



THE SLATE

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Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church
Cardiff, Maryland

April 2024

As I turned on the television this morning to listen while exercising, I was stunned by the news of the ship “Dali” collision into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore. Our hearts and prayers go out to those affected by this incredibly serious event. Lives have been affected – some in a very large, profound way. Others will only be inconvenienced by their increased travel time. Whatever the impact, it affects all of our lives; even if in a very small way.



Then, because of the religious impact of this week, I was reminded of the actions of our Lord Jesus Christ – and those of the Jewish leaders of his time along with the Roman Empire – on the entire world. What a huge impact they all had. Many say that the events of this week, almost 2000 years ago, had the single most significant impact on the world in human history.

We humans are often proud of ourselves for what we accomplish: building a successful career, education achieved, physical goals accomplished, constructing our houses, even building bridges and tunnels. But, compared to what Jesus accomplished in His short human life and sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, our accomplishments are fleeting. They are finite; and will most likely be soon forgotten.

On that fateful Good Friday, Jesus changed lives forever. None of us (2000 years later) are the same as we would have been without Jesus. Even those who are not our brothers and sisters in faith are affected. Whether they would admit it, or not, our Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, etc. friends have been affected. The WHOLE world changed on that first Good Friday.



But, more importantly, it changed on that Sunday morning. Jesus arose from the tomb to prove that He was/is, in fact, God incarnate. He proved to the world that even death can not prevent God from loving us. His was one of the cruelest deaths imaginable. Yet, Jesus forgave those who were killing Him. He continued to love them; and to this day loves us all, no matter our condition or circumstance.

As we finish out this Holy Week, and enter into the Easter season, let’s continually be reminded of Jesus’ love for us. Let us remind each other, and those with whom we come into contact, that God loves us, and we are to likewise love others.

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We each have been inspired, encouraged, enlightened, comforted... by things we have read and/or reflected upon. Please consider sharing your readings and/or personal reflections with others through our monthly newsletter, The Slate. You can contact Luianne (410-688-0603 or luiannepotter@gmail.com) or Linda at the church.

Our Triune God is the definition of love. We are to be reflections of that love; especially as we transition from this season of sorrow into one of rejoicing.

We might not be able to do anything to physically help those affected by this morning's tragedy. But we can pray. We can ask God to be with those that have been most profoundly affected. Give them strength and hope in the coming days, weeks, and months. Also pray for those that are affected in other ways. Give them the patience that will be needed as they navigate around the area with a major travel artery being severed.

Prayer. That is what Jesus taught is the most important thing we can do. Converse with God and draw ourselves closer. As we celebrate Jesus conquering death, remember to give praise and thanks for being our brother, friend, savior; but most importantly – being our loving God.



HAPPY EASTER!

Pastor Carroll



Slate Ridge Worship

Worship services are now being live-streamed via You Tube (The channel is: Slate Ridge Church). The service which includes a Children's Message begins at 11:00am. Teachers are available to teach youngsters during "Kids Church". The service is posted weekly to the

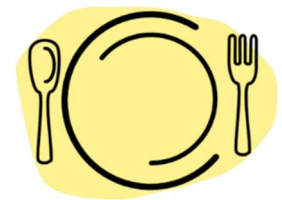
SlateRidgeChurch.org website and Slate Ridge's Facebook page.

Greeters/Ushers for April

The Scott Kefauver family

Closers for April

- Apr 7 - Brian Amos
- Apr 14 - Bill Scarborough
- Apr 21 - Steve Hess
- Apr 28 - Nelson Lewis



CLEAN PLATE

Wed, April 3

From 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

1st Wed of the month

Next Clean Plate - May 1st.

Meetings

- The Session will meet Wednesday, April 17 at 7pm.
- The Deacons will meet on Sunday, April 21, following worship.

Deacons News

- John & Phyllis Fenwick will be sending cards in April; reach out to them if you think of someone who needs a reminder of God's love for them.
- If a member of our church family, or of the local community may need a meal or two (because of hospitalization and recovery following surgery, etc.), the Deacons Contact person for meal support is Janet Nicholson. Janet's contact info: 410-937-7753.



Bible Study on the book of Ruth

There will be a Bible Study here at Slate Ridge on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00am. All are invited. Come one - come all. Bring your friends. We began on March 21 but it is never too late to join us. From there, we will determine - as a group - in which direction the Bible Study will head. I look forward to seeing many of you here.

Pastor Carroll

Prayer Chain

If you are in need of prayer, or if you would like to participate in our Prayer Chain, please contact Linda in the Church Office. Linda will start the prayer conversations going with the first person on the list. That person will pray and in turn, will contact the next person on the list.

North Harford Dance

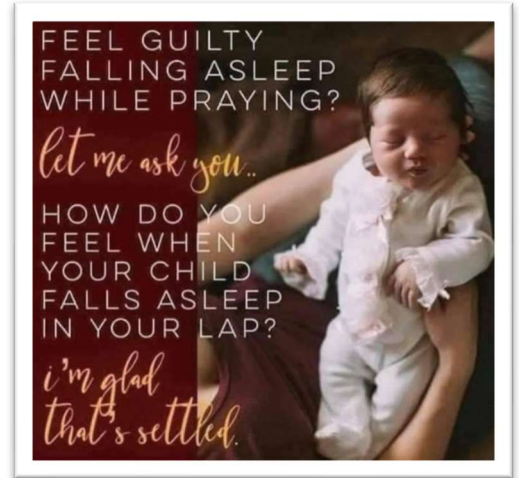
Dance in Hyde Hall is scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

These Days Daily Devotional

The devotionals for April-June are on the Gathering Table.

Per Capita 2024

The Per Capita for 2024 is \$38.00 per member which goes to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to defer administrative costs. The Session Finance Committee elects to pay the Per Capita on all our active members. We thank all who contribute their portion.



Shared by Pastor Carroll



April Birthdays!

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Jake Thompson | 22 Maddie Clark |
| 3 John Johnson | 23 Nick Thompson |
| 8 Peyton Panos Smith | 24 Pat Kefauver |
| 8 Michael Gerlach | 26 Yvonne Bishop |
| 9 Katie Myers | 27 Miriam Newton |
| 17 Kenny Myers | 27 Andrew Webster Fisher |
| 18 Gemma Hyde Streett | 29 Patrick Smith |
| 18 Skylar Anne Streett | 29 Allison Hess-Golliday |
| 20 Maddie Dorville | 30 Caroline Johnson |

April Anniversaries!

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| 29 Tom & Sue Ross |
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Your support of MDCS is such a blessing to both our clients and our agency! Thank you so much for your donation. Your kindness and generosity means so much to us. We are humbled by your generosity and thankful for your commitment to our cause. Your support makes a huge impact!

Jane Skrzypiec, Highland Center Director,
Mason-Dixon Community Services

Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church Expenses

February 2024

	2024	2023
Income	\$ 10,440.05	\$ 6,204.21
Expense	<u>7,313.96</u>	<u>9,008.98</u>
Net Income	\$ 3,126.09	- 2,804.77

Do I Really Mean it?

As most of you know, our family had another few weeks where we truly didn't know what we were going to face...but I pray we all knew that whatever it may be, God was going to walk us through! It never ceases to amaze me how easy it is to trust Him when all is going well...but wow, it can be really hard to say "*Thy will be done*", and truly mean it when times are dark. What if God's plan isn't what I think I need...what if His answer isn't what I want? Many times while Landyn was so ill I found myself asking God just to make him better...to put that huge smile back on his precious face... "to bring him home and make it all go away!" I needed to say those words, I felt I needed to make sure God knew what I wanted! In reality, I'm sure He already knew...I am also sure what He truly was listening to hear me say was "*Thy will be done, not my will.*" That I truly trusted Him with the most precious things in my life...But those are tough words to pray and mean. They truly require a faith that only knowing of God's mercy and grace can we have. To be able to know that God sees the entire picture when we can only see one frame at a time can certainly help...but I'm not sure anything short of the miracle of faith makes it acceptable! And what about those times when those of us who feel we "have really got this faith thing", still can't find that total peace that so many Christians have told us is there? I believe God understands...He knows our hearts better than we do! As Pastor Fitzgerald reminded us Sunday, Jesus feels our pain, He understands...He collects our tears...He Himself has wept! God understands how difficult it can be for us to pray for *His will, not our will* to be done. He will be there with us, even when we struggle with saying the words. I submit as well, that the more times we hand over that control of the situation to Him, the stronger our faith will become.



Make it a JOYFILLED day!



Twenty-four Easter Baskets were filled to the brim and delivered to Mason-Dixon Community Services (Delta) for their clients' children a few weeks ago.



Dear congregation and friends: Thanks so much for all the wonderful donations of candy, bubbles, books, crayons, stamps, play doh, special small toys and Beanie Babies! Mason-Dixon was thrilled that they will be able to share these with children in our community.
- Luanne, Marian and Debbie.



Luanne, Marian, and Taylor

you are
all
kinds of
amazing



Debbie and granddaughter, Taylor

2024 Easter Lilies

CONTRIBUTORS	IN HONOR OF	IN MEMORY OF
Brian & Rose Amos		Lucille Malcolm Carolyn Hause
Ann & Jerry Booze		Our parents
Tillie & Paul Butler		Our loved ones
Mary Gerlach		Our loved ones
Patti & Jim Gibney	Todd, Sara, Ryan & Dan. Kevin, Becky, Sadie, Ella & Rhett Gibney	Jack Wiley Hugh & Ella Gibney Tom & Albert McGuigan
Steve & Debbie Hess		Helen & Bill Watkins Herman Dalton Roy & Betty Hess
John & Bobbie Johnson	Our children and grandchildren	Belva & Hyde Dooley Myrtle & Clinton Johnson
Pat Kefauver		Randy Kefauver Ann Ford & Henry Ford Tom Ford Florence & Owen Ford
Marian & Bill Koegel	Our children and grandchildren	Eleanor, Dick, Linda & Kate Thompson
The Macomber family		Bob, Libby and David Macomber
Joyce Myers		Kenneth Myers Andrew Potter Matthew Wachter Delmer & Catherine Myers Thomas & Ruth Wallace
Janet Nicholson & family		Phil Nicholson
Jeff & Luanne Potter		Andrew Wallace Potter Madelyn & Walt Potter Kenneth A. Myers Carol Lynn Potter Helmkamp
Bill & Sandy Scarborough	Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren	Our parents, Wilbert & Virginia Lloyd Bob & Mildred Scarborough.
Patti Smith		Howard Smith
Dave & Debbie Stewart	Our children and grandchildren	Our parents
Ann Z. Wenrich		My parents, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Zimmerman
Janet & Les Whiteford		Our parents and siblings

Praying for You



- John C. Johnson underwent reverse rotator cuff surgery.
- Steve Hess's friend, Eric Helm, had surgery to remove a large tumor, but numerous smaller tumors were found.
- A young mother with a child, is out on her own; the father does not live with them.
- Cathy Panos's mother is now out of the hospital; the family is deciding how to best care for her.
- Danielle; Mark (*Alzheimer's*); Andrea (*breast cancer*); Scott Schubert (*thyroid cancer*); Wilson Heaps (*shoulder pain*); Sandy Scarborough (*constant pain*); Debbie Nelson (*second knee surgery*); Leroy, Debbie Hess's brother-in-law (*dementia*); Debbie Hess's sister (*not managing well with Leroy's dementia*); Michael Gerlach (*recovering from surgery*); Jen with newborn baby (*cancer treatments*); Pastor's friend, Terri Cornwell (*chemo for stage 2 breast cancer*); Becky's friend Jan (*issues with AFib and stroke concerns*);
- Joe and Karen Devilbiss's granddaughter, Anna Deaver, seriously injured in an accident more than ten months ago, was recently hospitalized and on a ventilator for a time. Somewhat uncertain times for her family but they have amazing faith. You can track her progress by logging in to CaringBridge.org.
- Bill's friend, Opher and his family, Jewish in the Middle East, prayers for safety and protection.
- Angela, daughter of Bill and Sandy Scarborough, medical issues.
- Pastor William Netting is hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Paul Breaud in Ohio, while providing security at a Monster Truck event, was run over by one. Suffering with a brain injury, he cannot be on a blood thinner and filters are being put in address the blood clots in his legs.

Joys!

- Dave Stewart's sister, Jean, is in remission.
- Scott Schubert, recovering from treatment for thyroid cancer, is now experiencing vertigo. He thanks the Slate Ridge Church family for their card and promises to visit when he is able.
- A friend of Jessica Vogelsong got the flu, then had a seizure, and testing revealed that he actually has a chronic disease. The Joy is that without the flu, it may have gone undiagnosed.
- Joyce Myers is a great-grandmother again! This baby girl is her 19th great-grand child!
- Celebrating the Third Anniversary of "Gotcha Day" with Pastor Carroll, Becky and Nathan.
- Landyn, Janet Nicholson's great grandson spent some time in the PICU of Hershey Hospital, battling many critical health issues. He is now very happy to be home. Prayers for Landyn and family.



With sympathy and prayers

- Thomas Calvin Scarborough, age 93, passed away on February 29. He was an 80-year member of the Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church. His wife, Ruth, survives him; she is an 84-year member.
- John Fenwick's sister Carol passed away after battling liver disease.



Month of April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	3  CLEAN PLATE 5-7pm	4 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm Pastor in the Office 9:30-2:30 Bible Study 10:00 <i>Dance, Hyde Hall</i>	5 Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	6
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