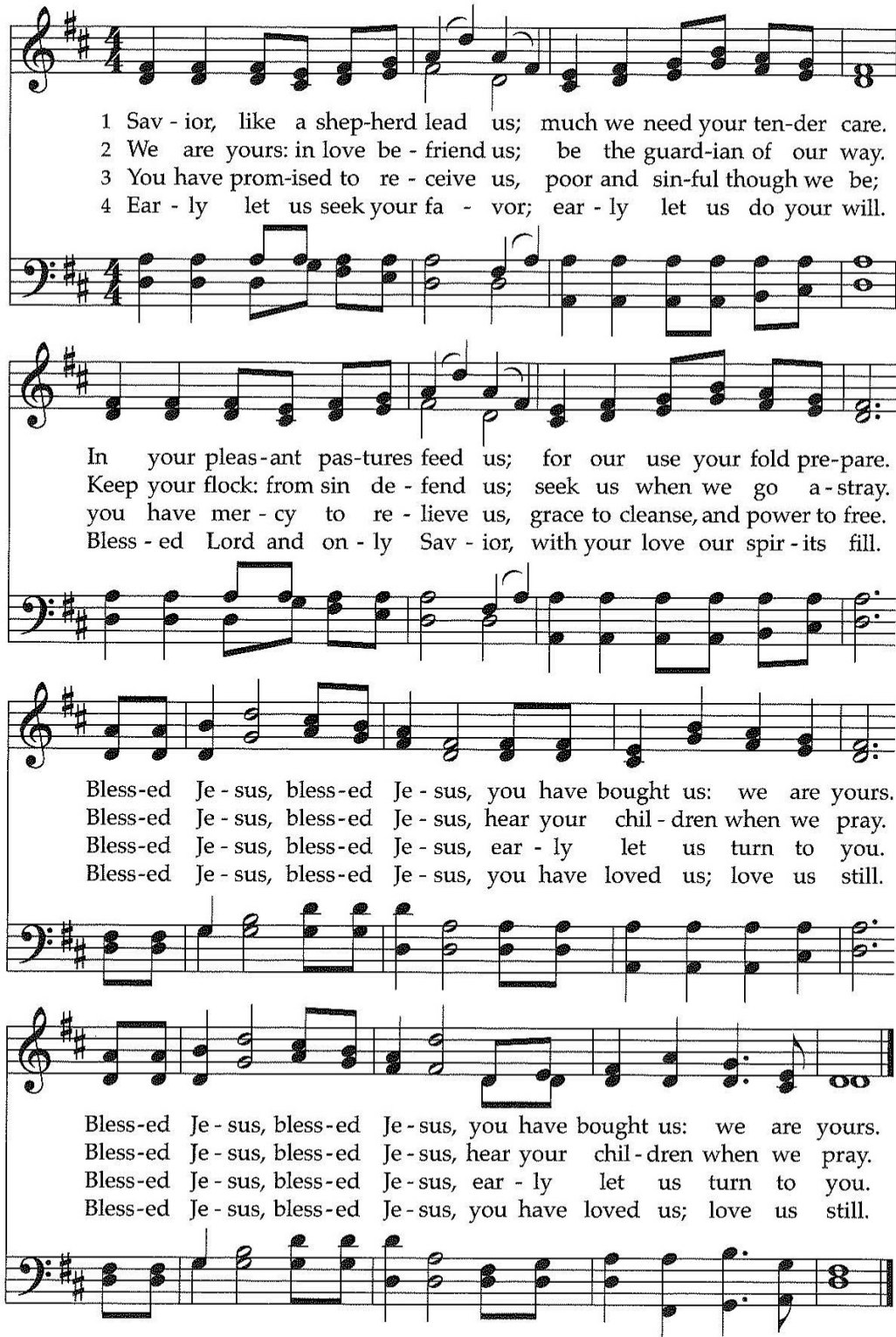
John 10:11-18

Sermon

*Sheep Wrestling*

Rev. Sheri Fry

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

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 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things. Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with all creatures. God became incarnate, a part of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation. The risen Jesus is the Christ at the center of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos. The Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of all creation. We believe that with Christ and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

## Anthem

*For the Fruit of All Creation (hymn 39)*

## Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

## Hymn 39

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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## Charge and Benediction

## Congregational Benediction

*God Be With You 'til We Meet Again*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -  
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -

fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
vide you:

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Good Shepherd Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sheri Fry

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell

Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy

## 39

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,  
Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:  
As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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### Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of five systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains two lines of lyrics. The second system contains one line. The third system contains one line. The fourth system contains one line. The fifth system contains one line. The score ends with a double bar line.



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## Greening

I remember many springtime's when I'd awaken in the morning, look out the window and wow...there this green grass would be. Robust, vibrant grass. It seemed like it was an overnight kind of thing, brown one day and bright green the next. This greening always came in the springtime when we had snow and rain.

When I look closely as I walk my dog Maisey, I can perceive little things all-around of new life...almost like the earth is straining, trying to draw forth new life from within it. I know the green will come again and that it will just be a matter of time before warmth and moisture provide the right conditions for change and growth.

This process of the earth's greening after a long winter reminds me of our spiritual "eastering," the inner transformation and rebirthing that comes after we've had a long winter spell of the spirit. The dead, brown grass is there for a long time in our hearts, or so it seems. No amount of hurry, or push, or desire can make the green happen any sooner.

I think of people I know who are longing for an inner greening and are yet in the throes of a spiritual winter: folks who have lost their loved ones; a child struggling with a new career and fears her ability to cope with the challenges it requires; a friend who fell into deep, clinical depression and struggles to live through each day with little energy. Each one needs an "eastering," a bright greening, and how they long for it to come soon.

But it may be a slow process, a tiny bit of life gradually weaving through the pain and questions. Eastering isn't always a quick step out of the tomb. Sometimes rising from the dead takes a long, slowly greening time. It can't be hurried.

It's my hope for you this Easter season that you will trust the resurrection of your spirit, believe that joy and new life will come for you, even though it may not be there for you now. If you are one of the fortunate ones whose soul sings with happy alleluias this Easter, may you turn often to those who are still awaiting their greening and walk hopefully with them.

Peace & Blessings,  
Sheri

Rev. Sheri Fry  
Transitional Pastor

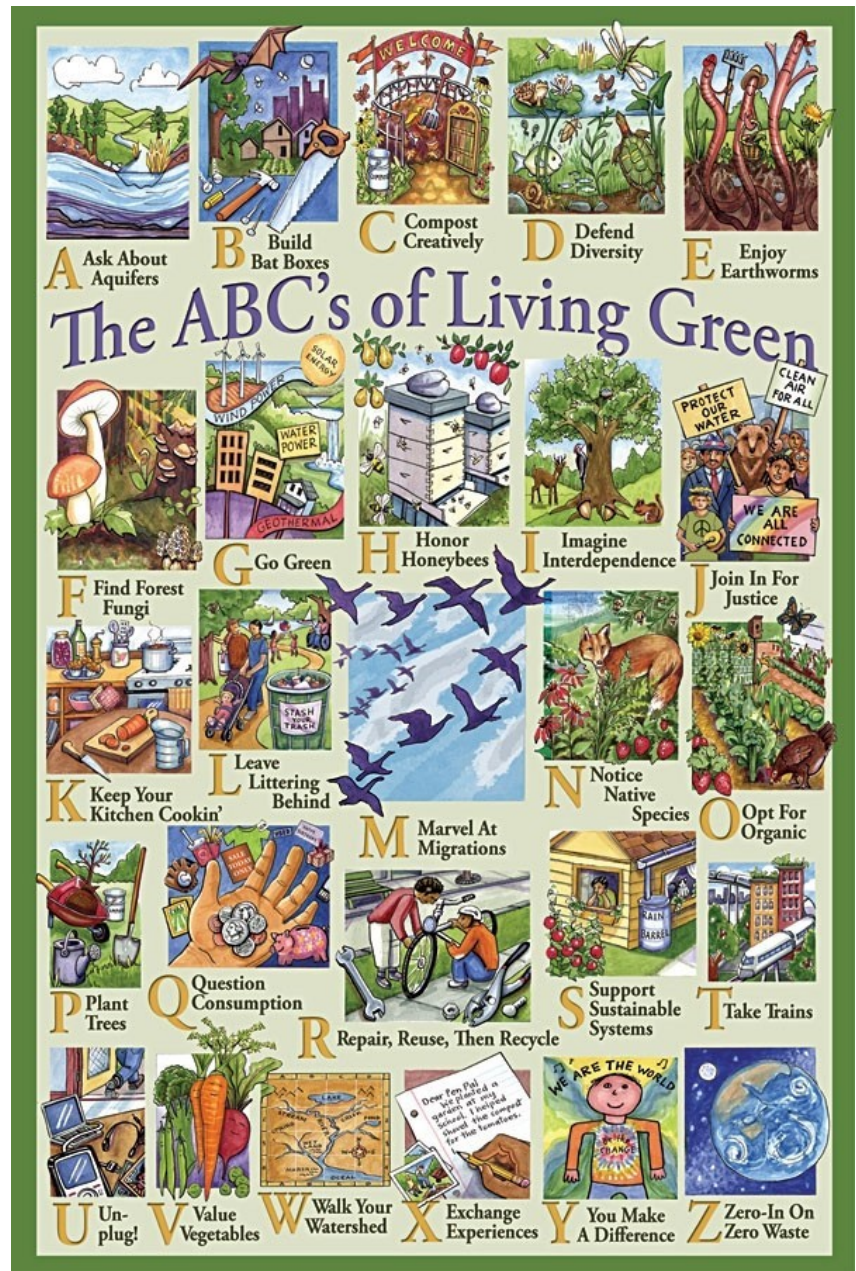




# EARTH DAY...HOW TO LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY IN COLORADO

The planet desperately needs us to go beyond recycling soda cans and washing laundry in cold water. In honor of Earth Day, *5280 magazine* checked in with Colorado's eco-experts about their efforts to save the planet and what we can do to make a bigger impact each day.

- ♦ Run your dishwasher only when it's full.
- ♦ Turn off the lights when you leave the room.
- ♦ Recycle glass and plastic containers, aluminum cans, cardboard, newspapers, and paper products.
- ♦ Turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth.
- ♦ Reduce your consumption of beef (even a little bit). Beef production uses more land than other protein sources, and the cows create methane gas.
- ♦ Always carry reusable totes to avoid single-use plastic bags.
- ♦ Walk, bike, or use public transit for trips one mile or less – transportation is the 2nd largest emitter of greenhouse gases in Colorado.
- ♦ Use cold water to wash your laundry and line dry your clothes when possible.
- ♦ Replace inefficient incandescent lightbulbs with efficient LEDs.
- ♦ Install an energy-saving thermostat.
- ♦ Shorten your shower from typical 8 minutes to 5 minutes to save 6 gallons of heated water.
- ♦ Stop buying bottled water, use a refillable bottle instead.
- ♦ Unplug electronics when they're not in use.



## Sermon Musings

John 10:11-18

Jesus describes himself as a shepherd. For people in the United States today, the idea of a sheep or shepherd is far beyond our reality. In most children's Christian literature illustrations, Jesus is depicted as a smiling, tall, thin White man with a staff, surrounded by sheep. The sheep, somehow aware of who he is, smile in his presence. They, too, are joyful. But this is a cartoon interpretation. Shepherds smell like sheep. And sheep smell like "outside." Like grass, like dirt, like whatever they were chewing on. Even more, sheep will fight for dominance. They will throw themselves at each other. This goes on for hours, often until one ram gives up and walks off. And Jesus is there for all of it. To serve as a shepherd, one must be wise. One must also be willing to take on the burden of the ones they serve.

This text also shows love is embodied as presence, as healing, as protection and care.

This faith we choose is not merely a set of abstract claims. It is a way of living in community - a commitment to the practice of kingdom values with and for each other. God has given us the power to incarnate the Spirit of Christ in any and every situation. We are made capable of love - even in the presence of risk. Love with flesh on it. Love that feeds and heals and shares and rests. Love that tends to the body.

Peace, Sheri



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## SANCTUARY RESURRECTION

### MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ IN PERSON WORSHIP

Let's love our neighbor and continue to keep everyone safe. We hope you will join us for worship at 10:00 on Sunday, May 2. In order to love our neighbor and keep persons who enter our church safe, we ask that you help us implement the following safety guidelines:

- Please maintain six feet of social distance from other families from the time you leave your car, throughout the worship service, and also returning to your car.
- Face masks are required. If you do not have one, we will have some on hand that we can provide for you.
- Communion will be served in pre-packaged communion cups with juice & wafer together.
- To maintain social distancing in our restrooms, we ask that only one person be in the restroom at a time.
- Hand sanitizers will be available in the narthex so that you may sanitize your hands.
- Although we love hugging and greeting one another, please refrain from physical contact with other people. We will not have a time of meeting and greeting during the worship service...not yet...J
- Sanctuary seating will be spread further apart. Please sit with your own family unit and maintain six feet of social distance from other families.
- An offering plate will be located in the Narthex to assist us in giving our gifts to god in a safe manner. We will not be passing the plates during the service.
- Unfortunately, the choir will not be singing at this time. During the worship service, our music minister – Sara Tyburczy and occasional soloists will sing from the front of the church. We ask the congregation to participate by listening and meditating on the words of the hymn.
- We are hosting other small group church activities in the church i.e., the Women's Circle, The Men's Shed, the Session meetings, educational book studies and of course the Food Bank.





# DIAPERS, WIPES AND FEMININE HYGEINE PRODUCTS DRIVE

MAY 9 - JUNE 20, 2021 ~ MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

wants families in the area to have an important necessity...DIAPERS and other personal products,



On Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day – the church will host a Mother's Day to Father's Day diaper drive.

Let's work together to collect diapers for families in need that will be distributed through the **Good Shepherd Food Bank**. Nationally, 1 in 3 families with children under age 3 struggle to buy diapers.

The Good Shepherd Food Bank connects with many families every month and often do not have enough diapers to help families.

Our Food Bank volunteers observe that diapers help more than just the babies who wear them.

"There are also consequences for parents and caregivers. Consequences like increased stress and depression, consequences like missing work or school because parents aren't able to bring children to daycare when they run out of diapers, and so for us we see providing diapers to the most vulnerable members of our community as something that not just impacts the health and well-being of infants but can have a positive impact on families as a whole."

You can drop diapers, wipes and hygiene products off at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex on Sundays. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Peace, Sheri

Rev. Sheri Fry

Transitional Pastor

We invite you to give to the **PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing** – this offering is the single largest way that Presbyterians unite to work for a better world. This offering helps those suffering and vulnerable through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. We hope you can give generously...as we each do a little...it adds up to A Lot! Thank you for your generosity!



## ZIMBABWE MISSION PARTNERSHIP

We now have 8 people in the process of registering to ride for TEAM GOOD SHEPHERD on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Douglas County Fair Grounds! They are Stephen Chappell, Pastor Sheri and her family (5 people), Teddie McConnell and David Wolters. They will be raising much-needed support for the Heather Chimhoga Care Center in Zimbabwe.



Our partners in Zimbabwe tell us that the community vegetable gardens have had a very successful year due to abundant rainfall. The poultry project is now self-supporting and providing protein for the children's meals. The moringa project is also a growing source of nutrition, as well as a new product to market. Part of the Clinic is in use, although it is not completely finished nor had an "official grand opening." That should take place sometime in the next several months.

COVID-19 remains an extreme challenge in Zimbabwe, and schools are currently closed. Staff members, families and community caregivers provide food delivery, medical care and educational to help to the children as much as possible. Our continued financial support is critical through fund-raisers and congregational pledges from the churches in the ZMP. Please consider making a generous donation to support 1 or more bike riders, either on-line ([zimpartnership.org](http://zimpartnership.org)) or through Good Shepherd by writing on your check that it is for ZMP and the name(s) of the riders you wish to support. Thank you in advance for your on-going support of and dedication to this important mission.

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## Joys and Concerns

**Wava Vincent** passed away on April 18th. Her funeral and internment will take place on Friday, April 30th at 10 am at Olinger Mortuary at 10201 Grant Street, Thornton, CO 80229 Memorial gifts can go to the Denver Dumb Friends League.

Please pray for her family; for Patty S., recovering from an illness; Art and his family, grieving the loss of Jan; for the Bennett family who are grieving the loss of Diana's parents; the family of Barb W., who is now living with her daughter due to severe Alzheimer's disease; for the family of Burton K., who is in memory care and hospice care; for Pee Wee his family; Norm R.'s family, for Bill and Gayle, H.; for Jim S. and Michelle

W; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area. Peewee Holland has moved and changed his phone number. He is now at 1506 Sunset Place, Loveland, CO 80537, 303-408-0665.

**Dear Friends of Burton,** Thank you for your recent thoughtful cards and letters to Burton. He listens intently and absorbs your love. Since we have all had our vaccines we can visit Dad more frequently. He has recently "graduated" from hospice care! Medicare requires progressive health decline in order to continue hospice care, but B. actually improved a bit! Since he is now in a wheelchair most of the time, he is not likely to fall and require emergency room visits. Possibly better than hospice, Dad, who turns 95 on June 12, has a new admirer! Shirley is often at his side, holding his hand! Robo-kitty is now lonely! - Burton's son

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### Coming Soon

May 2 at 10 am - In-person Worship Resurrection!

May 7th 12-10 pm & 8th 8 am -6 pm - Scrapbookers in Fellowship Hall

May 10th 9:30 am - 12 pm Men's Shed at the church

May 20th at 1 pm - Sometime Circle in the Fellowship Hall