

PLAIN GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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April 2021

Easter is a Season

For many people Easter is that one Sunday each year when we remember that Jesus conquered the consequence of our sin which is death and miraculously came back to life early on that first Easter morning. For those who are familiar with my preaching, you are aware that I often state that “every Sunday is Easter.” Jesus rose on the first day of the week, and so the Christian church has historically met on the first day of the week (Sunday) in recognition that the most important truth of our faith occurred on that day.

But Easter is more than just a day or days of the year. Easter is a season. The ecclesiastical calendar or historic “church calendar” designates seven weeks to celebrate Easter. Beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for the next six Sundays and concluding the day before Pentecost Sunday – this is the season of Easter. It is no coincidence that this season parallels the season of Spring. By the way, the date for Easter is always determined by the formula, “the first Sunday, after the full moon, after the Spring Equinox.” As the earth springs to life from the dead of winter so nature itself reminds us that Jesus sprang to life from death on that Easter day.

As is the case with so many things, we often have our one-day celebration and then quickly move on to the issues of life, quickly forgetting the significance of that celebration. But this year, at Plain Grove Church we will emphasize the Resurrection of Jesus for each of the seven weeks of Easter.



The sermon series for this season is entitled “Proof that He Is Alive.” Each week we will hear the stories of the eyewitnesses that met Jesus after his Resurrection and learn how their stories contribute to our certainty that Jesus lives. I hope that you will join us, not only for Easter Sunday, but for the entire season of Easter.

In Christ’s Service,
Stan

April Worship Opportunities At Plain Grove Church

April 1 Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion
Worship at 7:30 PM
Scripture: John 18:1-14
Sermon: “The Gethsemane Road”

April 4 **Easter Sunday**

Sonrise Service at 8:00 AM (In the Sanctuary)
Brown Bag Breakfast to Follow – Please Sign Up.

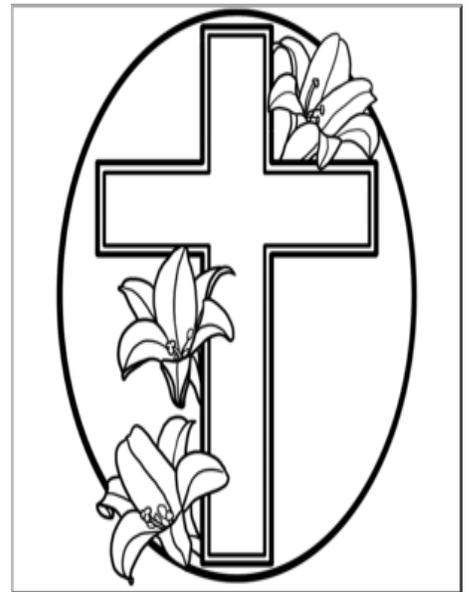
Easter Celebration

Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: Luke 24:13-19a
Sermon: “The Emmaus Road”

April 11 The Second Sunday of Easter
Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: John 20:10-16
Sermon: “Why Women?”

April 18 The Third Sunday of Easter
Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: I Corinthians 15:3-8
Sermon: The Three Least Likely”

April 25 The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Worship at 11:00 AM
Scripture: John 20:19-29
Sermon: “Two Sunday Evenings”



**The Session will meet in April on Thursday,
April 8, at 7:00 PM.**

Special Thank You

We all want to say “Thank You” to Jamie and Brian Slamecka who have faithfully live-streamed our services each Sunday. Many, many people are appreciative of their efforts which have enabled those who cannot attend in person to still be a part of our services of worship during this pandemic.

Plain Grove Presbyterian Church

"Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee" ...Job 22:27

Prayer List for April 2021

We pray for family and friends...

*Charlie Campbell
Suzanne Fields
Jim Hohmann
Erma Jean Hohmann
Todd Laughrey
Samantha Blair Dorr
Spike Kline
Carl Richardson
Mary Richardson*

We pray for our country.

We pray for those in our Armed Forces,

President Biden and our leaders.

We pray for the First Responders, Nurses, Doctors,

and all Healthcare Workers.



Please notify the church secretary when a name needs to be added or removed from the list.

Session Highlights – March 2021

- Kid's club meetings are being held 2nd Mondays at 7:30 for 2nd – 6th graders – held virtually for April and IN PERSON starting in May, outside at the church – Contact Mary Campbell to sign up
- Brown Bag breakfast after Sunrise service - take home or eat in
- Coffee collection for the City Rescue Mission for the month of February was very successful
- Mission planning a spaghetti dinner at City Rescue Mission for April
- Mission collecting in March for AWARE
- 32 served communion on Ash Wednesday
- Lenten Devotional sent out to each family in the church
- Maundy Thursday Communion planned for April 1st, the church will be open at 2 if you need to pick up supplies to use while watching the live stream
- Sunrise service will be at 8am on April 4th, Easter
- We have financial assistance available and encourage anyone with a financial need to reach out directly to Pastor Stan or an Elder
- Kitchen upgrade project underway
- June will be the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building, more to follow
- Sermon Series during Lent - The Road to the Cross

Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs

Ingredients

1 cup creamy peanut butter	1 ¼ cup light brown sugar
¼ cup unsalted butter	2 cups milk chocolate chips (or 12 oz milk chocolate, chopped)
¼ cup light brown sugar	2 Tablespoons Vegetable Shortening

Directions

- Line a baking sheet with wax paper or parchment paper; set aside.
- In a medium saucepan, combine the peanut butter, butter, and brown sugar over medium heat. Heat until completely melted and starting to simmer, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat.
- Add the powdered sugar a ¼ cup at a time, stirring until completely combined with the peanut butter mixture after each addition. Set aside and let cool to room temperature.
- Using a medium cookie scoop or a heaping tablespoon, scoop out peanut butter mixture and shape into eggs. I found it easiest to roll the scoop into a ball, and then roll it into a short cylinder. I placed it on the baking sheet, and then used my fingers to shape the ends into an egg-like oval. Refrigerate to allow the peanut butter eggs to set, about 30 minutes.
- Once the peanut butter eggs are set, melt the chocolate chips and shortening together in the microwave on 50% power in 30-second increments, stirring after each, until completely melted. One at a time, dip a peanut butter egg into the chocolate and, using a fork, flip it over so it is completely covered. Remove it from the bowl, letting any excess chocolate drip off. Return it to the baking sheet, and repeat with all of the peanut butter eggs. Sprinkle with decorations, if desired.
- Return the chocolate-covered peanut butter eggs to the refrigerator to allow the chocolate to set, about 30 minutes. The peanut butter eggs can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 1 month. They can be frozen for up to 3 months. <https://www.browneyedbaker.com/>

Birthdays

April 1 ~ Jessica Bartlett

~ Staci Deems

April 2 ~ Matthew Burns

~ Dustin Fuhr

April 3 ~ Rob McKissick

~ Devin Sharek

April 4 ~ Lilyana Fuhr

April 5 ~ Zach Dlugozima

~ Brad George

~ Karlee Graham

~ Lisa Sotter

April 8 ~ Rich Fuhr

April 9 ~ Colleen Deems

April 10 ~ Ben Shuty

April 12 ~ Tim Richardson

April 13 ~ Adam Hammerschmidt

~ Bill E. Sonntag

April 14 ~ Lena Cribbs

April 16 ~ Bob Davis

~ Sarah McKissick

~ Pearl Studebaker

April 20 ~ Marty Rodgers

April 21 ~ Amy Deems

April 22 ~ Mikayla Fleeger

~ Agatha Reese

April 25 ~ Donald Deems

April 26 ~ Sam Locke III

April 27 ~ Dick Glenn

April 29 ~ Dar Kazmierczak

~ Clarissa Shuty

April 30 ~ Wesley Strickler

Anniversaries

April 2 ~ Dick & Carolyn Burns



Upcoming Events

April 1 ~ Maundy Thursday
Communion Service 7:30 PM

April 2 ~ Good Friday

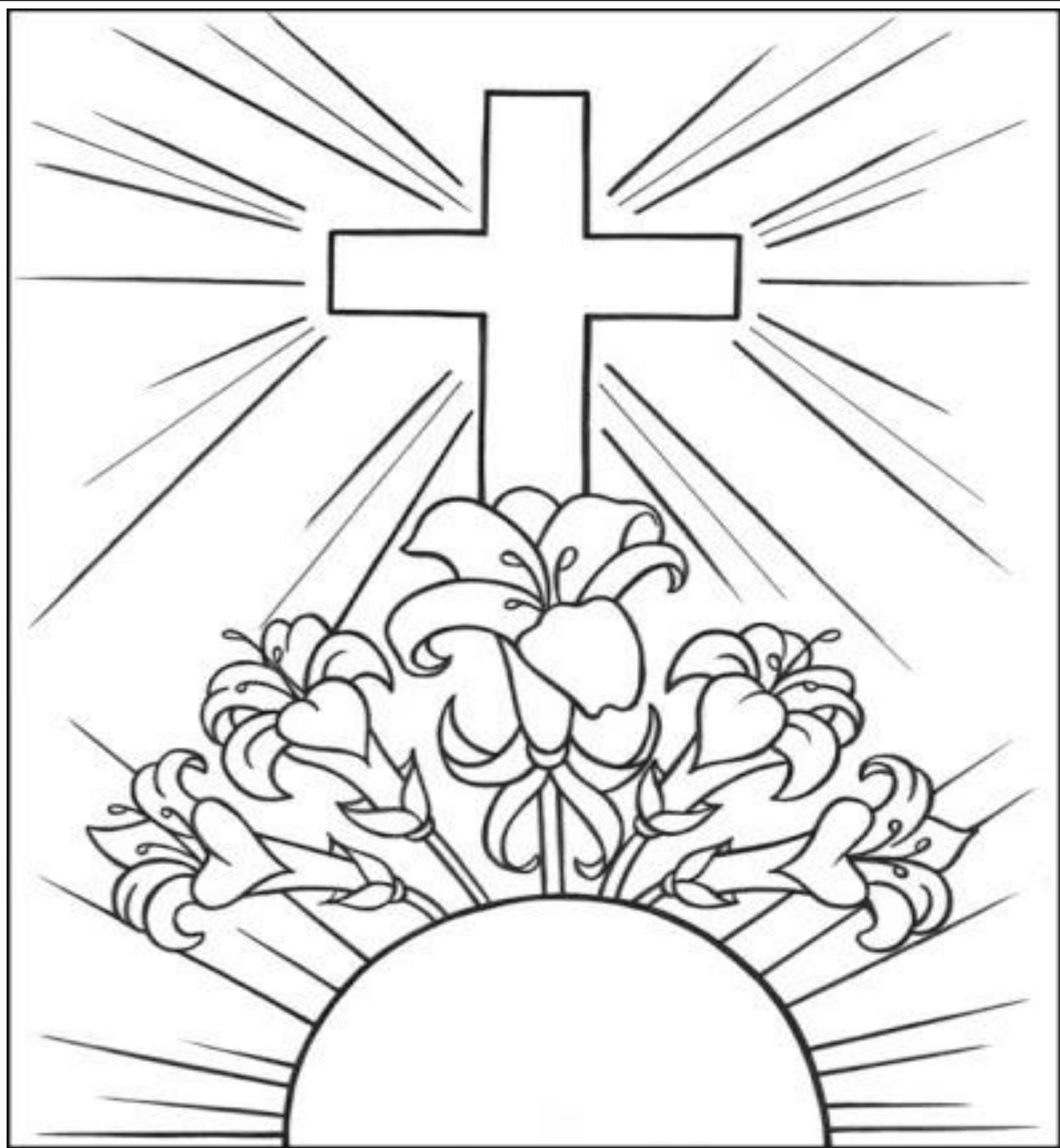
April 4 ~ Easter Sunday

~ Sunrise Service 8:00 AM

April 8 ~ Session Meeting 7:00 PM

April 10 ~ Spring Clean-up

April 17 ~ Spring Clean-up raindate



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