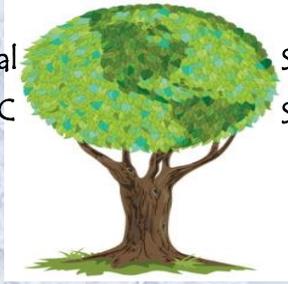


THE TRI-COUNTY PARISH CIRCUIT RIDER



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Biscuits

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord, help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what you are doing, that we need to wait and see what you are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."

Romans 8: 28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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If a member of your family or a friend is hospitalized, please contact the parish office (673-5294) as soon as possible. (you can leave a message after office hours) Pastor Jerry and Kathy would like to make a visit, but since hospitals discharge patients so quickly, we need to know as soon as possible when your family member is in the hospital. Also, if you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know so Pastor Jerry can arrange a visit. No one should go without this important sacrament in their lives.

Pastor's Ponderings

By Jerry Schmidt

Greetings in the Name of the One who came to Redeem all of us,

We have come to the season of Easter. Hallelujah! Praise God in heaven and on earth! Alleluia!

We have looked into the deepest, darkest corners of our hearts, and have taken those cob-webbed issues to God, and have heard His strong and loving voice forgiving us of those sins of action, and omission. He has cleared us of any wrongdoing, and is showing us the Way!

OR

What is the preacher talking about? I didn't have any issues. I am as good as I am going to get, or as good as I can be. There was no need to search my heart; I have been a faithful follower of Jesus, and give to every need that the church has. I didn't need this season of Lent to figure out how to be a better person, or Christian.

OR

Who has the time to do all the things that Kathy and Jerry have said in the sermons through Lent? I have been too wrapped up in my own problems. I have been sick. My legs will barely hold my weight anymore. I have all of these medical issues that keep me occupied 24/7. Take time to search the darkest corners of my heart? Hunph!

I have to admit that there is a little of all three of these scenarios in my journey through Lent. It is difficult to get to answer the question: What now? What is next? When we are struggling with any questions of health, well being, and lack of time. Sometimes, we don't know how to begin to reconcile with those closest to us, let alone those whom we barely know. And sometimes, it is easier to reconcile with someone whom we are simply acquainted, where there is no real relationship.

We need to remember that the first priority is God. He calls us to very different things, and sometimes, we are called to very similar things. Feed the poor, love the lost, and do all the good you can, take up a part of all we do. It is either a small, or a large part of who we are. But what if God is calling you to a different thing? What if God is setting someone else up to take over your ministry, so that you can move to a new thing? Has God revealed an idea that you dismissed? (Is it wise to dismiss things that may come from God?) Lately, I have been remembering the moment that God called me to ministry, and the days afterward, and the things that were said to me concerning that call by God. It brings a smile to my face and Paula's. We think about how God was right, and the lives that we live now.

So what next? There is always 1000 things calling us away from where God wants us to be, so we need to remember that God will turn us aside if we stray from His destination for us. Do we need a few less things tugging at us, vying for our time and affection? Have we discerned whether the tug on our heartstrings is genuine, or simply a cry of desperation? I believe that listening is the key. Listening to God!, not people. People have a tainted outlook on what God is calling me to do. His voice may be hard to hear, so listen close. I receive a daily devotional online, and inevitably, one of the first instructions is: listen, God is calling to you. Hush, and hear His voice. Are you listening?

What a way to begin a devotion. Be silent, and listen for God over the cries of the people around you, over the sounds of the television, phone, computer, and family. Now that we are past Lent, we are ripe to tell others about Salvation through Christ Jesus, our Lord! Now is the time that people expect us to talk about our faith...about what and who gets us through each day. Spread the Gospel, as it applies to your life. Only you can tell your story with the passion that it deserves. This is not the time to share our stories of woe. This is the time God has given so that others might see Christ in us, and through us. And through us, He can do marvelous and miraculous things; as long as we are doing it in Jesus' Name, God will bless it, and us. Be the blessing that God has called you to be in a world that is angry, evil, and in need of love!

Listening and waiting,

Pastor Jerry

Minister's Musings

By Kathy Miller

Spring Has Sprung!!

OK! The crocuses and other spring flowers appeared in early March and April showers began in mid-March. As I write this, there is another week before April so there might still be some (shudder) snow. But Spring has officially arrived! With the flowers and warmer temps, it feels like we are ahead of schedule. Does that leave more time in April for _____? Go ahead, fill in the blank! What do you have more time for? Maybe helping a neighbor? Or volunteering at the Food Pantry or the Clothes Closet? There are so many places that need volunteer help in our community.

But here's another suggestion. How about starting a Small Group discussion in your "Sunday School" hour? By the way, if you invite a friend who has not visited your church before, never call it "Sunday School"! That gives the impression of a long term commitment. Think about offering a "Small Group" study of 4 – 6 weeks with the first one being very basic! Don't be afraid to be a leader (notice I didn't say that other scary word – "teacher"). Small groups are "conversations" on one subject. Pastor Jerry or I will help you find materials to use. Please pray about it. This can help you to build your congregation. And that is the work for all of us – to bring people to Jesus within the loving community of our churches. We have the Good News to share! Really, the best news!!

If you would like a visitation at your home, personal care home, or hospital for you or a loved one, please call the church office and give us contact information. Because I am anxious to get to know you better, I will respond to determine a convenient time for all.

Lord Jesus, when you were on earth, you prayed. You prayed in the morning, you prayed at night, you prayed alone, you prayed with people. In your hours of distress, you retreated into times of prayer. In your hours of joy, you lifted your heart and hands to the Father in prayer. Help us to be more like you in this way. . .help us to make prayer a priority in our daily lives. Amen

(Max Lucado)





Parish News



World Day of Prayer Service

The World Day of Prayer Service for 2016 was held on Friday, March 4 at Canton Ecumenical Parish. The theme for this year's service was provided by the women of Cuba. As part of the worship service, a short video was presented that gave those in attendance more information about the history and current facts about Cuba. An offering was taken of \$45.00 that will benefit the people of Cuba.

Those in attendance were: Henry and Donna Stone, Yvonne Crimbring, Connie Kern, Nancy Arias, Marie O'Hara, Warren and Donna Strout, Brian Greenough, Roger and Joyce Castle, Peggy Acampora, and Jerry and Paula Schmidt. A delicious luncheon was provided for those in attendance by Brian Greenough. (thank you, Brian!) Thank you also to Joyce Castle for coordinating the service. Connie Kern's birthday was also celebrated during the luncheon. Join us next year for this uplifting and enjoyable time of praise, prayer, and fellowship.



Parish Weekly Prayer Meeting (Prayer Warriors)

Even though we haven't heard from any of you about whether or not you would like to again participate in a weekly prayer meeting, I have decided to go ahead with it. The meeting will begin after Easter on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in fellowship hall (upstairs) at Canton Ecumenical from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. In the past this was just for women, but men are invited to participate if you are able.

The meeting will consist of a devotion of some kind to start the meeting and then participants will bring prayer requests to the group. Then each person will pray either out loud or silently for the requests, whatever they are comfortable with. Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of this group to lift up our community in prayer. I hope to see you there! (Paula)

Kathy will be at licensing school April 15 – 17. Please pray for her as she prepares to become a CLM.

Minute Meditations for April - The Gift of Faith

From the Gospel Herald and the Sunday School Times

By John Lineberry, M.S.

April 3, 2016 – Read Luke 7:9. the centurion was a military man of authority. His position enabled him to understand the power and authority of Christ. Going to the centurion's house to heal his servant was unnecessary, for Christ spoke the word and the servant was healed. (vs. 10). Jesus said the centurion's faith was the greatest in Israel. (vs. 9)

April 10, 2016 - Read Luke 7: 50. How often do some people emphasize religious ritual and tradition for salvation of the soul? The truth is that only saving faith guarantees salvation from sin. Peace to the heart comes by faith alone. (Romans 5: 1). Soul tranquility rests only upon the finished work of Christ at the Cross.

April 17, 2016 – Read Luke 8: 35. The demon possessed man was a wild man, roaming among the tombs. Everything became new when he met Christ. (cf. II Corinthians 5: 17). People saw a changed man, “sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind” (Luke 8: 35). The man experienced the “perfect peace” of Isaiah 26: 3.

April 24, 2016 – Read Luke 15: 24. many times, youthful aspirations and dream lead to unwise choices. The prodigal son wanted to explore life by going to the big city, where he had many friends until his money ran out. Broke and lonely in the far country, the prodigal decided to return home to the father's house(vs. 17 – 18). That is a picture of the sinner returning to God, who is merciful and loving, despite our sin.



Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher

Sunday School at 10:00 AM.

Bible Study with Pastor Jerry continues on Thursdays at 1:00 PM.

Have you ever noticed that since we have celebrated Easter, Spring is in the air? God seems to remind us that our salvation has been paid for in full with the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. All we have to do is receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The dormant trees, flowers, grasses, and some animals come to life after the long cold winter. Revival is very visible! That being said, let us praise and glorify God for his wonderful love for us. Thank God every day for blessing America!!!

Christ died for our sins. HE HAS RISEN.....REJOICE!!!!

HAPPY EASTER!

Saturday, April 2- A Celebration of the Life of Lorraine Shisler, who passed away on November 25, 2015, will be held at the Endless Winds Fire Company at 12 noon. A hot meal will be served and pictures of her from youth through adulthood will be on display. Dress is strictly informal and anyone who knew her or her family is cordially invited to attend.



Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

Our Monthly Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:00 p.m. This month features a Chicken dinner. Dinner includes, entrée, Salad, beverage, and dessert. The cost is \$6.00 per person and take-outs are available. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Canton Food Pantry item for April is Saltines. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

Ward has planned their annual 7am Easter Service followed by breakfast. Because you're scheduled to receive this publication on that date, I am hoping you're enjoying a wonderful morning of worship and fellowship as we speak!

Ward will have its business meeting April 7, 2016 at 7:15pm. The meeting will be held at the church this month. We hope you are able to join us for discussion as well as fellowship following the meeting.

The Bible Study continues to meet on Tuesday morning at Ward. If you are unable to attend the Tuesday morning Bible Study, you are also welcome to attend the Tuesday evening Bible Study. The evening study meets at CEP.

This month's spotlight will take a look at the Ad-council. This is another group for which you occasionally see a meeting notice printed in the bulletin. Like the PPRC, the Ad-Council is a Tri-County Parish group. The Ad-Council consists of two members from each congregation. They are the Treasurer of each church as well as the Lay Leader from each church. One of the main duties of this committee is to discuss and approve the budget that is presented by the PPRC. While the treasurer is not a position that is on a "class system" rotation, like the PPRC, the Lay Leader is. This means that a person holds this position for two years. When his/her term is up, a new member is recommended for the position and our council votes on that nomination. Again, this typically takes place at our September meeting.

As I am sure you all know, Maxine Shedden is our treasurer. She works hard to be sure our bills are paid, our accounts are balanced, the donations are sent to the correct recipients, the deposits are made, and keeps accurate record of all accounts. While I am not sure these are typical duties of a treasurer, Maxine also makes sure that the church is open, the heat is on, the coffee pot is ready, the punch is made, all necessary supplies are available, and the church is cleaned; and this is just the tip of the iceberg!

Dianna Thompson is our Lay Leader. According to www.umcdiscipleship.org, the job of the Lay Leader is as follows: An effective Lay Leader functions as the primary representative of and role model for Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life for the people of a congregation. The Lay Leader works with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation. In our church, the Lay Leader also sometimes assists the pastor with the worship service. For example, this person may assist with the service when we have a guest speaker or may assist with the conclusion of the service if the pastor has to leave prior to the closing. Dianna is currently our Lay Leader until 2018. Dianna also serves as auditor for our church. With this duty, she reviews the books kept by the treasurer assists with any corrections that need to be made and signs and submits the paperwork to be reviewed at the charge conference. Dianna also assists Maxine with counting the collection each week.

We are so blessed to have these wonderful ladies supporting our church with all they do! Thank you Maxine and Dianna.

St. John's News

By Andrea Sutton

Boy, does time go fast anymore. It was just last month that I had to write something for the newsletter and here it is again.

Last month it was all about hearts, love, weather predictions and presidents. This month it is about love again. The love of God who gave His only son to die on the cross for our sins.

We had the privilege of hearing the message brought to us by guest speaker, Jennifer Jones. She did very well and if you don't remember her, she is the one that works at Kelley's. (Don't worry Kathy, we did miss you!)

When this newsletter comes out, it will be Easter Sunday. I'm sure everyone attended all the special services leading up to this day, but what about your own personal service? The service of maybe helping someone, giving to a good cause, making people smile? It might be just as little as sending a card to wish them a Happy Easter, letting them know you are thinking about them. Or maybe it is inviting them to join you at your Easter table. Whatever it is, you can bring cheer and brighten someone's day. Think what you might do, even after Easter has passed.

This is also a time of reflection and remembering Easters past. As a young girl, I can remember reciting poems during an Easter Sunday school program. Singing songs, and telling the world how joyous I was on Easter Sunday. Even my children took part in such a program.

Remember when Easter hats were the fashion? When you got that special outfit for Sunday, when you wore a corsage? These things have come and gone, but the true meaning of Easter should never be forgotten or go by the wayside.

Spring officially came in on March 20th. Palm Sunday. The day we all remember the triumphant entry of Jesus with the waving of palms. Members of our congregation also received palms, not that we came in glory, but to remind us not to take for granted what we have. We were blessed by Pastor Jerry and Don Heller singing for us!

I'm sure all our readers can remember special moments about Easter. I Hope all your new experiences are pleasant, special, and most of all receiving the great love shown to us. Pass it on.

Hopefully in the near future, all of the parish members can get together once again for an evening of fun and fellowship. If anyone has an idea, please let me know. I have thought of one, but don't know if we can pull it off. Maybe we could go back to celebrating our individual birthdays, we haven't done that for a while.

As usual, I always say I have nothing to write and end up writing enough to fill two pages.

My wish to all our readers is to have a Blessed and Happy Easter. God is the reason for this season also and He loves each and everyone of us. Thank heaven!

You Gotta Laugh!



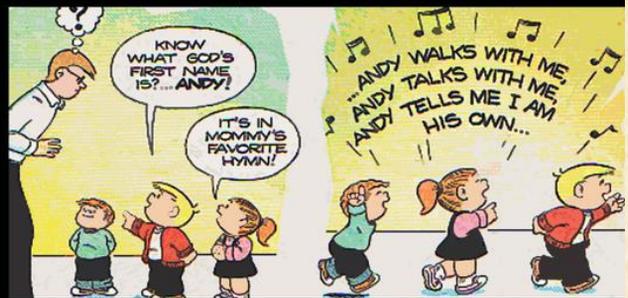
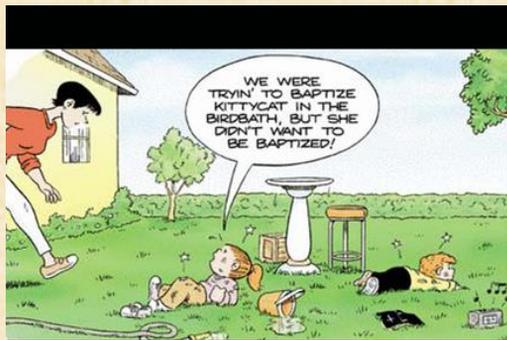
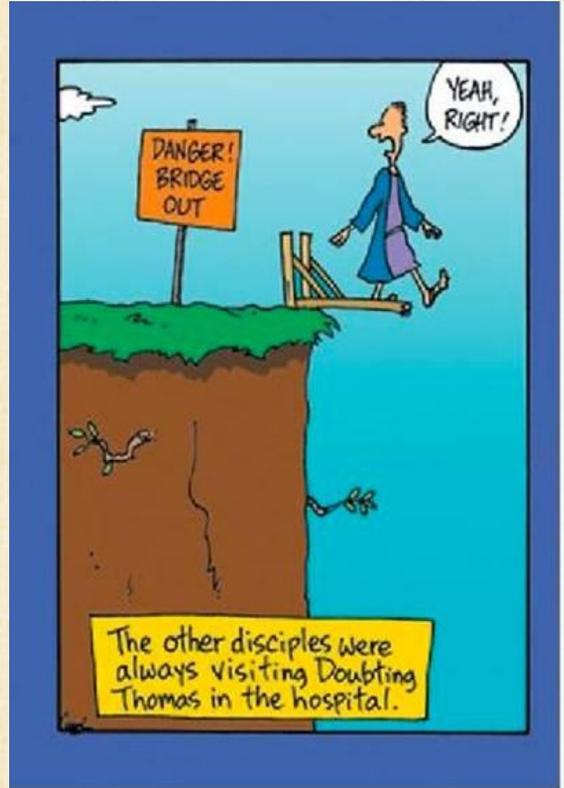
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(See Genesis 19:1-29)

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SOMETIMES I MISS THE OLD TESTAMENT DAYS WHEN WE COULD SMITE THEM FOR THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR.



The Chocoholic Grandma

From “Chicken Soup for the Chocolate Lovers Soul”

By L.J. Martin

***The best way to get two pounds of chocolate home from
the store in a hot car is to eat it in the parking lot.***

Author Unknown

When I first met my husband’s grandma, the first thing I noticed was that she seemed to like chocolate more than I did. Perhaps it was the way Grandma hid her chocolate cravings from the rest of us and kept her stash to herself. When someone gave Grandma a present of chocolate, she’d excuse herself and hide her loot.

Later, when my two young sons asked if they could have some of her chocolate, she usually responded that she forgot where she put the golden egg.

“Grandma’s getting old and forgets where she puts things,” she’d say. “After you kids leave I’ll probably remember what I did with the chocolate and then you can have some next time you come for a visit.”

There was never a next time. The children would always remember to ask on their next visit, and every time she had no idea where she left her chocolate. What kind of Grandma doesn’t share the chocolate with kids?

Grandma refused to get a housekeeper; she was afraid they were only after her chocolate. We encouraged Grandma to start her own chocoholic support group, a place where she could get help with other women her age who loved chocolate. She was always reluctant. “Why at my age do I need to stop eating chocolate? It’s the only thing I have left in life.”

So we stopped harassing Grandma about her addiction and started to learn to live with Grandma’s dependency on the cocoa bean, as we were constantly reminded, “It’s better to eat chocolate than to drink whiskey.”

Every year we would ask, “Grandma, what do you want for Christmas?” “Well, I’m not sure if you know how much I love chocolate, but a little chocolate would be nice and the darker the better. Of course, it’s not good for me, so I don’t need much.”

Year after year, Grandma would open one present after another. There were dark chocolate mints, dark chocolate caramels, dark chocolate truffles, dark chocolate strawberries, and dark chocolate-covered peanuts. As soon as she had opened the last gift, with a blink of her eye and a nod from her nose, those presents disappeared like Santa’s with tiny reindeer.

Grandma is turning ninety next year and we’re planning the celebration. I’ve already suggested that we have chocolate cake, chocolate ice cream, chocolate pie, chocolate soufflé, chocolate pretzels, chocolate-chip cookies, chocolate flowers, chocolate balloons, and drink hot chocolate. That much chocolate will probably make most of us sick, however.

So we asked Grandma what she wants for her ninetieth birthday, and she replied, “it would be nice to go on a cruise. I hear that you can eat all you want and my friend Mabel says they have the best chocolate desserts she’s ever eaten.”

We’ve made a deal with Grandma: if she shares the chocolates that she received this year for Christmas, we’ll send her on a cruise for her birthday. I say let her eat her chocolate and have her chocolate cake on the cruise, too. After all, if it weren’t for her, none of us would be here enjoying our own chocolate addictions.

Beyond Obvious...

From a Positive Minute from the Hour of Power, March 21, 2016

By Pastor Bobby Schuller

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” ~Psalm 19: 1

Author C.S. Lewis once shared about a time he accidentally locked himself in his garden shed. In the dark and dusty room, all he could see was a beam of light shining through a tiny hole in the wall. As he awaited his eventual release, he wondered what it would have been like to be born in this shed. He speculated that he might have believed that the only thing that existed was the only thing he could see – this little beam of light.

As he continued to look at the beam, Lewis decided to look in the hole through which the light was shining. It was then that he was able to see his garden. He saw nature in all its beauty.

Lewis said that’s what our world is like. Some of us see only the most obvious things in life, like the little beam of light. But, if we look a little deeper, beyond the obvious, we’ll discover and experience all of God’s beauty and his many miracles.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, open my eyes. Help me to see your miracles, your beauty, and your blessings. Amen.

Reflection:

Describe a time when you were able to experience God’s beauty in the midst of ordinary surroundings.

APRIL 30TH, 2016 AT 6PM

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How it works:

Tier 3- by choosing Tier 3, you are ensuring that our camps will be here for future generations. This rate will allow us to further develop our staff and programming, and perform upgrades and maintenance to our facilities.

Tier 2- This is the true cost of providing a week of camp, including program costs, food, summer staff, and camp administration. If partial or full payment is coming through a church or agency, we encourage you to support the camping program by choosing Tier 2.

Tier 1- At this level, every camper's fee is partially subsidized by generous donations. If you are unable to pay at this rate, please contact the Camp and Ministry Retreat Office to apply for a scholarship. **Please Note:** the choice of tiers is entirely yours, and in no way influences your child's camp experience. **See the website for complete details and for more discount information.**

Mission Central has a Urgent Need for Flood Buckets

Recently, Mission Central shipped out 1,944 Buckets to UMCOR Sagar Brown, Baldwin, LA. UMCOR is responding to the recent flooding of the North Louisiana and South Texas area. UMCOR has called for all buckets in the system and anticipate the need for more.

Mission Central will begin production of new buckets with our current supplies, but we are putting out the call for Cleaning Bucket Production and supplies to be brought to Mission Central as soon as possible. Our supply of buckets has been depleted and UMCOR may call for more, plus we need to replenish for the future. They are now asking for more buckets.

Here is what is needed to make a flood bucket:

1 – 14” – 14 1/2 “ tall 5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid

Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored caustic chemicals. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

1 – 25 oz. bottles OR one 50 oz. bottle of liquid laundry detergent

1 – 12 – 16 oz. liquid household cleaner. This should be liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. No spray cleaners.

1 – 16 – 28 oz. bottle of dish soap, any brand

1 – air freshener, aerosol can or pump

1 – 6 – 14 oz. Personal insect repellent spray – aerosol or spray pump with protective cover; packets of 20 insect repellent wipes may also be used.

1 – hand-held scrub brush – plastic or wooden handle, no toilet, kitchen or dish brushes, please.

18 – cleaning wipes – Handi-wipes or reusable wipes; no rags or terry cleaning towels; remove from packaging.

7 – sponges – dry cellulose or foam sponges

5 - scouring pads – No Brillo, SOS, or other metal pads due to rust issues. Nothing with soap built in; Remove from wrapper.

50 – clothespins – Not loose in the bucket; place in gallon sized, sealable bag.

2, 50 ft. OR 1 100 ft. cotton, plastic or nylon clothesline.

24 – Heavy Duty trash bags - at least 1.5 – 2 mil trash bags, 33 – 45 gallon size – remove from box.

5 – dust masks – Place in bag with clothespins.

2 pair of disposable kitchen gloves – rubber or latex (not light-weight hospital gloves); remove from packaging.

1 pair of work gloves – **Heavy Duty cotton or leather** with leather or rawhide palm.

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please. If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any product will prevent the lid from sealing. UPS FED-EX, and the U.S Postal Service will not ship buckets containing bleach. In such cases, you may leave the bleach out of the bucket. If all the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted. Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States.

Place all liquid items in the bucket first.

Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items.

Sponges and scouring pads can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket.

Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Wit and Wisdom

*As seen in the Gospel Herald and the Sunday School Times
Spring Quarter Edition 2016*



The biggest mistake is the fear that you will make one.

The most promising young man is the one who does more than he promises.

The only person who is always right is the one who says, "I can't"

There is no such thing as idle gossip. Gossip is always busy.

*The mind is like television. When it goes blank,
it is a good idea, it's a good idea to turn off the sound.*

*Yogi Berra said: "If you don't know where you're going,
you might wind up somewhere else."*

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord, give me the grace to see a joke,
to get some happiness from life, and pass it on to other folk.*

*Victor Hugo said: "Laughter is the sun that drives winter
from the human face."*

Bobby Layne said: "I never lost a game, I just ran out of time."

*Jack Adams said, "If it's free, it's advice; if you pay for it, it's counseling;
if you can use either one, it's a miracle.*



~Quotes compiled by Donna Poole~

Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole

Recipe courtesy of Ree Drummond

Foodnetwork.com/recipes

Ingredients:

6 tablespoons salted butter
2 cups small-cubed ham
1 1/4 cups grated Swiss cheese
1 1/4 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
4 cooked, boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups whole milk
1 cup chicken broth
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 baking dish with 1 tablespoon butter.

Put the ham cubes on a paper towel lined plate and microwave for about 3 minutes to reduce the moisture content. Mix together the Swiss and Monterey Jack cheese in a bowl. (reserve 1 cup of the cheese to put into the sauce)

Put about a third of the chicken in a layer in the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Top with half of the ham. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of the cheese over the chicken and ham. Repeat one more time, then finish with a layer of chicken.

Melt the remaining 5 tablespoons of butter in a skillet over medium heat. Put the panko crumbs in a bowl, pour in half of the melted butter, mix well and set aside.

Add the flour to the remaining butter in the skillet and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, whisking out any lumps. Whisk in the milk, broth, Dijon and cayenne and let it cook until it begins to thicken. Remove from the heat and stir in the reserved 1 cup of cheese, stirring until melted. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Pour the sauce over the casserole. Sprinkle the remaining cheese and then the panko crumbs over the top. Bake until the top is browned and the casserole is bubbling, 25 to 30 minutes.

Peanut butter Oreo Icebox Cake

From 12 Tomatoes

Ingredients:

- 1 (16 oz.) container of Cool Whip
- 1 1/2 cups peanut butter crunchy or creamy
- 3/4 cup fudge sauce or to taste
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup peanuts
- 1 box Oreos, divided



Directions:

1. Line an 8x8 inch baking dish with aluminum foil or parchment paper.
2. Create four rows of Oreos along the bottom of your baking dish.
3. In a separate bowl, mix together Cool Whip and peanut butter until totally combined.
4. Spread 1/2 of the peanut butter mixture over Oreo crust, then top with another layer of Oreos and 1/2 cup fudge.
5. Spread on remaining peanut butter mixture and top with remaining fudge.
6. Crumble remaining Oreos and sprinkle them, along with peanuts, over the top.
7. Place in refrigerator for 4 to 8 hours or in the freezer for 3 to 4 hours.
8. Slice, serve and enjoy!



Tri- County Parish Events - April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2 <i>Loretta Fitzwater</i>
3 <i>Ralph Wilcox Bob & Shirley Rathbun</i>	4 <i>Charlie Shedden Abigail Loudenslager</i>	5 Pastor Jerry Retreat No Ward Bible Study Evening Bible Study 7pm	6 Prayer Warriors 11 am at CEP St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm <i>Patty Madigan Dorothea Doud Gene & Betty Phillips</i>	7 Discipleship Network at Jersey Shore 10-11:30 No Shunk Bible Study Superintendency Meeting 5:30pm (Pastor Jerry)	8	9 <i>Mary Bronson</i>
10 <i>Betty Schanbacher</i>	11 No CEP Bible Study <i>Joanna Wilson Nathan Wilson Hilary Machmer Tate Smith</i>	12 No Ward Bible Study No Evening Bible Study CEP Monthly Dinner 5pm <i>Rosa Hartford Sally Atkins</i>	13 Prayer Warriors 11 am at CEP St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	14 No Shunk Bible Study	15 Kathy at Licensing School Federal Income Tax Due <i>Gerald & Dianne Stiles</i>	16 Kathy at Licensing School
17 Kathy at Licensing School <i>Karen Robertson</i>	18 CEP Bible Study 1:30pm <i>Missy K. Loudenslager Jim & Beverly Unruh</i>	19 Ward Bible Study 9am PLD 1-4 (Pastor Jerry) CEP Monthly Dinner 5pm <i>Eloise Bennett</i>	20 Prayer Warriors 11 am at CEP St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	21 Shunk Bible Study 1 pm <i>Wayne & Linda Quail</i>	22 Passover <i>Judy Kelley</i>	23 Day with Bishop Park (Pastor Jerry) <i>James Garges</i>
24	25 Chaplains Mtg. 9:30am CEP Bible Study 1:30pm	26 Election Day No Ward Bible Study No Evening Bible Study	27 Prayer Warriors 11 am at CEP St. John's Bible Study 6:30pm	28 Shunk Bible Study 1 pm	29 Arbor Day <i>Chantel Ward</i>	30 Clergy Fun Day @ Knoebels <i>Samantha Barnes Stacey Sutton Kenefick</i>

All events are subject to change.
Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

Tri-County Parish April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Canton Ecumenical

3- Ralph Wilcox
6- Patty Madigan
9- Mary Bronson
17- Karen Robertson
30- Samantha Barnes

Anniversaries

3- Bob & Shirley Rathbun
15- Gerald & Dianne Stiles

St. John's

2- Loretta Fitzwater
6- Dorothea Doud
10- Betty Schanbacher
11- Joanna Wilson, Nathan Wilson
19- Eloise Bennett
30- Stacey Sutton Kenefick

Anniversaries

6- Gene & Betty Phillips
18- Jim & Beverly Unruh

Shunk

12- Sally Atkins, Rosa Hartford

Anniversaries

21- Wayne & Linda Quail

Ward

4- Charlie Shedden, Abigail Loudenslager
11- Hilary Machmer, Tate Smith
18- Missy K. Loudenslager
22- Judy Kelley
23- James Garges
29- Chantel Ward

Anniversaries

None

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!



If you have corrections or additions to this list,
contact Pastor Jerry or Paula immediately so we
can keep this list as accurate as possible.

Lectionary for April 2016

April 3: (The Second Sunday of Easter)

Acts 5: 27 – 32

Psalm 150

Revelation 1: 4 – 8

John 20: 19 – 31

April 10: (The Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9: 1 – 6 (7 – 20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5: 11 – 14

John 21: 1 – 19

April 17: (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9: 36 – 43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7: 9 – 17

John 10: 22 – 30

April 24: (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 11: 1 – 18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21: 1 – 6

John 13: 31 – 35



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